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## Open

Serenity Prayer  
Twelve Traditions

Twelve Concepts of Service  
Service Prayer

## Welcome new participants

Went around the room introducing ourselves

## Roll Call

### Servants

Position	Present	Position	Present
Facilitator	Yes	Co-Facilitator	Yes
Treasurer	Yes	Co-Treasurer	Open
Regional Delegate	Yes	Regional Delegate Alternate	No
Recorder	Yes	Policy	Yes
Hospitals & Institutions	No	Adopt An Inmate	Yes
Public Relations	Yes	Literature Review	Open
Internet Technologies	Open	Convention Advisory Committee	Yes
TBRCNA 17	Yes	TBRCNA 18	Open
Insurance Ad-hoc	Yes		

### Representatives (Regional Committee Members (RCM))

Area	Present	Area	Present
Brazos Valley	No	Central Texas	Yes
Coastal Bend	Yes	Esperanza	Yes
Freedom	Yes	Hill Country	Yes
Houston	No	Northside	No
Rio Grande Valley	No	Southeast Texas	Yes
Texas Tri-County	Yes		

## Elections

### Co-Treasurer

No nominations or volunteers

### Convention Advisory Board Member

No nominations or volunteers

### Literature Review

Lynn S nominated. She gave her resume.  
Elected

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### **Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention Facilitator 2018**

Christine B volunteered. She gave her service and convention resume. Questions about her experience. She stated that they have already had a planning meeting in anticipation of her election.

Elected

### **Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention Co-Facilitator 2018**

Brian N nominated. He gave resume and fielded a few questions.

Elected

### **Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention Treasurer 2018**

Glenna K nominated. He gave resume and fielded a few questions.

Elected

### **Internet Technologies Facilitator**

No nominations or volunteers

### **Open positions**

- Co-Treasurer
- Internet Technologies Facilitator
- One more Convention Advisory Board Member

## **Administration Reports**

### **Facilitator**

Bryan provided his report in an email and shared some of his observations at the convention.

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Published an agenda for the Regional Assembly. As usual I have very little information for a written report so please accept this email as my report. I have completed an agenda for the regional assembly. Please see the attachment. I have some concerns about TBRCNA 17 in that communication seems to have been a problem, also it seems that the regions PI was not fully involved, the regions H&I did not appear to be involved and Adopt an Inmate was not involved. Being a regional convention I thought our subcommittees should participate. I have included TBRCNA as a subject for open discussion with the hope that we can assess what went well and what did not so that the CAC can use our info to build on for the future.

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### **Co-Facilitator**

Patsy handed out printed reports.

Attended the Texas State Convention Advisory Board meeting and attached a contact list of current committee members.

If your Area would to conduct an event support function, contact Kesha D. (contact is on the printed list)

Register at <https://tscna.org/>

2018 convention will be in Austin and the committee would appreciate event support functions be conducted

GQ Raymond is the public relations contact. If you have questions, contact him. Next meeting is in March in Lubbock. Requests that the Region provide an airline ticket so that she can attend.

### Discussion

Plane ticket is about \$340

Laura asks about that cost when the convention is not in TBR. Hill Country historically is opposed to this event so she has to ask.

### Recorder

No comments on the Record

### Policy Facilitator

Layna

Policy is up to date and published. <https://tbrna.org/document/policy-november-2016>

### Treasurers Report

Cyndi gave an accounting at end of new business

#### TBRNA

12,078.81	February 1 <sup>st</sup> balance
2004.55	Checks written today
7263	Donations
(4500)	Prudent reserves
8131	Ending balance
1600	20% NAWS donation
6505	Operating

Attached pre-RSC report as Appendix A

### Regional Delegate (RD)

Heidi read with embellishments

Good morning, folks! Not much has happened this quarter, so my final report to you as RD is pretty brief. As you probably know, the Regional Assembly will be held March 11<sup>th</sup> at Grace Presbyterian Church, 3604 N. Ben Jordan, Victoria, Texas, from 9am-3pm. All GSRs and RCMs in our region are encouraged to attend and participate in the election of the 2017-2019 RD team and in the workshops on the current Issue Discussion Topics: 1) Atmosphere of Recovery In Service, 2) How To Use Guiding Principles, and 3) Applying Our Principles To Technology And Social Media. Any NA member is welcome to participate in these workshops, and RCMs are encouraged to take the information and materials shared and facilitate the same workshops in their areas.

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Grace Presbyterian Church wouldn't give me a specific dollar amount that they want for the rental of their hall for the Regional Assembly. They just want us to make a donation, so I am recommending that we give them the \$250 that was originally budgeted for the assembly. That is far less than what any other venue was asking. NAWS is currently conducting what they call an Environmental Scan survey, and they would like responses from the RD/RDA and/or the region. Gary and I can provide responses for the region, or if this body would like to have input, we can collect responses from you and submit them together. They are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>. NAWS has created a contribution portal at <http://www.na.org/contribute> which allows contributors to NAWS to see their past contributions dating back to June 2015 and keep track of any new ones going forward.

NAWS is now holding Conference Participant Web Meetings (for RDs and other WSC participants), and the next one is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup>. I plan to participate in it, though I hope that our new RD/RDA team will also be able to.

The special edition of Guiding Principles, limited to 7,000 hand-numbered copies, is now available for \$30. There are also 2017 calendars still available for purchase, now at a discounted price.

Serving as your Regional Delegate has been a challenging and rewarding experience that I am truly grateful for. Thank you so much for your trust and support and the opportunity to serve. Though my commitment will be up before the next RSC, my commitment to TBRNA is ongoing, and I will continue to make myself available as a resource to the new RD team.

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#### Additional

Gary did not attend the whole SZF so am not sure how his health is. Would have been good if he had attended the workshops because of the upcoming learning day in May. He was doing great at the WSC

Talk about Zonal representative at the WSC 2018. Not as voting members but with a voice. This is a trial run. Should be able to allow unseated Regions the ability contribute. There are 2 Regions in the Southern Zonal Forum that are not seated, Red River and Bluegrass Appalachia.

SZF updated their GoToMeeting subscription.

#### Discussion

Randi – SZF prudent reserve is \$2000 and will be increasing so that we will be able to send a representative to WSC.

Patsy – Asks for clarification on Gary's participation at the last SZF.

Heidi – Even though he could not attend, all of the workshop material is readily available.

Patsy - Will you be doing the Assembly workshops

Heidi – Will contact Gary and make arrangements for presenting

Randie – The GoToMeeting is available to all members of the Zone.  
Heidi - RD/RDA can coordinate usage if a service body needs to use the subscription.

### Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA)

Tom read Gary's email

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Unfortunately, I will never be able to make it to the region today. Did not get enough sleep last night and am now trying to catch up.

Questions I need answered.

1) is the booking complete for the weekend in March?

2) there was a question at the forum concerning our conscience on funding for a zonal representative to be funded by the region. The question on the CAR was #11.

That's all that I can think of for now.

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### Discussion

Both of the questions were covered in RD discussion

Mary – Has Gary communicated about his abilities to serve with health issues

Bryan – Will contact him

Mary – Concerns with his ability

Layna – This needs to be brought up with Gary

Christina R – Could we have this information before the Regional Assembly

Tom – So you would like the Record early this time. [Whoops!]

The October 28-30 2017 Southern Zonal Forum will be in the Esperanza Area

Kari – Can we have an absentee vote at the Assembly

The GSRs should attend also. Idea of Areas electing temporary representatives

## Area Reports

### Central Texas

Chris

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Hello from the Central Texas Area.

### News and Info:

- Our area currently has 44 groups holding 83 meetings.
- H&I is carrying a message of hope into 13 Facilities.
- CTANA currently has no vacant area service positions.
- Our next ASC meeting is Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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- Our English-speaking hot line is 866-792-8262, and a Spanish Language hot line is available at 888-600-6229.

#### Issues

- Nancy F and Tony C have asked our Activities committee to allow them to organize a TBRNA Softball League. Mary has the info, but I wanted to mention it in this report. It will be a one day a year Softball tournament with all areas welcome to bring a team. The date will be in August and the boys and girls of summer will be all of us. They are asking for your approval before they move ahead. More From Mary
- Several groups have asked me to make sure and fine a copy of our insurance rider. They want to have the info available. I was not remembering what was said about getting copies, but I knew that this committee would remind me.

#### Upcoming Events:

- CTANA 5th Annual Spring Campout March 31 - April 2 2017  
Buescher State Park 100 Park Rd 1-C, Smithville, TX 78957

Entrance fee \$5/day for age 13 and older, plus camping fee \$17/night per site. limit of 2 tents, 2 cars, and 8 people per site. See the back of the map for other park rules.

CTANA Activities has reserved a limited number of sites in the Oak haven Camping Area, where the Hospitality site and all meetings will be held. Contact Heidi or Todd to request one of those sites. OR you may make your own reservations directly with Texas Parks and Wildlife ([http://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park\\_maps/pwd\\_mp\\_p4505\\_057a.pdf](http://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park_maps/pwd_mp_p4505_057a.pdf)). If you have questions, please call Heidi M at 512-536-0863 or Todd O. at 512-460-9365.

- More at ctana.org
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#### Upcoming Meetings

- Area Service Committee – March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, 5701 Cameron Rd, Austin
- Activities Committee  
Sun Nov 20 @ 2:00PM - 3:00PM, Austin Galano Club 6809 Guadalupe St Austin, TX 78752
- Hospitals & Institutions  
Sun Nov 27 @ 4:00PM to 05:00 PM (Orientation 3:30 PM) (New Location)  
Austin Galano Club 6809 Guadalupe St Austin, TX 78752



- Public Relations  
Sun Nov 20 @ 5:15PM to 6:15PM, Austin Galano Club 6809  
Guadalupe St Austin, TX 78752

Yours in service,

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### Discussion

One-day annual rotating softball tournament. Hopefully the Areas will be interested.

Kari – Are you wanting the Region to pay for the softball tournament?

Chris – Looks like the Central Texas Area will hold this one and there is hope that next year another Area would do the same.

Dickie – So, you are going to have this event even if other Areas do not participate.

Chris – Yes. But it surely be cooler if it was a Regional thing.

Mary M – Would be great if the convention got involved

Mary T – The reason CTA is asking other Areas to participate is so it will be funner because there will have more than 2 teams. Bring unity into the Region.

Vic – Was involved with NA softball a few years ago and there were a lot of injuries. Addicts are not very coordinated.

Chris – Probably no way to get a sporting event covered on our policy.

[Flyer and FAQ is included]

### Coastal Bend

Celine

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We currently have 27 groups and have 49 meetings. We are also bringing a meeting into Charlie's Place Rehab once a week and the attendance has been wonderful.

H&I currently carries the message into 6 facilities.

We are starting up our Tiki Torch meetings on the beach starting March 25<sup>th</sup>. The Tiki Torch subcommittee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month directly after the Back to Basics 8pm meeting at the coastal Bend Recovery Club.

We have a new facilitator, Henry S. and a new recorder, Niki P. both are settling in nicely and doing a fine job. We have open positions for Phone line, Outreach and Co-fac for literature.

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We have had several activities in the past few months, including a Thanksgiving Feast, Christmas Celebration and New Years Dance...all provided great fellowship and were a great success.

CBANA also had the privilege of hosting the Hospitality Room at TBRCNA on Saturday from 1:30-4pm.

We had a minor set back due to a break in at the Coastal Bend Recovery Club's Literature Room earlier this month. A door was rendered useless and had to be replaced and specialty items were stolen.

An H&I learning Day and Valentine's Dance will be held on Saturday the 18 from 11:30-5:00 at the Coastal Bend Recovery Club in Corpus Christi. Victoria's group of NA is having their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fish Fry and Speaker Jam April 29<sup>th</sup> from 11-5 at Grace Presbyterian Church...there will be 3 speakers: Shari S., Tony M., and Russell A.

CBANA suffered incredible losses last month. Val V. & Mandy S. were both long standing members whose absence is felt everyday. Our area appreciates the outpouring of love and support from everyone and have found comfort in the many posts, texts, phone calls and prayers. Thank you.

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### Discussion

Suni – Will your Area provide places to lodge for the Assembly?

Layna – Will send out some suggestions

Bryan – Addicts in recovery can no longer find cheap motels

Laura – More information on Tiki Torch meetings

Celine – Will send out more info

### Esperanza

Christina R

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Good Morning! I'm an addict in recovery name Christina R. The Esperanza area currently has 50 groups and 34 are voting groups and approximately 107 meetings per week.

The Esperanza Area held Elections and all nominations and voting was done according to policy.

On **September 11, 2016** following positions have been filled:

New **ASC Chair**—Rebekah H.

New **ASC Vice-Chair**—Raymond L.

New **Secretary**— vacant

New **Alt. Secretary**—Armando S.

New **Activities Chair**—Jesse D.

New **EACNA IV Chair**—Roger S. Sr.

New **FITW Chair**—Deren G.

New **H&I Chair** – Melanie. F.

New **Literature Review Chair**—Leslie F.

New **Outreach Chair**—Lucy V.

New **Policy Chair**—Michelle K.

Re-elected **Phone line Chair**—Marie S.

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**Open positions:** Newsletter Chair, Secretary

Our **website** [www.eanaonline.org](http://www.eanaonline.org) is monitored by Savannah D. 210-837-5633, she is doing an outstanding job updating our website.

**H&I:** We attend 14 facilities in the Esperanza Area.

**Literature bank** is Nikki J. and she is doing an excellent job.

**Treasurer** Donnie B. is doing an awesome job with keeping our numbers in order.

### **Esperanza Area Convention IV (EACNA)**

Fri-Sun Jan 12-14 2018

**Registration: Patricia M.** Ph: 210-995-78710

[www.eacnasa.org](http://www.eacnasa.org)

Frolic in the Woods (**FITW**): 26<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Will be held Sept 29, 30<sup>th</sup>, - Oct. 1, 2017 Garner State Park. Contact: Registration Chair Monica A. @ 210-803-6495 Or EANA web page to register.

**Esperanza Area Service Committee Meeting (ASC)** next meeting date will be on 19 February 2017 at 11AM

@ A Recovery Place (ARP) located at 10929 Nacogdoches Unit 12 in San Antonio.

The Esperanza Area is donating for the 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. is \$190.31 and 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. is \$411.47 total donation amount is \$601.78 amount to the Tejas Bluebonnet Region

The Esperanza Area has agreed to host the Southern Zonal Forum (SZF) for October 2017. We are waiting on the approval from this body to forth with the planning phase and execution of the (SZF).

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Esperanza Area Activities Presents**

**“Recovery is Love Found” Speaker and Dance (food will be served as well)**

**1018 E. Grayson St.**

**18 Feb 2017 @ 6pm**

**San Antonio, TX**

#### **EACNA VI Revenue enhancer**

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**1018 E. Grayson St., San Antonio, TX**

**4-9PM**

If you would like to be of service to **EACNA IV** please contact:

**Vice Chair: Brian T. (210) 557-7475**

**Programming Chair: Mike H. (210)832-0759**

**Convention Information: Savannah D. (210)863-1616**

**Registration Chair EACNA IV: Patty M (210) 995-7810**

Christina R.

RCM II

210-919-8521

Judy M.

RCM I

210-232-0341

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## Hill Country

Suni

Greetings from Hill Country Area!  
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We're introducing our new RCM I – Laura B. and RCM II – Suni H.

Currently our Area has 9 groups with 12 meetings per week.

Conscious Contact in Lockhart      Freedom in New Braunfels      Full Circle in Schertz

NA Way in San Marcos      Never Alone in San Marcos      Outside the Box in New Braunfels

Recovery 1<sup>st</sup> in Canyon Lake      Simplicity in New Braunfels      SOS in Universal City

We have visited all the Groups in our Area this quarter. If *you* are visiting our Area please check our website for any possible changes – [hcana.org](http://hcana.org)

We have active Committees – Activities, H&I, P.R., an awesome Web Guy / Phoneline Chair and Policy/Guidelines person, all of our positions are filled except for ASC Vice Chair and Vice Treasurer

HCA Activities has hosted this RSC with breakfast and lunch – Thank you guys!

They are also in the planning stage for Recovery on a River (ROAR) for June 24 at Cypress Bend Park...flyers to be sent out soon.

H&I presents to 4 facilities at this time – Hays County Jail, Hays County DRP, Comal County DRP and Guadalupe County Jail.

Web Guy has updated our Web Site to make it more accessible to the Visually Impaired as well as changed our server to save us about \$100 per year.

Laura and Suni are planning a Service Learning Day for possibly April 8 where we'll go over Home Group service, Area Policy and Guidelines, NA service structure and have Sub Committee 'booths' to present what they do and train anyone interested. Along with that we'll be having a 'Hot Diggity Dog' day.

Our Area is voting 'abstention' to the proposal to move TBRCNA to November with 3 yes / 3 no / 3 abstain

Thank you for allowing us to be of service.

Laura B. 210.273.4901

Suni H. 423.293.5003

## Discussion

When is Recovery on a River?

June 24<sup>th</sup> at Cypress Bend Park

## Houston

Tom reads John's email report

RCM 1

Houston Area Meetings:

According to the most recent count there are 48 Houston Area Narcotics Anonymous Groups providing 192 meeting a week. Four of these groups are in the new Freedom Area of NA.

HASCONA:

I have attached the minutes from our last ASC held on January 29, 2017.

The report will bring you up to date on new service positions as well as administration and area group reports.

I have nothing more to add to the report at this time.

In Loving Service,

John E

RCM 1

832-658-9265

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### **Rio Grande Valley**

Tom reads Kristina's email report

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Hello Family!

I apologize for not being able to join you this weekend as I have family from out of state visiting us for a few days. I look forward to seeing you all in March at the Regional Assembly; I am hoping to bring as many GSRs as possible!

We are continuing to experience amazing growth in the Rio Grande Valley (one meeting this week had 44 people in attendance!). We are having to troubleshoot space for many of our meetings and negotiating utilizing bigger rooms because we have simply outgrown many of our spaces...what a blessing of a problem to have! All of our meetings are holding steady and have trusted servants willing to ensure the doors remain open.

Our Local Service Board has been busy ensuring that our phoneline is always answered and the website is kept up-to-date . Since the last regional meeting, we have held several successful area activities as well as a flyer day for PR. We are planning to do another flyer day in April and we have gotten into a pattern of planning one fellowshiping activity every month. In January we held a very successful bowling night with 15 people in attendance, many of whom were newcomers. In February we are having a NA Movie Night and in March we are planning a picnic for March 18th from 4-8pm if anyone would like to join us! We have more people getting involved in service with our Local Service Board and we hope to add some H&I commitments in the future as we continue to grow and have more people getting involved in Service. We will also begin planning our "Speaker Jim" for this summer so please be on the lookout for more information and details. If you are interested in being a speaker at the event, please feel free to contact me. We would love to have speakers from as many different areas as possible.

Last region there was a concern about an "alternate meeting schedule and phone line" being distributed at one meeting. We have addressed this issue to the best of

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our ability and feel that the issue is resolved. We have made more of a concerted effort as an area to support that meeting and ensure that they are provided with the area meeting schedules. We appreciate the support and concern. Just some minor growing pains.

We are so excited about the growth in our area! Please feel free to visit ☺

Any questions: feel free to send me an email!

Kristina C.  
RGVANA RCM

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### **Southeast Texas**

Vyki

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#### **SETANA Meetings**

According to the most recent meeting schedule posted on SETANA.org our area has 9 groups and 60 meetings.

#### **SETANA Events**

We have two upcoming events over the next two months. They are:

A Valentine's Day Luv In hosted by CCC on February 18th at 6 p.m. There will be an auction, raffle, speaker and dance.

A Service Appreciation Day on March 11th hosted by Subject to Change (Area Event). There will be an H&I Orientation and a P&I speaker. There will also be Karaoke and food. We are selling coffee cups for \$5 as well. Speakers are Danny S (Lone Star) and Lorraine S. (Hill Country).

The SETANA Activities subcommittee is planning an area campout tentatively scheduled later this year. Any and all help would be appreciated.

See SETANA website for more event details.

#### **SETANA Regional Requests**

We would like to request meeting schedules from areas outside of SETANA to distribute to addicts that are exiting H&I facilities in our area so that they may find meetings where they live.

#### **Discussion/Issues**

It has been brought to my attention by a concerned member that groups in our area and surrounding areas are still holding raffles. Raffles are illegal in Texas and advised against by NAWS. How can we combat this?

There has also been some discussion on group and area inventories and some confusion on they should be conducted. Suggestions, experience, strength, and hope are welcome.

In loving service,

Vyki D.

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### **Discussion**

Chris – Areas need to distance themselves from activities that have raffles

Vyki – Reads from NAWS Bulletin 21 and sends it out to all@

[[http://na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servicemat/Bulletin 21 revise d.pdf](http://na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servicemat/Bulletin_21_revise_d.pdf)]

Shari – Can home groups have raffles?

“No” from several voices

Bryan – Are you ready to host next RSC?

Vyki – Just heard about it, but “yes”, we will be.

Bryan – May 13<sup>th</sup> and there is a learning day on Sunday

[Date changed to May 20<sup>th</sup>]

[RSC - <https://tbrna.org/event/spring-2017-regional-service-conference>]

[Learning Day - <https://tbrna.org/event/learning-day-southeast-texas-area>]

## Texas Tri-County

Vic

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- Area Groups and Meetings
  - 14 groups
  - 97 meetings per week
- Area Business
  - PR and H&I – Regularly schedule subcommittee meeting
    - The first Wednesday of every month at Kellys in Alvin@ 6:30 PM
    - Currently going into 3 prisons, 1 jail, and 4 treatment facilities.
- Upcoming Events
  - Galveston Island Group 36 Anniversary. Party on beach
    - April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-8pm
    - Live Rock & Roll music
    - Henry G speaking
  - Tiki Torch start 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in April

## Discussion

Amy – There is handicap accessible pavilion for the Anniversary

Shelby – Upcoming Area Convention in October

## Freedom

Mary

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The Freedom Area currently consists of 4 groups: Basic Recovery Group, Familia Unida, Living Clean Group and the New Heights Group.

I’d like to introduce our RCM2 – Carrie C. Info as follows:

Cell: (713) 478.4569;

Also, our website address is: [www.nafreedom.com](http://www.nafreedom.com)

Area officers:

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Facilitator – rotating  
Co-Facilitator – Ken C.  
Recorder: Armicia C.  
Treasurer – Patric G.  
Co-Treasurer – Richard K.  
Web Servant: Gordon M.  
RCM – Mary M.  
RCM2 – Carrie C.

Currently we have 4 groups who hold 9 meetings per week. See list below:

**Basic Recovery Group**, 1245 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX 77008. As of this RSC, the accounting of this group's monies is pending (because of the 3-month delay in the former treasurer returning group money, receipts and spreadsheet). Basic holds meetings on Fridays @ 8p.

**Familia Unida**, 7301 Ave. F, Houston, TX 77011 holds meetings Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays @ 7p. Familia will have their anniversary in April, 2017.

**Living Clean Group**, 11140 Green Bay, Houston, TX 77024 holds meetings on Saturdays @ 7p. This meeting predominately consists of addicts from H&I facilities. They are in need of support.

**New Heights Group**, 1245 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX 77008 holds meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays @ 8p. Recently added a Tues. noon meeting.

We wanted to reach out to Hascona, Northside, Texas Tri-County in the "idea" of a liaison. We are open to this idea. Also, we are proposing that the 4 areas co-host the September 2017 Unity Day.

As of this report, we have no PI, H&I, or Activities committees.

Following in the steps of the Rio Grande Area, we have also adopted the LSB "idea" and have somewhat tweaked it. The Area decided to put on a function for the Adopt an Inmate effort. When this function is done, we will focus on another avenue to serve the Fellowship. I have brought flyers for distribution. The AAI function will take place on **Sunday, February 26, 2017 from 1-5p.**

At our last ASC, Hascona's PI facilitator reached out and had hoped to attend.

We find this a promising and welcomed gesture towards unity. After a telephone discussion with the PI facilitator, she wanted to visit our ASC to confirm that the Hascona PI subcommittee will continue to be of service for **all** areas by disseminating information and support.

An ad hoc subcommittee is currently working on our Area policy with hopes of presenting a draft at the next February ASC.

Topics for a Vote are as follows:

- (1) Move convention to November; changing from February - OPPOSED



- (2) Area contact Gary M. (RD) if able to host Southern Zonal Forum in 10/2017 by January 2017. – UNABLE TO HOST
- (3) Upgrade security certificate. May cost \$264. This will enable regional website members to submit service resume; and AAI link to donate money. - APPROVED
- (4) Co-hosting the regional meeting with Hascona - OPPOSED

As we recently got our bank account opened, I will forward 7th tradition monies to the Regional Treasurer by mail.

My report reflects the conscience of the Freedom Area groups.

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### Additional

Talks a bit about an individual that stole some NA funds

James – How much is missing

Mary - \$191 plus Adopt An Inmate funds

Celine asks for clarification

More on the confusion because of 2 separate “Adopt An Inmate” committees.  
Lots of discussion

Moving Adopt An Inmate discussion to Open Discussion

## Subcommittee Reports

### Convention Advisory Committee

Randie

Met during convention to go over future improvements

- More hands-on bridge during the year will be beneficial
- Review monthly meeting minutes
- Concerns
  - Prior programing of and training for cash register operators
  - Review of banquet orders
  - Monitoring of budget
- Considering assigning each member of the CAC to the mentioned items

Have the next two contracts in hand awaiting signatures

[Randie listed receipts but I could not understand the total]

### Internet Technologies

Tom says a few things

1 - In the past the Region and the Convention had been paying for special worker services separately but the last 2 cycles my invoices had been deferred to the Region's account. If this is going to continue, I can save you a bit of money by combining the hosting accounts.

2 - Tom talks a little about the PDF meeting list generator. PDF meeting lists are created in real-time from data in the Basic Meeting List Toolbox meeting database.

A meeting maintainer can update the BMLT and instantly update all websites and the PDF meeting schedule.

<https://pdfnameetings.org/>

3 - If you want me to update your meetings on NAWS, just let me know.

#### Discussion

Kari asked for clarification on the hosting scheme.

Tom - I have a server that I share with my clients. Both TBR and TBRCNA are clients on that server. If TBR is going to pay for the hosting, I can combine the accounts for some cost savings.

Cyndi - The 2016 convention paid for hosting

Tom - I was incorrect then. Only this cycle deferred the invoices to the Region

Bryan - we have two separate piles of for a reason.

Cyndi - Should be kept separate

Decided to keep it the same and TBRCNA will pay their invoices for hosting and development.

Chris asked if Tom needs the Group IDs when updating NAWS.

Tom - This is the process

1. Tell me when your meetings are updated in the BMLT
2. I send the information to World
3. They update their database and send a spreadsheet with discrepancies so your Outreach committee can check on the additional meetings
  - o The spreadsheet also includes the Group IDs so they can be added to the BMLT

#### Literature Review

Lynn

Two literature projects going on. Just the beginnings

- We have until June to give our input on a new IP, "Mental Illness in Recovery"
  - o [Project Page - www.na.org/?ID=mhmi](http://www.na.org/?ID=mhmi)
- Daily meditation book based on "Living Clean" or featuring a spiritual principle
  - o [Project Page - www.na.org/?ID=medibook](http://www.na.org/?ID=medibook)

## Regional Insurance Ad Hoc

James

I was contacted by a local underwriter who wanted to meet me at our address on I-35 to take pictures. I explained that was a private postal facility and instead made arrangements for him to meet the chair for the month of Free At Last Group in Austin that Saturday morning for pictures. I had him get there 30 minutes early and also stressed to the chair to try and be set up a few minutes early. What he took pictures of was a circle of empty chairs, a table with a coffee pot on it and a table with literature on it. No member's pictures.

As fate would have it...Free At Last was the first group asked by their facility to provide proof of insurance (POI). Think I got word of the request around noon and had the certificate to FAL by 5pm. Old School KIS in Houston also requested and received their certificate in about half a day.

The insurance company is easy to deal with. IMO there is not enough work to actually do to create a Insurance Position at RSC. I investigated two other regions that use this same company GNYR and ENYR. At Greater New York the policy is written for the RSO since it is the incorporated body and the office manager and treasurer of the RSO are the point of contact for the Ins Co. This also makes sense for them because they do keep track of which groups have paid into the system and won't cut them off from insurance at one year behind but will at two years. I am so glad we chose a different route of the region providing a service to the groups. Every dime comes from MEMBER so why not give some back. In Eastern New York Region, like us, it is the RSC that is 501c3. Their point of contact is the web dude responsible for the regional meeting list. Makes sense because the regional meeting list is the basis for eligibility.

My recommendation for Tejas Bluebonnet is that since they wrote the policy for the 501c3 organization (our RSC) that the three Board of Directors be the points of contact. More specifically I suggest Facilitator and CoFacilitator have it added to both of their duties. I don't remember if the 3rd board member is the Treasurer or the Recorder but they could be listed as emergency contact if neither of the other two are available. I promise this is not dumping a big job on either of their laps and will have the most consistency of the position being actually filled.

I tried to borrow some guidelines or instructions from New York RSO but they would not have applied to us so I left it alone.

These are the instructions so far:

- You receive an e-mail request from a group.
- You enter request to insurance company with Group name, address, facility name.
- In short order insurance company sends you back their certificate.
- You forward it to the group and you are done.

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Getting an event ryder has not happened yet so we will have to write the instructions as we learn them.

I believe my job is done here. I thank you for allowing me to serve this awesome region and request the ad hoc be dissolved.

GratitudeInAction,  
JamesMc 713-203-4469

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#### Discussion

Laura – Who is the point of contact for the insurance needs?

James – We hope to have that decided today

#### **Proposal to disband the Ad-Hoc committee and turn those responsibilities over to Facilitator & Co-Facilitator with the Treasurer being the alternative contact.**

Consensus

Would like something on the website with information and contact form.

[<https://tbrna.org/insurance-information>]

#### **Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention Narcotics Anonymous 17 (TBRCNA 17)**

Shelby read report with embellishments

Report included as Appendix B

#### Additional

It was said by CAC members that they were shut out of the information process. Monika and Randie offered to help at every opportunity. Most of the other the members sent emails saying we were doing stuff wrong. It was our convention to do as we thought was correct and the CAC is there to assist. We were slow in reporting to the CAC. When there were problems we contacted CAC immediately.

Hotel made amends by providing free coffee from Saturday night on.

Thirty days out the hotel agent wanted to take 30 rooms away from us. Had 63/150 room nights met five days before the deadline. Had 123 on the deadline. There were some issues with the agent that was handling the account and the new hotel person extended the deadline so the block could be made. So we got the discounted price.

#### Discussion

Cyndi – You made your room block so how many complimentary rooms were received.

Shelby – 6 “staff rooms”

Cyndi – Why are there \$600 charges for rooms? Guidelines state there is one room for the treasurer’s use and two for the speakers. Contract gives you 6 comp rooms.

Shelby – One for Jesi, 3 for speakers, deal for DJ in lieu of charges as charges.  
Complimentary rooms to committee members.

Cyndi – Comp rooms go to treasure and speakers. Moneys shall not be used for purchase rooms for committee meetings

Patsy – When will we see the final report? There are contradictory statements in the report and additional comments.

Bryan – We give them 90 days to give their final report. And then there is an audit.

Jesi – We have a final bill from the hotel but not all bank transactions are finalized. \$8,962.84 but that does not match what is pending on the bank account.

Shelby – Clarifies 6 staff rooms in the contract were given to the staff members that had to be there for the weekend and the speakers. The 6 comp rooms, which I was not sure what to do with, went to the committee members.

Mary – We are not attacking you. Not comfortable with the DJ deal

Christine B – Were we charged for the staff rooms? I am confused as to what happened.

Cyndi – 6 comp rooms for speakers, DJ, etc. But \$600 was spent on committee member hotel rooms.

Shelby – We get 6 staff rooms for \$89 for speakers, etc. The comp rooms went to the committee members. In retrospect the comp rooms could have been traded for the staff rooms.

About 15 more minutes on the room usage [ouch!]

John – was the timeline adequate?

Shelby – Yes it was good

## Public Relations

Paul

See included report, Appendix C

Last Region received funds to get material for PI booth. Got a lot of stuff.

Took it to ECNA. And there was much awe experienced when viewing the banner. The NA survey banner is cool too.

Had a message board that members signed and it was donated to activities for auction use. Both at ECNA and TBRCNA.

“Meeting makers make it” rack with schedules and literature

Miscommunication with Shelby on needs for the Convention

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“Newcomer Survival Kits” passed out at conventions. 35 at ECNA and 45 at TBRCNA. Have all kinds of good stuff in them.

Willing to go to Area events

\$1586 in receipts. A little over the budget but it is covered in the regular PR budget.

#### Discussion

Laura – Can you put this stuff on the website?

Paul – Okay

Suni – Do you loan the Regional booth to Areas without you?

Paul is part of the presentation

#### Hospitals & Institutions

Richard

Number of Facilitators in attendance: 3

#### Esperanza Area

They are receiving mail from inmates but they cannot get the mailbox key to make replies in a timely fashion.

Number of Facilities Served: 15

Hope to have a learning day in the future

#### Coastal Bend

Number of Facilities Served: 7

Doing great

Successful t-shirt incentive

#### Hill Country

All is well

#### Adopt an Inmate

Ed

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Good afternoon everyone!!! It is an absolute honor and privilege to be of service to our region and to NA as a whole. My goal as AAI Facilitator is to work within the Tejas Bluebonnet Region to provide literature to the still suffering addict behind the walls through generating funds and also using the allotted budget.

This last quarter I was able to send out 22 copies of the Basic Text to 6 different facilities, 2 BT were sent to Garza East, 1 BTs were sent to BCADC, 4 BT were sent to Dominguez Unit, 9 BT were sent to Wayne Scott Unit, 1 BT was sent Crain Unit

We accomplished our goal of adding a donation button to our web site where people can make donations on line. Thanks to Tom k who set that up.

I did attend conventions in San Antonio, and TRBCNA where I was able to pass out flyers to people to help bring awareness to AAI. There was definitely an interest and hopefully donations will increase.

I talked with Joey P. from Austin, who has agreed to help me get to mail from the P.O. Box Hopefully, this will address one of my main issues with getting the mail from Austin to Corpus. I want to speed up the time from when inmates order the books to when they receive them.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the region and the still suffering addict in this capacity...

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### Additional

Working on a solution to get the postal mail from Austin to Corpus Christi. What is the right way to do this efficiently?

Bryan – Both Patsy and Cyndi live close to the mailbox and will send the AAI requests to Ed.

A long term solution would be to find a service that will forward mail to the current AAI facilitator.

Chris – Does the inmate have anything other than snail mail?  
No

Cyndi – could you forward me the invoices? The invoices pile up and we get past due notices from the World Service Office (WSO)

Ed – I don't get an invoice but we will work something out

Kari – We did something like this in California and the invoices went right to the financier

Christina R – Are we keeping records of who we are sending to?

Ed – No. We could start a database

Mary – It might be a good idea to change the name to avoid confusion.

Ed – Future looking at sponsorship by mail

## Open Discussion

### Comments on the convention

Celine offered thoughts and observations

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Communication is key. I think a monthly meeting that includes all involved is a good idea, even if some have to be Skyped in, phoned in, or zoomed in. I feel like this would ensure the committee is on the same page and we can get to know each other. It would also allow the committee to make use of everyone's experience, hearing everyone's ideas and continuing to stay accountable to each other so there are no surprises. We could address any objections or grievances so we can stay focused on carrying the message. (Personally I felt excluded, talked down to and at one point even told how to dress...this, I think could have been avoided had we all known each other and had a united front going into the convention)

A clear understanding of what everyone's roles is to be. i.e. For my role as registration chair I had an idea of being involved in decisions being made throughout the course of the year, like voting on what the registration bags should consist of; their being a mug included in the per-registration bags, the schedule for registration to be opened and closed before the convention. Shelby's idea was that I would simply keep an accurate record of registrations and then show up and run registration with little to no involvement in the events leading up to the convention.

Cash registers should be set up long before the convention.

I think that there should be at least 450 bags total, I don't think even 500 would be far-fetched.

The registration bags should be packed at least a week in advance. The pre purchased T-shirts should be placed into Ziploc bags and labeled. The banquet tickets (and any other tickets, comedy, etc.) should be sealed in envelopes and labeled. Having these things done allows registration to run smoothly and allows us to check that we have all that we need. 2

I think that more signage could have helped direct people to meetings and could be noted when doing the walk thru of the hotel early on. At the Texas State Convention we used the hotel map when doing the walk thru and marked the places that we felt a sign would be useful. The signs we not too expensive and easily done at Office Depot.

Heidi M. had mentioned an app that can be personalized to a convention. The hotel map can uploaded and the schedule of events and it is an interactive type thing. It was used at the Southern Zonal Forum and she was able to easily navigate the different speakers, the hotel and even see where she was at on the map as she moved around. It sounds like something worth looking into. App: EventsXD used by Multi-Zonal Service Symposium

NA



I really feel like the main speakers should have had a small welcome package in addition to their registration packages. I, as registration chair, should have had their registration packages accounted for and did not. That was on me.

Newcomers from Treatment centers usually can't take things back on the unit with them and "Hello my name is..." name tags should be on hand for registration.

The registration sheets with duplicate page that Shelby had made up were wonderful and I loved them, they worked great!

Times for Registration should be decided a head of time so we can have a sign with that info on it.

I would strongly suggest that there be a cut off time for picking up pre-purchased items. I think this time should be put on fliers, website and announced at meetings. There is no problem holding the item(s) if someone communicates they will be picking it up later or whatever the case. This would allow all the seats to be filled and no bags or tickets to go to waste. It also takes the guess work out of trying to decide if they should be sold or hung on to in hopes they person who purchased it is going to show up and nobody is angry if we do sell them.

To avoid what happened with the banquet tickets at this convention we should do one or some of the following. -collect the entire tickets, not a partial ticket -stamp the ticket - have a sit down dinner instead of the buffet. In any event there should be only one door used to better control the traffic

There should be a PA system in every room, I was told that it was hard to impossible to hear if you were not seated up front.

Lastly, I think the serenity keepers should have some kind of identifying vest or shirt. The vests, if ordered in a variety of sizes could be passed down.

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Cyndi – A lot of the things you mentioned had solutions that were implemented at the Austin convention. We try very hard to pass down the information for the next committee. Communication is important as is a willingness to reach out for help. I feel for you (Celine)

Celine – I was never included. That is neither here nor there. I just want your (Christine) convention to run smoothly

Patsy – From an email I received.

- At the auction there was non-NA affiliated merchandise auctioned off. This is a violation of Traditions.
- On Sunday there was a non-approved vendor selling t-shirts. He did not go through the process of being approved. He told one person that the proceeds go into his pocket and he told another that the money is for his home group.

This is not right. We are a mature fellowship with plenty of experience to pass down.

Lynn – My concern that information does not get passed on. We have made detailed notes at 2010 but they seemed to get lost. Can we put together an ongoing notebook that can be passed down?

Bryan – CAC maybe should be writing all these things down and updating the guidelines. The solution is communication. Seems like we need to write down a little bit more.

- Get the keys to the registers
- CAC members are to fill positions. There should not be a co-facilitator position open
- Communication. It has been repeated here 40 times. 41 times

Randie – Another point on communication. I took notes at the convention. Urge everyone to complete a great closing report with suggestions. We (CAC) will compile a book and pass it on to each convention committee.

Jesi – We would like the committee to purchase Square interfaces and tablets.

## **Proposals (Old Business)**

### **Proposal to create a Regional Service Pool**

Heidi explains what this is

Ad-hoc is formed with Heidi and Tom. Will bring back a plan in May

### **Proposal to move the convention to November**

No consensus

**Proposal to remove the Learning Day requirement from RSC weekend**

Heidi – To allow Areas to have Learning Days at their request rather than forcing them into an RCS weekend.

Consensus

Bryan – Southeast Texas, you only have to have one day for the next RSC, unless you want a Learning Day too

[RSC - <https://tbrna.org/event/spring-2017-regional-service-conference>]

[Learning Day - <https://tbrna.org/event/learning-day-southeast-texas-area>]

**Proposals (New Business)**

**Proposal to give the Co-Facilitator \$275 for an airline ticket to the Texas State Convention Advisory Board meeting in Lubbock**

Consensus

One stand aside from Hill Country. We do not support TSC.

Chris – Can you ask them to publish information on the website

Patsy – Yes I will. And I will get the reports and send them out

**Proposal to give a \$250 donation to the facility where the Regional Assembly is going to meet**

Consensus

**Proposal to purchase two tablets & 4 Bluetooth Square readers for the TBRCNA.**

A lot of features and we can still use the register to store cash. Good for accounting.

Is there accountability for each servant?

Yes

Will the technology outdate?

Yes. But we are not paying too much.

Cyndi has security concerns. Have the tablet set up where nothing else can be done with the tablet. Treasurer needs to have complete control.

Celine – Will they will be like the ones that we used at the convention?

Jesi – We have two but we it would be good to have two more.

Cyndi – This is the first we time we heard that tablets were purchased

Bryan – When the final report comes out we will look at line items

Kari – How much are the readers.

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Jesi - ~\$49/ea [Tablets will be \$75/ea]

Goes back to Areas

**Proposal to change the name of Adopt An Inmate**

Goes back to Areas for ideas

**Proposal to send Southern Zonal Forum \$400 to catch up on donations**

Consensus

Bryan – After that we will follow policy and donate \$100 for each SZF meeting

**Proposal to send \$5000 to World Services**

Consensus

Cyndi – Balance of \$3100

Suni would like to have a more detailed Treasurer report

**Announcements**

**Open positions**

- Co-Treasurer
- Internet Technologies Facilitator
- One more Convention Advisory Board Member

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