



Subject: **Fellowship Concerns**  
**KENTUCK-IANA – TEJAS BLUEBONNETT  
SHOW ME – LOUISIANA – VOLUNTEER  
ARKANSAS – LONE STAR – MISSISSIPPI**

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Note: These minutes were compiled by John S. from the Show-me region. Thank you very much John for your unparalleled determination.

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### FELLOWSHIP CONCERNS – GSR

- Expanding number of meetings held by a single group that ends up taxing the home group members.
- Gatlinburg. Abusive people attending meetings, threatening to kill people and trying to deal with this and letting them know they are welcome to attend, but that this behavior won't be tolerated. Also, problem with people coming to meetings and taking them hostage with topics that aren't necessarily recovery based.
- Mississippi. Also problem with people coming in and taking group hostage. Have a group that has many newcomers and not as many with clean time. Meeting gets sidetracked, topics jump around. Also allow people to bring kids to meetings and they can get a little wild in rooms. Is tough to get parents to control kids.
- A lot of growth over a short period of time. Four new meetings starting in a short period of time. After the initial excitement, attendance falls off with groups often having only a small number of supportive home group members. Can be tough making decisions for a group and also taxing on those keeping the meeting open as they may live up to 45 minutes away.

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### FELLOWSHIP CONCERNS – AREA REPRESENTATIVES

- Dallas. Need to make service work more attractive, especially with subcommittees. 26 groups in the area. Have discussed each group having a group liaison to help talk up service work in their groups.
- Church where meeting was taking place was building new sanctuary and wanted to give NA group that had been meeting in the old building for 20 years the old facility. Several members got together to form nonprofit entity to accept property and then rent to groups. Had problem with article coming out in local paper where members of church were interviewed saying they were giving building to NA. PI talked with WSO and then talked with reporter and sent a press release that was approved by WSO.

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### FELLOWSHIP CONCERNS – REGIONAL CONCERNS

- Arkansas. Recently totally redid RSC meeting format with more flexible subcommittee meeting times. Going to meeting quarterly rather than bimonthly.
- Mississippi. More intercommunication between areas. Northeast and Delta areas doing co-op H&I function. More people getting involved in service. Several CAR workshops planned. One area has asked for additional workshops on service from the region.



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Convention was a big success and because of that, region is able to fund RDA to WSC. All regional positions filled.

- Show-Me. Working to increase areas’ knowledge of Guide to Local Service. Hosted 6 meetings around the region to workshop. Areas looking at how they are divided and how best to reach addicts and support meetings. One of the biggest challenges has always been providing support to rural groups. By using the Guide, the region is seeing more communication and more outreach. All CAR workshops scheduled and this year, rather than have the RD/RDA team handle completely, the Literature Committee will attend and facilitate discussion of the literature issues in the CAR.
- Kentuckiana. CAR motion came to RSC from an area that had not been seconded so it was dropped. Addict involved in creating the motion sent it directly to the World Board. Also problem with RCMs not showing up for RSC due to other activities going on in the areas and not giving advance notice to the chair. Then unable to conduct business without a quorum.
- Louisiana. Couple of areas still voicing issues with SZF and how it fits into the service structure. Discussion that Guide to World Service booklet contains explanation on the Zonal Forums and their relation to NA services.
- Lone Star. Two areas in region have left. One formed a new region that attended SZF last quarter, the other shut down. The groups in the area that is no longer functioning are doing fine. CAR workshops are scheduled. Have had lively discussions on Resolution A with members who are new in the fellowship.
- Volunteer. CAR workshop going on this weekend. Workshop in Nashville went great. Attended multiregional learning days in Maine. Developed workshop surveys to figure out who is attending, what they want, what they’re getting out of it, if the facilitators are doing a good job.
- Tejas. Convention should be happening in 3 weeks, but recently most of the committee was removed from office. A new committee is in place and is more enthusiastic about getting things done. Tejasna.org has the flier for the convention which is weekend of February 14. Good news: groups on the Mexico border are coming to Texas for support. Having first-ever CAR workshop in Spanish with 4 groups next weekend. Have had 4 rural groups that weren’t getting good service within their individual areas, so got together and formed their own area. Is working well and the new area is hosting a CAR workshop.

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## WORLD BOARD MEMEBERS

- The Rio Grande Region recently voted to have fellowship development day between areas and groups in Mexico and those in Texas. Working to put that together with assistance from WSO.

Working on WSC and getting it organized. Just given personal stories from members in the Netherlands that they want to add to their version of the Basic Text. Strategic report will be distributed before the conference. Very important to read and understand as it lays out the path for moving us to a consensus-based fellowship – project oriented rather than motion oriented.



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Delegate decisions back to the regions and areas, but engaging in discussion that provides them with the information they need to make those decisions.