

Keith N. Volunteer Region. Moving the phone line service for the first time in 8 years. The logistics are tough- Concerned about the transition process. Looking for as much input as possible for the process. The special interest meetings are now on the meeting directory. Feel relatively safe about the process. There are now 2 Spanish speaking meetings in the Volunteer region. Input on these things would be greatly appreciated.

- Tim (Arkansas river valley area) Member expressed interest in investing the NA funds that were being donated. Need input that might help them understand the importance of the fund flow process.

Tom (Show me region) meeting schedules are available. Spanish literature is available through the service offices (Lone Star, Show me). All trusted servants positions are filled at the area level. Are convention with a black/white separation concerns.

Regional rep's

- Tim RD Lone-star- Input desired on the Regional Literature committee. Not happy about the sponsorship booklet process. What do the other regions in the forum think about this process.

Tim RD- Restructuring the way that service committee meetings are held. Learning experience for this development process. Pricing concerns for the phone line at the regional level.

Doug RD from Louisiana: Election process- problems stem getting new people involved. Same treasurer- trying to get someone to train to be a treasurer. Problems with the convention chair- got another one.

Dickie- PI committee in the region and in an area there was not a lot of communication. And there was a group that went to present at a statewide function to introduce NA. One area had to make the decision to go and present because there was no communication within the region- the absence of communication introduced an issue into this potential benefit to carrying our message.

- Mike- Red River Region- here to observe the SZF. New region formed off of the Lone-star region. Non conference participant at this time. How does the region represent the groups in their region during the time of transition to being accepted on the conference floor. Input—How the members is going to be heard- how information should be presented to the members of the region. Delivery of services within the region itself are a concern. Time and resources. Perhaps the SZF could help us with these concerns. Region goes from the ARK border to either side of the red-river all across the bottom border of Oklahoma. 1 area region currently. Considering becoming part of the SZF.

Ruben- TBB also split off from the lone-star region. The size made for the shift.

John (RDA) – Split up things to focus on in the region. Sponsorship discussion about the book.

Mindy – RD Show me- Asked for help regarding the difficulty between convention BOD and RSC- poor communication- Letter was sent to the BOD. Communication has been much better since. Started the process of doing 5 GTS workshops in the region. They are going very well. Difficulty with having people stepping up to serve in some of the sub committee. Considering a region phone line. Person came and did a presentation. Technology is there- not sure if there are enough resources to follow-through with the activity. Looking at incorporation. Convention BOD and RSO are incorporated. Best options are being considered. The voice of the Red River area will be heard.

Michelle – Vol. RDA- Same concerns as everyone else. Sponsorship book and IP are equally concerns.

Mindy- very important to have the conversation about the SP booklet. Sent to investigate the process. Process would be a 2 stage process. If response was received- then the balance of the book would be received. In the conference report- One stage process... The delegates agreed to this at the conference. Two sides to this

- Weird review process
- Poor communication issues

Tim- Lone Star missed it also- how many people missed it- is it a communication issue. More concerned with the process of review and input for literature.

Ruben- Understood that the review process was going to be fast-track. Concerned that there will not be a literature review at all. There is still time to review the literature. WWW helped gain some trust in the process. There was a considerable level of trust.

Keith from central Texas area. Work shopped the book- OK with it after talking to the WB about it. Satisfied that was given.

Michelle W. – Didn't get the workshop and didn't get the explanation. People want new literature just as much as they want to be a part of making the new literature. Feel a part of...

Mike Vol. - Communication within the region is not where it needs to be... the reality of most bodies. Taking the CAR on the road- to workshop the CAR.

- Why some regional motions don't make the CAR report?
- Wedge of disunity because of the tax issue and funds within service bodies.

Mindy- Why some motions do and do not get into the CAR- Deadline... The necessary stuff that needs to be in the motion- Tim can expand on the process of making sure a motion gets into the CAR.

Keith- The tax thing has been the strangest thing that has ever happened from his perspective. Reacting very strangely with the funds in the region. It is NA money- 11th concept. When there are no answers- move the funds forward and have faith in the process. Insurance for conventions- more of an issue of understanding.

Dickie- There are tax laws that are somewhat different to completely different.

Ruben TBB- First- Also had a tax issue- going back three years to rectify the issue. Really want to stress the offer of help to the red-river region.

Steve RDA- Lots of groups and areas and people putting on different functions that are not tied to any part of the service structure. Looking for input on how this kind of activity is handled. Working on guidelines on possibly creating a standing region convention committee.

- Looking for guidelines from other regions if possible.

Lots of literature being sent into the institutions when receiving letters.

Tom- Thanks to all the people purchasing literature. Drug courts have been hitting the area very heavily. Does anyone need more information from WSR (Writing steps for recovery).

SZF representative: Dickie and Travis have been filling for this activity. Ron H. and Susan C. will be here for the CAR workshop in January. Flyers are available for the next forum.

PI as it pertains to cultures other than our own.

TBB presentation by Cliff, Robert, and Pete.

Pete- Stay committed and stay connected. On-going war between the cultures. Resentment. There has to be a way to differentiate between the resentment and the need for the message. The problem is not being able to connect. Need to have the committed members from the Hispanic community to be able to make certain that the newcomer can have an opportunity to recover. We have to figure out a way to make sure the newcomers are not left out in the open. Is there a need for a bi-lingual meeting here. Why should an addict have to go to another area to get the message in their own culture. Isolation happens in the cultural barriers that exist. Things are getting better as we progress- Possibly our own community that is falling short. There needs to be a middle ground for the community to be able to provide the message to the addict. Giving and taking the message to the addict- there seems to be no starting point for the cross-cultural communication. Leadership and funds- principles- resources and commitment. Not enough support. Educate ourselves should be the priority. Don't say- go there- say- the help you need is right here. It is up to the groups to say- here are the people that can help you.

Cliff- Target the community that is in need for information- and target the information that needs to be communicated.

Mail-outs are available for everyone to have.

Key to success in PI- you must make it exciting.

Robert-

Ways to expose ourselves through community

Television

(To avoid attraction vs. promotion) WSO has PSA available. Deliver the stuff in person.

Radio

Everything done in television- can be duplicated in Radio.

Press

(Bob Stewart- contact at WSO to get the pamphlets) Hand-out is available in Spanish also.

Contacting World Services- imperative to getting the useful information for PI.

38 pieces of literature that are in print.

The first presentation is the most important one that you can make with any given person or organization.

Tom- Bosnians: Translator availability-

Trish- For Pete- information needed... One Spanish speaking meeting- mostly newcomers- how do we get people in our area with the clean time to help. Consider using an interpreter- have them available to interpret in a bi-lingual meeting.

Regional Sub committees and their responsibility to their RSC

The goal- to use these words and the tradition to take a good look at the responsibilities of boards and committees to the RSC and how that should be communicated as a responsibility.