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REPORTS

Meeting opened Sunday at 9:15 a.m. by Facilitator Tom R. 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts read.

Business

Elections

Treasurer. Doug - Louisiana. No further nominations. Shared qualifications. Meets stated requirements. Approved by consensus.

Facilitator. Bill – Arkansas. No other nominations. Discussion that he might be better suited in SZR rep position. Withdraws name for facilitator position. Other interest from floor for facilitator position? Dickie – Louisiana. Stated qualifications. Discussion that this is business this body can deal with since it's an administrative positions for this body. Discussion on principle of rotation. Discussion that word was put out to zone and no other names received. Dickie approved by consensus.

SZR Representative. Now open with Joanne's resignation. Qualifications read. According to guidelines, will need to go back to zones as this is a representative for the zone. This is to fill Joanne's term for one year, four months. Bill – Arkansas. Stated qualifications: miscellaneous terms fulfilled at group level, 8 years clean, ASR Alternate, H&I coordinator, regional subcommittee positions, has attended 3 WSCs. Sandy – has thought about position, but declines due to other service commitments. Andy – stated qualifications: 12 years clean, RD and alternate, AWAM, regional convention chair, World H&I committee service, nonpaid special worker, has attended 10 WSCs. Discussion on process for elections as we're without representation as a body. Have upcoming CAR workshop in Mississippi that is coordinated by SZR rep. Joanne mentioned she had spoken with Travis about doing in her absence. Discussion that we are accountable to regions and this needs to be taken back. Sent back for regional input.

CAR Workshop

Discussion from Lee – Mississippi – on location for CAR workshop. Region had given conscience to Tupelo, but another area has voiced interest since then. Discussion that it is up to that region to decide.

Archivist Position. Discussion on responsibilities. Is this something the secretary can do? We expect archivist to be here and yet don't fund position. Discussion that initially we needed archivist to get up to date and now secretary could possibly handle. Discussion that we loose history when we add extra responsibility to secretary. The secretary has enough responsibilities without having to maintain zonal archives. Discussion that we need to divide up responsibilities or fund position. Nominations needed for position. Keith is interested, currently archivist. Stated qualifications: group and area service, area chair, subcommittee chairs, ASR, several convention committees. Discussion that this should be a funded position. Breakdown of funding



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needs available from Keith. Decided to hold further discussion on funding until Treasurer's report.

Volunteer Region Flier. Kerr McGee airport in Knoxville is closest to Gatlinburg. 50-60 minutes away. Shuttle available. RSC will be meeting the same weekend as SZF in the same facility. Greater Smokey Mountain area is host. August 2-3. Hotel is Park Vista Resort. 800-421-PARK. On return trips, book later flights as it take an hour to get back to the airport. Topics: outreach, possibly tax issue with 501C3 discussion. Would like another topic from zone. Working on t-shirt design.

Additional topic discussion. 2004 CAR motion discussion, GSR assemblies, communication. Discussion of possibly GSR, outreach, CAR main topics and tax a secondary discussion. Possibly combine outreach and GSR assemblies. Clarification that CAR topic is on how they're written and process, not on making specific motions. Topics to be: outreach/GSR assemblies/communication and CAR motion process.

November SZF. North Houston Area is location. Dates October 31, November 1-2.

SZF.org. Steve reported he has done updates, not receiving a lot of information. Did not post on Yahoo Groups, but will do so. Just need to get the word out. Do we want capability to upload files directly to the site? For now, email files to webmaster. Focus on regional events and let regional websites focus on area events. Can email .doc or .pdf files to Steve. Has crosslinks to all regional websites. Solutions pamphlet will be placed on site, along with fliers and SZF information. Cruise the website and email if any problems noted or with suggestions. Discussion on future of Yahoo Group. Intent was to get website up and viable then do away with the group. As a resource to others, send copies of guidelines (regional, convention committee, subcommittees) to Steve to put in folders on website.

Knoxville Budget. Theoretical budget presented by Keith. Need to start tracking actual expenses against budget for each meeting.

Discussion on not being able to get outreach names from HRP. Only available to World Board members. Discussion that this is done so we (regions) get info from BOD to avoid overwhelming HRP with requests. Discussion on having a SZF pool on our website. Lonestar has its own HRP and will forward forms to Steve.

Topic sheets presented from past SZF meetings, gleaned from minutes. Let's try and pull future topics from this list.

Treasurer's Report. Deposits \$1028.48; Expenses \$1,727.52, current balance \$1,559.99. Give NAWS \$59.99 as that's all above \$1,500 by guidelines. Working over next month to have financial history from past 2 treasurers for budgeting in the future. Additional income taken this weekend after report submitted totals \$922.33. Balance \$2,142.32. Expenses for weekend \$892. New Balance of \$1,250.32.



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Discussion that \$700 in meeting room expenses seems exorbitant. We need to work on getting histories and tracking of budgets so we can identify problems. Only planning six months in advance puts us at the mercy of hotels sometimes. The further out we plan, the better. Policy for funding and resources outlined: travel expenses and ½ of room for elected officials of SZF. Consensus this is correct.

Host Organizer. Discussion on what we need for each meeting, supplies, etc. Getting info into document. Work in progress, not a position, but a resource list for those hosting.

Timeline document. Discussed a couple of small corrections to be made by Keith then body okay with document.

Louisiana Convention Memorial Day weekend. Want workshop on SZF from someone outside region. Deanne willing to go for support and as second speaker (she is already attending). Tom planning on going (tentative) and would be willing to talk. Would it be better to have RDs do the talking as administration or representatives of the SZF might be less well received. Mike from Volunteer will attend and take Deanne with him to present. Members agreed by consensus.

Meeting adjourned.