

## SZF Fellowship Concerns

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John read the Traditions

Steve read the Concepts

### Fellowship Concerns:

Michelle- Home group has 3 home group members. Group growing--- meeting every night... makes it tough to find the resources. Many have multiple service positions... Competitiveness in the area--- How can I- as an addict be part of the solution.

Jenny- Would like feedback on “people with clean-time (or anyone)” with personal agendas taking over business meetings.

Scott (NE MS Area) - ES&H on open and closed meetings with an average of 30 people per meeting... Many women or addicts with families that have to bring their children. Where is the line drawn for children that can listen, understand, and repeat what is being said. ...and - self will H&I becoming an individual effort (meeting) - concern about how to address that issue.

Keith- Meeting schedule concern. Not wanting to place special interest groups meetings on the list. Causes some concern in the city to feel slighted.

Tim - Area concern- with the tax issue. Looking for ways not to pay... Concern arising as a result. Professionals consulted. Information given- professionals gave the same things that the RD and RDA provided for them.

Jeff- SMTA- Naranon... Starting meetings and they are asking for support on getting them literature. Concerned that the website says - we do not offer support... but there was a room dedicated to this function at the WCNA.

Doug - LRCNA--- Doing well... problem with the convention committee-- Chairperson problem. Dealt with within the region.

Tim ARCNA- 50 50 pot... concern about that activity- Looking for information about regional assemblies. Feedback from the groups is necessary to make a decision.

Lee- MRCNA- Convention in October. Sponsorship book mailing. ???

Tammie- MRCNA- Turned off the regional phone lines. Big discussion about it in the region. Very expensive. Areas are now responsible for their own. Only one area is now up and going. Contacted World. Ready for the SZF in January. Tupelo--- Concern- Calling NAWS to ask questions and getting voice mail--- no getting calls returned. 3 days before the call came back. Call volume??? Getting in better shape financially. All areas showed up at the last meeting.

Mike- VRCNA- Glad to see people from all over the region. The region is moving forward very well. VRC guidelines are going through the approval process. Concern about some areas that are not in attendance.

Mike KRCNA- Regional convention did not make any money this year. Do not get enough money from the areas to fund conference, szf, learning days--- 7<sup>th</sup> tradition concerns.

Mindy SMRCNA- Couple areas that are struggling. Get information about struggling areas from John. Sponsorship project- concerned about the one-step process that took place. Stopped getting 80 NA ways at the RSO. HRP recommendations to be made by the WB for the voting process--- considering motions about leaving the HRP as it is. The region- PI is struggling- outreach is not functioning. H&I OK. WSR doing OK. Created an activities committee... Nobody on it... RSO- Added a part time person.... Considering a regional phone-line. Starting in September... Having 5 workshops around the region for the guide to local services. Then 5 CAR workshops around the region. MARLCNA Learning Day. (Need flyer or information for it.) Problems with RSC and SMRCNA corporation. Poor communication ---- very poor communication.

SZF REP- Not one... TF and DD Made request to the WB for participation for the January forum.

Secretary- nothing

Keith N. (TN) - Tax situation reminder. Large tax penalty hit to the other fellowship and concern for the NA literature sales in the state. Hiring an accountant. Confused about the whole thing. Lots of energy spent and still not a great deal of confidence in the resolve. Looking for more information. ???

Michelle- Lots of commitments and little willingness. Sub committees are meeting only in the town where the chairperson is from. Very disconcerting.

Phil- Old-timers coming together with shared responsibility. Giving appreciation --- wanting to find out how to get outreach back... How to spark interest is of great concern.

Kathleen- In a group that I attend in ARK Situation where Motorcycle club is pulling in newcomers. Some are not getting to focus on their recovery.

Brooks- In the area - group etiquette- Jails institutions and death chanting... 1 we, 2 we... Drug- Duh...

Mindy- This two years- one of the issue discussion topics is "atmosphere of recovery"... information on NAWS where there is a bulletin board about this topic.

Pat- Suggestions are important- this has been a problem in our area.

Take a break-

### Workshop

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Outreach- Diane M. Louisiana Region

Are there any concerns that you want covered as outreach chairs or just addicts?

Kerwin- Coming to gather information- surprised that people do not look forward to serve in such a fulfilling activity.

Outreach formed in 1980

Ideal: Don't let addicts fall through the crack. Trusted servant or otherwise. History of the outreach development at the NAWS level.

Outreach is a compliment to PI and H&I not do it....

To help groups grow in spite of any obstacle.

Direct line of communication to isolated members.

Welcome to the region letters–

Welcome to the area letters–

Offering of support that may or may not be asked for...

Contact information within the community–

Institutional outreach and its relationship to H&I. It is possible that a representative of outreach can represent an institutional group at the area level as a contact—vote carrying– conscious provider from the area... etc...

Removing the isolation of the group.

Extended outreach is focusing on areas that are outside normal boundaries or even outside regions that are isolated for whatever reason.

Resources;

Conference approved tapes to be made available.

Conduct workshops at the group/area level.

Guide to local services workshops are a good idea.

No clean–time requirement for the newcomer.

Allows newcomers to overcome their own obstacles.

People not coming back to area because addicts make them feel different.

The wrong message can be carried by the addicts behavior in service and ruin the outreach to the new addict that is attending that service function.

People can be suffering from service. Must reach out by selling service... be excited about what we do as representatives of service in order to provide outreach.

Going to the group will give the real information about what the group needs. Instead of what one person “Might” think that they need.

Outreach calendar for what home–group to meet at – when... tailgating to the meeting.

Outreach is doing the right thing for the right reason.

Types of outreach

1. To the group

2. To the trusted servant
3. To the institution
4. To the newcomer

Let people get involved with each other– Set up the arrangements and allow the people to do the work.

Outreach can bring a report from a group if the group does not have a GSR – or a member from that group can come with an idea about how to report the information through the input from the outreach person.

Letters or information to send:

- The area closest to you is...
- Your ASR's contact information is...
- You are part of the ... region...
- Information, Information, Information.

Helps in–

Developing or maintaining service boundaries. Where are they supposed to be.

Groups adopting other groups can be helpful as an outreach function.

Outreach does not give out tradition citations.

Groups will exist however they want to exist. If they decide to change something for their group it is their decision.

The meeting itself is the important thing... it needs to be available....

Resource needs... money– time– information– people–

Outreach builds on the way that the individual receiving [it] understands it...

### Obstacles of outreach

Chris – Clean time requirement for outreach??? Chairperson falls under the same guidelines as the trusted servants of the service body that the sub committee is part of.

Emily- While reaching out to the groups-- it ended up that the groups are now part of that area. Outreach in Kansas is doing rather well.

Kerwin- Some areas have trouble with other sub committees needing help and feeling like there is a boundary to cross in order to provide it... It is most likely up to the area or region itself on how to deal with the resource needs that exist. If help is needed then there may need to be a sharing of the responsibility in order to address the need.

Mindy- Really trying to figure out the best way to get into communities that are needing special needs met. Outreach can help by finding the stuff that they need if at all possible. Since the need exists. This information can then be presented to the PI committee to try and bring them together. Filling the void is the idea behind it and behind completing the need. When should things be referred or kept as a responsibility to a committee that is responsible for it in the first place. The goal is to be able to get an addict to a meeting- even if it means having an interpreter.

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#### GSR Assemblies- Workshops

(Reference the handout that was copied to the folder)

Get a copy of the agenda that is being referenced during the discussion.

Outreach volunteer list is a good tool to get people to commit to going on flood meetings.

What would strengthen the workshop from the atmosphere that is created by the presentation.

Travis- What kind of discussion can we have about the idea of work-shopping things like the GTLS in or around the idea of workshops.

Why would people buy a book if they don't see you using it...????? Great question!

Mindy- Anything that seems like the region or area may or may not be doing for the addict or group- is a good idea for a workshop. The way we do it is

provide as much information as possible and allow the addicts themselves to make their own decision. Decided to take the assembly to them. Taking the responsibility for contacting the members that are in the areas that will be used to have the assembly so that people are notified of the assembly. It is the job of every addict to communicate as best they possibly can about the information that is available. Be busy and get the information out to the addict as our responsibility.

Call it a trusted servants workshop. The title can be that which is appealing enough to inspire attendance.

Jeff- Overwhelmed by the acronym jargon and intimidated by it...  
Communications issue needs to be addressed before this type of workshop.

Steve- Very strong outreach person for the past several months. 4 groups in a large area got together to share responsibility. Started rotating the ASC again. Same thing as long ago- just giving it a name. Larger geographical dispersion creates the need for the outreach function. Having workshops during the conventions that are informative about the subject at hand.

Keith- TN--- See report.

The SZF is an outreach tool that is like no other. Representation from multiple regions coming to your back yard to say hey- here comes some recovering addicts.

Training for making announcements.  
Strength in sponsorship.  
Keep what you have by reaching it away...

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## **Making motions at the conference**

How to make a motion at the WSC. Reading of the description of the process is read by Mindy.

Mindy: One of the things in the conference agenda report that bothers me... the part where the WB makes a recommendation. Not to adopt or To Adopt.

Andy- RD's asked the board to do this...

Keith- For some reason it does not bother me. Many of the motions do not pass anyway- it is almost like they just agree.

Ron- Concerned about the fact that changes are made-

Andy- Already approved literature- just printed as the 20<sup>th</sup> edition.

Dickie- NAWS can very much help formatting and presenting a motion.

Mike P- The process of getting a motion on the floor and having it considered. Can we still make motions on the floor at the conference. Yes

### **501C3 consideration- Keith N**

Topic brought up in Nashville... In the state of TN - AA charged by state Revenue... for taxes not procured for the sale of literature in the state. There is a corporation in the region. There is a paid CFO. The bottom line is that there are state taxes due on the things that are sold within the state.

More to be revealed always

Love and fellowship,

Travis F.

SZF Secretary