

Southern Zonal Forum Agenda

July 2019

Saturday

Recovery meeting from 8 – 9 a.m.

Started at 9:15 .a.m. with the 3rd step prayer and then introductions

Fellowship Concerns/Regional Reports

(regional concerns for further discussion in red)

Troy, Show Me RD:

Region has no concerns at this point.

Joanie, Bluegrass-Appalachian RD:

Meets bi monthly, usually at a function if available. The rotation is available on the website.

The last few regional meetings have been tough. Not much business has been done. One member of the executive body has resigned. The regional meetings have become verbally abusive as well as physically threatening. Also, Areas are choosing to leave BARNA due to the inability to make a vote. Be it for arguing or for lack of responsibility in reporting business needs as well as communication between the Areas and Region or other regions trying to dictate what literature they can purchase and use for H&I commitments.

I am bringing this to the Zonal body to gain any experience, strength or hope you may have. Any solutions and suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Joy, Kentuckiana RD:

Our RDA Suzanne resigned. A couple people expressed interest and we're hoping to have an AD in place before CAR/CAT zonal meeting in January.

PR: Across the Rivers Area requested money for bus posters.

502 Area does the outside bus. Their PR donated 100 Basic Texts to the public library.

Across the Rivers & PANA collaborating to bring H&I in the rural area where the Webster county jail is looking for NA members to come in. It is in between these 2 areas.

Lee, L Louisiana AD:

We have several checks for donations (2 from one area and one from region).

PR in New Orleans is doing a great job. There was a presentation recently at a prison and they want 4 meetings a week, but we don't have the people resources for that.

BJ, Red Rivers RD:

- 1) The Region has met a couple times since the zone last met, and in those meetings the forming of a permanently funded PR committee was deemed a good idea and the Red River Region will do our part in helping to support this effort by the zone the carry the message to the rural Areas of the U.S. . . . **That being said the question was asked why is PR being focused on and not something like H & I. I took the liberty of explaining what I thought was the reason for that was simply that at this time the people involved are interested in being of service in this area of service. That possibly in the future that some type of H & I service may be provided, providing there are people willing to do the footwork. My question is this a correct observation of the situation of the current situation concerning the direction this body is headed, are we headed to some type of standing committees in these or other areas?**
- 2) The matter concerning the treasurer position, we felt in our discussions that the treasurer at the time of the checks being taken was and did act with an appropriate amount of expected safety & security, that when he did become aware of the situation that he took action to get the situation corrected and had the guilty party make restitution and took further steps to ensure that it didn't happen again & immediately informed this body of the situation. We did not however agree with all that happened after that, this could have happened to anyone of us , we all deal with addicts young in recovery , the feeling we got from the correspondence after the situation was being discussed was that it was the treasurer that had stolen the funds. I would like to point out that he was as much a victim as anyone. He did as any responsible trusted servant would do; he had the responsible party make restitution and reported to this body what had occurred. In the subsequent conversations via Email was in our opinion was made to feel so bad about the situation because of some peoples narrow mindedness on what is or isn't reasonable security of the account to resign the position. This doesn't in our minds seem to be anything about principles but more about personality. I am saddened that a man that has dedicated his recovery to being of service to this fellowship was treated with such disregard for his feelings in a situation that has happened to many other service bodies at many levels of service and was handled with much more dignity. That being said we do believe that an audit needs to be done; I for one do not recall when the last audit was done.
- 3) The Red River Region at this time has two areas going in opposite directions. The Trail of Tears Area is primarily down to two participating groups and is no longer meeting as an Area. Our policy does provide for this in that they can participate at the Region as individual Groups. We are talking about many ideas to try and help this Area, which have included the possible moving of 1 or 2 groups from the OKLATEX Area to the other Area to try and strengthen the Area meetings, but the members of that Area didn't think that would make a difference so the idea was dropped. We are looking for suggestions on how we may better serve the addicts in this area. We are hoping for some input from FD & PR that may allow us to change the direction this Area is headed. The OKLATEX Area however is going in the opposite direction, by the time you read this report they will be up to 11 groups from 6 a couple years ago. They will be the host Area for the Texas State Convention in 2020 in Denison, Texas. This is a big deal for our Area to try an undertake this size of event, but it is also working as a bonding event creating a lot of unity, which is

a very attractive quality for a service body to have, which has led to most all our positions being filled. We are getting people to show to do service in areas of service that until recently had remained dormant due to lack of participation. We have an Area PR chair that is making contacts with facilities in our Area, we have a group that is taking a meeting to a county jail for women which may lead to other meetings, we have most of our committee chair positions filled for the Texas State Convention with a lot of people who haven't done a lot of service before. This amount of participation in that event should lead to an increased amount people to do other kinds of service after that event ends.

- 4) We are however having problems currently filling even our executive positions at the Regional level. At the time I am composing this report our Secretary, treasurer, PR, H & I, Outreach, & Activities are either vacant or in a lame duck condition. We have a lot of trusted servants that are not getting to rotate out like we encourage members to do leading to burnout of those members. We have a lot to work on but with God's help we will persevere there are too many addicts dying from this disease to quit but we need to make service more attractive and part of that starts at the Home Group training & mentoring the new members in the responsibilities of being a member of this fellowship which includes service to others, because **WE CAN ONLY KEEP WHAT WE HAVE BY GIVING IT AWAY.**
- 5) We have no nominations for Facilitator or Zonal Rep. at this time.

Red River is hosting the next Texas State Convention.

Keith, Tejas Bluebonnet RD:

Greetings SZF from the Tejas-Bluebonnet Region-

Things are going well in the Tejas Bluebonnet Region of NA. We have 11 areas that spread geographically from South Padre-McAllen-Edinburgh in the southwest, to Beaumont-Port Arthur- Orange in the southeast, and up to Jarrell in Central Texas, which is currently the northernmost meeting in our Region.

Our next region is being held in the Rio Grande Valley Area in McAllen Texas on August 10th, with a half-day of service workshops on August 11th. We are excited to be taking the region on the road down to the valley- they really need our experience strength and hope to help them build their fellowship and we are happy to be able to help our brothers and sisters out down there.

Workshops to be held Sunday August 11 from 9-1pm include:

- Building Strong Homegroups (IDT from 2008)
- PR/Fellowship Development Presentation by CBANA (how to do outreach/flyer distro)
- Spiritual Principle a Day (SPAD) book project review and input
- Panel Q & A

TBR has an active Adopt-an- Inmate program for sending literature to inmates who request them, correspond with inmates, and some addicts in the committee help inmates find sponsors when asked.

The region also has an active Literature Review committee with our chair putting on review and input of new development literature.

We also have an active H&I and PR subcommittees that both coordinate with the various regional committees and provide a central resource for our local and area committees to work together in providing H&I meetings in rural areas, and putting on PR events to help further carry the message to communities both inside and outside NA.

There are several functions coming up in the next few months- links to the events are provided below

- HACNA Sept 13th – 15th 2019 Houston, TX <https://www.hacna.com/>
- Texas Tri-County Convention Oct 18th – 20th 2019 West Columbia, TX <https://ttcana.net/>
- TBRCNA Jan 31 – Feb 2, 2020 San Antonio, TX <https://tbrdna.org/>

Jim, Volunteer Region AD:

(See attachment for PowerPoint version of report)

Greetings everyone! Happy to be here in Lexington, KY!!!

There have been some significant events in service to the Region since we last met and some developments on previous items. As always it has been a privilege to serve you in this capacity and I hope to continue to do so. Regional Motion to the CAR, SZF/SEZF, UCANA are the bullet points of my report. We have a \$499 Regional Donation

April, 2018 WSC Conference Participants Zoom Meeting

Follow Up. What Did Your Region Think???

How can we benefit from zonal collaboration? [That could be collaboration between zones, between zones and NAWS, or among communities within a zone.]

Communication and Flow Of Information

What might we get out of a virtual meeting of zones? What information would you like to see captured from such a meeting?

Communication, remove barriers.

What would you like to see in a draft of Zonal Basics; what do you see as the basics of the role of zones? [Some characteristics may be common to all zones; some may be shared by just some zones. Zones around the world share some common attributes but perform different services.]

Flexibility for development.

Zonal Forum Concerns

OUR REGION discussed the actions taken by the SZF regarding our Treasurer issues and had a strong resolve to urge us to be more prudent and transparent with our trusted servant selections. We felt that the phrase “Have NA funds that you were responsible for ever been misappropriated while you were in a position”. This allows for a candidate to

address an previous issue and illustrate decision making, and not eliminate them from service. We are beginning the process of adding the phrase into our election process. I wanted to share a portion of the report I gave in regards to how difficult this process was.

This was a very difficult scenario as the Treasurer is an amazing trusted servant but has a living situation that was beyond his control. We do believe that the actions taken WERE within the best interests of the Zonal Forum. I cannot express enough gratitude to Dell and our Admin folks for their guidance and support in this process. Virtual meetings and service are a true viable resource.

Again, thanks to Lucy O. for helping bring that to light within our Region and Zone!!!

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With regards to our NOT presenting a PR Professional Presentation. We have a suggestion for Open Forum that will address a model of service that will ensure our service to our member Regions and the still suffering addicts who comprise them. Given our growing Fellowship Development/PR initiative We think this is a good use of resources.

When a Panel For The Professionals IS presented we support and populate the needs being covered.

When a Panel is NOT being presented we should present a PR Orientation for the local Fellowship as a whole in the late afternoon/early evening so as not to conflict with a regularly scheduled meeting.

2020 CAR Motion with SCRNA

The Southern California Region and Volunteer Region voted unanimously to submit the Motion for the 2020 CAR with us. Our joint proposal has been forwarded to the World Board EC by Jack H., WB member from Vancouver, BC for submission. After feedback from them we submitted the following. Thanks to Art A. for visiting with us at our last RSC and to the SCR for inviting me to participate in their RSC. TRUE Collaboration.

What do you propose?

If any Motion or Proposal, in Content or Intent, has been submitted and failed to achieve consensus or adoption at two consecutive World Service Conferences, the previously proposed Content and Intent may not be suggested to the Fellowship in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR)/ Conference Approval Track (CAT) or at the WSC for one entire conference cycle following the World Service Conference where the Motion or Proposal failed to achieve consensus or adoption for the second time.

What is your rationale for this proposal?

To eliminate wasted time and other resources spent on motions that are repeatedly submitted and do not pass. The 11th Concept indicates the need to be responsible with NA resources. This Motion intends to eliminate the need for Fellowship-wide discussion of ideas from the CAR that were recently considered and to not waste time and other resources on motions that were recently considered and did not receive consensus or approval.

The Formal submission to NAWS has been completed for inclusion in the 2020 CAR

NAWS Correspondence

I received a call from a member of the NAWS staff regarding the Upper Cumberland Area and their website. They(he) have made a request for a number of more 'historical' documents from NAWS for their 'archive'.

Any and all requests for historical documents from NAWS must be made in an email request to the World Board, stating purpose and use. ANY Group of NA may request these documents, drafts, etc. for their own purposes. But, being mindful of our FIPT we need to be accountable to the Fellowship as a whole, all requests need to be submitted to the WB.

Rob, Lone Star RD:

Hello Family, I'm Grateful to be here serving as the RD for the Lone Star Region. I would like to introduce Jennette F, she is now serving as the RDA for LSR. We have been busy doing various workshops and presentations in the region and our convention went well. We did a service workshop at the convention and I have asked the chairperson of the convention to bring to the committee the possibility of doing more in the future, including the SPAD. We have our regional learning day coming up on Aug. 10 and Regional assembly on Aug. 24 to present the IDTs for this cycle. We had a Family Affair service learning day on the Saturday of the PR week, put on by the Dallas Area PR subcommittee, it was well attended and helped to spark more interest in service in the Region. We intend to be busy with workshops and presentations to facilitate this interest and to continue to help the members in the Region to be more informed. I have had many discussions with Members and other Trusted Servant on how to get more people involved in Service, and have asked some of our past Servants to help with upcoming opportunities, their experience, strength, and hope is valuable!

Asking for a discussion on Anonymity and social media regarding literature, logos, etc. on the internet how it relates to FIPT. I realize there is a FIPT NAWS workgroup.

Dyanne, Arkansas RD:

Hello Family,

Arkansas Region is alive and well. We have 6 active areas participating. We had 1 area fold, with 1 active meeting in that geographical area.

The Arkansas Region Service Committee is a strong committee with few vacant positions - treasurer-in-training, literature review, and outreach.

Our donations have decreased over the past few months. Our current bank balance is \$2852.50.

Fellowship Concerns:

The Arkansas Region Convention historically has lost money every year but 1. There has been much discussion about disbanding the convention. However, there is minimum support to do so. At this time, we have voted to hold the convention every 2 years.

Arkansas Region lost a previous RD to an overdose on 7/25/19. As I look around, previous RD's in Arkansas disappear from service, and the fellowship after serving as RD (except for Pat P.). This is a pattern that spans many years in the Arkansas Region. How do we keep previous RD's involved and utilize their experience, strength, and support?

Strengths:

Arkansas Region began a social media ad campaign for Public Relations. The outcome so far has been increased hotline calls, and increased traffic to the region's website. We've had 2 phonline workshops to accommodate the increase in calls.

We voted to implement the BMLT, but no action has been taken since the vote in May.

We also voted to approve the \$1200 funds for SZF fellowship development.

We have secured the hotel for SZF in October at the Best Western Aspen in Fort Smith, AR. We have been given an employee's discount for the rooms -\$55/night. The conference room will be comped if we meet the room block of 20 rooms for the weekend.

We have chosen the workshop topics for Fall SZF:

Mentoring in Service

Strategic Planning Basics

Southeast Zone report:

The facilitator for the South East Zone: Some things they're going to talk about this weekend will be the joint zonal CAR/CAT workshop in Dallas. Part of discussion will be an opening meeting as 1 joint zonal meeting to discuss what we're each working on. Other item will be regarding Lone Star paying for the weekend and should we (SE Zone) reimburse for a portion even though Lone Star is not asking for it. We also might bring up in Dallas to look at all US zones and have a discussion between all zones about what we each do and how we can cooperate with each other and how we can help each other. We do have a common interest in the US that is different from other international zones.

Staci response: We have a preliminary flyer. If NAWs is able to produce a CAT in time for the 2020 meeting, then we will have a CAT workshop in Dallas. We will start with the CAT hopefully on Friday evening if it is out. NAWs can't promise but will make a concerted effort. The next flyer will be clearer.

Room nights are \$109. We'll set another admin joint meeting between the 2 zones. Plain States voted as a zone not to come. But many of their RDs will probably come. One RD in Midwest will probably come too. We're starting the dialogue and intend to have a lot more. Appreciate being a part of broadening our scope... so that no addict need die. How can we one day listen into the SEF meeting?

Kevin, Kentuckiana 502 Area RCM:

We're having first convention in July 2020, which is when SZF will be there. **Request from the body for SZF to meet the weekend before so they can host the zonal forum at the convention and can utilize the PR presentation. And introduce a larger number of people to what we do here at SZF. More people will be drawn to the convention than to the zonal forum.**

Past Treasurer:

I have concerns about the recovery meeting today. I didn't feel comfortable sharing because of the video equipment. I'm the treasurer that got removed. At the recovery meeting at the SZF in Nashville, I shared about my wife getting high. What I shared in the recovery meeting was brought up in the business meeting. I'm uncomfortable. Wife got high and stole money. The money was paid back. The same thing from 2 years ago (in Nashville) was brought up in the emergency Zoom meeting. You don't take what's said in a recovery meeting and bring into a business meeting. What he heard was 'people fuck up.' People make their amends too. I feel strongly about this. I'm not going to get high over this. My wife is at a halfway house in Louisville with 61 days clean. She feels isolated by this body, chastised by people in this body. When new, I shared my shit. I was welcomed. We put people in service, and then turn on them.

Henry, Zonal Rep:

In regards to PR/FD, as far as our zone goes, the roles of the zone need to be defined. Dallas Area PR is going great. There are a lot of spots where people aren't getting meetings though. Two of the workshops today were introduced back in 2008 as IDTs. We create these tools and then we don't use them. A lot of problems in our fellowship right now, Building Strong Home Groups would help. Same with Who's Missing from our Meetings. We identified who's missing and didn't do anything with it. Grateful some tools are being used, though. A lot of folks need us and they're not here.

Mountain Area RCM:

A bit of SW Virginia is in our area. I'm hopeful about my nomination next week at the Volunteer Region for RDA.

An Area Chair:

PR system is working.

Bluegrass-Appalachian webservant:

I help with BMLT group as the secretary. Can I get a show of hands of those that do not implement BMLT even if you've voted to do so. Show Me is working on it. Arkansas is working on it. Are any areas struggling with implementation? BMLT stands for Basic Meeting List Toolbox. It's a meeting list repository. BMLT makes updating area, regional and NAWS meet lists easier, and there's even a printable meeting schedule and a phone line option that works with the BMLT. Go back to your areas and ask if you're not sure they use the BMLT and get back with me if you need help.

Member addressed past treasurer's concerns

About the video since I was the one who set it up. When the recovery meeting is going on, it was only the 2 setting up the video who were aware of what was being said in the recovery meeting. They would never make a recovery meeting open remotely unless everyone agreed to that beforehand. The past treasurer's concerns were legitimate.

Charmaine, SZF PR:

Charmaine addressed how PR affects the areas/regions. We're the front line for NA. We're the spokespeople for introducing people to NA. Charmaine is excited that the next NAWay will feature an article on PR/Outreach efforts. She is a big advocate for not calling it service work, but service opportunity.

Jennette, Lone Star AD:

Fort Worth is working on SPAD and it's exciting. We're working hard on PR in our area also. The new PR chair is really excited about us coming to Dallas in 2020.

Scott, Show Me AD:

We have a new regional website since theirs was taking hostage a few years ago. We're slowly getting the BMLT added. A few areas are resistant, which is probably a communications problem. We've done some PR workshops/presentations and have a new PR chair. We did one for the MO Association for Drug Court Professionals with good interaction. We did a presentation/booth at the Spring Training for Mental Health Professionals which was also successful.

RCMA from down the road in Louisville:

He took on this commitment to try and make a difference. Fellowship is growing but not like he thought it would be. New people don't always feel like they're connected to NA. In the past, when we'd go on road trips, we'd take someone with us. Some people have never been out of their town. When he was new people took him and fed him "BMLT" sandwiches! Is our development focused inward, more than outward? He wants more info to connect people.

Member from Kentucky:

Kentucky has 2 regions. She worked hard to create a unity body to represent all home groups in KY and parts of Indiana at the WSC. I'm proud of Kevin and Scott for representing us both at the last WSC. We decided for local services we would maintain our identities as separate regions. For world services – we would combine. I'm proud of the miles and hours it took to get to this. Question for the body - Do you recognize our regions as separate and Bluegrass-Appalachian as an unseated region. Is there a zonal rep for the upcoming conference?

Answer from Staci - We recognize them as independent/separate. Because the 2 KY regions are combined for WSC, they are not qualified to use the zonal delegate option. Member: People in Bluegrass-Appalachian have said they don't need Kentuckiana because we have a zonal rep.

NEZF vice chair, and more:

He rolled off as RD. What New England does is their FD is made up of former RDs – great idea for what happens to the past RDs concern earlier. Northern NY has a public Facebook page. They use BMLT and all areas but one updates their own meetings. He elaborated on the BMLT and YAP. Their zone had a strategic planning session which was a full day, and they came away with 3 projects in April. NEZF PR put together a PR presentation in 45 days and put on a very successful presentation. There's a big demand for PR resources. We have to be creative in how we get our message out there. PR and H&I are both important in getting the message out there.

Member:

We lost WB member, Mary Ellen P, to cancer.

Charmaine on the Office Depot discount card:

You have to use the actual card and you can apply for the card through the originator. You can't email them printing in longer. You have to register for the individual account and put it in a form. Only one person can have an account for the card. Charmaine/Jim have info on this.

Lucy, SZF Secretary:

On the regional level, my position is ITCC or Information Technology and Communication Coordinator. My goals when I took that were to redesign the website using WordPress, rather than the outdated Drupal, create a regional meeting list using the BMLT, and work towards allowing remote access to our regional meeting. Although those goals were met a while back, plus other cool things like YAP, they all require regular maintenance/updating. Also on a regional level, we have our convention coming up on Thanksgiving weekend in Chattanooga. To that end, after our last regional meeting I brought home 200 pre VRC fundraiser items - these are awesome little Cell phone stands, keychain, screen cleaner. I still have 100 left and they're only \$2. If you'd like one or more for your friends, see me at the breaks. For more information and to register, go to vrca.org. On an area level, we are short on trusted servants for some key positions.

Regional Concerns that came out of earlier reports by regions that require more discussion...

- Bluegrass-Appalachian's request for feedback/solutions
- Social media/Facebook page
- Workgroup not committee and we can expand further than PR/FD
- Changing zonal date next summer
- How we handle recovery meetings... go away and pray about this and we will discuss tomorrow. We need guidelines around this.

Discussion on Bluegrass-Appalachian's request for help on their regional issue.

Lee asked Bluegrass to expound so we can help with solutions.

Joanie expanded on the Bluegrass-Appalachian issue: About a year ago, 2 new areas left Southern Ohio and came to BARNA - Northern Kentucky and Unity. Since then it's been physically violent, mentally and spiritually abusive. She cannot physically and mentally sit through a regional meeting as long as these behaviors continue. We try to encourage folks to get involved. How is she supposed to encourage the spirit of rotation if she doesn't even feel safe sitting in the meeting herself? They don't want to fool with them, and don't want them there. Nothing passes because they object to everything. I didn't get clean to be that miserable and confrontational. People at region are at wits end. Somebody has got to go – them or us.

Bluegrass Webservant: I'm also at most of those meetings. One guy has pulled knives in his own area. One RCM from N KY does whatever he wants. Another area wanted money for H&I and this guy wanted

a list cause they print it for cheaper. They have run off anyone with time or knowledge of traditions and principles. They're trying to run Jackie out too. One person brought a bucket of soap and water and threw it at an RCM and said wash the dying addicts off their hands. They used to have 4 areas.... Now these 2 new and other. Everything is 3, 3 and an abstention. They're trying to provide services. Elected PR chair and he got high. They are doing the best they can do. M term is up as webservant and I've expressed willingness as AD to try to present a calm presence. I would like for people in the area and region that have time to come to the service meeting. They need experience of folks like Jackie and Scott.

Member: I'm the former Bluegrass Appalachian RD and was nominated as AD again. Joanie needs help and she was willing. The region has still not voted because "they" won't bring their area's consciences. Last Sunday, her area voted to leave the region. Thought was Kentuckiana would take them in, which knocked her out of being AD. The ripple effect of disunity continues.

A member of an area that just voted to go to Kentucky shared: She asked for money for literature for H&I, a first time in 19 years so they can go into this particular jail. It was suggested to ask region for money since they'd just held BARCNA, the regional convention, in her area and it was profitable. They said they wanted the list so they could print the lit. She never got the money but did get help from Kentucky Survivors Area at the price of putting alternate literature in the facility. She resigned. Not ok with other literature. She gave up position and about to give up area even if they did move. Maybe they'll form a new area. She appreciates being heard at SZF

Member: All have different perspectives. Groups decide. Policy allows this to happen. There are 7 areas. Some have asked to count votes by homegroup tally and they denied that twice. Reason – Cause that large area will 'control' the region. If the outcome is no again, they may leave the area. They have destroyed the region. Voting is being dope-feinded by a couple of people and we're not going to take it anymore.

Member: None of those people we are talking about are here today. This isn't just a zonal problem. It's a worldwide problem. People out there are anti NAWS. Scott removed himself from regional service. We went to local meeting last night. Someone threw a baby blue in the trash can. He serves Narcotics Anonymous. He's fortunate enough that he can go to meetings outside his area. He believes in "Protect yourself at all times."

Jim: We have a vehicle for this, the Inventory process. Let someone from outside come help, whether from zone or NAWS. If you/they aren't willing to sit at the table, you don't have a seat at the table.

Troy: There's a pamphlet out there "Disruptive and Violent Behavior." We are allowed to call the cops if people are pulling knives. He has info to share if anyone interested. Another suggestion- just stop the meeting. Say the Serenity Prayer and read the 1st tradition. Take a 5 minutes break, come back and start over.

Keith: We're a spiritual program. We deserve a place that's peaceful and calm. When we have a meeting where people are afraid for their safety, that's not spiritual. The best solution is to stop and

invite in a loving God. We can't have violence, weapons, and threats in our recovery or service meetings. If anyone is available - go help them. Don't run away. Don't vote with your feet. We can stick and stay through tough times.

Rob: Is this the same situation that brought about the death threat in September 2017. Answer: Yes: Same group of people. Question: Does any of this have to do why we didn't have a PR presentation this weekend? Answer: No, reason for no PR presentation is we just had one in March.

Staci: The zone would like to offer any formal assistance that we can and stressed that it is still the Bluegrass-Appalachian Region who will have to ask for the zone's assistance and invite us. We won't just show up uninvited. Whether it's for Inventory – mediation – conversation, we'll help if invited.

Joy: She foresees that the individuals who are causing problems will view the zone as "NAWS" and be very close-minded.

BJ: Has anyone gone to those areas and addressed the individual behavior?

Answer: yes. Chair of region is from one of those areas.... And she doesn't have a lot of experience raining people in. They don't understand that motions come from homegroups, and homegroups have a right. The disruptive people (person) has done the same thing in his own area. The other disruptive person is mentally ill and off his medication.

Rob: Shared similar situation and things are better there now.

Staci: In the interest of time, Rob and Jim have agreed to not do that workshop since we have gone overtime on this discussion. It was an important conversion on how we work through our differences.

How to Build Strong Homegroups

Henry & Scott

IDT materials available here: https://www.na.org/?ID=build_strong

Results from 4 small groups

Group 1

- Area for improvement: Principles in Action
- The issue: Newer members don't yet know how to live principles
- Brainstorming: Older members take turns committing to attend the meeting. Phone lists. Invite to fellowship afterwards. Being available. Share about principles in recovery meetings. Give lit.
- Choosing the solution: Principle based sharing. Solution based
- Decisions: We all agreed we will share about principles and solutions in the meetings

Group 2

- Area for Improvement: Introduction of structure
- The issue: Facilities, literature, downhill slide, meeting in parks. Court appointed attendees
- Brainstorming: Work with what you have. Get white books. Organize meetings
- Choosing solutions: Get with area for support. Go to region for help. Resources
- Decisions: Get literature from other areas or groups. Treat it like an H&I meeting. Growing PR. Be patient. Follow traditions.

Group 3

- Area for Improvement: Consistency. Accurate communication is essential. Start and end on time. Always the same. More comfortable.
- The issue: Inconsistent. More chaotic. Dysfunctional atmosphere
- Brainstorming: A format that everyone agrees on. Committing to be consistent. Mentorship. Written guidelines for chairs.
- Choosing the solutions: Clear directions. Discuss options. Vote if needed. Vigilance and persistence. No bad ideas. Have a positive perspective. Nurture all members.
- Decisions: Lead by example. Willingness. More mentorship. Making the newcomer feel welcome – include them in short readings. Take responsibility for the follow-through

Group 4

- Area for improvement: Spirit of Service
- The issue: oldtimers not doing service. "I did my time now you do yours."
- Brainstorming: Talk to their sponsors. Do building strong homegroup workshop. Open dialogue with older members. It's not us/them. It's a we program.
- Choosing the solution: address at group conscience. Open dialogue.
- Decisions: address at GC. Keep focusing on that.

IDT: Who is Missing from our Meetings

Keith & Lee

IDT materials available here: https://www.na.org/?ID=who_is_missing

Below is the final outcome of this issue discussion topic:

Computer Group – S. Africa

- 1) Youth KCB
 - a. Creative Fellowshiping fun
 - b. Opportunities to get together, 1st contact with newcomer, loving/hugger, temp sponsor pre-arranged by group

Group A

- 1) Put diverse things together. Offer direction with PR focus. Reaching out & number. PSAs. Consistent message, website, phonenumber, fun events. Emphasis

Group B

- 1) Non English speaking – more diverse literature. Interpreter
- 2) Disabled: more access. Escorts to/at meetings. More help to indigent/older members. Who will help? All lit printed in braille. Different fonts.

IDT:DRT/MAT

Jim & Rob

IDT materials available here: <https://www.na.org/?ID=2018-IDT>

It was decided that Jim would give an overview and not the full IDT material due to the morning items taking longer than scheduled. The IDT was not created to discuss pros/cons of DRT/MAT. It's to deal with how WE act and our behavior towards those on DRT/MAT.

Jim mentioned the difference in facilitating the IDT with and without the 2 quotes.

Sunday

Recovery meeting from 8 – 9 a.m.

Southern Zonal Business

Minutes accepted

10th Concept petition for Redress of a personal grievance regarding: Scott K, former treasurer, and SZF as a service body. (attached to end of minutes)

- 1) 10th concept read
- 2) Scott read his report.
- 3) BJ shared in support of Scott.
- 4) Joy shared in support of Scott.
- 5) Troy shared support of Scott and putting resume back in for Treasurer.
- 6) Rob asked for clarification about wrongs.

Scott: It was wrong that what was shared in recovery meeting was being shared in the business meeting. Also, in the way other members treated him so angrily.

Rob asked about the audit.

Staci: status of treasury not on one person, it's put on this zone's lack of paying attention. We have been lax in paying attention to the checking account. This should be addressed separately.

Rob: Did Staci receive everything?

Staci: I received everything. Would rather not spend a lot of time bashing previous treasurers. We need to make changes going forward with more formal reports, documentation. This scenario is about how a member was treated.

The Facilitator at this time asked the Volunteer delegate if he would like to address the past Treasurer, also addressing the Volunteer region specifically.

- 7) Jim: Jim's predecessor shared concerns about behaviors that were shared in the meeting. We as a region looked at how the concepts work together. We as a region talked about this issue. We discussed the 4th concept about leadership qualities. We also talked about the 11th concept. During the election process, Jim's predecessor handled the exchange because Jim's wife was also running as treasurer. Jim remembers a guarantee from Scott because of the concerns that there would be a safe. The behavior of using addicts was discussed. Jim enjoys doing service with Scott and would vote for him again, just not anything having to do with money. There have been 2-3 versions of what have happened. Discussion was clear in our region... "Have NA funds been misappropriated that you have been responsible for." The body did due diligence ensuring the funds would be secured. But they weren't. They were in the nightstand. That's the issue with which Scott was removed. 3 checks were misappropriated. Because of the prior request about securing the money, and it wasn't done, that's what the problem was. One RCM said "I would be uncomfortable with our region sending donations if the treasurer continues." No one asked if this had happened before during the election process.

- 8) Keith: I took the info when it came up to his RCMs. He didn't know the back story. In his region, they have dealt with their own irresponsibility by a treasurer. It's important to look at the issues. We're human. Scott has a clear position on this redress. It's unfortunate that we don't have a time machine to turn back what has been said. But we have memory. This body needs to do something but I don't know what the answer is. Keith has a feeling that strong personalities in his region would object. Scott felt pressured into resigning and he did. We have probably made the mistake and left our debit card at a restaurant. We do have a concept about the single point of accountability. If Keith were here when it comes time to vote, he'd invite his higher power and try to understand what he thinks his region would want.
- 9) Scott: Comment about buying a safe. Scott agreed to buy a safe/safety deposit box after the theft occurred, not before. He has been responsible. He was not removed. He resigned because he felt pressured and intimidated. He believes if he'd stuck to his guns we wouldn't be having this conversation.
- 10) Member: Scott felt pressured and the most spiritual thing he could do was walk away. Let a motion be put in to reelect him.
- 11) Joanie: He was treasurer in his region. He resigned here and at his region. Many of us live in homes where not everyone there can be trusted not to take things that don't belong to them. She tries to secure everything, but we're not perfect. If I can't say something in a loving and caring way on a service body floor, maybe I don't need to say it. Joanie also felt violated and had to pray for the person who took the funds and pray she made it back to the fellowship. It's her place to welcome addicts, not shove them out the door.
- 12) Lee: Scott feels wronged by all of us. The breach of anonymity was brought into the discussion of our business. For that I, I am wrong. Lee's point is that we discussed that situation. We discussed it, we accepted it, and we voted him in. He was asked a question, he answered, and we voted him in. Lee feels like he wrongs him by being a part of that discussion. I owe you an amends.
- 13) Rob: Reiterated the 2 wrongs. He believes Scott was wronged and that the discussion from the recovery meeting should not have been brought to the business floor.
- 14) Scott: He didn't mention a region in his report. He left his regional position because of the people we talked about yesterday... He didn't want to listen to them.
- 15) Jennette: She was here when Scott was nominated. It blew her away that something was taken from a recovery meeting and shared in the business meeting. She lives with a recovering addict and there's no guarantee this addict will stay clean. From watching this unfold from the outside, it scares her to attend the recovery meeting.
- 16) Staci: Let's focus on the actual redress which has to do with how we handled the election and how we handled the process of discussing the missing and returned funds. Scott specifically asks us for what he wants. He wants to resubmit his resume. This body doesn't have the right to stop him from doing that. When we get to elections, we will talk about the impact during that time. Separately, he talked about the recovery meeting and that what is said in the meeting, stays there.
- 17) Staci: Taking off facilitator hat and sharing what she feels about that. At her home group, we have a group conscience, a meeting format, members who ensure an atmosphere of recovery. It is the actions of those who participate that make it a recovery meeting. It is up to the members who attend, if we want to continue to have a recovery meeting. We have a responsibility to

have a format, and have some guidelines, and an obligation to when we leave the meeting, what's said there is left there... and not let it become juicy tidbits when it becomes service time. No one here can speak for anyone else. I'm very picky about where I share recovery related information. Recovery is life and death. SZF business is a wonderful way to give back. But a recovery meeting – that's about staying clean. They are not the same.

- 18) Henry: This is the first time anything like this controversy has every happened at the zone. This is an informal service body, hence informal guidelines. He thinks the whole thing has been fucked up. I'm for relooking at everything - guidelines, etc. From when it was first brought up, he thought it was wrong. When it was brought up in elections, he was like damn. It was wrong. All wrong actions don't make it right. Those are recovery meetings. He looks forward to them. Being able to get together and share with a special group of people. I do believe that what is shared in meetings should stay in the meetings.
- 19) Staci: On behalf of the Southern Zonal Forum, Staci apologized for how we communicated and dealt with this, discussed the election... We will work to improve how we communicate and we will work to remember every member of this body is a human being and an addict.

This session transpired over the course of nearly two hours. A break was taken and the 'application process' for Treasurer commenced and another half hour was dedicated to this process.

REPORTS

Treasurer (Sharon)

Sharon will be emailing adjusted report, as she's received more money since printing the report.

Questions: Tshirt seed money was given back. Now Joanie owes Caitlin the seed money. That income will change again because there are still a few tshirts left. Check #1102 will be voided.

Rob: What happened between last zone and this one. Staci: Sharon will add what happened between last zone and this one in her updated report.

Lucy: Did we get the refund on gotomeeting: Answer: no.

Treasurer's report attached to end of minutes.

SZF Rep (Henry)

I attended the Southeast Forum business meeting via zoom. There was a lengthy discussion concerning attending the January SZF meeting in Dallas. They agreed to attend and a zoom meeting was scheduled to discuss their role.

I also assisted Rob with a DRT/MAT workshop held at the Ft. Worth area service conference, it went well. During the PR week, I attended and participated in the Dallas Area PR day. It was well attended and lots of great information shared.

I have been helping where I can with the zonal PR adhoc.

The future of the WSC workgroup is coming along well, and a lot has been accomplished. The Future of the WSC workgroup was 18 people split into 3 task groups. They have one more face 2 face meeting. Not sure about more zoom meetings. Henry was in the sustainability group. One group was the role of zones. One future zones. They meet again in August.

PR/Fellowship Development Workgroup (Adhoc)

SZF Fellowship Development Guidelines

Purpose: To help support the growth and unity of the member regions of the Southern Zonal Forum. It should also help mentor and provide additional support to members providing services on behalf of NA as a whole within their communities. (Urban, Rural and Isolated)

Fellowship Development Team

The SZF Fellowship Development (FD) team works in collaboration with Regional Delegate Teams and their local NA communities to support, provide, or facilitate presentations on their Regions behalf.

Members will consist of a Fellowship Development Facilitator, Public Relations Coordinator, Regional Delegate Team (ie, hosting Regions) and any member of the Fellowship within the Southern Zone.

Requirements:

FD Facilitator must have served as a Delegate, Southern Zonal Admin., or Regional Public Relations Chairperson.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Will work in collaboration with the PR Coordinator, RD Teams and Local NA communities in facilitation of local events.
- Assist when needed with PR presentations at professional events.
- Work closely with Delegate Teams who have asked for support to their local Fellowship.
- Can suggest follow up activities to keep in touch with the local fellowship.
- Coordinate regular Web meeting.
- Upload resource material to the website to be available to local NA communities.
- Arrive a day before the event (if possible) to get in touch with local fellowship/liaison person to prepare the presentation and other needs

Requirements:

Public Relations Coordinator must have served as a Regional or Area PR Chair.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Work closely with FD Facilitator.
- Work closely with Delegate Teams who have asked for a presentation.
- Coordinate and assist with presentation in hosting Regions.
- Arrive a day before the event (if possible) to get in touch with local fellowship/liaison person to prepare the presentation and other needs.

Projected Budget:

Travel (Both FD Facilitator and PR Coordinator)	\$600.00
Room (Both FD Facilitator and PR Coordinator) 1 1/2 room nights	\$300.00
PR Meeting space (Friday, only if needed)	\$150.00
PR/FD (copies and PR Literature)	\$150.00
(We will ask to use the hosting regions PR booth or display/table/racks)	
Projected Budget-per SZF meeting	\$1200.00
Total Projected Budget	\$3600.00

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Establish a Human Resource Pool:

To draw from experienced members in the Southern Zone to complete task.

Mike B., Pat P, and Mindy W. have all agreed to help in setting up the pool.

Charmaine: She's been in touch with someone in Lone Star about the PR event at January 2020 SZF

Sept 10 – NAWS zoom phonline webinar. open to everyone, 4 p.m. pacific

Sept 12 - NAWS zoom PR , open to everyone, 4 p.m. pacific

Zoom info for upcoming SZF Fellowship Development Adhoc Meetings

Time: Aug 25, 2019 05:00 PM Central Time

Every month on the 25 of the month, until Oct 25, 2019, 3 occurrence(s)

Aug 25, 2019 05:00 PM

Sep 25, 2019 05:00 PM

Oct 25, 2019 05:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 824 450 819

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/acRJEdnRN2>

TAKE guidelines with budget back to your regions for approval, discussion, input, and bring back to October meeting.

Question about the PR day at the zone: The PR day depends on where we are going. The Volunteer Region suggests we broaden the scope of PR: if a region doesn't want a PR for professionals, that we offer a PR orientation for local fellowship.

This suggestion is deferred to the work group.

Nominations/Elections for Facilitator and SZF Rep

Facilitator:

Staci was nominated at last zonal meeting.

Lee P nominates Pat. After a good bit of discussion, the minutes were read from the last zonal meeting showing that nominations were closed at that time. So, Pat's nomination was withdrawn.

Vote: 6 yes. 1 abstention. Staci will continue her role as Facilitator

SZF Rep:

Henry nominated for SZF Rep

No objections. Henry will continue his role as SZF Rep

Treasurer:

Staci heard the body being open to allowing Scott to rerun for the open treasurer position.

After much discussion, Scott, told the body he really doesn't want this to go on any longer. He was able to say what he needed to say earlier and he feels better about the whole situation. He has been heard.

He really doesn't want to be the treasurer. He rescinded his nomination.

Everyone was ok with voting on Sharon since that Scott had rescinded his nomination.

Sharon was nominated and accepted the nomination during the email exchange back in March.

Vote: 3 abstentions. 3 yeses. (abstentions go with the yeses.) Sharon is our new treasurer.

Discussed the request to move July 2020 dates

The request is to move the SZF meeting in Kentuckiana next July back a week and do it at 502's area convention.

Kentuckiana/Joy: Logistics are not really drawn out. Our SZF is all day Saturday, half a day on Sunday. Workshops in convention need to be done, etc.

Not a big convention. It's their 1st one. Facility doesn't lend to having a lot of conflicting workshops.

Kevin: The IDTs on Saturday would be the convention workshops. Time will be allotted for Sunday business meeting.

Q: did the convention carry to the region yet? A: just came up here.

Kentuckiana: She wants to take it back to her region.

Our regular dates for summer 2020 is July 24-25. The convention dates are 17-19.

Joy: Other questions need answered before having dialogue at their region.

Kevin is the programming chair of convention.

Staci: Should we also send it back to all regions at this time? YES.

We are not making a decision today, but come back in October with your region's 'vote' on moving the July 2020 zone up a week to coincide with the 502 area's convention.

New Business

Facebook group:

Troy: not in favor one way or another. Sometimes we post some unspiritual things/non NA things also. With that in mind, if we move forward, would like some guidelines put in place. People to sign/agree with guidelines when joining. As things go on, maybe they need to be added to/updated.

Jim: We struggle with communicating on an accurately maintained email list. This is splitting communication, rather than bringing together. Unnecessary to do.

Charmaine: She doesn't conform to Facebook. Doesn't like the idea that it would need moderating.

Rob: Concerns about anonymity

Lucy: This is one more way to share information.

Member: We have to meet people where they are at. Some don't have email but they know how to navigate Facebook. Folks with disability find it easier to use also.

Rob: Younger NA members have told him that's all they do.

Staci: Seems premature to open up one now.

Joanie: Is it just for SZF Trusted Servants? Anyone interested?

Member: Internal or external (PR)?

Staci: if we had one what would you like it to be? Go back and get all the questions from your regions. Engage them in a conversation.

Joy: Will there be an administrator? Etc? Trusted servant positions?

Member: Suggestion. Submit info if you have a group. Let folks know how they work.

Member: Ask other zones how they work.

Henry: In 2008 world services put up one briefly they had to take it down immediately. We need consent of the body.

Go back to your regions and get any feedback and questions they may have on a Facebook group. What would they like to see? Also, offer any input you have on NA service body groups you are involved with, like their guidelines, how they are managed, who is a part of the group, what it's for, etc.

Is the SZF interested in reformatting our agenda to have a joint agenda spot to actually participate with SEZF for a set amount of time? This topic is moved to be discussed in the admin meeting with next joint zoom and then we might have more to share with the group.

The discussion on "Broadening our collaborative conversations to include other zones" has been rescinded.

Do we want Dickie to record CAR/CAT 2020.

After a brief discussion, the consensus is no thank you. We're using different technology and can record on Zoom if we decide to record it.

Lee purchased last set of CDs in New Orleans and they didn't work.

Jim: There will be significant attention to the joint effort between 2 zones.

Charmaine: Contact SEZF, they are tech savvy.

Staci will take suggestion back to the joint SEZF / SZF meeting. Be prepared to talk about it in October.

Budget for FD/PR

Any objections to increasing budget to \$3600. Some in Lone Star think we should have one position instead of 2. Another suggestion: Maybe we need to match travel to SZF so it matches other positions.

Votes: 1 abstention, 1 objection. 2 yeses. Others advised not to take it back.

Given that some took it back, some didn't, and one friendly amendment.

Staci's recommendation to go back as it was presented in the guidelines....

Come back in October prepared to vote on the guidelines and proposed changes to the budget that are in the guidelines.

We have a PR event planned for Arkansas that will require money. Can we approve \$1200. Should Charmaine move forward and submit receipts.

Rob: we appointed them.

Staci: they have been funding their own way.

Jennette: Is the 1200 for 2 or 1 person? Answer: It's for materials & meeting space, and rooms and travel for Kristin and Charmaine.

Staci – we're only talking about Arkansas... They've been serving our body with no budget, no guidelines, no money. Can we make a decision today about October zone?

All were in favor of funding the \$1200 for the October zone.

Next Forum(s) Preparation

Mentoring in service: Pat & Joy

Strategic Planning: Henry & Staci

Project based service vs subcommittees: Kevin & Scott

When should we be in Friday? Charmaine suggests the PR meeting be between 1 and 3. All are encouraged to come if you are interested in this. Remember, it is a meeting with professionals (not appropriate for hoodies and baseball cap).

Fall 2020 SZF: September 11-13, 2020 at MZSS in San Antonio

MZSS has some open positions. Arts and Graphics... Assistant treasurer also open.

Guidelines:

Sharon and Staci will draft up some treasury specific guidelines because that is our immediate need.

Staci: We should similarly update each position's portion in the guidelines.

Sharon: what should we send to world? We were going to wait on PR budget.

Charmaine: Suggestion to keep that amount set aside in case we vote to move forward and then send the other own.

We have \$9051. \$5000 prudent reserve which leaves \$4051. Save \$1200 for Arkansas.... That leaves \$2351. All were in favor of sending \$2000.

To mail a donation, send it to:

Sharon Strater

5429 Broken Bend Drive

Mckinney, Texas 75070

In loving service,

Lucy O, secretary

10th Concept Petition for Redress of a personal grievance

Regarding: Scott K., former treasurer, and SZF as a service body

In a recovery meeting at the Southern Zonal Forum, I shared that my wife had relapsed.

The next day, in the business meeting of the SZF, a member loudly brought up what I had shared confidentially. Later, that individual made amends to me.

I was elected treasurer regardless of the fact that my wife was in relapse.

Later, my wife did steal \$700 from the zonal checkbook while I was out of town. When I returned, she confessed and she herself made the financial amends immediately.

Working an honest personal program, I notified the zone that the theft had occurred, and that restitution was made in full.

My expectation was that zone would continue to believe in my abilities to be the zonal treasurer.

I did plan on making extra efforts to secure the zonal checkbook from that time forward.

A member sent me an email asking me to resign. I'm not sure if the body was aware of this, but I felt like the member was trying to intimidate me.

Instead, a zoom meeting was held, my wife was mentioned multiple times, and feeling pressured to do so, I resigned as treasurer of the zone.

I believe that I have been harmed first by the one member bringing personal information into the business meeting. Also, I believe I have been harmed by the way in which individual members of this zone reacted, seeming angry and judgmental to an extreme. They sought my resignation without consideration of other ways of securing the zonal checkbook going forward.

I ask that the zone make amends.

I place my name as a candidate for the open position of treasurer. I am still the honest, qualified, and trusted servant I was before the theft. I do not think I should be judged and kept from serving because of the wrongs of another individual who was in relapse. The amends by zone would be to allow me to apply once again for the position.

I also believe that policy should be set in regards to our recovery meetings which would remind those attending that what is said here stays here.

Serving NA Scott K

Southern Zonal Forum
January 27 ~ 28, 2019
Revised Report (08/18/19)

Beginning Bank Balance: \$10,461.61

Income:

Registrations	\$460.00
Donations:	
Olatex NA	\$200.00
Show Me Region	\$200.00
LA Regional Service Conference	\$158.13
Northside Area	\$167.57
Northside Area	\$123.02
Volunteer Region	\$499.00
T-Shirt Income	\$360.00
Total Income:	\$2,167.72

Expenses:

Staci H Facilitator	
2-1/2 hotel room nights (Debit Card)	\$114.91
Airfare (Check # 1108)	483.60
 Lucy O Secretary	
2-1/2 hotel room nights (Debit Card)	\$114.91
Mileage 844 (Check #1106)	337.60
 Henry C SZF Representative	
2-1/2 hotel room nights (Debit Card)	\$114.91
Mileage 1,698 (Check #1109)	679.20
 Sharon S Appointed Treasurer	
2-1/2 hotel room nights (Debit Card)	\$114.91
Airfare Check # 1111)	408.60
 Scott K	
Meeting Space (check # 1110)	\$350.00
 Catlin F	
T-Shirt Seed Money (check #1112)	\$300.00
 Total Expenses:	\$3,018.64

Ending Bank Balance: \$9,610.69

Check # 1102 Voided to Joan H – T-Shirt Seed Money

ILS,
Sharon S
Appointed Treasurer



Volunteer Delegate Team Report 7/27/19

- Greetings everyone! Happy to be here in Lexington, KY!!!
- There have been some significant events in service to the Region since we last met and some developments on previous items. As always it has been a privilege to serve you in this capacity and I hope to continue to do so. Regional Motion to the CAR, SZF/SEZF, UCANA are the bullet points of my report.
- We have a \$499 Regional Donation

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Narcotics Anonymous In Tennessee

NA

**April, 2018 WSC
Conference
Participants
Zoom Meeting
Follow Up**

What Did Your Region Think???

How can we benefit from zonal collaboration? [That could be collaboration between zones, between zones and NAWs, or among communities within a zone.]

Communication and Flow Of Information

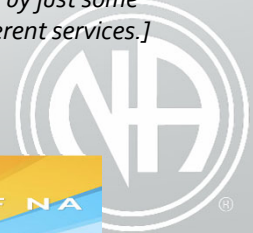
What might we get out of a virtual meeting of zones? What information would you like to see captured from such a meeting?

Communication, remove barriers.

What would you like to see in a draft of Zonal Basics; what do you see as the basics of the role of zones? [Some characteristics may be common to all zones; some may be shared by just some zones. Zones around the world share some common attributes but perform different services.]

Flexibility for development.

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Zonal Forum Concerns

- OUR REGION discussed the actions taken by the SZF regarding our Treasurer issues and had a strong resolve to urge us to be more prudent and transparent with our trusted servant selections. We felt that the phrase "*Have NA funds that you were responsible for ever been misappropriated while you were in a position*". This allows for a candidate to address an previous issue and illustrate decision making, and not eliminate them from service. We are beginning the process of adding the phrase into our election process.
- I wanted to share a portion of the report I gave in regards to how difficult this process was.
- *This was a very difficult scenario as the Treasurer is an amazing trusted servant but has a living situation that was beyond his control. We do believe that the actions taken WERE within the best interests of the Zonal Forum. I can not express enough gratitude to Dell and our Admin folks for their guidance and support in this process. Virtual meetings and service are a true viable resource.*
- Again, thanks to Lucy O. for helping bring that to light within our Region and Zone!!!

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Zonal Forum Lexington July, 19

- With regards to our NOT presenting a PR Professional Presentation. We have a suggestion for Open Forum that will address a model of service that will ensure our service to our member Regions and the still suffering addicts who comprise them. Given our growing Fellowship Development/PR initiative We think this is a good use of resources.
- When a Panel For The Professionals IS presented we support and populate the needs being covered.
- When a Panel is NOT being presented we should present a PR Orientation for the local Fellowship as a whole in the late afternoon/early evening so as not to conflict with a regularly scheduled meeting.



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2020 CAR Motion with SCRNA

- The Southern California Region and Volunteer Region voted unanimously to submit the Motion for the 2020 CAR with us. Our joint proposal has been forwarded to the World Board EC by Jack H.,WB member from Vancouver, BC for submission. After feedback from them we submitted the following. Thanks to Art A. for visiting with us at our last RSC and to the SCR for inviting me to participate in their RSC. TRUE Collaboration.

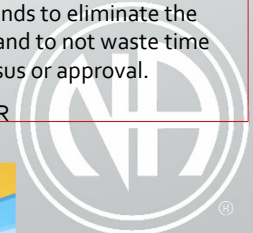
What do you propose?

If any Motion or Proposal, in Content or Intent, has been submitted and failed to achieve consensus or adoption at two consecutive World Service Conferences, the previously proposed Content and Intent may not be suggested to the Fellowship in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR)/ Conference Approval Track (CAT) or at the WSC for one entire conference cycle following the World Service Conference where the Motion or Proposal failed to achieve consensus or adoption for the second time.

What is your rationale for this proposal?

To eliminate wasted time and other resources spent on motions that are repeatedly submitted and do not pass. The 11th Concept indicates the need to be responsible with NA resources. This Motion intends to eliminate the need for Fellowship-wide discussion of ideas from the CAR that were recently considered and to not waste time and other resources on motions that were recently considered and did not receive consensus or approval.

The Formal submission to NAWs has been completed for inclusion in the 2020 CAR

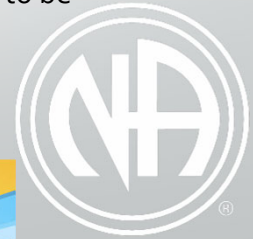


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NAWS Correspondence

I received a call from a member of the NAWS staff regarding the Upper Cumberland Area and their website. They(he) have made a request for a number of more 'historical' documents from NAWS for their 'archive'.

Any and all requests for historical documents from NAWS must be made in an email request to the World Board, stating purpose and use. ANY Group of NA may request these documents, drafts, etc. for their own purposes. But, being mindful of our FIPT we need to be accountable to the Fellowship as a whole, all requests need to be submitted to the WB.



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In Loving Service

Jim B.

