

Southern Zonal Forum Minutes

October 2019

Saturday

Recovery meeting 8 – 9 am

Break 9 – 9:15 am

Meeting opened at 9:15 am

Fellowship Concerns/Regional Reports 9:15am – 11:00am

Including any follow-up solutions and discussion

Louisiana Region (Lee)

Hello Southern Zonal Forum,

I'm Lee and I'm an addict. The Louisiana Region is doing good and we've had several things going on. Currently Regionally we have 81 Active Groups, 272 Meetings a week and 20 H&I Presentations. Our Public Relations efforts have been active also. New Orleans ASC PR and Northshore ASC PR manned a NA information Table at the Opioid Action Summit in Slidell for two days. New Orleans ASC PR and Unity ASC PR participated in the Saint Bernard Recovery Rally. And Unity ASC PR did a panel presentation for University Medical Center (UMC). All were very successful in making contacts and carrying the message!

Our Regional PR has got the Helpline up and running, the phone number which will route the call to a specific area is (585) DONT-USE, that's (585) 366-8873.

The New Orleans Area is planning the NOACNA, New Orleans Area Convention of Narcotics Anonymous for some time in 2021. More information will be shared as it comes available. Otherwise things are going well, and we have no concerns to bring to the table this Zonal.

Our Regional Donation to the Zone is	\$226.55
Northshore ASC Donation is	\$274.00
	\$500.55

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Lee P. LA. AD

Lone Star Region (Jeanette)

Recent learning days have been well attended. We've had a CBDM presentation. We're preparing for the January Zone. We would like assistance with sending info out for the PR for Professionals event. We'll be sending art work to the facilitator and need feedback for quantity since we are partnering with SE Zone for this forum. We're also seeking seed money. The Lone Star Convention is in April - links online. Our trimester donation of \$500 is being mailed to the treasurer. In region – our concern is lack of participation.

Tejas Bluebonnet (Keith)

Hi SZF,

Here is a summary of a few of the upcoming activities and conventions in the region:

- Fall RSC Nov 9, 2019 in Shertz, TX <https://tbrna.org/>
- Somos Milagros Group 22nd Anniversary <https://tbrna.org/event/somos-milagros-22nd-anniversary>
- TBRCNA 2020 January 31-Feb 2, 2020 Omni San Antonio at the Colonnade
<https://tbrna.org/event/tejas-bluebonnet-regional-convention>
- Multi-Zonal Service Symposium Sept 11 – 13th 2020 in San Antonio, TX
<https://tbrna.org/event/multi-zonal-service-symposium-narcotics-anonymous>

There are 11 areas in the Tejas Bluebonnet Region. Our region last met in August in McAllen, Texas and we donated \$500 after that meeting and mailed that in. The region put on a learning ½ day of workshops for the local fellowship in the Rio Grande Valley. I did the DRT/MAT workshop; the regional Literature Development chair did a Spiritual Principle a Day input workshop; and a Fellowship Development workshop put on by the regional PR chair. All 3 workshops were very well received by the local fellowship as well as the regional members who stayed an extra day to help out.

During the last few months I participated in activities such as Recovery in the Park in Austin. This event was a local non-NA produced event where PR had a booth alongside many other local resources to the recovery communities. I fielded several questions about NA and our position regarding the opioid crisis and the use/availability of naloxone, Narcan, or other medications commonly used in recovery. I managed to successfully convey that NA members might have their own personal opinions and support or lack of support for such things, NA as a whole has no opinion. Whew! The RDA and I did a workshop in DRT/MAT at the Houston Area Convention (HACNA) in September that, while only 11 members in attendance, was enthusiastically received.

The Central Texas Area has produced a new radio PSA that is now airing on local radio and TV. Let me know if you are interested in this and I'll get you in touch with the PR chair who drive the production effort on this.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Keith P, TBR RD

Arkansas Region (Dyanne)

Arkansas Region is Alive and well with 5 areas and 2 loner groups participating.

We recently voted to move the Region's convention to every other year to be more prudent with funds as the convention has lost money several years in a row.

At this time there are no concerns or issues.

Thank you.

Red River Region (BJ)

Good morning from the Red River Region, we are going thru some changes within our Region. We officially are a one area region as the Trail of Tears Area has decided to no longer meet as an Area. The lack of participation from its member groups has created a situation where the trusted servants could not rotate out & have finally realized that if they did not step aside that no one would ever step in to continue what was started by their predecessors. No one has stepped in to continue the work that was started at the Area level, but our Regional policy does allow for this situation in those groups can still attend Regional meetings and participate as individual groups. There is still some hope that the Area may at some point start to meet as body again because it does still have a few groups that are still

meeting regularly, they just don't have any members that are willing or able to participate outside of group service. In contrast the OKLATEX Area has 10 participating groups at the Area level of service with all trusted servants positions filled at this time. They are hosting the next Texas State Convention in Denison Texas May 22-24, which is a large project for an Area of our size but it has also helped to unify the groups by giving us a goal that can only be achieved by working together. It is the hope of the Region that with OKLATEX hosting the next State Convention it will bring with it as it has in the past a buzz of enthusiasm and awareness of the fact that Narcotics Anonymous is alive and available in the north Texas and southern Oklahoma.

The Region is also having issues with filling its Trusted Servants positions, at this time the only filled positions are Facilitator, RD, & Activities with secretary & treasurer in lame duck and all other committees now fall under our PR/Fellowship Development chair.

The struggle is real, but we are determined to keep carrying the message of NA as best we can, even though we are lacking in man power we are still able to provide some services to our members. We do have two groups that have H & I positions that are filled and are taking meetings into institutions or are working to put together an H & I panel to go into an institution. I was recently contacted by Rob the RD for Lone Star about an institution in our Area that has reached out to the fellowship and wants us to bring NA to their facility. I don't know for sure that we can do all that is necessary to fulfill this need and I have shared this with him, but I do think that by collaborating & cooperating with Lone Star that together we can meet the needs of this facility & the members we have in it. We don't know what that's going to look like yet but by cooperating to fill the need regardless of which Area the facility is actually located in we will be able to carry the message of recovery to the still suffering addict. Where we are lacking in qualified members to go into these facilities, but we do have the funds to support the project. Hopefully by working together to serve the members of this facility we can learn to work together & cooperate in other areas of service utilizing the strengths of both regions to better serve the needs of the fellowship. It is still our belief that everything starts at the home group so if that means an area has to die in order for the groups to survive then so be it, because in the end it's at the home group that recovery is most critical. Our focus at this time is on helping the groups & its members become more unified & focused on strengthening their group by reminding them that we are a 12 step fellowship & that's where recovery starts. We believe this is the solution for all of our issues in service, that if addicts work the Steps, Traditions, & Concepts they will naturally become of service to the fellowship. I can only share about my experience with my home group, my Area & my Region but that is the solution to our issues. We have people coming to meetings but not actually working steps and we want them to get involved in service and then wonder why service isn't attractive. We are trying to make this a focal point at the home group, by getting more of our members to be active in the step working process they will naturally become more active in service, giving the fellowship a more responsible & productive member that in turn will teach others. This is the thing we have gotten away from in my group, area, & region. It's time to get back to basics for us & God will do the rest.

THANKS FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE OF SERVICE
BJ RD RED RIVER REGION

Q: When is Texas State Convention? May 22-24, 2020

Volunteer Region (Jim B)

Greeting Forum,

The Volunteer Region is reporting that we have each of our standing service sub-committees operational and with Chairs that have support from the members comprising the committees, as well as representative Chairs from most of our Areas.

Our Zoom platform, many thanks again to our super-talented ITCC Chair Lucy O., has afforded us to have real time dialogue with areas that for reasons of distance or circumstance cannot attend that specific meeting. Additionally, some of our 'ad-hoc/working group' Chairs have been able to report out on progress, such as our long needed VRC Guidelines adhoc. To illustrate we have a regional convention each year at Thanksgiving that rotates between the four largest cities in TN. By the time the VRC returns much of the knowledge learned during that current cycle year is lost to memory and faces change. The adhoc is tasked with channeling that knowledge into a living document to advance the delivery of our regional convention. An example of this is our several year tradition of recognizing ALL service at the Saturday evening Speaker meeting, and not JUST the Convention Committee, this is an inviting and inspiring site to behold.

Three of our areas (Greater Nashville, HOT and Middle Tennessee continue to have a Metropolitan shared services meeting to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our services. We want to thank our committee members in those areas who often pull double duty by attended 2 different ASC style meetings.

Our H.O.T. area continues to break down barriers and has had tremendous success with the Nomadic Addicts initiative where a group of addicts travel significant distances to a group that has need for growth thru attraction and commits to attend for a period of time that scales down as attendance and participation increases. Its where the recovery meets the road.

We had a solid but appropriate length discussion regarding the 10th Concept 'issue' we endured last SZF. I expressed my personal opinion and interpretation of the events by way of answering questions to the body. I expressed my concerns for the manner and LENGTH in which the situation was handled, which I felt was POOR, on a monumental level. With the upcoming event in Dallas we are going to be exposed to the SEZF and we are hopeful that their practices, procedural efficiency and innovation may spark development within the SZF. We also discussed visiting their upcoming meeting in Charlotte in December. My region also went so far as to ensure I had additional support from the region here at the meeting today.

We also have made a large advance in Public Relations by purchasing the Display Boards our Zonal Forum PR Chair Charmaine D.has used in our region successfully for several years for several of the areas within the region that did not have one. Our message within PR is growing and is consistent and solid across our vast distances within our Region....we are very happy to have this huge initiative. It is the result of an active PR subcommittee over several cycles, active membership participation and smooth transfers of leadership with previous resources remaining involved as a resource. Our current PR Chair Craig G. has been our PR Vice Chair for two cycle before coming to Chair. The display board project was one he spearheaded for sometime and he made it a centerpoint of his first quarter as Chair.

Former VRSC RD Tim C and I have been asked to offer our Regionally Developed 'Apathy and Using our Resources' IDT at Out Of the Darkness in February, 2020. Very humbled to have a convention ASK for a service related topic to be presented at a prime time at their convention.

ILS, Jim B. VRSC Delegate Team

ShowMe Region (Troy S.)

We are donating 2 \$200 Checks. Hoping to catch up with are donations because we missed one of are donations last year. We are also carrying a donation from our Regional WSR.

Concerns: We are compiling a list of Workshops/Power points and wanting to collect some more. So, if anyone has any Workshops, they would like to share we would like to share what we have as well. I have a list of What we have to share if anyone is interested.

- | No. | Name |
|-----|---|
| 1 | 2016 Atmosphere of Recovery in Service |
| 2 | Apathy and Resources Presentation |
| 3 | Attracting Members to NA What Can I do |
| 4 | Attracting Members to Service |
| 5 | Building Strong Homegroups |
| 6 | Carrying the NA Message and Making NA Attractive WCNA |
| 7 | DRT MAT and NA (New IDT 2019) |
| 8 | Get to Know SZF |
| 9 | Guiding Principles Traditions Book How to Use |
| 10 | NA a Vital Community Resource |
| 11 | NA Presentation |
| 12 | PR Presentation for Medical Professionals |
| 13 | Serving NA in Rural & Isolated Communities |
| 14 | So You Wanna to be a Treasure |
| 15 | Spiritual Principle a Day Book |
| 16 | Sponsorship Behind the Walls |
| 17 | SZF Finance Presentation |
| 18 | Who's Missing From Our Meeting WSLD 2017 |

In loving Service Troy S

Kentuckiana Region (Joy)

KRCNA regional convention will be held April 10-12, 2020 at the Radisson in Clarksville, IN. ([KRCNA 34 flyer attached to minutes](#)).

We have a new unnamed area in our region.

We have 2 nominations for AD – Karen D and Mike P. One will be voted in Nov. 17, 2019, at our next regional meeting.

Louisville Area held an H&I learning day. It was well attended by the local halfway houses.

Kentuckiana Region has an abundance of monies in the treasury. We have made a motion to increase donations to world and have repeatedly asked for proposals for ways to spend money in an effort to carry the message.

The next Kentuckiana Bluegrass Appalachian Region of NA will be held November 17, 2019 at Floyd County Token Club in New Albany, IN. In loving service, Joy F.

Comment – So your issue is you have too much money. Answer - Yes - About \$30,000

Bluegrass Appalachian (Joanie)

Regional issues follow-up from last zone: I was unable to attend our last regional meeting. It is meeting today. The most unruly of the 2 didn't show up, so the other one wasn't as unruly. There is backlash from region about the KBARNA motion. Some are under the impression that we're still 2 separate regions. Joanie is under the impression that we're one in regards to WSC. In light of recent email conversations – and phone – we aren't recognized as KBARNA on world level. They don't recognize us as 1 region – so there are technically 2 unseated regions in our zone. Our region is meeting today to discuss how to proceed. There is a lot of confusion. Paperwork needs to be filed with NAWS. It hasn't been filed.

Comment (Joy) I was under the understanding that it had happened already. Kentuckiana is the seated Region, so Kentuckiana has to fill out the paper work.

Comment (former RD Bluegrass) Kevin D called NAWS prior to last conference after regions had agreed to serve as one region. One person at NAWS emailed and said they had no record of them sitting as one region at last conference.

Comment (Joan) Kentuckiana (the seated region) can carry the vote. But we aren't recognized as 1 region. Recognized as unseated.

Comment (Mid America region member) Could they keep their name and not have to do all the paper work?

Comment: Kevin isn't here, but he told them we were just changing our name – same group of people. Same geographic region – that was all that changed.

Comment: Our SZF delegate can attend as participating member now since we have 2 unseated regions in the zone.

Former RD bluegrass: I attended both regions' business meetings last year. I attended when both regions voted and passed to serve as one region for world service. The unity motion also said – for local services we will retain our name, for world services – we are one region. Both regions passed that. One person at world services isn't aware of that.

Comment– I keep getting comments for 8-9 cycles about Kentuckiana carrying the votes. In reality nothing has changed on the floor of the WSC. We're 2 separates votes. One just carries all votes. Johnny at NAWS shows Red River is unseated. Bluegrass is unseated. Kentuckiana is seated. Bluegrass & Kentuckiana voted for that unity motion – but members don't see any changes other than they made a name up and WSC still doesn't have that name.

Anyone else who would like to comment?

Henry: Commented on experience Stacy and Henry had at the worldwide zonal meeting. Some zones in the US didn't want to continue the process. They set up a Whats App and its blowing up his phone. There are a lot of benefits from having this collaboration between zones. We don't have to keep recreating stuff. I look forward to continuing this. The Workgroup has ended and it was very much a success. A lot of recommendations came out of the workgroup. I'll report more tomorrow. More will be reported in NAWS news.

Q: some didn't want to continue? 2 US zones did not want to continue these zonal meetings.

Chair for the area in Red River region

We keep growing, adding groups. How far are we going to go? As far as we have to (in regards to boundaries) Texas State Convention is exciting. Great committee. Hate that Trail of Tears folded.

Volunteer Region PR chair.

Someone commented that areas didn't participate. He's had to remind some of the healthier stronger areas in the past that while they may not need the region... some of the other areas need them. His area created an outreach committee. They listed all the services we could do for them and let them know: Here's what we offer. If something's not on the list, let us know. Areas may not know what to ask for. HOT area is growing in numbers and distance. 6-7 groups travel at least an hour to ASC. When they started their area – some thought it was about resentment. In order to grow, we must reproduce. Couple of questions on forefront – what does Too Big look like for this area? One of their goals is to create another area – to cover more area. Consciously choose to grow. To have 100 people in a service meeting – we can't hear more view points. Maybe smaller is better.

2 questions – When we are doing the PR for Professional events, is there a list we use to send flyers out to?

A: Charmaine – she has been asked to start putting together standard operating procedure. We've been going by what's in the PR handbook. We're collecting different letters. If anyone that has letters they have sent out – Charmaine would like a copy. This is her next project between now and Dallas.

Staci – we still haven't voted in PR committee/guidelines but hopefully tomorrow

Comment – what does it look like to the hosting area/region and how do you let people in on their responsibilities in a timely manner. A Timeline would be important for these events.

Speaking as someone who has only attended one other zone.... How would you explain the importance of the zone... how does this help save lives?

Comment: That will be covered extensively in upcoming workshop.

Henry: Part of the problem – when zones came about – most were just information sharing. Some have no organization. No official budget, guidelines, etc. None patterned the same way. All coming together and seeing what we do and how we do it is a benefit. The zoom is helpful here also. We try to address issues a region may have. We share our workshops to be of benefit in local areas. We are expanding now.

Comment – Areas and regions that come together to discuss issues, problems and solutions tend to understand what a zone does. Some groups and areas think everything is great and see no need. When we come together, if we admit that we need help, others can help. People can see how this works. It's about you having info / esh - and being able to offer it to others.

Jim: We've all experienced that at regional meetings. What is the zone? Some can help with internal PR. Our language is really important. We can never afford to make the mistake of 'higher levels of service.' At our level here we have to be mindful – we are the only representation to some of this level of service. We have to hold ourselves to a higher standard. It's appealing coming to this body – great group of people – we understand this level of having a higher standard... PR even in the handbook talks about how we get our message to our members. Communication. Important.

Area GSR: From a group level, she began announcing it when heard when we were coming here. People would say “what’s that” and then she would describe it. There seems to be a huge disconnect. It’s cool to have everyone show up at the meeting last night. Handful came here today. Most feel like there is nothing that affects them. Maybe for 2 hours we could have something for the host area/region. Maybe we could reach out personally.

Comment – Charmaine did have several conversations with the host areas

Lucy: I was the most anti zone person before I became a delegate and started attending SZF. After a couple of meetings I learned to value the 1st hand experience with the IDTs/Workshops. The F2F networking I’d had with the zone was very helpful when attending my first WSC
I was involved with the Louisiana delegate in researching Remote access options for the zone and presenting it as a workshop to the zone. Today our zone is connected remotely. Our region has been also on a regular basis since 2017. Making the regional meetings, including subcommittee meetings more accessible is a great benefit and that workshop was the spark that got it all going.

Keith: On the levels of service concept – we have a lot of well developed areas. Some of those areas question what good is region... not just zone. They think region is where we get our convention. All areas embrace region. They don’t promote any particular level. It’s a conduit of information. Worst thing that we can do is be a block. Wizards have secret info they don’t share with anyone else. I don’t want to be that guy who gets information from Steve at world services and holds on to it!! When I get the information, I share it. Disinformation dies in the light of information.

Troy: One of the workshops he has available is ‘get to know the Southern Zonal Forum.’ His region didn’t have a clue what the SZF was about. A lot of the RCMs didn’t want to know – too much over their head, just another thing they had to worry about. It’s a possibility that the zones will be between region and world. So, he made the workshop to let them know they need to get involved. In the workshop there is an informational PDF – What is the SZF. It talks about how the SZF got started back in 1992.

Henry: A lot of the problems with levels of service is that we have an us and them syndrome. A while back a new service system was introduced. (Clear) Communication has been a problem for a long time. Our tradition talks about groups are still the ultimate authority. Let’s stay at one place and serve each other. We do ask the areas when planning the forum – “What do you need? What workshops would benefit you?” It’s important we look at this. He heard Craig talk about getting too big; we need to split. This is part of what we’ve been going through with the world service conference. There are no big I’s or little U’s. Board members, world services – they are just addicts trying to help addicts. It’s all one system rather than levels.

Comment: I apologize for the level of service comment. I did want to say that in our BT it says we aren’t just here for the addicts we serve; we are here for the addicts yet to come. (This member said some great things about service, but I didn’t get it all down.)

Staci: What is the Southern Zone? I get asked that a lot. We’ve answered it a couple of times. The process is slow and grindingly painful. It turns like the Titanic, not like a race car. When Craig shared about the outreach menu - If one member from this body takes it back and implements it and one addict finds NA and stays clean... Wish every moment was an “aha” moment, but every zone I’ve been to there has been at least one. Do I wish we were all stellar communicators and all took everything

back? I do. But this process of spending this time for some longer, for some repetitive, is worth it. It's an opportunity to share with members in other places what and how things are working and how things are not.

Staci: Commented on zoom meetings. There will be 2 additional meetings. One with entire world set of zones. And there is one just for US zones – how can the US zones learn to collaborate better?

Lee: Not sure if we answered your question. Zones began at '92 world conference for collaboration, sharing best practices. Let's look at the history of NA – it was formed in the US. From group, area, region. Other places in the world didn't have that same structure. EDM, Asia, Russia – they formed their zones and they function almost like our region. We want to save the addict who hasn't even arrived here yet. The passion of every member I've served with at this level have this one common them – carrying the message. Heard concerns – why aren't we doing more outreach before we come to these places. What we're doing is an evolution.

Charmaine (SZF acting PR Liaison report):

The PR for Professionals event held yesterday 10/25/19 was a successful interaction with the community. There was a productive question and answer session after our power point presentation that yielded requests of more from CASA which is court appointed advocate for DHS. There was also much discussion with a pain clinic manager. I would like to thank all who helped in making this event possible as it definitely takes the "WE" as we had last minute changes due to travel delays with the bad weather. We must always be able to pivot due to last minute changes and have a backup plan. Dyanne, Alicia, and Troy were invaluable thanks again for all your support.

Troy from Show Me has volunteered to put any current updates into the power point for us before our next event.

I have had several conversations with individuals from Lone Star about the upcoming Dallas PR for Professionals. A planning meeting will be held by zoom in the near future after coordinating schedules. More will be revealed.

I been asked to collect a standardized procedure to make it easier to present PR events and was waiting to see if an official PR Zonal position is created before assuming I should be doing more than has been asked of me.

Thank You for trusting me to serve,
Charmaine D.

Volunteer Regional Chair: This conversation lets him know how badly we need each other. Same goes when we get into service. Important for us in service to acknowledge – and do a 10th step – when newer members see people make mistakes and then come back and correct it... that encourages others to do the same. When we present ourselves as higher up... whether we say it or not, our presentation says it for us. We are chosen to serve.

Scott (AD for Show Me): We have one new area - Missouri Valley. We're working on the BMLT. Has flyers for MZSS Sept 11-13, 2020 in San Antonio. Will Southern zone meet there? Scott can register folks online, too.

Member: we have some Tshirts.

Member: Arkansas is now live on the BMLT. There is some push back but they are looking forward to using it and YAP. Questions: **How to reach out to groups not participating in area/region and keep their meeting info current?** Seeking ESH on trying to find new ways to get and keep H&I volunteers and daytime volunteers.

Member: Cash pay, Pay cash - Groups are using phone apps to make donations to group. Is that ok? His home group needs some 7th tradition. **Is this something we can talk about in NA?**

Member: Tried to find last night's meeting using BMLT app. Came up as no results. (Jamie was using a YAP number and Arkansas doesn't yet have YAP set up.)

Break 11 – 11:1 5am

Mentoring in Service 11:15 am – 12:45 pm Pat and Joy

Used Attracting Members to Service IDT (attached) – Step one of mentoring is attracting members...

Group 1 Responses

- A. What would NA look like without service? There would be no NA. No sponsorship, no chairs, no carrying the message. Chaos.
- B. Why is service such a significant part of the NA program?

Group 2 Responses (not received)

Group 3 Responses

- 1) Speaking positive about being of service.
- 2) Celebrate Service
- 3) Have fun in recovery, make it fun, bring props i.e. pomp pomes, clown noses, or food.
- 4) Sponsorship/ Mentoring before they get involved service.
- 5) Choose your words carefully i.e. don't say service work but call it service opportunities.
- 6) Bring sconces & newcomers to your service commitments.
- 7) Take what you need & leave the rest.
- 8) Be enthusiastic.
- 9) Put experience with youth.

Lunch 12:45pm – 2 pm

Strategic Planning 2:00pm – 3:30pm Henry and Staci

Planning basics handout, planning powerpoint, planning profile attached.

Break 3:30 – 3:45pm

Project based Service (vs subcommittees) 3:45pm – 5:15pm Jackie G

Implementing project based services PowerPoint is attached.

Sunday

Recovery meeting 8 – 9 am

Break 9 – 9:15am

Southern Zonal Business

Minutes

Everyone is ok with July minutes.

Reports

Treasurer

Preliminary report handed out. Final SZF treasurers report 10.2019 attached.

Comments: Gotomeeting auto renew canceled. And account killed. They wouldn't issue refund.

We still have an inventory of IPs for our next event. Total for PR was 620:57 – we have lit (Inventory of about \$100) to start out with next time, we saved money. Plus we have more left over from Kansas City.

Joy: What is the inventory exactly? (I didn't receive this)

Question about Balance: Is the \$10,000 the normal balance? Answer: No we have money set aside to wait and see if FD/PR budget passes.

Comment: Lone Star paid for room for 2020 January zone. Our only financial commitment will be making tshirts.

SZF rep

I attended our monthly FD/PR Ad-Hoc meeting via zoom. Things are progressing well. We made some adjustments to the guidelines and have them for your review and input. Kristin asked that we read this letter to the body. (Kristin's letter attached)

Near the end of the call a member from the Blue Grass Appalachian region voiced a concern about my holding the zonal rep position. He stated that his region feels that they should be represented from their region. He then asked if I would be willing to step down. At that time Jim stepped in and asked that this not be discussed at this time for it was not the place for it. I would like to comment on it today however.

We also completed the workgroup task and I have a separate report attached (WSC of the future summary) that tracks all that have been reviewed by the board. We also made some additional recommendations to the board of which they will report on after the board meeting.

One of the recommendations we made to the world board was to have a meeting via zoom with all of the zones and Iran of which Staci and I attended. Attached is a copy of the notes from that web meeting. I must say it a big deal - making history. (Virtual Meeting of Zones Notes attachment) Henry

Comments and questions:

Member: was this all the zones? Answer: this was all the zones in the world and Iran. Workgroup consisted of the same thing - representatives from all zones.

Member: Why, and Iran? A: Iran is not a zone, but a big part of our fellowship. Iran has some unique challenges.

Troy: How did Iran participate? A: zoom.

Member: Speaking to something Henry spoke of. Appreciate Henry and his service. We've heard about possible collaboration between BARCNA and Red River since Bluegrass and Kentuckiana haven't officially been changed at WSC. We've been talking about this the last 3 months. This is all completely new – only became available last WSC. One of the questions from his areas: Since we didn't know this was a possibility, would Henry be willing to step aside and let a representative from one of the 2 regions go? Just a question. Jim commented he didn't think this meeting was the place for it.

Staci: Not sure these comments are appropriate at this time.

Shane: We didn't ask him to step down/resign - just step aside for this conference.

Member: Which US zones didn't want to keep on meeting. Answer: There was a poll but didn't say.

Jim: why would these 2 zones not think it wasn't worth participating? Answer: Don't think they were opposed to ongoing discussions. They just didn't want to meet often/periodically.

Keith: real important to get this information quickly. Would love this report sooner rather than later.

Answer: send reports before minutes. Particularly Henry's report

PR/Fellowship Development Workgroup (Adhoc)

Henry: We made a few changes - changed should to will work in the guidelines

Henry read resignation letter from Kristin.

Member: what position was she resigning from? A: Adhoc FD Facilitator

Charmaine: PR liaison good 'title' rather than coordinator.

Nominations/Elections

Nominations for Secretary will be in Jan 2020 and election in July 2020

Treasurer position was just filled in July 2019, guidelines reference nomination in Oct 2019 and election

Treasurer: Should we nominate someone today for an election in January. Since our treasurer was just elected in July, in order to keep with policy, what do we want to do?

Keith nominated Sharon to continue. Joy 2nd. Volunteer 3rd. Suggesting that the election in July was not her first term since it was fulfilling a vacancy.

When we hold elections, note that this will be her first term.

Comment: her previous nomination went back before. Up to each RD whether to take it back.

Sharon Strater service resume attached.

Next Forum(s) Preparation

CAR/CAT with SEZ on DFW

Pretty solid on next forum being on CAR/CAT.

Jeanette needs guidance about tshirts.

Jim: Only 6 regions in Southeast Zone.

Arkansas: ordered 36. Ran out of 2X quick. 11 left.

Joint Logo? Staci will set a zoom meeting soon to discuss this among other logistics.

Preliminary flyer has both logos.

We will have art Tuesday and will send to SE zone.

SEZ doesn't sell tshirts.

We can email the SZF body the tshirt info through Lucy to body.

Stack: When we have design, we will get with SE zone and ask how many they think they might want.

Then we will come up with a figure based on how many locally might come.

Member: Sold 50+ a while back when it was a CAR/CAT.

ShowMe has some extra folks coming because it is a CAR/CAT.

We're planning on a much larger attendance.

Keith: do we have a commitment from NAWS yet? Answer: yes. Jack and Jose Luis

BJ: What's the room block? Answer: 50, if we need more, we can get that done.

Q: How many are we anticipating? A: 100+ Get your rooms early. Some who say they're coming won't come. We do expect a good many from local regions, neighboring zones, etc.

Member: does this zone provide any free rooms A: no.

Treasurer: Are we going to accept the \$20 registration. Answer: yes. Maybe have a table at entrance and not send pouch around.

Are we starting Friday? Answer: Friday night with the CAT, if we get it. NAWS will try, even though it is slated to come out the next weekend. We'll probably start around 5-6.

What about zoom person? We have no person.

Lucy, Shane, Danny – all have things to get this done... these 3 will get together.

(Lucy chatted with Danny and he has 2 of the devices that Lucy brought to the last zone and he will bring them and anything else needed)

Kentuckiana – next July – do we want to change date for us?

Joy reported there were some addicts who were ok with moving it but there were some complaints about it being a lot of service work pushed into one weekend and it would coerce addicts into going to a convention they were not planning on attending.

Comment: It's your hosting regions decision on asking us to move or not.

Joy: I brought it up to region. They took it back to area. Region meets Nov. 17. She will let us know.

Joy will need to get us a hotel etc.

502 Area suggested next to last weekend rather than weekend before.

At this moment we are still on track to meet the last weekend.

Keith: couple folks reached out about the schedule. They need to plan further out. When Joy finds out about region's decision, Keith will let those that requested info know Asap after joy lets us know.

(FYI: KENTUCKIANA IS IN AGREEMENT WITH HOLDING SZF THE WEEKEND OF JULY 18-19.)

We plan to meet at MZSS next September (not October). It's in San Antonio.

Old Business

PR/FD Guidelines approval. If approved, nomination process

Anyone opposed to guidelines that were sent back twice.

One abstained.

Guidelines are approved.

Nominations for PR/FD people (we'll add this to our guidelines)

Send back to regions asking for nominations.

Nominations, January. Elections, July.

We still have no one in position for 2 more zones.

First meeting would be at MZSS.

Comment: we need to have the PR portion solidified.

Henry: the nomination/election schedule is set up like it is so everyone's not elected at same time.

Is Charmaine's appointment still standing until someone is elected?

Joanie: Do we really want to elect 2 new people. FD is completely vacant.

Is it possible that Charmaine can stay on long enough for someone to fill FD portion.

A: Charmaine hasn't even been elected yet.

Jeanette: This body needs to have an opportunity to get a resume. If we have the information we can talk about it and get this going faster and smoother... '

Maybe we can use technology to get this position filled a little earlier.

Craig: guidelines were about PR/FD person. Approved funding of temporary person. Sounds like there are people here willing to do it. Why can't we take nomination today.

Keith: His region would say guidelines weren't in place. It was an interim position. They need an opportunity to present resume. Can't assume guidelines were going to be passed.

Henry: Adhoc was put together to come up with guidelines/budget. Let's continue to do the work. The adhoc still has work to be done. Let's keep providing the services.

Staci: We took guidelines back a while back twice because no one came back with a conscious.

Troy: Budget is passed.

Question: Charmaine are you willing to fill PR position with funding?

Answer: Yes. But a question – most long distance places require her to be there on Thursday night because of PR event on Friday. Thursday night she has to pay the other half of the room because no one else is there on Thursday night.

Staci: Is the body ok with funding a full night on thursday. And ½ Friday/Saturday.

Body: yes. One abstention.

Big picture question: our guidelines seem a little weak.

Facebook page –yea or nay from your regions.

Anyone opposed – ShowMe and Lone Star.

No consensus to move forward.

New Business

GUIDELINES

Jim: Guidelines are kinda thin. He approached Henry. He will volunteer to take task. Will consult with other zones and come with a 15 minute presentation in January. Great resources in our region. In 8 weeks time we will have the document. Hopefully a finished document in July.

For Kentuckiana in July. Jim would like to present his 'Apathy and Using Resources' IDT workshop.

In loving service,
Lucy O