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9AM SZF Begins

Roll Call

SZF Trusted Servants: Scott M, Marc S, Kristin D, Craig G, Scott K

Regions: Arkansas - Alicia & Dickie; Kevin - Kentuckia; Lone Star - Kristen; Louisiana - Bob S & Scotty; Mississippi - Adam S.; Red River - ABSENT; Show Me - Susan & Anne; Tejas Bluebonnet - Ruben & Deb; Volunteer - Greg & Emily

Other in Attendance: Patsy P, Lucy O, Callie, Mike W, Dorian N

Present during meeting (after roll call): Vince B, Randie, Mike B, Sharon , Pat P, Lee P, Steve

Fall 2024 Minutes - approved *FD report was missing; it will be attached to these minutes

Regional Reports

Arkansas Region

We recently conducted a treasury audit. We were missing several receipts, check registers, and documents, which included receipts for SZF donations that had been mailed and deposited. Is it possible for our new treasurer (when elected) to conduct an audit and create a list of all the donations by Region so that I can provide that to my Region? We also found that our bank statements hadn't been reconciled and there were a few discrepancies in documentation. No funds were thought to be misappropriated, and we have started from a clean slate with our current treasurer and several of the notes taken from the audit will help us as we move forward.

We are investigating retaining liability insurance for the Region. If anyone has any contacts that also are licensed to broker insurance in Arkansas, please send them my way. We have also created a master password list that is shared among the RSC Admin body. All the accounts and passwords, including the location of archives and such, are included on this list. We completed the update to our guidelines that was long overdue and we are working to update our Phone Line patch list with active volunteers.

We use Twilio and at some point there was an issue with the address used on the profile. Due to some governmental regulations, Twilio had suspended our account until this was fixed. The Phone Line was unknowingly down for approximately 2 months and, once we caught it and remedied the issue, services were restored. We were able to retrieve a list of "unforwarded" calls from the Twilio error log and we are looking into ways to have more oversight and catch issues like this sooner before services are suspended.



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Part of the downtime was just prior to the October SZF and several of the calls we missed were professionals trying to get more information about the event. Our Communications

Coordinator personally called back each number that didn't go through and will be reporting on that next weekend at the RSC meeting. This also sparked a lot of discussion about eliminating the phone line altogether and diverting the funds to other resources. After much discussion, a motion was sent back for a vote and will be discussed at the RSC next weekend.

We have created a form letter to respond to inmate correspondence so that we can reply more quickly and in a consistent manner. We've also assigned this duty to the person that receives the forwarded mail.

The "Basic Text for Jails" project that was handed over from the SZF has a point of contact assigned and I look forward to hearing more about that next weekend as well. When the project was initiated by the SZF, the Arkansas Region voted to send Basic Text to each of the jails in our Region. The cost was expected to be split by the Region and the Zone. At the onset of the project, a budget was set and the Arkansas Region did forward a check in the amount of \$504.96 to the SZF for our ½ of the expected cost to mail out the Basic Texts. We know that a handful of the books were mailed, and the Region has asked if the remainder of those funds will be returned to our Region?

We have a motion that went back for a vote to add a line item in our Regional budget to fund the RD for WSC travel. Even though funds can still be requested, we are hoping this will allow the Region to accrue the funds needed for the Delegate team to both travel without requesting funds from NAWS.

Lots of activities and events happening through the Arkansas Region. You can find most of them listed on our website at www.arscna.org on the events tab. Please mark your calendars for our next Arkansas Regional Convention October 24-26, 2025 in Eureka Springs. It is scheduled on the same weekend we typically hold the Southern Zonal Forum (SZF). Today, I would like to discuss the possibility of rescheduling the SZF to avoid this conflict. Since the convention is still some time away, we have ample opportunity to explore options.

Registration for the Arkansas Regional Convention is online at <https://arscna.square.site>. The 1st 100 registrants will get some special convention SWAG! (see attached flyers) If you have any recommendations for workshop speakers, please let me know ASAP as we are trying to make all those selections in the next couple weeks.



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The Convention is also doing a \$20 raffle to win a 2 night hotel stay at the host hotel, convention registration, and a convention t-shirt (total is valued at over \$350). If you purchase a raffle ticket, you don't need to be present when we draw the winner and the drawing will be done live on zoom (date TBD). If you are planning to attend, we encourage you to make reservations wherever you plan to stay ASAP as that area does fill up that time of year!

Dickie D has graciously accepted a position as Alternate Delegate 2 (AD2) to support the Arkansas Region and myself as we continue to navigate a vacancy in the RD position. Next

weekend our RSC meets and if no other nominations are brought forth, we will be voting to place me in that position. This will formally open the position of AD for nominations.

Kentuckiana

Upcoming convention April 18-20th in Owensboro, KY. Hosting winter SZF. Planning to host in Shepherdsville, KY which will be a great opportunity for the PR for Professionals meeting.

LoneStar Region

The Lone Star Region is comprised of 8 areas with a total of 77 groups. The total weekly meetings of these groups is 528. Lonestar Regional Convention 40
www.lsrna.com

Office currently suspended business. If you want BOD minutes, contact Sharon Strater.

Summer SZF (possibly virtual??) Hilton DoubleTree \$500 hotel rooms \$129/night in Fort Worth.

Louisiana Region

There have not been any significant changes regarding the number of meetings and H&I commitments in the Louisiana Region since my last report in October. And the 41st annual LRCNA will be held on Memorial Day weekend in Baton Rouge. For more info and to register, go to lrcna.org.

Considering an amendment to CAR motion #1 - if enough people don't vote in straw poll, then it doesn't represent the whole fellowship (waiting for a vote from ASRs)



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Mississippi Region

In the Mississippi Region of NA, there are five active, participating areas: Northeast, North Central, Mid Mississippi, I59 Area, and Gulf Coast.

The region is preparing for its annual Trusted Servants Assembly, April 4-6, at Lake Tiak'O'Kata in Louisville, MS. This three day event is an opportunity for all interested members to attend and gain ideas and spiritual growth to aid in better carrying the message in their local communities. In addition to speakers Mitch L and Suzanne C, the following workshops will be presented: Dealing with Disruptive and Predatory Behavior; IP28 Funding NA Services; Making NA Service Attractive; and Putting On a Successful Convention.

The regional committee assembled an Ad Hoc committee to examine the viability of the region's convention and make suggestions for the convention moving forward. The a decision has been made to postpone the 2025 convention to 2026.

Red River Region - not present

Show Me Region

80 H&I meetings

Susan/RD was unable to attend January RSC due to a family emergency, so I did the report.

There were 15 present out of 17 at the Show Me Regional Meeting either in person or via Zoom. 4 new RCM's

There are roughly 80 H&I meetings in our Region per month.

Cabin Fever at Lodge of the Four Seasons is Feb 8-9, 2025. Registration is \$25 and rooms (which are likely sold out) at the Lodge are \$128-\$138 but there are other hotels available in the area. This is the largest Missouri convention of the year and is always a great time!

We had a rocky virtual beginning of meeting, so we had a late start. The hosting area was snowed in and unable to make it

Alt Treasurer had to step down due to health issues

Resume was submitted for Writing Steps in Recovery



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There was a question, due to fires in California, if WSC 2026 will still go on. We have heard nothing of any cancellation.

St. Charles Area had questions about Motions 1, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12. We made time to

talk about that in the Open Forum. Mostly it was about Co-facilitator having so much power

to make decisions during WSC.

Votes on the Interim CAR/CAT will be sent to the Delegate team by January 25 th , 2025

to give the Delegate good direction for her vote and representing the conscience of the Show Me Region during discussions.

Show Me Region is looking at different hotels for RSC to be held after our contract with this hotel is up the end of 2025. The ADHOC Committee met, discussed hotels and linked up via email so we can communicate between RSC's meetings.

Show Me had 2 regional meetings using CBDM for a trial period. Although everything went fine, the RCM's felt no need to write a motion to send back to groups to change the guidelines to use CBDM.

There was MUCH discussion about reevaluation of the subcommittee budgets to better carry the message in our Region before we send money off to NAWS. The RCM's feel this is a valid idea. Especially for SMRCNA – SMRCNA, our Regions convention, is working off a \$6000 budget. SMRCNA BOD was dissolved last year, and SMRCNA is now under the Regions budget. We sent \$20000 to NAWS in January, and we are reevaluating subcommittee budgets prior to sending any other monies on to NAWS. We will make a second donation, if applicable per our guidelines, in April.

Sunday 12 out of 17 attended either in person or via Zoom.



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Tejas Bluebonnet Region

Rural areas struggling with Area participation.

Posting CAR results in real time as Areas are voting.

RD team we have brief report for you today I would like to introduce our new A Deb G from the Esperanza area not much to report we consist of 10 areas 237 groups 592 meetings held per week our regional committee's our in full swing doing great work our around our region PR held an event at this time www.natexas.org is in the process of finalizing and gathering in preparation a mailout to professional should be completed before the next quarter if you get a chance take a look at the website lets us know what you think last but not least our regional convention will be held in Houston on February 14-16 2025 <https://TBRCNA.org/flyer/2025>

Volunteer Region

Our Region presently serves 237 Groups in 10 Areas with 435 Weekly Meetings. Since the last Zonal meeting we were able to have a Regional Inventory in early August. With the assistance of a third party facilitator, we were able to focus on putting In keeping up with our newsletter the "Volunteer Spirit" we are fortunate to have a dedicated service group that takes the time, effort, & creativity to put this professional correspondence together quarterly, it is amazing to read and learn from the assorted articles, for those interested in checking it out go to www.natennessee.org/volunteerspirit.

In other news we will be having our Volunteer Regional Convention #42 in Knoxville, TN. this year on November 29th. Thru December 1st. all are invited to attend. The website is vrc42@vrcna.org

Executive Committee Reports

Facilitator Report

- Went to 3 different banks and PNC was most open to work with us, but needed it to be in the state where we registered. The address was Lonestar RSO.
- Plan is to open a PNC account at the Summer SZF with Scott M, then

Treasurer Report

- Bank balance \$15,967.03
- Sharon wrote a check for \$1000 to get a new account. Check sent to Scott M to open the new account is no longer valid. Scott has shredded that check.



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- Checks will need to continue to be mailed to Sharon S for the next 6 months until we can get a new account open.
- Sharon will post a check register in Slack and email out in a couple weeks.

Zonal Delegate Report

Greetings to all, I attended the US collaboration of zones on 1-12-25. I'm amazed at the ability of the people giving their time to these work groups. The things that have been accomplished and their professionalism is 2nd to none. I am including the minutes from the last meeting. Please glance over it. It is mind blowing the attention that is being generated from our new single point of contact for the United States.

FD Report *report given during Old Business

During this past quarter Fellowship Development has had a few members join us from various areas within our zone. These members have heard or just learned about FD and are looking for additional info. We were happy to assist. Please continue to share our meeting information with anyone interested in learning more about Fellowship Development or needs assistance of ANY kind. We always set aside time during our meeting for this reason.

This quarter The Mentorship Workgroup met with Fellowship Development. Mark had reported the work that was completed earlier this morning. Due to health reasons, Mark is having to step down from the workgroup. We thank him for the work he has done and we are very grateful for his service. We discussed some solutions and felt in order to have this work continue, those in attendance felt it would fit best under FD .

Mark and I will be working together to be sure FD has all the work the Mentorship workgroup has been doing over this past year. If any addict is interested to be in this particular workgroup please send an email to fellowshipdevelopment@szfna.org.

We meet the Third Sunday of the month @ 5pm cst

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88942760450?pwd=R3dmRmhva0VVREJRTVV1MVJGTldZQT09>

Meeting ID 88942760450, Password 121212

Mark has stepped down for Mentorship for health reasons. He will work with Kristin to keep the work going under Fellowship Development.



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PR Report

We are going to be reaching out to all previous participants to see if there is a better time or day that may accommodate more of our members to participate, or any service we could provide that may create more value in the committee to encourage members to attend. Almost all members who would participate have a home group and we know there's no ideal time that could guarantee no one has to miss their home group to attend, but we hope to find a day and time that could benefit more folks.

Our last few meetings have only had a few people present, so we are hoping our internal polling/inventory can result in a better utilization of our service on a regular basis, and not limited to just Zonal events.

Please let everyone know that there will be a virtual PR training workshop on Feb 22, 2025 from 10-noon central.

Open Positions

Treasurer - Callie G, **ELECTED**

- Lonestar objection to waiving clean time; discussion about whether to vote now or wait until July; In July we won't have Scott M as our Facilitator and we are unsure of who would be on the account
- Callie G elected without opposition; Kristin D has willingness to be the 2nd person on the bank account with Callie when it is opened in July 2025

Secretary - Patsy P has willingness; resume will be included in the minutes

- Patsy P appointed as Secretary today with election to happen next SZF

Workgroup - Communication

Lucy will share the Canva newsletter template to the SZF and with the Secretary

Workgroup - Mentorship

We met a couple of times as a workgroup and a few more times along with the FD committee.

We've progressed towards completion and started preparing for a training presentation.

The document outlining our suggested process is complete although some edits may still occur.



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A draft of our slideshow for training has been prepared and is going to be reviewed with the intention of trying to have a practice by training the members of this body at the July meeting if possible.

At this point, the workgroup is turning over the responsibility to FD as members of the workgroup is now working with FD as well.

Workgroup - Effects of Racism

Nothing to report today. More information will be available at the July SZF.
In loving service, Alicia A.

Workgroup - Making Service Attractive

Nothing to report today. More information will be available at the July SZF.
In loving service, Alicia A.

Workgroup - Guidelines

Due to health reasons, I don't have a report. I would like to schedule some time in July, possibly Friday night, for anyone from the body to go through the changes. Body agrees to meet Friday at summer SZF.

Old Business

Budget/Check Register *spreadsheet attached

- We agreed at the Fall 2024 that our budget would be based on the numbers from 2024. The only difference is the budget we approved for PR we approved. Zoom will increase 10% from the previous amount.
- Donations would need to stay on par and increase to maintain the current expenses.
- Previous check register showed travel and accommodations were going into 1 line item, but for PR or FD might be different when they have days outside of regular SZF days. Therefore, the travel for PR and FD are separated out as a different line item.
- Changing \$1,800 to \$3,050 for FD budget
- Our donations need to increase to meet this budget.
- This annual budget is based on 3 in person meetings and if we change to some virtual meetings, that would drastically reduce the expenses.



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Virtual Meetings 1-2 times a year

- Budget workgroup's recommendation was to meet in person 1 x per year
- If we have virtual ones, it would be better to have planned workshops so that we can better serve the fellowship.
- With the current donations, then it would make sense to only meet in person once per year. Only one Region mentioned a donation in their report.
- If we have workshops it needs to be a separate discussion. Also, which meetings should be an in person meeting need to also be a separate discussion.
- Maybe we should try it temporarily before making it permanent.
- Show Me has an annual donation.
- I thought we were going to try a 2 day SZF virtually.
- Seems to be a lot of groups wanting to hold onto their money and not sending it on to other levels of service.
- Maybe we should meet in person at the MZSSNA and at WSC since we already have a space provided.
- We already have Lonestar July planned and Kentuckiana has expressed a benefit of having us there, especially PR for Professionals. Could we plan to start in 2026?
- We can't financially sustain waiting until 2026. Our funds can't sustain us in 2025.
- Could we ask Kentuckiana to put off their hosting until 2026?
- What is our prudent reserve if our budget is \$12k and we have \$15k in the bank? If we use this new budget, then we could use that and divide by 3 to have a new prudent reserve. A lot of this was due to ongoing discussion for PR and FD as well as a freeze we placed on prudent reserve. We didn't ever take off that freeze. At the end of each SZF we could decide what to donate to WSC.
- Some Zonal members have chosen to not request reimbursement, so that has decreased the amount of funds requested. Prices have increased with inflation for both hotels and travel.
- Guidelines from 2024 state "Maintain a \$9,200 prudent reserve. Everything above gets donated to the WSC."
- What are the projected annual expenses from the new spreadsheet? Budget estimated \$23k and income was approximately \$12k
- If we bring in the same income, then we are not in an emergency status to continue meeting in person.
- Question about 2026 expenses: What did we spend at the last WSC and MZSSNA?



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- Last conference was just RDs at WSC. This caused a problem when decisions were being made without SZF officers attending.
 - At the previous MZSSNA we covered 1 room night with a shared room. We covered more of the cost for PR due to more active involvement with professionals.
 - Consensus: we want to meet 1-2 per year
 - Proposal (Bob): SZF meet in person 1 time per year and MZSSNA, when it occurs, in person as well
 - Proposal (Alicia): Meet in person Summer & Fall 2025, virtually Jan 2026, hybrid at WSC 2026, virtual July 2026, and in person MZSSNA 2026
 - Amend Bob proposal: add “begin in 2026” so we aren’t tied to specifics
 - Alicia: willing to concede proposal in lieu of the amendment to Bob’s proposal
 - At the WSC there’s not time to have a hybrid and the last MZSSNA people were needing to leave Sunday
 - Updated proposal: SZF meet in person 1 time per year and MZSSNA, when it occurs, in person as well beginning in 2026
 - Can we wait to make a decision? Waiting to decide Could affect the rotation for future planning.
 - **Consensus Decision: Continue to meet in July in Lonestar, October in Kentuckiana, and possibly virtual in January** (Mississippi agrees that putting off a decision about January until July would be ok) - **APPROVED WITHOUT OPPOSITION**
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Lunch break - Old Business Resumes 12:30 PM

Changing to Google workspace

- See attachment for pros/cons for various communications platforms
- Mailchimp is important because it has over 200 members signed up; Response - We could use another option or using other apps
- **Consensus Decision: Body wants to have time to review and decide later**

Zonal Snapshot

- See attachment for updated Zonal Snapshot (will add Callie as Treasurer and Patsy as Secretary)

Bob S - Recommendation for WB

- **Consensus Decision: take this back to Regions to vote in July**

Moving October 2026 meeting to MZSS in Wichita



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- 1st weekend in October 2026
- Concerns about rushing and not having enough time to meet on Sunday
- We don't even know the schedule or agenda for MZSS & flights can't even be booked yet since it is 18 months away
- Questions about who would be funding: 2 nights ½ hotel + travel
- We will discuss again in July

Mike B - Recommendation for WB (current WB member)

- See attached resume
- Based on current experience - what is your toughest challenge? I've learned how to stay out of the way and participate in the process. Also, learning how to manage time - sometimes I want to get involved, but I've learned to say NO when my mind and heart says YES because of my current obligations.
- Are you also being recommended from another service body? Current discussion is about the 6 members that are up for re-elections are going to be recommended again.

Open Share

Marc S, needs to address some health issues and must step back on his commitments to the SZF. He will inform the facilitator in early June about whether commitments for the July meeting can be met.

Treasurer Audit

- With changing of treasurer and bank accounts it would be prudent to conduct an audit.
- Sharon has all the ledgers from the beginning before we started spreadsheets.

Changing the October 2025 SZF to October 18-19, 2025

- May be overwhelming with the CP webinar being scheduled on October 18th
- CP webinar time could be the time slot of a workshop
- **Consensus Decision: not to move the dates**

Arkansas Basic Text Project

- SZF came up with an approximate amount and asked Arkansas Region for the willingness to split the cost with SZF.
- Summer 2023 we decided we would only focus on this project. A letter was formatted and ready to send out.
- The estimate was \$1400 and it was suggested the SZF hold \$700 if there was a need to purchase literature.



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- Donation from the Arkansas Region was \$504.96. FD spent (March 27, 2024 \$68.75 for Basic Texts; July 6, 2024 \$7.65 for copies of letters; shipping cost \$53 + \$91.11 for 1st round of letters).
 - Kristin reimbursed \$91.11 on 12/2023 for postage + \$132.40 on 8/3/2024 for literature = \$223.51
 - $\$504.96 - \$223.51 = \$281.45$ sent back to Arkansas
- We had a plan to serve the community and requested partial funds from them. Arkansas sent the money. If the funds weren't spent in full, it isn't unreasonable to request the funds back.
- Check register says "Arkansas Region NA Book project" donated \$504.96 and deposited 3/4/2024.

- **Consensus Decision: \$504.96 will be sent back to Arkansas (this was originally a SZF project).**

Website update from Webservant - Steve S.

- Website hasn't changed much in 2-3 years. Any email address you want can be set up, including if you want it fwd it to your personal email. That way you can keep position specific emails used. He's added the volunteer form.
- Steve will send out any login info for emails as needed for trusted servants.
- Several Regions have their own BMLT servers. The only people on the TexasOklahoma BMLT server are SZF service bodies.
- Looking to rebrand the TexasOklahoma server to a SZFNA BMLT server March/April with a new user interface as well. Steve will email out about 2-3 weeks ahead of time before doing the change. He will set up a forwarder so it will still be able to return the query.
- Recorder email is used for Slack and Mailchimp - it might be good to keep those at least for that. Other than that, we can use the Secretary email.
- Bills go out this Tuesday - they are sent out automatically. Our cost per year is \$110/year for hosting + \$300/year for service and maintenance (which is about \$30/hour of my normal rate).
- If something were to happen to you, what happens to our stuff? Answer: All the developers for the BMLT have a "bus" system, therefore several other developers have access to my server in case of an emergency.



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New Business

New IT Contact Needed

- Marc S has not resigned, and the SZF can share the responsibility if necessary. Marc will give the equipment to Dickie and if necessary Alicia can run the Zoom in Lonestar. The duties for IT can also be shared among SZF members as needed to support Marc and the SZF.

Audit for July in Lonestar

- Participating in audit: Facilitator, Outgoing Treasurer, Incoming Treasurer, Susan, Dickie, Kristin
- When should we do the audit? Not on Friday morning - that's when we are heading to the bank. **Decision** - those conducting the audit will evaluate the best time to conduct the audit.

Guidelines Workgroup in Lonestar

- Friday evening after dinner or during dinner (ordered pizzas in the past to do both).
- It might be prudent to limit the number of people doing the work.
- Workgroup members: Russ, Anne, Deb, Craig, Randie

Steering Committee needs to have agenda out earlier

- The agenda will be out next time by the end of June.

Topics/Hotel for Lonestar July 2025

- Workshop topics:
 - PR training (2 hours - tentatively Saturday afternoon) Craig G
 - MAT/DRT IDT (1.5 hours) Scotty & Emily
 - Making Service Attractive (1 hour) Alicia + 1
- Hilton DoubleTree Fort Worth (4635 Gemini Place, Fort Worth, TX) - \$500 for 3 days + tax/fees (includes coffee service); hotel room rate \$129/night (code will be sent out for room rate) - Contract sent to Facilitator and Treasurer

Facilitator Nominations - nominations needed

- No Willingness today (2 year term starting July 2025-July 2027)

Zonal Contact Nominations - nominations needed

- No Willingness today (2 year term starting July 2025-July 2027)

Hotel for Mississippi - not present to discuss



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Hotel & Topics for Kentuckiana - not present to discuss

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RBZ Recommendations - Bob S & Mike B (see service resumes attached)

SZF Secretary Nomination - Patsy P (see service resume attached)

Nominations Needed for SZF Facilitator, SZF Zonal Contact, & SZF AV/IT

Upcoming SZF Rotation

Lonestar hosting Summer 2025 SZF - Ft Worth, TX (Hilton DoubleTree - \$129/night)

Kentuckiana hosting Fall 2025 SZF - Shepherdsville, KY

Winter 2026 SZF - in person or virtual will be discussed in July 2025 at SZF

ATTACHMENTS

- Patsy P. service resume (SZF Secretary Nomination) SZF PR Training flyer - Feb 22, 2025
- WB Recommendations:
 - Bob S
 - Mike B (current WB member)
- Budget spreadsheet
- SZF Communication Platforms pros/cons
- Updated Zonal Snapshot
- Guideline Workgroup notes and suggestions
- October 2025 FD Report
- US Collaboration of Zones Report 1-12-25
- Regional Flyers



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SERVICE RESUME - SOUTHERN ZONAL FORUM

Service Resume - for SZF Secretary

Patsy Pena, 11.10.86

512.954.8079

natxservicegirl86@gmail.com

Currently:

- PR facilitator for the Tejas Bluebonnet region (TBRNA).
 - Interim August 2023. Elected on May 11, 2024.
- PR liaison and member of the NATexas subcommittee for TBRNA.
- SZF PR and FD coordinator for each committee, October 2022-present.
 - This position was created in January 2023 specifically to assist with tasks for PR Professional events and the coordination of SZF PR/FD projects and events for the SZF zones.

Previous:

- Co-Recorder for CTANA, January 2023-June 2023.
- GSR for Eastside group, January 2023-June 2023.
 - I have been GSR for my home group on numerous occasions.
 - I have been secretary of my home group on numerous occasions.
- Phone line shift for over 30 years.
- Homegroup for over 32 years.
- Co-Facilitator of TBRNA, 2017, 6 months.
 - Liaison to the Texas State Convention.
- Facilitator of TBRNA, January-November 2018.
- Facilitator of CTANA.
- Activities Facilitator, 2014 and 2015.
- Public Relations Facilitator, 1 year.
 - Member of PR committee for 3 years.
- RCM2 for CTANA, 2009, stepped down due to personal reasons.
- Member of the H&I committee for numerous years.
 - I worked on basic Spanish text translation for my area within the prison walls in a Bastrop facility, which was submitted to the NAWS office.
- Secretary of CTANA, early 1990's.
- Member of Hill Country Area. Kyle, Texas (05/2023-present).

Note:

Dates may vary due to the length of time in recovery and not tracking my service work positions throughout the years. In addition, from June 1993-2000 (estimate) I had babies and only did service work at a group or local subcommittee's level.



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SERVICE RESUME - SOUTHERN ZONAL FORUM

Service position being nominated for: World Board

Name: Bob Singer

Clean Date 04/01/83

Please list the service commitments you currently hold: Chair Louisiana Regional Convention XLI, Treasurer Bayou Recovery Area (Baton Rouge, Louisiana and surrounding Area)

Please list all the past service positions you've held. Include name of group or service committee that you served for, and the approximate dates served:

1. Buckeye Regional Service Committee: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Activities Chair, Literature Chair, RSR, RSR alt (1992-95). I served the positions in the Buckeye Region from approx. 1986 to 1995, before I moved to Louisiana.
2. Ohio Regional Convention Fundraising chair (1986), Merchandise Chair (1990?), Member of the Shared Services Committee between the Ohio Region and the Buckeye Region for several years.
3. Home-group: How it Works, Painesville Ohio: Secretary, GSR/ALT, Treasurer between 1983 and 1995.
4. Great Lakes Area Service Committee, Ohio: Lake Erie General Services Area, I served as Chair, Vice Chair, ASR, ASR Alt, Activities, and Literature Chair, from 1985 to 1995.
5. Member of World Outreach Ad-Hoc committee 1995-96
6. Bayou Recovery Area: serving terms as Chair, ASR, ASR/Alt, Treasurer 2021-2022, PR chair 2023, Secretary 2015 through 2017, and 2019.
7. Louisiana Regional Convention; Treasurer 2007, Chair 2000 (or so) and 2015 (or so).
8. How it Works (home-group); Secretary, Treasurer, GSR, several times over the last 29 years.
9. Louisiana Regional Service Committee; Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer (for a few years) Newsletter Chair, Policy Chair, Secretary, H&I Chair, and Literature Chair From 1996 until I took the position on the Louisiana Regional Convention Corporation in 2015. I served for multiple years in most positions.



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10. Louisiana Regional Convention Corporation: 2015 to June 2024; serving terms as Treasurer, Secretary, and Chair.

11. H&I liaison from the Louisiana Regional Service Committee to Angola Prison for 5 years ending in 2019 with the onset of COVID 19.

I have probably left out a few positions that I have held over the last 41 years, and I'm not sure of many of the dates. And yes, I held multiple positions at the same time over the years.

If you have not completed a term or have been removed from a service position, please explain: I have completed all my service commitments

Why you can and will serve the fellowship in this position: I have acquired certain skills over the years that have allowed me to participate in service, without taking the things said personally. I have learned there is a job to do and as chairperson, to keep things as orderly as possible. I Also have a business with divisions in two states with over 20 employees, as well as business partners that don't always agree on everything. I have learned to work together with NA committee members as well as the people that work for me and get them to work together (even sometimes letting them think it was their idea!)



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SERVICE RESUME - SOUTHERN ZONAL FORUM

Service position being nominated for: World Board

Name: Mike B

Clean Date: 06/18/1994

Name: Michael B. (Bennett)

Clean Date: 06/18/1994

Service position: World Board Recommendation

Service Commitments currently held:

World Board Member 2020-Current

Helpline Volunteer 1996- Current

H&I Panel Leader/Panel Coordinator 2022-Current

Past Service positions held:

G.S.R. (groups: Sweet surrender 95-98, Progress not perfection 99-02, Back to Life 02-04,

Progress not perfection 06-08, No Matter What 2010-2011

Group Secretary: Progress not perfection 03-05

Group Treasurer: Progress not perfection 07-08

Alt. A.S.R. 97-98

RCM: 98-99, 14-15, 18-19: Greater Nashville Area Volunteer Region

ASC Vice Chair 99-00, 11-12

Area Chair 12-13

Alternate Delegate Volunteer Region 01-03

Regional Delegate Volunteer Region 03-07

SZF Facilitator: 07-09

HRP panel member 14-18

Convention Service:

VRC

Vice Chair 1999

Programming Vice Chair 04, 08

Hotel Liaison 2014

Unity Convention:

Chair 2000

Guideline revision chair 2002-2004



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I HAVE COMPLETED ALL TERMS OF SERVICE AND HAVE NEVER RESIGNED FROM A POSITION

Why you can and will serve the fellowship in this position:

I have learned through service that it is never about me. It's more about what we can do to move forward as a fellowship. One must have the ability to listen, follow direction, be in the position of a member which is one that is open to change, able to adapt, and able to accept the conscience of the fellowship. One must have the ability to communicate effectively and operate within the boundaries of compassion, empathy, trust, mutual respect and integrity. I believe that I have operated with those principles in the forefront, along with having the ability to ask for help in the areas where additional assistance is needed. One is not expected to know everything, but it's vital to remain humble and have the ability to allow things to happen the way they are supposed to. I'm grateful to be simply a member and to be of service in any capacity is a privilege. I consider it an honor for the SZF to take the time to consider my request. Thank you.



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Guideline Workgroup notes and suggestions

- The language is not consistent throughout guidelines.
- The description needs updating
- The location needs updating
- Add participation of member regions
- Pg 2 Sentence below Executive committee, What newsletter? I could not find a previous newsletter on the website. What goes in this newsletter? Who does it, all of this is too vague. It is not discussed anywhere else in the guidelines.
- Pg 3 #20 define Zonal contact versus zonal delegate
- Pg 4 Treasurer D. #2 add at each, and define what is to be in the report, i.e... last 2 bank statements, not just check register spreadsheet.
- Pg 4 D. #6 Remove travel and add it under its own section for all administrative committees. Define airfare booked? Is there a Cap i.e. FD and PR \$800. Hotel not consistent with FD/PR Hotel. Why?
- Pg 4 D. #7 I have never seen this spreadsheet.
- Pg 5 Zonal Delegate D. add # 5 Reports on US Zonal collaboration progress and updates.
- Pg 6 PR Coordinator D. #1 remove changed numbering
- Pg 6 Budget #1 Change to state FD Team member and PR team member.
- Pg 6 Budget #2 Contradicts itself
- Pg 7 Budget #4 defined by the body i.e. by delegates or who?
- Pg 8 Hosting Organizer Replace RDA to AD
- Pg 8 #6 Discuss raising room block
- Pg 8 #7 Remove line item (Hospitality Room)
- Pg 8 # 11 Discuss doing away with T shirts not cost effective



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PASSCODE **121212**



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WHAT TO BRING

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