

ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 2, 2008
Harrison, AR

Hosted by: Northwest Area Arkansas
ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
Saturday, August 2, 2008
Harrison, AR

OPENING:

Doug H opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

READINGS:

A member read the 12 traditions.

A member read the first two paragraphs of tradition 2.

A member read the 12 concepts of service.

A member read our Purpose and Definition.

ROLL CALL:

Arkansas River Valley Area.....	Mark S. (RCM)	Present
Central Arkansas Area	Mary V. (RCM)	Present
Clean and Serene Group.....	Mike B. (GSR)	Present
Crowley's Ridge Area.....	Matt C. (RCM)	Present
Foothills Unity Area	Crystal D .. (RCM)	Present
Greer's Ferry Lake Area	Kristi E..... (RCM)	Absent
Northwest Arkansas Area	Susan H.... (RCM)	Present
Texarkana Area.....	Ginger W . (RCM Alt).....	Absent
Ozark Area	Jana P	(Representative) Present
RD	Pat P	Absent
RDA.....	Mike P.....	Present
RSC Chair.....	Doug H.....	Present
RSC Vice Chair.....	Bill Le.	Present
RSC Secretary	Zenia F	Present
RSC Secretary in Training	Pam R	Present
RSC Treasurer	Barb H.....	Present
RSC Treasurer in Training	Vacant
Activities Chair.....	Ginger W .	Absent
H & I Chair.....	LD G.....	Present
Literature Chair	Susan H.....	Present
Outreach Chair	Terri G.	Present
PI Chair	Diana D.	Present
Phone Line Chair	Terri G	Present
Website Chair	Mark R.....	Present
Policy & Procedure	Bill La.	Present
Convention Chair	Marvin D. ...	Present
Convention Guidelines Chair	Roger W.....	Absent

Alternates and Other Representatives:

Present: Crowley's Ridge Area, RCM Alt: 'LD' G., Present: Central Arkansas Area, RCM Alt: Terri G., Present: ARVANA, RCM Alt: Danny W., Present: Foothills Area, RCM Alt:Dawn M., Present: Robert H, Genesis Group, GSR

Quorum Reached and Announced
See Attachment A for mailing list.
See Attachment B for Rotation Schedule.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Reading of the Minutes from the last RSC by Zenia F

Old Business, Open Sharing, Elections, and New Business

Motion: to accept the minutes as read. **Consensus Reached**

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

May 7, 2008

Donation – Recovery in the daylight. \$57.75-Given to treasurer

Regions Bank Statement-Given to treasurer

Your Message Center-Given to treasurer

MCI-Given to treasurer

2008 Conference Report – Archived

Convention Speaker Tape-Charles K.H.-Sent to Mountain Home Area

June 3,2008

Regions Bank Statement-Given to treasurer

Regions Bank Acknowledgment of Change of Addresses-Given to treasurer

Designs of Freedom flyer-Archived

June 14.2008

Verison- Acknowledgment of Change of Addresses-Given to treasurer

Regions Bank Statement-Given to treasurer

Your Message Center-Given to treasurer

MCI-Given to treasurer

\$50.00 Receipt – returned to sender-Given to treasurer

June 20,2008

Notice from UPS-Bill La

Regions Bank Statement-Given to treasurer

East Las Vegas Area Convention-Archived

CRQNA 21-Archived

TASCNA Donation \$2276.01 and \$50.00-Given to treasurer

SIERNA Sage Regional Convention Archived

August 2, 2008

SZF Tape and report – Given to Secretary by Bill La - Archived

Read By Zenia F - Secretary

Motion: to accept the correspondence report as read. **Consensus Reached**

TREASURER INITIAL REPORT:

Arkansas Regional Service Committee

Treasurer's Pre-meeting Report

August 2, 2008

Hi Family,

Well I must say it's been an interesting three months. As we left the RSC in May, We had \$480.87 in the treasury and we were operating \$2294.00 into our prudent reserve. With the upcoming 1st Annual Arkansas Regional Convention in planning stages, much of our income had been diverted. I left the meeting feeling fearful about our money situations.

Since then we have received \$3,298.17 in donations, wow right? These donations came from both groups and areas within our region. We also received a \$50.00 donation for the convention, which I forwarded to Michael. For expenses we did have three drafts from Your Message Center for a total of \$246.00. In addition, all of the last three months bank statements have balanced (YEA!!!).

To clarify all of this:

Ending balance May 2008	\$ 480.00
Income	\$3,298.17
Expenses	\$ 246.00
Beginning Balance today	\$3,533.04
Prudent Reserve	\$2,294.00
Balance after Prudent Reserve	\$1,039.04

Watching this process unfold has helped to strengthen and renew my faith in the program. I was surprised at the outpouring of support from our Region because when I first started attending Regional meeting in Arkansas, this level of unity didn't exist. I am proud to be member of the fellowship of NA in Arkansas and feel honored and blessed to be a part of the unity and growth that lives here. What can I say; we turn things over to our Higher Power and practice the principles of this program cool thing happen.

In Loving Service, Barb H, Treasurer

**Arkansas Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Meeting Treasurer's Report**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reference #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
		Balance of Account		\$ 480.87
<u>Income</u>				
April 12, 2008	446546	Donation- ARNA	\$ 57.75	Recovery in the Daylight
May 25, 2008	446547	Donation - Clean Air	\$ 300.00	Clean Air Group
May 18, 2008	446548	Donation - TACNA	\$ 2,276.01	TACNA – 50.00 forwarded to Michael P, for ARSCNA convention
June 29, 2008	446549	Donation - CAASCNA	\$ 557.35	
June 29, 2008	446550	Donation - CAASCNA	\$ 107.06	

Total Income **\$ 3,298.17**

<u>Expenses</u>				
June 8, 2008	EFT	Your Message Center	\$ 82.00	
July 8, 2008	EFT	Your Message Center	\$ 82.00	
Aug. 8, 2008	EFT	Your Message Center	\$ 82.00	

Total Expenses	\$ 246.00
Balance before Accruals	\$ 3,533.04
Accruals	\$ 200.00
Prudent Reserve	\$ 2,294.00
Balance after Prudent Reserve	\$ 1,039.04

Motion: to accept the treasurer report as corrected. **Consensus Reached**

RD REPORT:

**RD Report
Service Pamphlets**

Hi Family in Keeping with the spirit of communication I am sending you each the Service Pamphlet review process.

I feel a little history and process is in order. During the past cycle the World Service Office and World Board have conducted several Workshops, Forums, and Presentations etc. The information provided was categorized and written into five (5) Service Pamphlets. I passed these out around September

to November. The first one was *An Introduction to NA*. It was designed for the general public as an information tool. It contained a list of common terms and a basic definition. One of these definitions was describing the word clean as “an abstinence from all drugs except for prescribed medication”. This set off an up roar for many addicts. The idea was to let the medical field that we were not telling addicts to not take their medication.

Due to the many concerns the Board pulled this pamphlet. It is now basically written and is part of the multiple service related pamphlets that I am including as another attachment with this part of the summary of my report.

The remaining four (4) pamphlets were pretty well received.

1. Disruptive and Violent behavior;
2. Group Business Meetings;
3. Group Trusted Servants;
4. NA groups and Medication;

For those of you that may not have been given a copy they each may be read by going to:

www.na.org/servicemat/svc_pamphlets.htm

Just remember that these are not for recovery use but for service as stated on the website:

Service pamphlets (SP's) are intended for use as a resource for groups and service bodies. The World Board was directed by a motion at WSC 2006 to develop service related pamphlets for use by the fellowship. Service pamphlets are not intended to be recovery literature or to be used as the basis of a topic during a recovery meeting. They are intended for help in your discussion in group business meetings or in service committees. They are our best attempt at collecting some of the more successful practices in our fellowship in dealing with sensitive or difficult topics. They are similar to what has been previously been released as NAWs Bulletins and should be treated in much the same way.

They are easily adaptable by NA World Services so we welcome and invite your input and ideas. They are intended to be one more tool to assist us all in our efforts to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

Hopefully you received the survey I sent last week regarding what is Service Related Material and what is Recovery Material. All recovery material should

and still will go through the group input and review process and be included in the motion section of the Conference Agenda Report (CAR)

All service related material is located in the Conference Approval Tract (CAT). Contrary to many beliefs CAT literature is not just designed by Staff. It is the communicative information developed from those of us that participate in fellowship development.

So that being said the attachment with this are several literature projects. They were included in the CAT but this is usually not work shopped as well as the CAR. Mainly because CAT materials are usually works in progress, rough ideas and subject to change.

By now if you are still reading this you are truly who we are looking for in region service. Please include this as part of my report. I am trying to send this information to more than just Regional Trusted Servants. The Literature Pamphlets attached have a window for review until I believe July 1, 2008. Please feel free to share it with others in service and provide whatever feedback you desire. I will then forward those comments and ideas to the Service Office.

All other Service Related material will be sent to RD's for a period of 90 days for reviews. This is a victory for those that wanted more than just the WB or WSO translating what we told them during the fellowship development.

Questions sent to me so far are as follows:

Question Are the materials for us to go over for input the same as what was presented in the CAT or have they changed?

YES as far as I can tell. The pamphlets that are already sent out are also up for review but are not included in this set.

I hurried through the CAT during these work shops because most were already bored from the CAR. However the CAT mainly was regarding a more free flow consensus based decision making process, the adoptions of procedures for the Human Resource Panel and for Business Sessions. There was also a priority plan for future Literature Projects. The largest one being a "Living Clean" Book processed through the four (4) year cycle. We also are allowing the Board to up date and work on the chapters 5 and above of the resource material in the Public Relationship Handbook.

Question: Material to go over and get input on (if you choose to get a Regional Conscience on) and get that input in by July 1. Since that is prior to our next RSC, I was wondering if that information had already been emailed (and snail mail for those that don't do email) out and did I miss that information with the other emails you sent us.

The review and input sessions for all service related pamphlets will be 90 days. I will probably do what I am doing here: Going through my e mail addresses and sending it to addicts I feel have shown an interest in service. ALL future Recovery Literature will go through the Region Literature Committee process. All future Service Literature projects such as Handbooks etc will also go through the Region Literature Committee process. Those will have anywhere from 6 months to a year input review and final approval in the CAT.

I hope this helps explain where we are in the Literature Process. The reason it seems different is because it is. We have asked the Board and Office to get out our service needs quicker then we said no we want to look at it first. So we have a compromise.

In Loving Service

Pat P

RDA REPORT:

Arkansas Regional Service Committee

Regional Delegate Alternate

Report August 2, 2008

Dear Family,

I would first like to thank the region of the opportunity to be of service at the World Service Conference in April. The experience was one that I will never forget. I learned a great deal at the conference about service at a whole new level. Having been the Regional Treasurer in the past I always questioned the need to send the RDA to the World Service Conference because of the expense. After my experience I now feel it an appropriate investment in our Regional Delegate to gain the experience and contacts to effectively represent the Arkansas Region at the World Service Conference.

The videos shown at the workshop this morning are unfortunately not available for distribution. However, Regions do have permission to use these videos at conventions and other Regional Meetings.

In loving Service,

K. Michael P

SOUTHERN ZONAL FORUM:

SZF Report

Memphis, TN

July 26 & 27

Greetings family,

Thank you for allowing me to attend the Southern Zonal Forum meeting in Memphis. As it turns out, the Arkansas Region had a few people in attendance on Saturday. Pat was there to do assist with a presentation on *Who is Missing from Our Meetings and Why*. Also in attendance were our PI/PR Chairperson, Convention Chairperson, and Website Chairperson (as well as a few other members). The morning started out with Fellowship concerns. During that session, we heard about some groups leaving their Areas, some Area splits, new people attending the SZF for the first time, information from the Show-Me Region's *Writing Steps For Recovery Program*, and a concern from the Mississippi Region about policy for seating new Areas in their Region.

The current Chairperson, and the upcoming Chairperson, for the *Writing Steps For Recovery Program* were present to pass out information and ask for assistance. This program gives recovering addicts a 12th Step opportunity to help incarcerated addicts work *The 12 Steps*. There are very few Regions involved in this program, and the needs keep increasing. There have been inquiries from all over the United States, as well as inquiries from outside the United States. I will give some materials from this program to our Secretary in case anyone is interested. I will also be including, in my report, a copy of a form to send in if anyone is interested in assisting. One of our Workshops, for our First Arkansas Regional Convention, will be on the *Writing Steps For Recovery* program.

I talked with the representative from the Mississippi Region, about his request for policy information on seating new Areas. I gave him our Regional Website address and told him we had created policy for seating new Areas.

After Fellowship Concerns, we had 3 different presentations scheduled for the rest of Saturday. Since Pat assisted with the Workshop on *Who is Missing from Our Meetings and Why*, and included that presentation in his report, I will not duplicate his efforts. This presentation was a compilation of input gathered over multiple years. One of the major points, that were discussed, was to look around your local communities, see the demographics of your area, and then compare that to the demographics of who is attending your meetings.

We had a workshop on Fund Flow. We were reminded that all the financial workings of NAWS are funded through donations and literature sales. This biannual budget is in excess of 13 million dollars. Currently only 10%-12% of this budget is covered by fellowship donations. The rest is covered through literature sales. We broke into small groups to brainstorm/workshop 6 general questions and then one other question per group. The different groups were assigned different viewpoints for their questions. The group that was assigned *Question 1* was to look at all their questions through the viewpoint of an NA Group. The group that was assigned *Question 2* was to look at all their questions through the viewpoint of an NA Area. The group that was assigned *Question 3* was to look at all their questions through the viewpoint of an NA Region. The group that was assigned *Question 4* was to look at all their questions through the viewpoint of the World Board. Following on the next page is the worksheet we worked with.

We also had a workshop on *Public Relations*. The first part of the workshop related to a power point presentation on the history of the PI/PR Handbooks. The power

point also covered some of the basics of the *PR Handbook*. It was discussed that the first 3-4 chapters are a strategic approach to doing service and from chapter 5 forward is the nuts and bolts. The complete Power Point presentation is supposed to be uploaded to the Southern Zonal Forum website soon. The address for that site is <http://szfna.org>. After the Power Point presentation, we broke into small groups to discuss 4 sets of questions. We were supposed to use the PR handbook as a resource to answer these questions. The complete tabulation of these discussions will be compiled and placed on the SZF website. Following is a list of the forms that we used in the small groups.

On Sunday, we went into the business session of the Southern Zonal Forum. The SZF Secretary passed out hard copies of her report to the RD on Saturday and I was not given a copy of that report. We talked about the Webmaster only come to 1 meeting a year and this was not that meeting. If there are any questions or comments about the site, they can be emailed to him from the link at the website. We did selections for 2 positions. The first position was for the SZF Secretary and the only person being considered for that was Susan (the current Secretary). It was discussed that this position will run to 2010. We also selected a new SZF Representative. Keith N. was the only person being considered. He has had multiple responsibilities at the SZF over several years. Following this portion of my report are the written report for the Facilitator, The current SZF Representative's report (he was absent from this meeting), the SZF report for the World Service Conference, the last page of the SZF report consisting of the current SZF time line and an SZF survey form (for anyone to fill out), the flyer for the next SZF in October, and the information form for *Writing Steps for Recovery*.

Thanks again for allowing me to be of service,

Bill La

END OF YEAR REPORTS:

CHAIR

ARSCNA

RSC Chairperson Report

8/3/08

Family,

First off let me state that it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve this body as Chairperson for the past two years. The experience has been rewarding and has allowed me to meet and develop some absolutely beautiful and intimate relationships with members of my NA family. As usual, service has afforded me an opportunity to learn and grow.

The past year has seen growth in the Arkansas Region with two new areas joining and participating in the regional service structure. Welcome and thanks go out to the Ozark and Greers Ferry areas. It is always humbling and

heartwarming to see NA growth happen, even more so when it happens in your backyard.

The past year also saw the decision and then the process for the first Arkansas Regional Convention that many of will be enjoying together in October in Hot Springs come together. I am of the opinion that there are two main things that bring addicts together outside of our regular meetings, service and activities. I am also of the opinion that there is no better attraction to an addict who is looking for a new way of life than service and activities.

This year we were able to send a Regional Delegate Alternate to the World Service Conference for the first time since I have been attending the Arkansas Regional meetings. This was accomplished with funds that were accrued over the past two years. We have also been able to participate in the fund flow process by donating to NAWS. It is gratifying to see the 11th concept which states "NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly", practiced by the Arkansas Regional Service Committee.

I have also put together a reminder calendar for my successor. I am hoping that it will help to keep things from falling through the cracks as the RSC goes through the weekends flurry of business.

Although I won't have an elected RSC position, I have every intention of continuing to be available to serve in whatever capacity is needed. I love you all and am grateful to be a member of the NA fellowship and the Arkansas Region.

In loving service,
Doug H.

VICE CHAIR

No report required

SECRETARY

No report submitted

TREASURER

See final treasure report

OUTREACH

Hello Family:

Well, it has been a wonderful 2 years of service in this position. I have loved it as much as I loved the phone line committee position. It has been challenging at times, but that is when I grow more in my recovery. I have learned a lot during this time and have really enjoyed being part of the new

groups starting in Arkansas. It is one of our greatest joys to see new groups starting up all the time and our fellowship growing like it has.

We have had 26 new groups start up in the past 2 years and I have given out about 20 new group starter kits (11 this year alone). We have had 2 new areas start up this year which is fantastic. We are so glad to have both the Ozark Area and Greets Ferry here at region and to see them get to active so fast has been great. I am especially thankful to Mike W. who has stepped up to be chair of this position. Thanks Mike. I hope you have the pleasure I have had doing this position.

I have updated our map to include the new areas and the expansion of some of the other areas for our archives. I have 4 new group starter kits that I am turning over to Mike to start off with. I will admit that I bit off more than I could chew with reformatting our meeting list. It has not been as easy as I thought it would be, but I am close to having it done and will continue with that effort and not just throw it on Mike. I will get with him about it when I have it done and hope to have it for you at the next region.

There are still several groups on our meeting list that do not belong to an area and although we have had a few join areas, we still need to reach out to those who don't and see why they don't. I will get with Mike and give him a list of those and maybe he can work on that during his term.

Thank you all for being patient with me in the beginning as I struggled with getting the meeting lists where they were suppose to be and this process has shown me that when we work together we do get good results.

Thank for allowing me serve in this position.

In loving service, Terri G.

PS. Since Mike wasn't there to accept the position of Outreach Chair, I will fulfill the position for the next 3 months and be available to the vice chair to help with the meeting lists, etc. until we do find a chairperson or if Mike comes back. But I would ask that you please talk with your sponsee and others to take on this position to be involved in continuing to have regional meetings list available to the fellowship. It is not a very hard position to fill and it is extremely rewarding. Thanks, Terri

PHONE LINE

Hello Family:

I am both excited and sad to be giving up this position after being in it for almost 3 years. I have so enjoyed this position and being a part of process of getting people more involved in service towards the addicts who call the phone line needing an addict to talk to, etc. I guess because that was how I first found a meeting, it just hits so close to home for me. And, I am happy to say that we have added over 100 names to the patch list in the past 2 years (58 this year alone). But, we still have room for a whole lot more.

Another thing that has been accomplished this year is getting the meeting list, the phone line and the website to where they are all three carrying the same information. That has been a big deal and couldn't have been possible without the help of everyone involved working together. And it's always nice when we work together.

I have done 6 workshops during my term and loved traveling to the different areas and meeting new people and seeing the people I don't get to see very often again. That is another thing I have loved about this position.

I appreciate Crystal from Searcy stepping up to chair this position and just want her to know that since nobody wanted a workshop during this last quarter, I will still be happy to go to the first one she has with her. For I don't think I could have done this if it hadn't been for someone (thank you Doug), going with me to my first workshop to see how it was done. That is why it is so important for us to have vice chairs prior to being put right in a chair position, whenever we can, so we just don't throw the people in there without the proper training.

So thank you for allowing me to serve in this position.

In loving service, Terri G.

PS. Since Crystal has decided she cannot fulfill this position, I have said I would fulfill it for the next 3 months as well and do a phone line workshop for Northwest Arkansas Area and well as anyone else who may request one. I will also be available to the vice chairperson after that for any help he may need. Again, this is not a very hard position to fill, but is extremely rewarding, so go back to your areas and see if you can find someone to step up. I will be more than willing to help train them in this area.

Thanks, Terri

AREA/GROUP REPORTS:

ARVANA

Hello Region

August 2 & 3 in Hot Harrison

Donation of \$150.00 from ARVANA

Not much going on

We are doing quite a lot of outreach in our rural areas.

All positions are open at the area level, some new blood at area "we hope"!

As far as I know our convention 09 committee is doing okay. See the previous fliers/Bid

for Ft Smith!

Danny is still our alt!!!

Error in the minutes from may is that Danny wasn't listed as present on the Sunday meeting

You love my service

Mark Schultz

RCM Alt

Danny Whisnant

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Central Arkansas Area

ASR Report to Region august 2nd and 3rd 2008 from Central Arkansas Area.

Hello family,

Greetings from Central Arkansas Area (CAA). CAA offers 90 + meetings per week carrying the message of recovery to the suffering addict. We currently have 16 home groups. The size of our area presents some unique management issues but having said that I feel there has been progress and we continue to move forward. At this time all service committee positions have been filled with exceptions of vice chair.

A recent end of term audit of treasury revealed a number of discrepancies there was no inappropriate diversion of funds but many discrepancies which ultimately revealed a much more positive outlook for our area. We have been operation under the assumption we were under prudent reserve quit significantly. I am happy to report CAA has been able to send money in excess of \$1000.00 to region and world. Dana B has begun her term at treasurer and I am certain guidelines will be strictly adhered to in the future.

Our activities committee has been – well, very active. CAA celebrated Magic Springs Day, July 12 with great success; it was wonderful to see so many out side of our area at the function – a special thanks to the Texarkana Area for their support at the event. Our annul Luau was July 26. We look forward to the

upcoming CAA convention August 8,9, and 10 at The Crowne Plaza in Little Rock, the softball tournament, September 13 at Interstate Park, and Petit Jean Junction Campout (returning to Petit Jean state park).

PI has been working hard, assisting in a PI workshop with Foothills Unity Area. Midsouth summer school was June 8-13 and our booth was well attended by participants, and by all accounts, very successful. We wish to thank all member of this fellowship who volunteered their time and efforts in supporting their endeavor. Work is ongoing to initiate and improve contact within the drug court community.

This is my final report as ASR for Central Arkansas Area. I am grateful and honored by the trust placed in me by The Central Arkansas fellowship by allowing me to serve in this position. I thank them for the privilege. I would also like to thank all those at region for the respect and courtesy shown to me over the last 2 years. I found the member I work with at region to be very loving and supporting. My understanding of service and the delicacy in working with all aspects of the fellowship has been greatly influenced in these rooms.

Keep up the good work!

Lovingly and respectfully submitted,
Mary V ASR Central Arkansas Area

Clean and Serene

August 2008

Greetings from the Clean & Serene group of Mountain Home and Cotter.

Some of our meetings are struggling to keep the doors open.

Attendance at our meetings have always been irregular and now with the addition of several new meetings in the surrounding areas, addicts have a broader choice in meetings to go to.

We will continue to keep the meetings going with the hope that attendance picks up.

We are still doing H&I at the local rehab and we're doing our best to carry the message of recovery.

Our 18th annual Chili Dog Chowdown is set to happen August 29, 30, and 31.

We hope to see you all there.

Thank you Northwest Area for hosting this Regional Meeting.

In Loving Service,

Mike B

Yearly report August 2008

1. Number of meetings... H&I weekly 5 meeting for our 1 group.
2. Size... 20-30 people.
3. H&I... Weekly on Monday to local rehab.
4. PI nothing
5. Activity... annual campout Chili Dog Chow Down
6. Problems... attendance

7. Plans... potentially join Ozark Area.
8. History... info unavailable at this time
9. What to accomplish... info unavailable at this time

Crowley's Ridge Area

Hello family,

We at Crowley's Ridge Area hope that everyone is doing well. We are doing great over in our corner. The recovery is great and the unity is growing even more.

During this past quarter we have had a group jump on the wagon and join our area. In May the "Peace in the Ridge" group from Walnut Ridge decided to get involved. They are a fairly small group but they have been around for a few years. They have meetings on Tuesday and Thursdays at 7:00 pm. They are also checking into possibly adding a Saturday meeting. Their address is 101 West Walnut at the Church of Christ Community Church. On a personal level, I was invited to the group to help them in a business meeting, and when I left I was very grateful to be a part of Narcotics Anonymous. I was able to give them some suggestions and help them understand the service side of this thing. They were able to elect their trusted servants and seemed to be excited about becoming a part of.

As for the business that was sent back to the area after the last Region, I was not given any input on the convention Guidelines to bring back. Unfortunately we did not receive the last part of the guidelines that we were supposed to get either by mail or e-mail. Hopefully we can get that this weekend so we can have a whole set to look at.

In the regional elections we had on group that had an opposition for one of the nominees but in the area as a whole, we were for all the nominees in all the positions.

We discussed the need to have a fundraiser to produce money for the October convention. It was to our concern that the Regions account was in much worse shape than the Conventions account. We will probably however have some money coming for the convention after we finalize our activities account later this month after the area meeting. Our activities committee sold raffle tickets for a dollar a piece for a free trip to the 1st annual convention. It was pretty successful. I can't remember the exact amount but we sold well over 500 tickets. We drew the winning ticket at our 3rd annual Freedom Fest that we had on June 28th. The winner was Greg S from Cope Without Dope. We will have over \$200.00 left over after a pre-registration package purchase. More than likely we will send that on for the convention.

I mentioned our 3rd annual Freedom Fest. It was a great success. We had a good turnout; it rained earlier in the day so the heat was bearable with the cloud cover, great food and great recovery.

We are very excited to announce that the Crowley's Ridge Area Activities Committee will be holding our very first weekend campout. It is going to be at

Kilo Vista on Eleven Point River near Pocahontas. There are a few cabins that are available on a "first come-first serve" basis plus a tent area. Swimming, fishing, food, recovery, and more. We would love to see everyone on September 19, 20, and 21. Flyers will be sent out.

Other functions that are going on are; "Too Hot to Trot" August 9th at Harmon Park hosted by Clean Air of Paragould. They will also be celebrating their 20 years anniversary. It will start at 11:00 am. Cope Without Dope will be having their YMCA lock-in on August 23rd in Jonesboro. It will start at 8:00 pm and will go till 8:00 am.

Last but no least the Crowley's Ridge Area has a donation of \$561.56 for the Arkansas Region.

ILS,
Matt Carr (RCM)

End of Term Report

Dear Family,

I am sad to be reading this report right now because it means that this is my last Region as the RCM of the Crowley's Ridge Area. I have been attending these meetings for that past three years, one as an alternate and the last two as RCM. It has been a wonderful experience and a huge honor to serve my Area in this setting. Although I am gonna keep coming back, and hope to be of service at this level, I feel a hole in my heart knowing that I have to let go of this position.

When I took the RCM-ALT position, the Crowley's Ridge Area had three groups accounting for 20 meetings a week. Currently we now have seven groups and a total of 41 meetings a week.

The sub-committees have also prospered well. Our activities committee has been successful with two different functions, "Freedom Fest" at the end of June, and "Unity Day" in February. We are also looking forward to hosting our first ever weekend campout at Kilo Vista on Eleven Point River near Pocahontas in September.

Our H&I committee got accepted in to the local treatment center roughly 2 or 2 ½ years ago we sent a panel of five every Wednesday. We have been trying to get into the Craighead County Detention Center. Our PR Chair and Vice Chair presented what we had to offer to the jail administrator but we have yet to hear anything else from that administrator.

We do have a PR committee that has formed in the past 8 months. It has not been real busy, as I mentioned our chair and vice chair did a presentation for the jail. They also made a presentation in Lepanto for the Mayor and Police Chief so that they could allow themselves with some understanding of NA, to offer a facility for a meeting.

Another change that has happened since I have been in this

position is that we have been fortunate enough for Mark R to start up a website for the Area. He has worked really hard and is constantly updating that website.

Our elections will be finalized in October. As I said earlier this will be my last RSC as RCM. LD G is my current alternate and he will be taking over in November.

I would like to thank everyone in this room for giving me a whole new outlook on what this deal is all about.

ILS

Matt Carr

(Outgoing RCM, CRANA)

Foothill Unity Area

Dear RSC

The recovery in the Foot Hill Unity Area is stronger than ever. We have four home groups that are going strong. You can find a meeting every night in Searcy. We will be having a speaker jam in November. I have brought some flyers and hope to see everyone there. We will also be having a campout sometime this fall. I have been out of town so I'm not sure what the date is, Dawn will hand more information than me.

Foot Hill Unity Area is bringing a \$200 donation to region and a \$100 donation to help with the seed money for the convention. Foot Hills will be purchasing a neat key chain that will be going in the registration packets to encourage people to register. I also have \$243 from tee shirts sales. I was not able to sell all the shirts that I took but have the shirts to return. I have all shirts accountable for sorry for the brief scare that took place after I realized that I had left them in Little Rock. Thanks to everyone who helped me locate the shirts.

I received a call from Mike asking me to contact an individual getting out of treatment that wanted information about meetings in Batesville. He said Batesville had Foothills listed as their area. I had no information about the meeting, but I did pass the number to a couple of people who did. The person was contacted with the information. I'm not for sure if Batesville belongs to an area or not. Batesville was going to join Foothills but never showed up at the area meeting and as far as I know they never joined any area.

I also have to withdraw my nomination for the phone line chair. Life has changed and I do not feel as if I will have the time or the resources to fulfill the position. School, work, and family have to come first. I have learned it's not fair to me or NA to spread myself to thin. I feel this is the responsible thing for me to do.

ILS,

Crystal D

Northwest Arkansas Area

Northwest Arkansas Area Report-- August 2008

Northwest Area welcomes you to Harrison. We will be serving lunch today and there will also be a dinner here before the workshop this evening. For those who can stay after

the meeting ends tomorrow, there will be a celebration of miracles pool party/cookout at Serenity Acres.

The 23rd Beaver Round Up in June was an excellent celebration of recovery. We are already planning for the 24th which will be at Buffalo Point June, 2009.

Our H&I subcommittee has been active and is carrying a meeting into two facilities each week. They are holding regular subcommittee meetings. Cynthia the area H & I chair will be presenting a workshop with LD this evening.

Our PR subcommittee has been making contacts and distributing literature.

Harrison has added three new noon meetings.

We have \$150 to contribute to Region.

It has been an honor to serve with you.

In loving service,

Susan H. RCM

Northwest Arkansas Area Year End Report—August 2008

1. We have 67 group meetings and two H&I meetings each week for a total of 69 meetings.
2. The size of our local fellowship is difficult to determine. We are seeing an increase in attendance, particularly in Bentonville and Harrison.
3. H&I activity: weekly meeting at an adolescent facility, Vista Health, and a weekly meeting at an adult facility, Decision Point. Regular committee meetings are held and workshops have been conducted.
4. PR activity: contact with jails with literature provided. There was a regional PR presentation made for Drug Court in Harrison.
5. Other Committee Activity: the Activity Committee organized another very successful Beaver Round Up campout.
6. Specific problems: some growing pains in Harrison
7. Plans for coming year: phone line/12th step workshop, leadership workshop, start new H&I meetings as resources become available.
8. Brief history of NA in NW:
9. What our Area would like to accomplish at the World Service Conference: we hope to utilize some of the service material being developed by World to help us better carry the NA message. We appreciate the quality of the literature that is being developed and want it the development to continue.

Ozark Area

August 2, 2008

Hello family

I am sitting in for the RCM's today only. Dennis will be here tomorrow as usual. Our area is still very new yet we are very strong & still growing. We currently have 11 meetings, covering 6 surrounding towns, & 2 counties. We have several things going on within the H&I / PI subcommittee. We are finally making headway on getting into the Baxter Co. and Marion Co. jails; we have had contact with local judges and the reception has been welcoming, more will be revealed on this issue. The youth bridge in our area has asked the Ozark Area for some assistance. We do plan on doing a PI presentation there. The local

newspaper has discontinued their "Self Help" section, we did learn however that there is a booklet published with "Self Help" info that is distributed throughout the area, and we will be adding our info to that booklet. We currently take 2 meetings into the local treatment facility and several NA members are also picking up clients 4-5 nights a week. We now have a web page for the Ozark Area it is:

OASCNA.org. it is still a work in progress, but it is up and running w/mtg. info. We are finally becoming self supporting enough to get literature for our mtgs. This will help facilitate mgts to have literature available without the additional expenses of shipping & handling. Our election for the Ozark Area will be Sept/Oct. Our Area has recently decided to go from the use of Robert's Rules of Orders to Consensus Based voting, due to this change & several other factors we have decided to re-vamp our policy to meet our needs.

Thank you all

ILS, Jana P (Representative)

Hello family,

First let me start out by apologizing for not being here yesterday because it was my brothers wedding. Things are going well in the Ozark Area. Our "Just For Today" group out of Gassville just recently had their 1st annual campout at the Norfolk Dam site Quarry Park pavilion. The theme was "Lets Get It on in July." We had a good turnout for a first campout. We had about 50 people. Our W.T.A. group out of Flippin is working on their next function for Halloween. More will be revealed on that. This was Mike W. last region as RCM. Our service positions are up this month so hopefully we will be getting some new faces involved. Thank you family.

Your Ozark Area Atl. RCM

Dennis A

(report submitted for minutes)

Texarkana

Hi Family,

We had our area meeting and the \$50 donation in lieu of the campout being canceled has been sent to the RSC office. The area is below prudent reserve so we are not sending any other donation at this time. TACNA has a fundraiser on August 9th starting at 9:00 am a volleyball tournament, cooking contest and swimming at Camp Preston Hunt, we are also making plans for the 25th celebration with a live band at our convention. Texarkana area is collecting auction and raffle items and we are all very excited about the First Arkansas Convention in October. We need no assistance at this time. As I took vacation in July, I was unable to get off work this weekend, love and miss y'all, Ginger W. ASR Texarkana Area

Read Overview of Consensus section, Voting Section, and

Consensus Procedure Section

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

OPEN SHARING:

5 minutes

Note taking no names

Chairperson for the hospitality room at the regional convention-asking for help Batesville has Foothills down as their area and they have not shown up. Mark will correct it.

Communication flow

**** This concludes Open Sharing ****

STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities

No report submitted

Convention Committee

Hello Family,

Well another three months have past and October 17th is quickly approaching.

Our convention is going well, with few challenges. But nothing to worry about. Since our last RSC meeting I am excited about all the effort and enthusiasm from the Areas and Groups that are putting this convention together.

Last week we attended the SZF and during the Regional and Area concerns, we were educated with the experiences from other states Regional and Area conventions reports. Most were horror stories, but we came away with the idea that they were the exception not the rule. The advice from everyone I spoke with was to promote our convention and get members excited about attending.

In calling the sub-committee chairs for their reports I encouraged them to ask members to pre-register. I also asked that all the Areas and Groups donate auction items by calling Roger and following his instructions on how to get them to him.

The Host Committee is going strong and set a goal to pre-register forty members to the convention. Attached are the minutes from their last meeting. The Host Chair Dale B. said his committee members are already helping the Hospitality Committee and are ready to help in all areas of the convention.

Diana D. and I were able to spend time this past week-end with Laurie S. and talked about Registration. I have a new found appreciation for how

complex the duties of this committee are. I have full confidence that Laurie and her committee will and are doing an excellent job. Attached is a report from the Registration Committee.

Bill La. And the Program Committee has secured one of the three speakers and should have all the speakers chosen by the fifteenth of August.

The Executive committee would like to thank Mary V., Terri-girl and the Central Arkansas Area for booking the band, DJ and Comic for our entertainments. They took their responsibility gracefully, worked it diligently and completed it quickly. This has allowed us to concentrate our efforts in other areas.

Mike W. and the Pre-Convention T-shirt Committee have been busy selling the last of those T's and will have a full accounting soon.

Amber and LD and the Conventions T-shirt Committee have purchased the shirts and will be selling them soon.

Pat P. is now completing the details of our Vendors and will be ready at the convention to provide our members with quality merchandise. We would like to thank the entire Merchandise Committee for their hard work.

DJG and the Hospitality Committee are working hard and are excited about serving the convention members with coffee, food and refreshments.

In conclusion, we are working the telephones like telemarketers selling car insurance. During supper, NA meetings, church, on the toilet, there is not where you can hide.

We passionately do this to fulfill our commitment and the fantastic pay.

Yours in Service;

Marvin D. Chairperson

Susan B. Co Chair

Kathy B. Treasurer

Diana D. Secretary

Executive Committees

July Minutes

Marvin D. Chairperson – Present

Susan B. Co Chair – Present

Kathy B. Treasurer – Absent

Diana D. Secretary – Present

Topics Discussed:

Status of sub-committees

Merchandising

Pre-Convention t-shirts, Mike W. - Unable to reach him, we do not know what the status is of how many are left, where money is, etc.

Convention shirts- to be printed this week Coffee cup still unknown

Registration

Pre-Registration packets are purchased there will be a mystery item in the first 300 packets that were donated by the foothills unity group. Registration hours

are as follows;

Friday 4-7:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am – 6:30 pm.

Auction/Raffle

We need to discuss with Roger if he would like to get jean jacket for men and women to raffle.

Speakers

Speaker one chosen from St. Louis not sure what travel arrangements will be at this time.

There is one workshop speaker chosen from the show me region. Topic; to help incarcerated addicts to work steps.

Hospitality

Food will be supplied by NWA, coffee and supplies by hosting committee.

Hospitality room will be open as follows, Friday: 4:00 – 7:00pm & 8:30 pm – 12:00 am.

Saturday: 6:30 am – 7:00 pm & 9:00 pm – 12:00 am Sunday: 6:30 -9:00 am.

Host Committees

There will be a fundraiser at Square Pegs on September 6 to raise money for host committee t-shirts.

Vendors

Pat is working on vendors. Alternative merchandise is to be sold Saturday: from 9:00 pm – 12:00 am, Sunday: 8:00 am – 11:00 am.

Region Conventions 2008 Schedule of Events

Friday:

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Registration
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Hospitality Room
8:30 pm – 12:00 am	Hospitality Room
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Speaker Meeting
8:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Comedian
10:00 pm – 1:00 am	Band

Marathon Meetings From 10:00 pm – 6:00 am

Saturday:

9:00 am – 6:30 pm	Registration
6:30 am – 7:00 pm	Hospitality Room
9:00 pm – 12:00 am	Hospitality Room
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Workshop
11:00 am – 12:00 am	Workshop
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Workshop
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Banquet Dinner
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Auction/Raffle
8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Speaker Meeting
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Speaker Meeting
8:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Comedian

9:00 pm Recovery Countdown
 10:00 pm – 1:00 am DJ Dance
 9:00 pm – 12:00 am Alternative Merchandise
 Marathon Meetings From 10:00 pm – 6:00 am

Sunday:
 8:00 am – 11:00 am Alternative Merchandise
 9:00 am – 10:00 am Speaker Meeting
 11:00 am Checkout Time

Host Committee Meeting Saturday July 26

The host committee met Saturday July 26, at 10:00 am to discuss t-shirt's and a fund raiser for the t-shirts, marathon meetings, runners, and huggers for the first annul Hot Sprints NA Convention.

The member present were Dale B, Anthony C, Mike L, Barbara W, Susan B, Jennifer B, Hollee F, Christy E, Karla M, JC G, Kevin C, Jay S, Audra L, Thomas C, Wayne A, and Doris B.

The t-shirts were decided yellow shirt with the service symbol on the front and the back "Host Committee Members". Approximately 40 shirts to be made and a fundraiser to help pay for the t-shirts.

The only suggestion was from Hollee for a fund raiser was to have a luau. She has items with the theme and is willing to donate them. Jay is going to see if we can have it at Square Peg Round Hole Group, everyone agreed. Jay said that SPRH will hold an emergency business meeting to see if it can be held there to promote unity. There is more parking there and more room to cook out. The date for the luau is Sept. 6 doors open @ 5 and the event @ 6. There will be a cookout, raffle, auction, speaker, etc., Jay will notify the Host Committee of the date and time of this business meeting.

Marathon meetings will be Friday night and Saturday night, the meetings will start at 10 pm and end at 6 am. The group decided to have the meetings every other hour. There will be sign up sheets for marathon meetings, huggers, and runners.

Thanks
 Jennifer B.

Members present for the Host Committee Meeting 7/26/08

Name	Group	Phone	Size
Anthony C	Genesis	501-802-0359	xl
Mike L	Genesis	501-762-2440	med
Barbara W	Genesis	501-802-3904	med
Susan B	Genesis	501-762-5744	lg
Jennifer B	Genesis	501-844-7986	lg
Hollie F	Genesis	870-210-0280	lg
Cristy E	Genesis	501-623-7831	med

Dale B	Genesis	501-282-9187	xl
Karla M	Genesis	501-538-1009	med
JC G	Genesis	501-815-3031	3xl
Kevin C	Genesis	501-353-5610	2xl
Jay S	Square Peg	501-538-1163	xl
Audra L	Square Peg	501-545-8162	lg
Thomas C	Square Peg	501-538-2991	lg
Wayne A	Genesis	501-617-3674	4xl
Doris B	Genesis	501-545-1909	med

Other members who want to be a part of but was not there that day

Robert H	Genesis	501-617-3873	lg
Heather A	Genesis	501-538-0593	xl

Marvin,

We've deposited \$1,215.00 (to Regions Acct # 8064058631) which includes:

- 11 Registrations
- 11 Banquets
- 11 Comedy shows
- 9 SS Shirts
- 2 LS Shirts
- \$441 Newcomer Donations

The Foothills Unity Area has decided to fund inclusion of a specialty item in the registration packet. The first 300 to register will be sure to get one, so GET REGISTERED!!

ILS,
Laurie S.

Convention ADHOC Committee

Absent

H&I

I've recently been contacted by several wives of men that are incarcerated as well as actual inmates in the Arkansas Department of Corrections, also inmates in the Federal Facility in Forrest City, Ark. So I have contacted the a Chaplain Grimes at the Grimes Unit in Newport he was very interested in getting some literature into the facility however he could not give me the okay to do so. He in turn gave me the number to the Chaplain Sergat, who is over all the Arkansas Department of Corrections. So I contacted him and got his secretary and put on hold for a minute or two when she came back to the phone she said he wanted me to send him a copy of all the literature that we wanted to send inside, so that he could look at them and get back to me. So I am asking this body for some help with this.

ILS
LD

Literature

Since the last RSC meeting the only activity of this subcommittee was the review of reports from Pat and the WSC report in the NA Way regarding literature. World is to be commended for the development of recovery and service literature and their responsiveness to the fellowship. These are changing and exciting times for those who love NA literature.

Literature Subcommittee Year End Report—2007- 2008

The vice-chair, Russ, resigned in May. Our meetings this past year have been during the RSC meetings and by phone. We did review and discuss the approval drafts of the Basic Text 6th Ed. and the Youth IPs.

The literature process is evolving. Pat has done an excellent job of informing RCMs and other interested addicts of literature projects from world. As he stated in part of his report, ALL future Recovery Literature will go through the Region Literature Committee process. All future Service Literature projects such as Handbooks etc will also go through the Region Literature Committee process.

This subcommittee will become more active as the process develops. Although my term as RCM ends with this meeting, I hope to remain involved with the literature subcommittee. It will be a delight to review the recently approved projects, especially “Living Clean—The Journey Continues” and the service materials. It will be helpful to have the service material development process found in the 2008-2010 version of *A Guide to World services in NA*.

In loving service,
Susan H

Outreach

Hello Family:

Well, it has been a pretty slow quarter as far as new meetings go. I had one request for a new group starter kit in Oklahoma, but the kit I sent out to the address I was given came back undeliverable and when I tried to call the contact person, I left several messages and never got a call back. So, if anyone knows anything about that meeting, please let me know.

I have updated the map that I will turn over to the new Outreach chair for the archives as directed in the policies and procedures for this position. I have the recent updated meeting lists ready and will hand out today. Unfortunately, I do not have the new reformatted lists done. It has been harder than I thought to do this, but am still

plugging along with it and will be talking with Mark about it later to see if he can help me. I will continue with this endeavor and not just throw it on the new chair person. I think I am on the right track, but going with the two page 8 ½ x 11 that we discussed last region, I have so much room that I just don't see any reason to do it at this point. But trying to go to a different font to fill the pages is what is throwing me. And with the number of meetings that are folding or combining, our original is getting shorter. That's not good. So, some of you will see all of your meetings listed the way they are on the phone line and some won't, but don't worry, they will eventually. I would like to ask that if you do have a meeting list with you for your area that has a breakdown of your meetings by the type of meeting, please give me a copy.

Also, I know that the new link on the website for updating meetings is working since I tried it, but don't forget that that is not in place of calling the phone line. You must call the phone line also or we are going to go right back to having different information on the website than we do on the meeting list and on the phone line. I already noticed a few on this quarter's phone line report I received and will be asking those groups about which are correct. Remember, the meetings lists that Outreach is going to be distributing is going to come straight from what the phone line reports, not what is reported on the website, so don't forget that okay.

Thanks for allowing me to serve. In loving service.

Terri G.

Phone-line

Hello Family:

Well, I have had no invitations to do any phone line workshops this quarter. I was hoping to have at least one so that Crystal could go with me on one before taking over this position. But, I will still go with her one the first one she gets if she wants me to.

I have been trying to contact all the people that are currently on the patch list to have a complete updated list to turn over to her, but are having a hard time reaching most of the people who were on there prior to 2 years ago. Not many, but a few. So, I will pass out the most recent list during this RSC and if you know of any changes, please let me know so I can correct it. Also, if you have completed a work shop and your name is not on the list, let me know.

I have been in contact with Shawn at the answering service a few times this past quarter with some problems I was contacted about in Central Arkansas and don't see that they are doing anything different, but if you have had or are having any problems with calling in changes or anything else, please make sure me or Crystal know about it so we can fix it. When they get new employees in there, sometimes they don't know

how to read the screens right. That is what happened this last time and they just need to be shown.

Thanks for allowing me to serve. In loving service.

Terri G.

Public Information

Hello Family,

First I would like to thank all of you who responded to us with thoughts and prayers during this difficult time for us.

Thank you.

I am very excited about how well PI/PR is doing in the start of Arkansas and in the Region. I had hoped that all the PR positions would be filled by the end of this year, so if your area is in need of a workshop please do not hesitate to call.

I attended the Greersferry 2nd Annual One night stand camp-out for which I did a workshop on how to present and spoke about the importance of workshops and education. I was very well received and want to thank Greersferry for a wonderful time.

I attended the SZF in Memphis to participate in the workshop on PR handbook and came away very well informed and enlightened by the history of PI/PR and I also received new literature for the Handbook. I am very excited by the direction of PI/PR in our fellowship as a whole. I was able to talk with others and gathered a lot of new information and learned some new approaches to getting the information out there. I was told that the information and workshops would be on the SZF web-site and I would be able to down load the power points presentation as soon as it is available and of course as soon as I am able to decipher the technology to go with that. I will make every effort to grow in this area and hopefully be able to access more information in the future. I also hope to maintain a steady contact with NAWS and keep updated with P&R information to pass up to the Areas. This is all new territory and I am looking forward to learning it with you along the way.

ILS

Diana D.

PI/Pr Regional Chair

Area P.I./P.R. Chairpersons and contacts

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CENTRAL: Dewayne D. (501) 804-1867
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CLEAN & SERENE: Vacant

CROWLEYS RIDGE: LD (870) 897-8939
email: amberj.na@gmail.com

FOOTHILLS UNITY: Matt F. (501) 827-1411
email: matthewfaith@sbcglobal.net

NORHTWEST AREA: Kevin (479) 899-5797

TACNA: Vacant

GREERS FERRY: Matt B. (501) 472-8434
email: rbhc@alltel.net

OZARK:

ARVANA: Spoke with Tim A. Arvana will be manning a booth at the River Valley Recovery Walk hosted by The Organization of Adult and Returning Students on the Campus of UAFS.

Event is September 13th. Information (below) attached in e-mail. They are also working on getting a meeting on the university campus, plan on stocking the Guidance Counselors office with IP's and a few Basic Tests.

From: Tim Arnoldussen <naway97@cox.net>

Subject: River Valley Recovery Walk

Date: Monday, July 28, 2008, 12:12 AM

River Valley Recovery Walk sponsored by the Organization of Adult and Returning Students on the campus of UAFS. In recognition of National Recovery Month OARS will host the first ever River Valley Recovery Walk. Event to be held September 13, 2008 at approximately 10am till 1pm, at the bell tower on the campus of UAFS. Event will include a walk to recognize the recovery community. Speakers on recovery subjects, food, and booths featuring local recovery options. Please set your calendars so that you may attend this event. Let's show the River Valley how strong the recovery community is here. More details to come in the future.

Please send this to as many people as you can.

Tim Arnoldussen

OARS member

CENTRAL: Spoke with Mary V. The PR Chair Dewayne D. left several messages and e-mailed no response.

E-mail from Dewayne D.

Greetings,

You had contacted me for some information for you Regional PI report about the goings on of the Central Arkansas Area's Public Information Subcommittee. Here you go...

Several things have been and are happening within the Public Information realm in the Central Arkansas Area. Mid South Summer School happened back in June on the ARLR campus. We had a great booth manned by some very dedicated people. We answered quite a few questions

and made some good contacts, most notably with the US Parole Office in Little Rock and some ADC folks that we'll be following up with in the coming weeks.

We just participated in a health fair/learning day in Wrightsville, Ar set up by the local community there. The turn out was good and I think that Narcotics Anonymous was well represented with our booth and a speaker.

In the immediate future we will be meeting with the prosecuting attorney for the Little Rock drug court to clear up some issues and to establish some clear understanding on the participation of Narcotics Anonymous when it comes to their wards attending particular groups in Hot Springs. We have also been asked by a group in Benton to contact the drug court there to open some dialog with their staff and to provide them some information and a contact point for NA. I suppose while we are at it we will go ahead and reach out to the drug court apparatus located in Malvern, Conway and Pine bluff as well to make the Central Arkansas circuit complete.

Drug courts have been in operation in Arkansas since 1994 (Little Rock) and we have, for the most part, a good working relationship with those located in the Central Arkansas Area. These relationships do need to be fostered and maintained with regular communication and interaction to avoid the types of misunderstandings that we have been asked by our groups to address. This will be a focus for us over the coming months considering the needs expressed.

The web site, www.caasc.org, is being updated as often as is necessary. We encourage anyone and everyone to send their information and fliers for any events so that we can post them for others to see.

In addition to the upcoming meetings we will be having with the drug courts we are working on a couple of other projects. We have begun plans to have a presence at the upcoming Recovery Walk in Hot Springs again this year. We are also looking at organizing a simultaneous flier day for the municipalities within the Central Arkansas Area to get the local groups involved in getting the message out to the communities in which they are located.

If you have any question or need any further information please feel free to contact me.
Thanks,

Dwayne Davis
(501) 804-1867
d2@open-hosting.org

CLEAN & SERENE: Spoke with Mike B. position is still vacant

FOOTHILLS UNITY: I spoke with Matt F. who is doing an awesome job. He stated that the budget was passed at the last Area. They have placed an ad in the Beebe local paper for the local group and are still maintaining current information in the Daily Citizen. They have ordered new literature racks and are going to be placing them soon. They did a presentation at the Riverview High School and have a call into the Drug Court. We are having difficulty communicating with a local White County jail for PI & Hi we are hoping to be able to reproach at a later date.

GREERS FERRY: They had a PI Workshop by the Regional Chair at the Second Annual One Night Stand camp-out for the Area. He will have more information form the next Area meeting.

CROWLEYS RIDGE: They made contact with a Chaplin at the Womens' Unit in Newport regarding literature to be placed in the facility and were given a contact in Pine Bluff.

NORHTWEST AREA: They are growing in Northwest. The Drug Court clients are doing well. Communication with probation officers is open and cooperative and working well.

TACNA: I received a return e-mail from Kim who is no longer the PR Chair. I called Vicky B. and was informed the position is still vacant.

OZARK: I have continually been unable to reach the RCM Mike W. or the RCM alt. Dennis A. I will try to get the correct information at this Region.

Policy & Procedure

Greetings Family,

We had a very short Policy & Procedures meeting on Saturday. We discussed, that at our next meeting of the ARSCNA, we need to have our yearly combined meeting of the Policy committee, all ARSCNA Subcommittee Chairpersons, the ARSCNA Administrative committee, and all the subcommittee treasurers. This meeting is described in our Policy & Procedures manual on page 23 of the Policy section. Please refer to number 4 under the functions & responsibilities section of the Policy & Procedures committee. This meeting will take the place of a workshop in Texarkana. This is to go over any/all policy changes that have occurred over the past year. This way these changes can be reflected in the next set of Policy & Procedure manual that will be released at the start of next year.

As far as my end of year report, there isn't much that needs to be covered. The past year has seen us become more used to using our policy manuals, as well as becoming more accepting to the fact that we have a living document in our Policy Section. We have accomplished not sending many guideline changes back to Groups since we separated Guidelines from Policy. The only shortcomings I can see, from the past year, have been that I did not make all the changes in a timely manner (which means I still have room for growth). My plans for the upcoming year are to attempt to work on the shortcomings I have previously mentioned. I also have offered my services for any service body that might need to have workshops done, on Consensus Based Decision Making. Since this is an important part of our Policy that we consistently utilize at the ARSCNA.

Thank you for continuing to allow me to serve the Arkansas Region. This position has definitely continued to allow me to learn & grow, as well as continue to give back to this fellowship that keeps me alive.

In Grateful Loving Service,
Bill La

WebSite

Hello Family,

Calendar was setup so that Bill La can approve events. Ginger (Activities Chair) has yet to learn how to approve events. There is a link on the calendar that opens a form that submits an email to Bill and will submit to ginger once she is trained (not much to train for.) It is a matter of checking personal email then going to calendar and signing in then clicking unapproved events. Then either approve or delete events.

Is Flyer Upload Page working for everyone? Is there a need for it? I can take it down if it is too complicated. Any Flyers or other information can be sent to me via email, to the regional Email address (arscnaweb@yahoo.com). Looking for direction. (Region decided to leave up for three more months.)

The ARCNA web page is up and running. It is located under the regional service/standing subcommittees from the menu at the top of every page. We found that the URL in the NA way Magazine for the Regional convention is incorrect. I was able to do a redirect for the link that was put in the NA Way. Only problem with this is that some anti-phishing programs may not want to open because of the redirect.

We are now being hosted by a company named BlueHost.com. Everything is running great. Service is very good. I have a receipt for the first year of hosting. I turned in a receipt for \$95.40 for a year of service.

We are going to add a link for the meetings to their corresponding area. I do not want to take any information away from the regional web meeting list, just add a "for more information" link to the bottom of the groups that are also on their area web meeting list.

As I was going through the answering service meeting list information I saw that the West Tennessee Area phone line is down as the Crowley's Ridge area phone number. This needs to be changed either to state that it is the West Tennessee Area phone number or take this information off of the list as the CRANA number. It was stated to me that I could make these changes myself.

We have a counter that I installed on July 20th. This counter gives me a report on how many hits each page gets whenever I want to look at it. Anyone can view this report at anytime. We will be able to see which pages are being used and which pages are not being used. The link to this hit stats page is: <http://www.arscna.org/hitstats.shtml> . You can also look at a month by month report for each individual page. I hope that this hit counter will help me streamline the site by telling me which pages are being used and which either need to be deleted or redesigned to make it more useful to the fellowship. A question was asked about search engine bots as part of this count. It is at this time but I will be able to take these bots off as time goes permits.

I went to a PR/PI workshop this last weekend at the Southern Zonal Forum and learned that the web is one of the top reasons that NA has grown as much as it has in the recent past. I have been told by newcomers that they found our meeting from the website. This has been a very gratifying experience for me.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our former web servant for helping me this last month with some link issues that I had with the site. This experience was a real positive one. I hope that she and I can work together in the future.

I would like to inform the committee that I feel that we have an actual committee; chair, vice-chair, secretary, and as of 8-2-08 two active members.

In Loving Service,
Mark R.

Administrative Committee Report

Admin Committee met Sunday morning before the close of Regional Business.
Doug H opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
RSC Secretary took a roll call and notes:

RD	Pat P	Absent
RDA	Mike P	Present
RSC Chair	Doug H.	Present
RSC Vice Chair	Bill Le.	Present
RSC Secretary	Zenia F	Present
RSC Secretary in Training	Pam R.....	Present
RSC Treasurer	Barb H.....	Present
RSC Treasurer in Training		Vacant
RSC Policy & Procedure Chair ...	Bill La.....	Present

Admin meeting—

1. No Motions
2. Have budgets ready for November 2008
3. Hold on to the moneys above prudent reserve and would like some directions for the body
4. Please bring the archives to transfer them to the appropriate new elective servants
5. This body's practice of putting too much on newer members. Suggested solutions, could be workshop on 12 concepts asking for other solutions remind ourselves about our responsibility when electing trusted servants.
6. SZF Covington, La leadership – effective communication – continuing of service/ transitions
7. Next RSC – Texarkana all admin committee & sub committee chairs must attend as per RSC P&P manual.
8. Reconcile shirt sales & inventory

****Business was closed for the day with the Third Step Prayer.
The Committee will meet at 9:00 on Sunday, August 3th**

ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
Sunday, August 3, 2008
Harrison, Ar

OPENING:

Doug H opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

READINGS:

A member read the 12 traditions.

A member read the first two paragraphs of tradition 2.

A member read the 12 concepts of service.

A member read our Purpose and Definition.

ROLL CALL:

Arkansas River Valley Area.....	Mark S. (RCM).....	Present
Central Arkansas Area	Mary V. (RCM).....	Present
Clean and Serene Group.....	Mike B. (GSR)	Present
Crowley's Ridge Area.....	Matt C. (RCM).....	Present
Foothills Unity Area	Crystal D .. (RCM).....	Present
Greer's Ferry Lake Area	Kristi E..... (RCM).....	Absent
Northwest Arkansas Area.....	Susan H.... (RCM).....	Present
Texarkana Area.....	Ginger W . (RCM Alt).....	Absent
Ozark Area	Dennis A... (RCM Alt).....	Present
RD	Pat P	Absent
RDA.....	Mike P.....	Present
RSC Chair.....	Doug H.....	Present
RSC Vice Chair.....	Bill Le.	Present
RSC Secretary	Zenia F	Present
RSC Secretary in Training	Pam R.....	Present
RSC Treasurer	Barb H.....	Present
RSC Treasurer in Training		Vacant
Activities Chair.....	Ginger W .	Absent
H & I Chair.....	LD G.....	Present
Literature Chair.....	Susan H....	Present
Outreach Chair	Terri G.	Present
PI Chair.....	Diana D.	Present
Phone Line Chair.....	Terri G	Present
Website Chair	Mark R.....	Present
Policy & Procedure	Bill La.	Present
Convention Chair	Marvin D. ...	Present
Convention Guidelines Chair	Roger W.....	Absent

Alternates and Other Representatives:

Present: Crowley's Ridge Area, RCM Alt: 'LD' G., Present: Central Arkansas Area, RCM Alt: Terri G., Present: ARVANA, RCM Alt: Danny W., Foothills Area, RCM Alt: Dawn M., Present: Robert H, Genesis Group, GSR

Read Overview of Consensus section, Voting Section, and Consensus Procedure Section

ELECTIONS

- Ø Nominees to RSC offices must be present at the time of nomination and at the time of election and attend at least two consecutive meetings of the ARSCNA before being elected.
- Ø RSC trusted servants serve a term of one year or, if willing, until successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin at the end of the regular meeting at which they are elected. (Note: RD & RDA serve 2-year terms.)
- Ø Job descriptions and qualifications for all offices was read for each position

Officer Nominations

RSC Chair
Bill Le-Nominated
Passed by consensus

RSC Vice-Chair
Matt C-Nominated
Passed by consensus

RSC Secretary
Zenia F-Nominated
Nomination Closed

ARSCNA SERVICE RESUME

Name: Zenia F

Date: **8/3/08**

Position nominated for: Secretary

Previous service commitments completed: Lit. Vice Chair, Area Activities Chair, Area vice Chair, RSC Secretary, Area Chair

Other current service commitments:

Area – Chair

Service positions vacated by resignation or impeachment (and possibly why): N/A

Experience in area of service for which nominated: I have served as RSC Secretary for 1 year.

Clean Date: 10/01/03

Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship: I just want to give back to the fellowship that saved my ass...

RSC Treasurer
Barb H-Nominated
Passed by consensus

RSC Treasurer In Training
Terri G-Nominated
Passed by consensus

Policy & Procedure Chair
Bill La-Nominated
Passed by consensus

Activities Chair
Ginger W-Nominated
Not Available to be voted into office
Nominations Opened

H&I Chair
LD G-Nominated
Passed by consensus

Literature Chair
Susan H-Nominated
Nomination Closed

ARSCNA SERVICE RESUME

Name: Susan H

Date: **8/3/08**

Position nominated for: RSC Literature Chair

Previous service commitments completed: 24 years as a sponsor
Alaska: over 15 years as either coffee maker, secretary, GSR or group rep to Area Activities or PI committees.

2 yrs as Area Secretary - Anchorage

1yr as Area Chair - Anchorage

1yr as RSC Sec - AK

1 yr as RSC Chair -AK

Arkansas:

1 yr as group secretary and then GSR for AWOL

2 yrs as RCM for NW AR

1 yr as RSC Lit Vice Chair

1 yr as RSC Lit Chair

Other current service commitments:

Group PR chair- AWOL

Service positions vacated by resignation or impeachment (and possibly why): Resigned only to accept other positions when at group level.

Experience in area of service for which nominated: Avid consumer of NA literature; have requested and reviewed new NA publications and have provided input to World.

Clean Date: 3/13/84

Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship: I love NA literature and NA Service

Outreach Chair

Mike W-Nominated

Not Available to be voted into office

Nominations Opened

PI Chair

Diana D-Nominated

Passed by consensus

Phone line Chair

Crystal D-Nominated – Declined Nominations

Nominations Opened

NEW BUSINESS

Reports from Areas/Loner Groups joining the Region:

Hello Family,

As GSR of Genesis Group I am here at the request of my name group to ask if we can

be reeased as a loner group of ARSCNA.
ILS
Robert H.

Treasury Request Motions:

Not Applicable

Southern Zonal Forum Liaison:

Matt C
In La

Pre-arranged agenda:

--Convention Bids for 2009 AR regional convention.
1. ARVANA
2. Genesis group
2/3 majority FOR ARVANA to host 2009 convention

Motions from the floor:

M01080308

Date: 08/03/2008

Author: Mark S

Seconded By: Danny W

Motion: To suspend regular contributions to World/SZF (funds above prudent reserve) until after 2008 Arkansas Regional Convention.

Intent: To ensure that we have funds available in the event of unforeseen financial expenditures incurred at the October Arkansas Regional Convention.

Motion passed by consensus

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Doug H. reminded everyone to get their archives.

1. Central Arkansas Convention next weekend
2. Softball tournament in September Interstate Park
3. Arkansas Regional Convention so everyone in the region needs to get pre-registered. Convention October 17,18 and 19 2008
4. Chili Dog Chowdown on Labor Day weekend
5. Serenity On the Lake – September 5-7.
6. November 15 – The Liddell Center Searcy.
7. Crowley's Ridge Area – Campout - flyer coming
8. August 23 at Genesis Group
9. September 6th Convention host committee is having a Lula.
10. To Hot To Trot Paragould next Saturday

REVIEW OF BUSINESS TO BE TAKEN BACK FOR GROUP CONSCIENCE:

The executive committee would like to make a slide show for the banquet at the Regional Convention. Could you please ask your groups for photos that you would like to add to this. You can e-mail this to me at brumley.susan@gmail.com or mail to Susan Brumley, 250 Brumley Trail Hot Springs Ar. 71901. If you have any question please call at 501-627-5744. Deadline is September 1st.

In Loving Service,
Susan B.

May 19,2008

To: Arkansas Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Dear Family,

I am writing to the committee to make an amends. I did not leave my service position in the correct manor. My term was up for activities, but I was supposed to continue through the First Annual Convention. I left the committee without fulfilling my obligations and I did not present or submit my ending report. I feel that this was disrespectful and irresponsible on my part. I do not wish to share my excuses for this behavior. I hope that the members of the committee will accept my apology. I love each and every one of you.

God Bless Us All

Leann Jones

Hi folks, I am sending this letter out for our area, (third request) we have not had any replies except from TACNA who donated a shirt, cup and a bag for the auction and raffle for our Arkansas Regional Convention. Roger and I would like to prepare ahead of time and know what items we will have for the auction, if you can't afford to mail them to us, please send a detailed description of the item so we can make a list of the items for the auction ahead of time, if you don't have time to gather any items or send an email please take the time to forward this email to someone in your group or area that can help us out, please participate in your own recovery and follow through or ask someone to help us who has the time and resources.

The Texarkana area POBOX is 6321, Texarkana, TX 75501

PLANS FOR THE NEXT RSC WEEKEND:

Arkansas RSC Narcotics Anonymous

Hosted by the Texarkana Area of Narcotics Anonymous

November 1st & 2nd, 2008

New Freedom Group

Location: 53 Airport Drive

Texarkana, Arkansas

Directions: Exit Stateline South to Arkansas Blvd, go left on Arkansas Blvd. cross Railroad tracks, take the next 3 rights and you are there!

Ginger W 903-748-8310 Roger W 903-826-0960

Agenda Summary

SATURDAY

Continental Breakfast 9:30 am.

RSC meeting 10:00 am

Secretary Report

Treasurer Report

RD Report

Area/Loner Group Reports

Old Business

Open Sharing

Subcommittees-----ENDS at 6:30

SUNDAY

Continental Breakfast 8:00 am

Admin. Meeting 8:30-9:30 am

RSC continues at 10:00 am

Subcommittees if necessary

Elections, if necessary

New Business

Announcements

Review of Business for Groups

Plans for next meeting

Updated Treasurer report- ends

LUNCH CHILLI DOGS AND FRITONES! 12:00-1:30 PM

SUGGESTED HOTELS :

QUALITY INN ON 5200 NORTH STATELINE AVE. \$60.00

(show RSC flyer) for group rate 870-772-0070

Hampton Inn 5300 North Stateline \$87-\$92 870-774-4444

EVENING FUNCTIONS MEETING AT 7:00 P.M. New Freedom Group

UPDATED TREASURER'S REPORT:
Arkansas Regional Service Committee
Treasurer's final Report

August 3, 2008

Dear Family,

Here is the final treasurer's report. We were able to pay all of our bills and still have \$861.64 above prudent reserve in our account. Per MO1-080308, this money will be held until the groups have a chance to vote.

As way of an end of term report, let me begin by apologizing for not being prepared to do the audit at this meeting. I had forgotten we decided to move the audit the August RSC so did not bring the archives. I believe the treasury is in good shape. Our bank statements now balance with our checkbook ledger and quarterly reporting ledger. This gives us numerous checks and balances in our accounting process.

During this term I was able to develop a list of treasurer responsibilities that outline the process required for each RSC meeting. Included are all of the bills the ARSCNA pays with the names, amounts, addresses and phone numbers and due dates. This information will be incorporated into the policies and procedure manual and will allow anyone to step into this position in the absence of a treasurer with minimal effort.

As we go into the next year it is my plan that with the help of the new Treasurer in Training, Terri G. We will be able to put an auditing procedure in writing that will provide structure, direction and consistency for that process.

On a personal note, I am so glad I was willing to give this position a shot. I had a lot of fear and trepidation due to my stunted math skills. After putting my fears aside I found out that I can continue to grow and learn new things. As is always the case, the skills I have learned by serving in this position (so far) will benefit me in my life far more than anything I could ever repay to Narcotics Anonymous. Thank you all for believing in me, even when I don't believe in myself and allowing me the opportunity and honor to grow.

In Loving Service

Barb H, Treasurer

**Arkansas Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Meeting Treasurer's Report**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reference #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
		Balance of Account		\$ 480.87
<u>Income</u>				
April 12, 2008	446546	Donation- ARNA	\$ 57.75	
May 25, 2008	446547	Donation - Clean Air	\$ 300.00	
May 18, 2008	446548	Donation - TACNA	\$ 2,276.01	
June 29, 2008	446549	Donation - CAASCNA	\$ 557.35	
June 29, 2008	446550	Donation - CAASCNA	\$ 107.06	
May 10, 2008	446551	Donation - Foothills Unity Area	\$ 100.00	
July 12, 2008	446552	Donation - Foothills Unity Area	\$ 100.00	
July 20, 2008	446553	Donation - Crowley's Ridge	\$ 561.56	
July 29, 2008	446554	Donation - ARVANA	\$ 150.00	
August 1, 2008	446555	Donation - NW Arkansas	\$ 150.00	
August 2, 2008	446556	RDA - Return of travel funds	\$ 207.93	
Total Income				\$ 4,567.66
<u>Expenses</u>				
June 8, 2008	EFT	Your Message Center	\$ 82.00	
July 8, 2008	EFT	Your Message Center	\$ 82.00	
August 8, 2008	EFT	Your Message Center	\$ 82.00	
August 2, 2008	1018	Zenia A, - Secretary expenses	\$ 101.06	
August 2, 2008	1019	Diana D - PI Travel	\$ 46.99	
August 2, 2008	1020	Amber J - H&I copies	\$ 30.24	
August 2, 2008	1021	Terri G. - Outreach Mtg Lists	\$ 111.80	
August 2, 2008	EFT	9/8/08 Your Message Center	\$ 82.00	
August 2, 2008	EFT	10/8/08 Your Message Center	\$ 82.00	
August 2, 2008	EFT	11/8/08 Your Message Center	\$ 82.00	
August 2, 2008	1022	Rent	\$ 50.00	
August 2, 2008	1023	MCI	\$ 120.00	
August 3, 2008	1024	Matt C, SZF	\$ 540.80	
Total Expenses				\$ 1,492.89
Balance before Accruals				\$ 3,555.64
Accruals				\$ 400.00
Prudent Reserve				\$ 2,294.00
Balance after Prudent Reserve				\$ 861.64

CLOSING: Meeting closed with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.