

**ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**JUNE 02, 2002
HOT SPRINGS, AR**

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OPENING:

- Mike R. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- Bill L. read the 12 traditions.
- Allen H. read the 12 Concepts.
- Member (name not written in notes) read the first 2 paragraphs of Tradition 2 and the Definition and Purpose of a RSC.

ROLL CALL:

Arkansas River Valley Area	David Ru. ASR	Present
Central Arkansas Area	Jim E., ASR.....	Present
Clean and Serene Group	Craig VK. GSR.....	Present
Foothills Unity Area	Laura C., ASR.....	Present
Genesis Group.....	Dan L., GSR.....	Present
Northeast Arkansas Area	John G., ASR	Absent
Northwest Arkansas Area	Allen H. ASR.....	Present
Texarkana Area.....	John C. ASRA.....	Present
RD.....	Bill L.	Present
RDA	Mike R. **	Present **
RSC Chair	Mike R.	Present
RSC Vice Chair.....	Billy B.	Present
RSC Secretary	Debby VK.	Absent
RSC Treasurer.....	Valerie Mc.	Present
Activities Chair	Vince W.	Present
H&I Chair	Jackie H.	Present
Literature Chair	Tim A.	Present
Outreach Chair	VACANT	VACANT
PI Chair	Jim E.	Present
Phoneline Chair.....	Dusty P.	Absent *
Webmaster	Valerie Mc.	Present

* Second consecutive absence.

** Term to begin after the September 2002 RSC.

Chair requested willingness for a Secretary, Maili K. volunteered to take notes.

NOTE: Due to unforeseen circumstances, Debby VK., our RSC Secretary, was unable to prepare these typewritten minutes. She graciously accepted the offer of Valerie Mc. to assist by getting these minutes prepared and distributed.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Motion to read only old and new business, elections and open sharing. Motion passes.

Motion to accept minutes as read. Motion passes.

TREASURER - INITIAL REPORT: SEE ATTACHED REPORTS (ARSCtreas0602.pdf, ARSCtreastx0602.pdf, 2002rscbudget.pdf) - bank statements mailed

Ending balance 1570.91

Income 152.86

Expenses (164.00)

Beginning Balance 1559.77

Reviewed forms and processes for obtaining budgeted and non-budgeted funds.

RD REPORT:

Inadvertently skipped over, re-visited just after “Reports from Member Areas and Loner Groups”

REPORTS from Member Areas and Longer Groups

ARKANSAS RIVER VALLEY AREA:

Arkansas River Valley Area of Narcotics Anonymous would like to again thank Region for allowing us to host the last Region Meeting and giving us the opportunity to serve. At this time our family in ARVANA is doing well. We have weathered the initial influx of Drug Court Addicts in our groups through a painful processing of focusing from promotion to attraction with recovery-oriented meetings. The chaos has subsided. Wow! What a lesson.

Now, not to mince words, as Doc would say to Omer as Jim sees it. I would like to revisit an already resolved family matter. Our unique Grateful Heads are in good standing with our area and we do expect that they be listed with Region on the web and in the meeting list. No arbitrary action we suspect will be taken in the future on this or any other matters we hope. For no addict is capable of consistently making good decisions by themselves. Thanks again for the learning experience and the promotion of unity. Thanks to the WSC for the phrase “Family Matters.”

-- In Loving Service and in trying to follow Traditions, ARVANA by way of David Ru.

CENTRAL ARKANSAS AREA:

Greetings RCMs,

Central Arkansas Area is alive and well and it seems that contrary to popular belief people actually read my reports with scrutiny, even the ones thrown out. I was impressed with the detail that was used to discredit me, and I am guilty of sending an ill prepared document in which I used a members name which is a total disregard for decorum in Robert’s Rules of Order and in anger his home group to and just so no one felt left out Region, and the ARVANA Area and the ‘Grateful Heads Group’ in which I gave advice to Home Group of another Area. I am currently enrolled in anger management classes and trying to recover. My Area, and let me try to put this as delicately as I can on my last day as acting ASR have a vote to impeach me. This was a suggestion made in my report and I somehow see poetic justice in this. I was wrong and have said I was sorry after listening to the voice of reason, my Sponsor, and am saying it to you RCMs. Having said all that I want to thank my friends here at Region for the E-mail and phone calls during my dilemma and Fuck you! to the rest of you Motherfuckers! Oh I believe I’m relapsing I better call my therapist.

All kidding aside it’s been an honor to know you and serve my Area and Region, I was blown away by the nomination for Regional PI Chair. I had actually been planning on Area PI and devoting time to a Recovery Newspaper ‘Carry the Message.’ I will finish out my Regional term if allowed as well as

showing up for the verdict of my impeachment trial on my last day of my two-year commitment to Central Arkansas Area as ASRA & ASR. God, please don't let me be impeached over this one too!

Dan the Man did a clever save for his first act as ASR and Central Arkansas has a good replacement for this tired warrior. He is much more diplomatic than me, but he has to be married. He has replaced me here and at my last commitment H&I which has always been my service of choice.

Central Arkansas will be involved in MSSS June 9-14, 2002 we hope Region will send a representative, as we are not too happy with Jim at this particular time. We send you Jim and Dan and a check for \$36.10 from the Arkansas Area, which represents 10% over prudent reserve and 10% sent to World NA.

-- ILS, Jim E.

CLEAN AND SERENE GROUP:

No written report submitted.

FOOTHILLS UNITY AREA:

Hello Family,

Grateful to be here today. Thanks to Genesis for the hospitality.

All is going well in Searcy; we are growing in numbers with recovery and meetings. Recovery Connection has started a noon Wednesday meeting and a 6:00 Saturday meeting making that two meetings on Saturday. The Ties That Bind is doing well with steady attendance.

FUACNA is having a campout June 21-23 at Tumbling Shoals, Old Highway 25 campgrounds. I gave out flyers to RCMs; if you don't have any, let me know. We are having a prize drawing for NA jacket for those who pre-register and those waiting to register at the campout we are having a drawing for NA table. Please come and support us. Central and Foothills have been working together to host the 1st annual true Central Arkansas Convention, August 9-11.

H&I is going steady with meetings at Wilbur D. Mills still bi-weekly. WDM has started purchasing their own Basic Text for the clients upon admission.

We have had several birthday celebrations; Kevin N. 1 year, Kenny C. 2 years, Chuck for 2 years and Frog with 1 year last night.

-- Thanks for your time and love, Laura C.

PS-FUACNA is making a donation of \$50.00.

GENESIS GROUP:

In May's Group Conscience Meeting, it was voted on to start our Area. The votes were all aye and one nay, pass. The area's name will be called Ouachita Area. Mena's Last Chance will be the first one to join. Last Chance will need an application to join the region. Mike said that he would devote some time to help us in getting the area started.

Need to replace PI position.

We are grateful to have the Region here this month. We are working on bringing Dardanelle, Russellville and Mountain Pine into the area, which will be about 100 people.

Names and phone #s of Area:

Melanie S., (address suppressed); (home) XXX-XXX-XXXX

Scott W.; (home) XXX-XXX-XXXX, (message) XXX-XXX-XXXX

Roger T.; (address suppressed); (home) XXX-XXX-XXXX

Sonja S.; (address suppressed); (home) XXX-XXX-XXXX

Rodney P.; (address suppressed); XXX-XXX-XXXX

Kerrie P.; (address suppressed); XXX-XXX-XXXX

Greg M.

SEE ATTACHMENT - mailed (Genesis Group Phone List)

-- Dan L., GSR

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS AREA:

No report was sent.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AREA:

Dear Family,

Hi, my name is Allen. I am an addict. I am happy to report that things are doing well. Final Frontier in Fayetteville has no changes in meetings. Peaceful Dozen in Rogers also has no changes. New Life in Fayetteville; there is no change. Living Clean in Springdale. And we had another new group being seated at area, Primary Purpose out of Eureka Springs, #4 Commerce Drive.

Elections: H&I was filled by Miki W. out of Eureka Springs, phone 501-253-1245. RCMA was also filled by Miki W. Southern Zonal Forum chair was voted in and his name is Bob. More detailed information will be available at next regional meeting.

July 13th Northwest Area is having the Area Meeting at Fort Smith Straight Forward; after that a dance and potluck.

-- Thank you for letting me be of service, Allen H.

TEXARKANA AREA:

Greetings Family:

Debbie L. is our new Convention Committee Vice-Chair. A new group from Arkadelphia in addition to the Unity Group of El Dorado have now been seated as members of our Area. Jackie H. conducted a workshop for our Area on May 26th. We are hosting our annual Sports Invitational on June 22 at Oak Park, Lake Wright Patman. Flyers with directions are available. We have a donation of \$100.00. We need no assistance from the Region at this time. Thanks.

-- In Loving Service, John C. and Jackie H.

Motion to change the order of the day to hear the RD Report; Motion passed.

RD REPORT: SEE ATTACHED REPORT (RD0602.pdf)

Hi Family,

My main report was yesterday, thanks to all of you who attended and participated in the post-conference workshop. My thanks to Genesis for hosting this weekend. My personal thanks Central Arkansas Area, Clean and Serene Group, Foothills Unity Area, Northeast Arkansas Area and Texarkana Area for submitting you CAR votes to me before I left for the World Service Conference. I'll be leaving spare copies of my report out later today, for anyone who might want to bring home a personal copy, for all representatives to disseminate as much of my report as possible, to all your area and group members. One of the problems throughout our worldwide fellowship is a lack of communications, please help correct this problem in the Arkansas Region by passing on this information and reminding your members that most of my report will be uploaded on the regional website.

Thanks again for all your support and allowing me to be of service to the Arkansas Region.

-- ILS, Bill L.

*****BREAK*****

REPORTS from Standing Subcommittees

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

No Secretary, Chair's responsibility to consult with an attorney, subcommittees need to submit budgets, issue of term limits, hiring a treasurer as a special worker, Grateful Heads and decisions made by Chair, questions about dispersal of business cards.

ACTIVITIES: Activities Treasury - SEE ATTACHED REPORT (ARACtr0602.pdf) - bank statements mailed

No report; **Question** to deal with Unity Campout at this time, seconded. Question answered 7 yes, 4 no. Time limited to 15 minutes for division of responsibilities.

- ARVANA - Speakers
- Central - Entertainment/Auction
- Clean and Serene - Flyers/Agendas
- Foothills Unity - Registration
- Genesis - Merchandising
- Northeast Arkansas - Hospitality (Chair, Vince, will cover; Foothills Unity indicated willingness in the event NEA is unwilling)
- Northwest Arkansas - Workshops
- Texarkana - Potluck/Recovery Dinner

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS:

Hello Family,

I just did an H&I workshop for the Texarkana Area. I do have H7I Guidelines from the World and I also have an H&I tape that talks about the dos and don'ts for H&I meetings. My home phone is XXX-XXX-XXXX; work phone is XXX-XXX-XXXX.

-- In Loving Service, Jackie H.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Hello Arkansas Region,

Well it snuck up on us again! Mid-South Summer School will be held in Little Rock at UALR on June 9-14, 2002. According to the NAWS Website this is the focus of Public Information projects for this year. I hope Region can make a presence there this year it traditionally has been the sole enterprise of the PI Chair of the Central Arkansas Area due to the location. This year should prove interesting to anyone interested in American Indian Culture and Spirituality following of the Red Road. Bill Miller will perform I believe his music was played in Hot springs convention Center when he toured last year. Mahatma Gandhi's grandson, Auroon Gandhi from India the legendary Spiritual leader who won the Independence of India through non-violent civil disobedience will also be a main speaker. I am excited about seeing both speakers as well as being a part of the Recovery Community. I believe after you attend this event in which you may see your Drug rehab Counselor from prison or treatment center you will make this a regular event. I have been there the last three years; of course I have an ulterior motive, as I am a Substance Abuse Counselor working in this field, as well as a member of the best 12-step program Narcotics Anonymous. It makes me proud to see NA made available to a traditionally AA based Drug Treatment Facilities throughout the state of Arkansas. The Recovery community is hungry for our program for the meth and drug users who are the bulk of the treatment clients.

Kelly the Chair of Central Arkansas and myself have arranged to have a table to sell and give out NA literature meeting schedules for Area and Region. He has literature from Central Arkansas for this event. Last year Central Arkansas gave away \$275 worth of literature and sold about that much in Step Working Guide Work books and Meditation Books.

I hope to have an NA meeting during the event at least one! We can use volunteers to man the booth and answer questions as well as conducting an NA meeting. School will still be in session and students showed interest in our program as well.

Your Region needs you to be part of 'Build a Bridge...Change a Life' MSSS June 9-14, 2002.
-- ILS, Jim E.

OUTREACH: Outreach Chair position is currently vacant.

Hi Family,

We had some good discussion at the meeting but there is something we need to do as a region. There's a lot of inaccurate or incorrect information about groups and their meetings. Bill L. has a list of these groups. If area or loner group representatives would please get the list from Bill during the day and check your area for any inaccuracies. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. We do have a nomination for Outreach Chair, but we'll leave y'all in suspense until elections.

-- Love, Billy B. (RSC Vice-chair)

PS-We need to replace 2 regional starter kits.

PHONELINE: Phonenumber Chair position is currently vacant; No Report
SEE ATTACHED FLYER (phonelineflyer.pdf)

NOTE: A workshop on how to become a phonenumber volunteer is scheduled for the July RSC.

LITERATURE:

Hello family,

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve the Arkansas Region. Sponsorship book is coming along. Please tell your Area and member groups to e-mail NAWS if they would like to be a part of the review process. Material should be sent out by November. Also a Basic Text Evaluation will be sent out to groups soon. These can be done by any member of NA. These need to be done and in to NAWS by December. At next meeting I will have a schedule for literature workshop on Sponsorship book. Please see if your area or member groups would like a workshop. This region will have a workshop when material is out. This schedule could change if timeline for literature changes.

-- ILS, Tim A.

WEBMASTER: SEE ATTACHED REPORT (ARSCweb0602.pdf)

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

OPEN SHARING

Opened at 12:55 pm with a **motion** to limit open sharing until 1:30 pm. Motion passes.

- 1) Bill L. - Do all RCMs have a copy of the RD Report? Extra copies are available.
- 2) Bill L. - Areas and Region can update trusted servants and meetings on-line (NAWS)
- point of accountability for the Region to be the WebMaster.
- 3) Craig VK. - wants clarification of what exactly their Ad Hoc should be doing with Policy & Procedure directive, 'Clean and Serene Group appointed to formulate a motion regarding a policy and procedure committee for the Region.' Mike offered to provide written request. Discussed outdated guidelines and secretary's need for assistance.
- 4) how long have we been affiliated with Mid-South?

- 5) issue of Grateful Heads - are they on our meeting list or will they be put back very, very soon?
Mike R. has written info. Others - what are the motives? Motives are important - if it isn't spiritual, it will not survive.

*****Closed Open Sharing at 2:05 pm*****

Appeal the authority of the chair to make decision to remove Grateful Heads from Regional listings; seconded. Ruled out of order.

*****Chair recused himself. Vice-chair, Billy B. will handle duties of Chair.*****

Appeal decision of Chair to remove Grateful Heads from regional listings - roll call vote:

Arkansas River Valley AreaOverturn
Central Arkansas AreaOverturn
Clean and Serene GroupOverturn
Foothills Unity AreaOverturn
Genesis Group.....Overturn
Northwest Arkansas AreaOverturn
Texarkana Area.....Abstain - present

Grateful Heads meeting information will remain on all Regional listings.

*****Treasurer requested handling of New Business Money Motions prior to Elections*****

NEW BUSINESS

Money motions

M1-060202: Passed. To provide 2,500 copies of the June 2002 edition of the Arkansas Region Meeting List for Central Arkansas Area to have available at the Mid-South Summer School, June 9-14 at UALR. Copies will be made and distributed to CAASC's PI Committee by Valerie Mc. and cost approximately \$214.25. **Intent:** To help CAASC in providing information about the presence of Narcotics Anonymous in Arkansas to attendees of MSSS.

M2-060202: Passed. To make payment in full to AT&T of \$143.35 which is an additional \$8.35 above budget amount of \$135.00. This will leave our account with a credit of \$135.00 toward the June and July bills. **Intent:** 7th tradition.

ELECTIONS

Nominations opened for Administrative Committee Officers and Subcommittee Chairs. All nominees to RSC offices must be present at time of nomination and election. Nominations for all positions will remain open and will be closed at the July RSC. Elections will be held at the September RSC. For positions with only one nominee at the time of closing, indicating a vote of acclamation, the ARSCNA Chairperson will ask for a ballot vote. All terms begin after the September RSC and are to be served for one year. Service resumes for all nominees should be made available for recording in the July RSC minutes.

RSC Chair: Nominations opened. Billy B., automatic nomination was seconded.

SERVICE RESUME: Billy B. - none submitted.

No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

RSC Vice Chair: Nominations opened. Laura C. nominated and seconded.

SERVICE RESUME: Laura C.

- *Previous service commitments completed:* Secretary, GSRA, GSR of Recovery Connection; PI Chair, RCMA, RCM of Foothills Unity Area; Treasurer, Secretary, GSR of Spiritual Ideals.
- *Other current service commitments:* RCM of Foothills Unity Area
- *Service positions vacated by resignation or impeachment (and possibly why):* resigned from Treasurer of Recovery Connection, resigned from Vice-chair of Arkansas Region.
- *Experience in area of service for which nominated:* none submitted.
- *Clean Date:* 10/28/95
- *Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship:* none submitted.

No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

RSC Secretary: Nominations opened. No nominations. Nominations remain open.

RSC Treasurer: Nominations opened. Valerie Mc. nominated and seconded.

SERVICE RESUME: Valerie Mc. - none submitted.

No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

Activities Chair: Nominations opened. No nominations. Nominations remain open.

H&I Chair: Nominations opened. Jackie H. nominated and seconded.

SERVICE RESUME: Jackie H.

- *Previous service commitments completed:* H&I Chair of Texarkana Area - 2 years; H&I Chair of Arkansas Region - 1 year.
- *Other current service commitments:* none submitted.
- *Service positions vacated by resignation or impeachment (and possibly why):* none submitted.
- *Experience in area of service for which nominated:* none submitted.
- *Clean Date:* 12/31/99
- *Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship:* Willing to serve the still suffering addict.

No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

Literature Chair: Nominations opened. No nominations. Nominations remain open.

Outreach Chair: Nominations opened. Maili K. nominated and seconded.

SERVICE RESUME: Maili K.

- *Previous service commitments completed:* Group level -- Secretary, GSR, Treasurer. Area level -- Beaver Round-up Chair, ASRA, ASR, Chairperson, RCM. Regional level -- RDA, Activities Committee Secretary.
- *Other current service commitments:* none
- *Service positions vacated by resignation or impeachment (and possibly why):* RDA due to loss of clean time.
- *Experience in area of service for which nominated:* none submitted.
- *Clean Date:* 10/20/01
- *Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship:* Commitment to further growth of fellowship - both new groups and that of existing groups/areas.

No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

Public Information Chair: Nominations opened. No nominations. Nominations remain open.

Phoneline Chair: Nominations opened. No nominations. Nominations remain open.

Webmaster: Nominations opened. Valerie Mc. nominated and seconded.

SERVICE RESUME: not submitted

No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

NEW BUSINESS

Reports from Areas/Loner Groups joining the Region

M3-060202: Out of Order. For the Area to recognize Genesis Group and Mena Group (Last Chance) to become an Area. Mena will come in under our Regional application. We also have 3 other loner groups that we will discuss to the area at the meeting in Mountain Home July 27. **Intent:** To create unity with other groups.

Pre-arranged agenda and motions from the floor

M4-060202: Referred to Groups for discussion and input. To add to the responsibilities of the ARSCNA Webmaster, the responsibilities of updating the NAWS Website, with current and correct Regional meeting and trusted servant information. **Intent:** none given.

M5-060202: Referred to Administrative Committee. To have the RSC Chair formulate the framework for putting together a Regional Assembly in conjunction with our Unity Campout. **Intent:** To improve communication within our service structure.

*****RCMs, please discuss Regional Assembly; do we want to have this?*****

*****Vice-chair appointed Dwayne D. to chair an Ad Hoc Committee to update our guidelines and have copies printed and available at the next RSC.*****

ENDING TREASURER'S REPORT: SEE ATTACHED REPORT (ARSCtrfinal0602.pdf)

Beginning Balance	1,559.77
Income	186.10
Expenses (budgeted)	(427.67)
Expenses (non-budgeted)	(222.60)
Ending balance	1,095.60

REVIEW OF BUSINESS TO BE TAKEN BACK FOR GROUP CONSCIENCE

- Nominations are open for Administrative Committee Officer and Subcommittee Chair positions. Please bring all nominees to the next RSC.
- M4-060202: responsibilities of updating the NAWS Website - for discussion and input.
- Regional Assembly

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Beaver Round Up -- Buffalo Point National Park Group Campsite in Yellville, June 9-11, 2002,
Northwest Arkansas Area.

NEXT RSC MEETING: July 27th & 28th, 2002 hosted by Clean and Serene Group of Mountain Home
in Henderson. SEE ATTACHED FLYER (RSC-hosting_200207.pdf)

For RSC Hosting Rotation SEE ATTACHED FLYER (ARSCrotate02-03.pdf)

CLOSING:

*****Meeting closed with a moment of silence followed by the 3rd Step Prayer*****

In Loving Service, Maili K. and Valerie Mc.