

**ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2002  
LITTLE ROCK, AR**

**ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**September 29, 2002**  
**Little Rock, AR**

**OPENING:**

- Mike R. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- Davia W. read the 12 Traditions
- Bill L. read the 12 Concepts
- David Ru read the first 2 paragraphs of Tradition 2
- John C. read the Definition and Purpose of a RSC

**ROLL CALL:**

Arkansas River Valley Area.....	David Ru., ASR.....	Present
Central Arkansas Area.....	Dan B., ASR.....	Present
Clean and Serene Group.....	David B., GSR.....	Present
Cope Without Dope Group.....	L.D., GSR.....	Present
Foothills Unity Area.....	Davia W., ASR.....	Present
Genesis Group.....	Marvin D., GSRA.....	Present*
Northwest Arkansas Area.....	Allen H., ASR.....	Present
Texarkana Area.....	John C., ASRA.....	Present
Regional Delegate.....	Bill L.....	Present
Regional Delegate Alt.....	Mike R.....	Present**
RSC Chair.....	Billy B.....	Present**
RSC Vice Chair.....	Laura C.....	Present**
RSC Secretary.....	Debby VK.....	Present
RSC Treasurer.....	Valerie Mc.....	Present
Activities Chair.....	Vince W.....	Absent***
H&I Chair.....	Jackie H.....	Absent****
Literature Chair.....	Tim A.....	Absent
Outreach Chair.....	Maili K.....	Present
PI Chair.....	VACANT.....	VACANT
Phoneline Chair.....	VACANT.....	VACANT
Webmaster.....	Valerie Mc.....	Present

\*Here today to announce the formation of the Ouachita Area

\*\* Term begins after today's RSC meeting

\*\*\* Third consecutively missed RSC

\*\*\*\* Here on Saturday and report left to be read today

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

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

**Minutes amended** to add the words **stated they** in the open sharing section, which were omitted during the typing of the minutes.

**Motion** to accept minutes as amended. Motion passes.

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:**

These are the items picked up from the mailbox. 4 First National Bank Statements (2 for the RSC and 2 for the ARAC), 2 AT&T Bills, 2 Your Message Center Statements, 1 letter from the Tucker Unit Correction Facility—Given to the Regional H&I Chair. We also received flyers for the World Wide Workshop, HRCNA 2002, VRC XX, and the NA Way Magazine. I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as the RSC Secretary. It has been a wonderful learning experience. A special thanks to Valerie Mc. for helping me to fulfill my commitment during these past few difficult months. In Loving Service, Debby VK

**Order of the day changed to allow the Treasurer time to get her initial report ready.**

**RD REPORT:** Copies of this report were handed out to all RSC Members presents, but there will be a copy attached to these minutes.

**RDA REPORT:** No Report Submitted

**TREASURER'S INITIAL REPORT:** SEE ATTACHED REPORT

**REPORTS FROM AREAS AND LONER GROUPS:**

**Arkansas River Valley:** Hello family, As some of you may have heard, the Straight Forward Group has voted to rejoin ARVANA, we would like this to go as smooth as possible and put our principles in front of our personalities and welcome them with love and understanding, but as we all know not all of us do this, so we would like to ask any of you here, if they are asked about this to remember principles before personalities. Our annual Cove Lake Campout is October 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, which is right around the corner. Help promote unity and be a part of. It should be a good time. We also have our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention coming up in March of 2003. I believe it is the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>,but we don't have flyers yet. We do have raffle tickets left for the first edition Red Book of the Basic Text; you can call T.P. or me at XXX-XXX-XXXX for them. They are \$20 a piece and there were only 250 of them printed. You need not be present to win. At this time we are able to make a \$50 donation to Region. In Loving Service, Loving God, Loving You, Loving Me, T.P.

**Central Arkansas Area:** No report submitted

**Clean and Serene Group:** Dear Family, I am happy to report that in our neck of the woods, recovery is alive and well. We have been busy arranging to have the local treatment center clients come to our Tuesday night literature study meeting, as well as getting permission to put an IP rack in the front lobby and now being able to sell our

books to the clients one week prior to their release. We have been going through some growing pains, but as a whole we are reaching acceptance. We all know that some of our most painful growing experiences have come as a result of decisions made in the name of group conscience. We would like to thank all of those who came to the Chili Dog Chow Down. It was a success due to your attendance. We hope to see you all next year. In humble and grateful service, David B.

**Cope Without Dope Group:** Hello Family, I'm L.D. and I would like to thank Central for hosting and the hospitality. CWOD is doing very well. We have meetings every night at 7pm and Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at noon. We have an H&I panel that goes to NEARRC every Wednesday night. We have an average attendance of about 35-40 people. We have a newcomers meeting on Tuesday and Thursday nights. We will have a prudent reserve set after October 6<sup>th</sup> to see how much money we can pass on to Region. We have had 3 birthdays since last RSC meeting; John 1 yr, Tanya 2 yrs, and Barb 16 yrs. We are having a Halloween Party on October 31<sup>st</sup> for our group. We were able to donate \$100 to Region at this time. Thank You, L.D.G. CWOD GSR.

**Foothills Unity Area:** Hello Family, Thanks to Central for hosting. It's great to be here alive and clean. Foothills Unity Area is alive and well with meetings every night at 7:30pm; noon on Wednesday; and 6pm as well as 7:30pm on Saturday. Ties that Bind Group meets Monday and Friday at 7:30pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. We continue carrying the message into a local treatment facility every other Friday at 6pm. Birthdays since last RSC have been; Todd 1 yr, Richard 5 yrs, and Tamera 1 yr. We are having a function November 9<sup>th</sup>, Recovery in the Park, at Riverside Park in Searcy. Allen H. will be speaking at 4:30pm. Everyone is invited. Our Area is ready to fulfill our responsibility of registration at the Regional Unity Campout in October. In grateful, loving service, Davia W.

**Genesis Group:** No report submitted

**Northwest Arkansas Area:** Hey Family, Meetings have been going well in our Area. Living Clean in Springdale is struggling a little. We have been playing "Capture the Banner" with ARVANA and within our own Area. I don't have a donation today, but the good thing is that our treasurer is sending it to Val as soon as our outstanding bills are paid. First weekend of October is the Light Your Fire Campout put on by New Life Group at Devil's Den on 540 between Fort Smith and Fayetteville. In loving service, Allen H.

**Texarkana Area:** Hello Family, The Texarkana Area is doing well at this time. We decided to try to meet every other month for business instead of monthly to help service work at the area level appear more attractive for workers. We are looking forward to participating in the upcoming Unity Campout and carrying out our service in this event. We invite all to join us in a street dance beginning at 2pm on November 9<sup>th</sup>. We are donating \$100 to Region. We need no help from Region at this time. In loving service, John C. and Jackie H.

## **REPORTS FROM STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:** Meeting opened at 9:25am with Chair, Vice Chair, Vice Chair elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and RD all present. **Old Business: 1.** Recoupment of misappropriated funds from a member. Restitution has been made in full and this matter is now considered closed. The Committee appreciates the efforts made by Valerie Mc., Dan B., and Dwayne D. in this matter. **2.** Regional Assembly Framework Workshop. The RD has gathered some information from others Regions who already have Regional Assemblies. **New Business: 1.** The Chair declared the Activities Committee Chair vacant due to 3 missed RSC meetings. David B. of the Clean and Serene Group has graciously accepted the appointment as pro tem Chair until after the upcoming Unity Campout. **2.** RSC Secretary elect sent word that she was no longer willing to fulfill the position she was elected for. 2 members of this committee verified hearing that. Chair declares that position open for nominations today. **3.** Admin will submit a motion in new business today to have the Activities Chair to take the position at the end of the December RSC. Intent: to have an active chairperson in place to see us through our annual Unity Campout. Treasurer gave an initial report. In loving service, Debby VK.

**ACTIVITIES:** Meeting chaired by RSC Chair. Activities Secretary and Treasurer present. Receipt for camping fees sent by Vince. The campsites are paid for. Clean and Serene made flyers and are working on the Agenda. CWOD group will handle hospitality and they have no needs at this time. There was discussion on the Activities Chair missing his 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive RSC. RSC Chair declared the position vacant and asked if anyone was willing to fill that position through this Unity Campout. David B. expressed his willingness to assume that position. Questions about how Genesis Group is doing with merchandising. Texarkana has expressed willingness to handle merchandising if necessary and they have the dinner handled. Clean and Serene group will need some time when all representatives are present to get all the details to set the Agenda. Representative from Genesis here and states T-shirts and mugs will be available in early October. No money needed at this time. Respectfully submitted, Maili K. Activities Secretary. Activities Treasury Report: See attached report.

**HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS:** Hello Family, I do have H&I guidelines for all Areas and Loner Groups. I'll have them in the mail this week to all the addresses that I have. Also H&I had a tentative meeting with Barbara Biddle, the director of the Recovery Center of South Arkansas, El Dorado, and their GSR, to start a NA meeting. This meeting was started last Tuesday night at this recovery center by H&I subcommittee members of the Unity House in El Dorado. Point of contact is Randall P. (GSR) or Lisa C. In loving service, Jackie H. Home phone (XXX) XXX-XXXX, Work (XXX) XXX-XXX. P.S. All H&I service work requires 90 days clean.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Greetings Family, Northwest Arkansas has placed Literature racks in probation offices in the following counties: Washington, Benton, and Carroll County. This is basically all we discussed in the PI meeting. ILS, Bill L.

**PHONELINE:** No Report Submitted

**OUTREACH:** Greetings Family, First allow me to thank each representative and member of this committee for the privilege to serve. I must admit I was stunned to discover I had been elected chair in absentia. Second I would like to take this opportunity to outline some of the ideas I have for Outreach. Arkansas is a large and diverse Region. How we reach out as a Region is in a large part directed by the diversity and the long distances between Areas and Groups. I hope to energize our Region and challenge us to become closer and more involved with each other. "Capture the Banner" is one tool we will be trying. Each Area is being provided with a copy of how to play the game. Another is to make information on our Region readily available to new Areas and Groups. You will each be asked to outline, for the next six months, dates, times, locations of your Area service meetings, the name of a contact person as well as the general geographic area covered by your Area. This is not an exercise dreamed up to give you yet another list to sign. A group called me to ask where and when the next Area meeting would be held and they gave me their location. I could not provide them with that information and realized that this was pertinent information for the Outreach committee to provide. I propose to include this information in the new group starter kits that we distribute. It is the intention of this committee to respond personally to any group expressing interest in the Arkansas Region. The committee will undoubtedly have additional ideas and direction on how best to reach out to addicts in Arkansas. I look forward to serving the fellowship in this role. Thank you again for the honor. I pray Higher Power give me the strength to continue to follow his direction. We have started a Map of Region. I have spoken with the Webmaster to add a page to the web site to include the "Banner Game". This will include guidelines for play and identification of groups participating. If you decide to join in, call the phone line. In humble and loving service, Maili K.

**LITERATURE:** No Report Submitted

**WEBMASTER:** SEE ATTACHED REPORT

\*\*\*\*\*LUNCH BREAK CALLED @ 12 NOON\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*MEETING REOPENED @ 12:50PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer\*\*\*\*\*

**OPEN SHARING:**

**Motion to limit for 20 minutes. Motion passed.**

First thing that was discussed was the financial status of the Region. It was brought up that maybe we needed to have a fundraiser for the Region or ask groups to donate the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition one night a week to the Region. Questions asked were—What are Areas and Group donations to the Region? What about Areas absorbing costs of Regional hosting? Can costs be lowered? Why is prudent reserve set so high? (\$7000.00) When is the last time this Region sent money to World? Are all the travel expenses and budgeted items really necessary?

Prudent reserve needs to be revamped. Some of the budgeted items are no longer the Region's responsibility. The last time Region sent money to World was when the RD went to WSC. Individuals can send money to any level of service and the message about Regional finances should be taken back to groups. The Region needs to take a look at how responsible they are being with the money. Phone bills appear to be really high most months. We can't keep asking groups to donate more money. The Region needs to be accountable for donations received and where the money is spent.

**Time expired for open sharing. Do we wish to extend? Motion to extend 15 minutes. Motion passed @ 1:20pm**

Treasurer has annual report records and has let this Region know before that prudent reserve needs to be revised.

The questions were asked—What exactly does the Region do? How was prudent reserve figures arrived at? Should we come up with another function for Region to further promote Unity? The Region is responsible for the Regional Phone Line, Regional Meeting Lists, New Group Starter Kits and for sending RD and RDA to SZF and the RDA to WSC. The Region has budgets for expenses incurred by the Secretary, Treasurer, PI, H&I, Webmaster, Literature, and Outreach.

Suggestions made were to take budget back to groups but there was a point that this won't necessarily get them to donate anymore that they already do. The Region needs to communicate to groups exactly what they do. Maybe groups would be willing to host a function to help the Region.

**Time expired. Motion to extend 5 minutes. Motion passed.**

Should RSC meetings be centralized? The point was made that centralizing might get more people involved in Regional service. The point was then made that point is not necessarily true. While some Areas and Loner Groups have a good showing of local members when hosting, some do not. Today's meeting is being held in a central location and only 6 members of that Area are present and it is the largest area in this Region. There was a point brought up about term limits and just electing anyone to positions just to fill it.

**Time expired. Open Sharing closed.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business

**ELECTIONS:**

**RSC Secretary—Point of Order**—Guidelines state all resignations must be submitted in writing and the RSC Secretary elect did not submit a written resignation. Point was made that anyone could write that resignations and 2 members of the Admin committee were told by her that she was no longer willing to serve.

**Nominations opened**—Stephanie D. nominated with a second  
*Service resume:* Stephanie D.

- *Previous Service Commitments followed through on:* GSR for home group in Oklahoma for 6 yrs, H&I Panel member for 5 yrs, ASR for EASCNA 1993-1994.
- *Services Commitments currently held:* H&I Chair Central Arkansas Area.
- *Service Commitments resigned or impeached:* None
- *Experience in area being nominated for:* Extensive computer experience as well as managerial responsibilities in my career up to and including high level of organization and contract compliance background.
- *Clean Date:* 04/18/88
- *Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship:* I have the time, willingness, and desire to give back what was given so freely given to me. Service to NA fellowship is necessary element in the recovery process. More importantly, I feel that I can continue to grow in my recovery.

No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

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

**PI Chair:** Nominations open. No nominations. Nominations remain open.

**Phone Line:** Nominations open. No nominations. Nominations remain open.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Reports from Areas/Loner Groups joining the Region:** Representative from Genesis Group here today to notify Region of newly formed Ouachita Area.

**Ouachita Area:** The Hot Springs Group, Genesis and groups in our Area, including but not limited to Malvern, Mena, and Pointe Cedar wish to form an Area “ The Ouachita Area”. We ask that the committee seat and include our Area as part of the Arkansas Regional Service Committee. In loving service, Marvin D. GSRA Genesis Group.

**M1-092902:** To reimburse the arscna.org Webmaster \$32.98 for ink cartridge refill expense, 1 black and 1 color cartridge. Intent: 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition (last cartridges charged to RSC were March 2002). **Motion passed.**

**M2-092902:** To reimburse Valerie Mc. for expenses incurred in preparing the 2002 RSC guideline revision in the amount of \$53.67 (30 portfolios @ \$4.82 and copy expenses @ \$48.85). Intent: 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. **Motion passed.**

**M3-092902:** To change the term of office of the Activities Committee Chairperson to begin at the end of the December RSC. Intent: To have an active chairperson in place to see us through our annual Unity Campout. **See M5-092902—Referred to Groups.**

**M4-092902:** That the Arkansas Region support, in principle, the formation of a United States Service Community. Further, that each member, group, and area within the

Arkansas Region be encouraged to discuss this idea through the e-mail discussion list and online bulletin board at [www.usscna.org](http://www.usscna.org). Intent To participate in the formation of the United States Service Community. **Referred to Groups.**

**M5-092902:** To amend guidelines page 8 #3—At the end of the first sentence place a comma after the word elected and add the words “with the exception of the Activities Chairperson. In order to facilitate continuity and accountability for the Unity Campout, the Regional Activity Chair-elect will assume office after the final financial report of the Unity Campout at the December RSC meeting”. Page 28 appendix A—Where it states months at which RSC trusted servant offices to be filled: after the words All Subcommittee Chairs add “except the Regional Activities Chair”. Create subheading for December and add the line “Regional Activities Chair”. Intent: To allow the incumbent Activities Chair to finish and report all information on the Unity Campout. **See M3-092902. Referred to Groups.**

**M6-092902:** A change of Regional guidelines be made possible without taking issue back to groups if attending RCMs feel comfortable voting their Area’s conscience and it be a 100% yes vote. Intent: Expedite and accommodate. **Referred to Groups.**

**ENDING TREASURER’S REPORT:** SEE ATTACHED REPORT.

**REVIEW OF BUSINESS TO BE TAKEN BACK FOR GROUP CONSCIENCE:**

- **M3-092902 + M5-092902**
- **M4-092902**
- **M6-092902**
- Nominations are open for Phone line Chair, PI Chair, Activities Chair, and RSC Secretary.

**ANNOUCEMENTS:**

New Life Group of Fayetteville hosts “Light your Fire” Campout at Devil’s Den State Park October 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.

Fun in the Park on November 9<sup>th</sup> at Riverside Park in Searcy, AR. Starts @ 10am.

ARVANA hosts the Cove Lake Campout on October 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>.

Arkansas Region hosts Unity Campout at Lake Catherine State Park, Hot Springs on October 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.

**CLOSING:** Meeting closed @ 3:50pm with a moment of silence followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Step Prayer.

In loving service, Debby VK.