

**ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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OPENING:

Billy B. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
 Davia W. read the 12 traditions.
 John C. read the 12 concepts of service
 Jeff read the first two paragraphs of tradition 2
 LD read our Purpose and Definition

ROLL CALL:

Arkansas River Valley Area	David Ru (RCM).....	Present	_____
Central Arkansas Area.....	Jennifer N., (ASR Alt).....	Present	_____
Clean and Serene Group.....	David B. (GSR).....	Present	_____
Cope Without Dope Group.....	“LD“ (GSR).....	Present	_____
Foothills Unity Area	Davia W. (RCM).....	Present	_____
Genesis Group	Marvin D, (GSR).....	Present	_____
Northeast Arkansas Area.....	Jenny W. (RCM).....	Present	_____
Northwest Arkansas Area.....	Maili K (temp RCM).....	Present	_____
Texarkana Area	John C. (RCM Alt.).....	Present	_____
RD	Bill L.	Present	_____
RDA.....	*	VACANT	_____
RSC Chair.....	Billy B.	Present	_____
RSC Vice Chair.....	Laura C.	Present	_____
RSC Secretary	Barb H.	Present	_____
RSC Treasurer	Valerie Mc.	Present	_____
Activities Chair.....	David B.	Present	_____
H & I Chair	Jackie H.	Absent (1)	_____
Literature Chair	Tim A.	Present	_____
Outreach Chair.....	Maili K.	Present	_____
PI Chair.....	Resigned.....	VACANT	_____
Phoneline Chair	Doug H.	Present	_____
Webmaster	Valerie Mc.	Present	_____

Alternatives and Other Representatives:

Jeff W. Foothills Unity Group RCM Alt.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Motion to read only open sharing and new business. **Motion passes**

Clarification: There were questions regarding the three question marks under #8-3 of open sharing and what that meant. We were able to get clarification from Marvin D. and it should state “dies in committee” shouldn’t be read.

Motion to accept minutes with amendment to 8-3 of open sharing. **Motion Passes**

Correspondence Report: RSC Treasurer brought the following items from our mailbox:

1. I received copies of the most recent, reconciled bank statements from Valerie at this RSC. Those will be mailed out with the minutes to those who get their minutes in the mail, and an additional mailing will go out with the statements for those of you who get your minutes via e-mail. I also received reconciled bank statement from Valerie Mc. for last month but was unsure what to do with them. After speaking with Valerie I now understand that each Area group Rep is supposed to get a copy of them. I know that Valerie sent them out with the copies that were mailed for last RSC, however those of you who got your

minutes through e-mail, did not get copies. So, I will be sending them out with the most recent bank statement mailings.

2. We received a note and flyers soliciting speaker tapes from the Utah Area Convention committee. Copies will be available at our next Regional meeting.
3. We received flyers for the next SFRSCNA XI scheduled for Labor Day weekend in Sanibel, Florida I will bring the flyers to our next RSC.
4. We received flyers for the next South Dakota Regional Convention scheduled for September 19th-21st 2003, In Sioux Falls, SD. I will bring the flyers to the next RSC.
5. We received volume 4 of NAWS NEWS. It will be filed with the archives.
6. We received nomination forms for the World Pool, to fill elected WSO positions. Since these are not due back to WSO until August 31st I will bring them to the next RSC for those who may interested in submitting their name.
7. We received a solicitation letter from AT&T to purchase a postage meter. I threw it away.
8. Finally, I mailed a letter to Michael R. (former RD Alt.) apologizing for our oversight and informing him of the ARSCNA's decision regarding his previous position. A copy of this letter will be available for review by any interested committee members at the July ARSCNA.

TREASURER INITIAL REPORT:

Ending balance	\$362.14
Income	\$75.00
Expenses	\$247.95
Beginning balance	\$189.19

See attached Treasurer's report for complete details.

A question came up regarding the need to vote to accept the treasures report. Apparently up until a couple of RSC's ago this had not been done. It was determined through discussion that if the committee wanted to vote to approve the treasures report a motion would need to be made during new business

RD/RDA REPORT:

Greetings Family,

Thanks to everyone who came this weekend, and a special thanks to the Genesis Group for hosting this weekend. Before going over what was covered at the Southern Zonal Forum, I would like to say a special Thank You to John from Texarkana for his personal assistance to me prior to me taking this trip. The Arkansas Region is not in the best financial situation and was not able to advance any funds for this trip. I will be submitting receipts for this trip requesting reimbursement, per guidelines, as funds become available. Topics for discussion for this weekend included Fellowship Concerns, *IP # 25* (on Self Support), "How can a region best assist Areas that belong to it?", and "What actions can a region take to prevent Areas from struggling?"

The first thing we went over was Fellowship Concerns. The Volunteer Region talked about an Area, in their region, that was separated/split/dissolved. One Group remained and then one other Group joined it. Several people talked about the advantages of the *Capture the Banner* program in getting people to visit other groups.

The Show-Me Region discussed a few things going on in their region. The SEMO Area (Southeast Missouri) is very rural with a long distance having to be traveled between their Groups. The Area covers Jackson, Cape Girardo, Sikeston, and Poplar Bluff. It takes over 2 ½ hours to travel from one side of this area to another. The St Charles Area had a misappropriation of funds issue that I reported on some time ago. They have gotten a signed promissory note and payments are now being made. The Show-Me Region is currently in the process of going through incorporating their Region. They are also looking into a Regional Phoneline. The Show-Me Region was approached by *The Circle of Women*. This is a rotating (special interest) convention for women. This organization would like the Show-Me Region to be the hosting Region for this convention. This will most likely take place in 2006.

The Mississippi Region has elected a new RD and RD Alternate. All of their other positions are currently filled. Their Phoneline is currently expensive to operate. They said it costs approximately \$4,000 per year. They are looking into other avenues to provide this service more cost effectively.

The Dallas Area of the Lone-Star Region is now online on the Internet. Their web site address is

<http://www.dallasareana.org>. They discussed some concerns about meetings that are bordering with Mexico, that are actually part of their Region. They are looking for input into the process for elections concerning this situation. The Red River Area is going to vote at their next Area Service Committee meeting about possibly starting their own Region.

The Volunteer Region is still working on tax issues, for some of their Areas. One of the Topics at the next Southern Zonal Forum will be addressing this problem.

The Louisiana Region shared that they have a couple Areas that are very vocal about being anti Southern Zonal Forum.

The Kentuckiana Region discussed that there were some people, in their Region, looking into the possibilities of setting up recovery meetings in clubhouse type settings (centralized locations where several different groups could meet to hold meetings). They asked if anyone had any Experience, Strength, and Hope to share with on this topic. I told them I would try to get some contact information for them from someone involved with *Friends of Recovery* (from Recovery Central), in Little Rock. I told them that I thought that would be some assistance to them. A member from Memphis shared that he had been to meetings there and he thought that would be a good idea. I got some contact information and forwarded it on to him.

We then went into our Topic Discussions. The first topic we discussed was *IP # 25*. The Show-Me Regional Service Office made copies of the IP available to anyone who wanted to have one. A lot of ideas and discussions that came up were ideas that we came up with and discussed during our workshop/small group discussion on Self-Support. I felt that it would be redundant of me to retype all that information out. If you did not see the results from that workshop get with me and I will get a copy to you. In fact, I was asked to forward copies of the results from our sessions to several different people. A couple other ideas were tossed around for comment/input. One idea was to donate items to auctions as well as time and funds to functions. Another idea that was tossed around was that the \$1 in the basket per meeting was started around the late seventies or early eighties and that with inflation we should be looking at something closer to \$3 in the basket.

Next, we discussed the topic "How can a Region best assist Areas that belong to it?". We discussed the importance of Regional (GSR) Assemblies. We also discussed the importance of Rotating Regional Service Committee meetings. We talked about Regional trusted servants getting out to different places in the region to make themselves available to addicts throughout their Region. We thought this would be a good way for individuals to meet their Regional trusted servants (to place a face with the name). It was discussed that this could take place at various functions. At these functions, time could be set aside for panel discussions. These discussions could be used for introductions, what positions are, and how the responsibilities are fulfilled in different positions. It was discussed that one type of function, that would best fit this need, would be Regional Assemblies. If you remember back to one of my previous reports, this was part of the presentation that was done on Regional Assemblies at our Regional Unity Campout. We also discussed, at length, the importance of getting people involved in service, and how this could help Areas in different Regions. In a couple of my previous reports, I reported on different methods to approach apathy in service. Many of the same ideas were discussed at this point in the weekend.

The next topic of discussion was, "What actions can a Region take to prevent Areas from struggling?". The RD from the Show-Me Region gave a brief presentation on this topic. After that, we discussed some of her ideas. The first part of the presentation consisted of looking out for beginning warning signs that an Area might be headed for trouble. Some of the things to look for are as follows.

- The inability to carry basic services
- A lack of focus at Area Service Committee meetings
- A lot of fighting/bickering at Area Service Committee meetings
- When Groups stop stating their needs and/or directions to the Area
- When an Area finds out that if their functions don't succeed, that their Area will go broke
- When there are long-term problems filling service positions
- When an Area is not aware of problem areas in the Groups
- When communication fails
- If there is a lack of fund flow in or out of the Area
- If there is a lack of addressing repetitive grievances

After talking about looking for trouble spots, the next part of the presentation was about how the Show-Me Region has addressed some of these problems. The Show-Me Regional Service Committee meetings are located

in a central location. To get more people involved in the actual workings of the region, they have (what they call) interim meetings. These meetings take place between the Regional Service Committee meetings. This is when the subcommittees get together between the meetings of their RSC. These interim meetings rotate throughout the Region. They also focus on getting the Regional information out to the Areas through communications. Their RD/RDA team travels throughout their Region. They try to get to as many Area Service Committee meetings as possible. Their RD/RDA team also holds several CAR workshops, throughout the Region, during years when there is a World Service Conference. One of the differences, between what the Show-Me Region does and what we have done in the past in the Arkansas Region, is that they contact the given Areas and tell them when they are coming to a given Area for a CAR workshop. They then request the Area to find them a location for the workshop on a given date. Some other potential solutions that we discussed were as follows.

- Have clear reporting
- Have clear accountability
- Keep reports concise
- Set up project type work as opposed to ongoing subcommittees (where feasible)
- Share services with bordering Areas

On Sunday, we went into the normal business sessions. We elected a new treasurer, Doug from Louisiana. Our Southern Zonal Forum Representative resigned, so we opened for nominations for that position. It was discussed that my strengths were in representative work more than facilitation work, and would I consider being nominated for the position of representative instead of the position of facilitator. I agreed, so there are two nominations for Southern Zonal Forum Representative, Andy S., and myself. We then re-opened nominations for Facilitator and Dickie D was elected. A discussion took place on whether or not there is still a need for the position of Archivist. After discussion, it was decided that there still is a need. The only willingness for the position is Keith.

Next, we discussed the details of the next Southern Zonal Forum, in Gatlinburg, TN on August 2nd and 3rd. This is being hosted by the Volunteer Region. It will be at the Park Vista Resort. The address is 705 Cherokee Orchard Rd. The rooms will be \$89.00 + tax, per night. The room block is listed under Volunteer Regional Convention (VRC 21). The telephone number is (800) 421-PARK. The topics to be discussed are as follows.

- Outreach
- Tax liability/501(c)(3)
- Upcoming potential Regional CAR motions
- (GSR) Regional Assemblies
- Communications

The Tejas-Bluebonnet Region will host the Southern Zonal Forum meeting after Gatlinburg. It will be held on the north side of Houston, TX and will be November 1st and 2nd.

Next, we discussed the Southern Zonal Forum web site and had a report from our Webservant. The website meets all NAWS requirements, so we can link our website to it if we want to. The Webservant for the Southern Zonal Forum has already linked from the SZF website to our site. There have been plans to get this site up and then potentially pull away from, or drop, the *Yahoo* portal. The discussion groups are now available for use on the site. If there are any files you would like to submit to be uploaded to the Southern Zonal Forum website they can be emailed to the web server link at the bottom of the first page of the website. It has been requested that we email any/all guidelines we have, in electronic format, to the website. All files sent need to be in either .doc or .pdf format.

His report is as follows.

Southern Zonal Forum Webservant Report 4/03

Hi Everyone:

I have not done much on the website other than normal updating. I have not received much input over the course of the few months it has been up and running. I need to know if this Forum has any suggestions or comments to the content or design of this site

The discussion forum that is on the website has had very little use by the fellowship. I don't know if this is because of a lack of awareness of members or if it is a design flaw that needs to be remedied.

I also need to know if the capability to upload files directly to the website is something that needs to be added to the site.

Any comments or suggestions are greatly appreciated.

www.szfna.org

In Loving Service California Steve

We then had the report from our Archivist. He discussed that he has come up with the potential cost, to the Southern Zonal Forum, for the next Zonal meeting, by looking at our past expenditures. He also went through the archives of past meetings, to come up with potential topics for future SZF weekends. These topics were items that were brought up in the past, that have not been addressed. Here is the list he came up with (in no particular order).

- Outreach (this will be a topic at the next Zonal meeting)
- Phonline, costs, innovations, most efficient, most economical
- *Guide to Local Service*, Tear it apart, go through
- Can we be a level of service
- Theft and security of fund flow
- Presentation – what can we do/what do we do here?
- Leadership
- Children at meetings, at conventions ... Solutions
- Atmosphere of recovery, unruly sharing, disruptive meeting occurrences: How to format some control, chairing workshop
- Prejudice
- Have a “Kick Ass” PI/H&I learning day
- 12 – Tradition workshop
- Our Purpose – “To collectively seek and encourage participation in addressing Regional concerns at all levels” – fall 1993
- Recovery based service
- Detailed report on what other Zones are doing
- (GSR) Regional assemblies, making them work (this will be a topic at the next Zonal meeting)
- Merchandise – How and Why
- Liability in taxes and insurance (this will be a topic at the next Zonal meeting)
- (Call Greg S. and Mary about taxes)
- Rick, Sonny, Katie, Frank, Elise, Rick, Dede, Reuban, Bob, Nancy, Barbara, Gala, etc... (Where are they now?)
- Sponsorship

We then talked about the potential advantages of setting up a Zonal Human Resource Panel (similar to the HRP at World Level). It was mentioned that some Regions have already set up and use Regional Human Resource Panels. We then discussed that the Mississippi Region will host the CAR Workshop for the Southern Zonal Forum. This will be held January 23 – January 25, 2004. We talked about Mike and D'Etta going to the Louisiana Convention, to speak about the Southern Zonal Forum.

At the Southern Zonal Forum hosted by the Arkansas Region, Bob B had ordered additional T-Shirts to be sold for the Southern Zonal Forum. He mentioned that after he covered his expenses, the balance was going to be forwarded to the Southern Zonal Forum treasurer. It was discussed that between four individuals, \$600.00 has been sent to him for T-Shirt sales. It was brought up that the Treasurer has received no monies, for this. I was asked to look into this.

Since our last Regional meeting I was given another survey form for regional Assemblies, this brings our total up to approx 5 groups responding out of the entire Region. I also received an email about two upcoming Regional motions for the next Conference Agenda Report. These motions refer to an implementation plan for Resolution "A". There are varied opinions about these motions depended on who you talk to. Since the next Southern Zonal Forum will be discussing upcoming Regional CAR motions and the January Southern Zonal Forum will be discussing the entire Conference Agenda Report, I recommend holding off on any in-depth discussion until we have more detailed input on these motions. I believe the more information we have; ahead of time, the better prepared we will be to have an educated discussion. I have enclosed the copy of the motions and discussion paper that I received.

Thanks for allowing me to continue being of Service,

Bill L

RD Arkansas Region of Narcotics Anonymous

(See last page for additional information from the Southern Zonal Forum)

AREA/GROUP REPORTS:

ARVANA

As we speak our Area meeting is in progress at the Straight Forward Group in Fort Smith. We have just enjoyed a campout with the Grateful Heads and a Fun Day in the park at Poteau Hardcore Group. Yellow Frog Group whipped Strait Forward Group in a softball challenge and has in its possession a large, nice trophy.

Our recovery is good I ARVANA and the love abounds. We have no needs from the Region at this time. As an Area we bring \$150.00 and Poteau Hardcore Group also adds an extra \$50.00.

--In loving service, David Ru.

Central Arkansas Area

We are alive and well in Central Arkansas. There are many events coming up. Central Arkansas Activities would like to thank everyone for attending our annual Heber Springs Campout. Pre-registration for the Central Arkansas Convention is now going on. The Convention will be held on August 8, 9, and 10th at the Holiday Inn West. The first 48 people to pre-register will receive a special addition coffee mug. The theme this year is "Freedom From Alienation". Please come and join us for this event. Our activities committee will be doing our annual Luau and Softball Tournament. Luau will be on July 19th at Willow Springs Park starting at 11:00 am and ending whenever. Cost will be \$5.00 and at the gate say you are with NA. Also there will be a potluck there. Activities will be provided at the meat. Softball Tournament will be at Ben and Craig Park on September 6th, starting at 10:00 and lasting until whenever. Lat but not least, Ozark Mountain high Campout will be held at the Lutheran Campgrounds on Petit Jean Mountain on October 3rd, 4th and 5th. All flyers are forthcoming soon. All meetings are going well. There is now a noon meeting everyday of the week at Recovery Central. Yeah! Come visit us.

--ILS, Jennifer N.

Clean and Serene

Dear family,

We are doing well. We have closed one meeting due to lack of attendance it is the Saturday meeting. Please show up at The Chili Dog Chow Down (August 28th, 29th, 30th and September 1st) and help support us we are in need.

--In service loving it, David B. GSR C&R

Cope Without Dope

Hello Family,

I am an addict named LD. CWOD would like to thank Genesis Group for the wonderful food and accommodations this weekend. CWOD has just recently had their annual Recovery On The Ridge, it was a success. Since the last regional meeting CWOD has a new website, you can visit us at www.NAJonesboro.com. We also have started a new meeting on Fridays at 12:00 noon. We now have 2 meetings a day, everyday except Monday and Wednesday. We are having a Bar-B-Q on July 4th, if you would like information about this visit the website. We are donating \$100.00 this weekend. CWOD asks nothing from Region at this time.

--In loving service, L.D., GSR-CWOD

Foothills Unity Area

Hello Family,

It is great to be here with my extended family at this RSC. I apologize for my absence at the last RSC.

Things are alive and well in Foothills Area. We continue to have 2 very strong home groups. Recovery Connection that meets every night at 7:30pm and The Ties That Bind, that meets on Monday and Friday at 7:30pm. The Newport Group has sent a representative to our last 2 Area meetings. They are struggling but show a willingness to learn.

H&I – We continue to carry the message in to the local treatment facility every other Friday night at 7:00pm.

We had a very successful campout “Spirituality in the Spring” last weekend. There was close to 300 years combined recovery at the Saturday night recovery countdown. The weather was great and a good time was had by all.

I have had a lot going on in my personal life and would like to thank everybody for their thoughts and prayers.

More will be revealed.

--In Loving Service, Davia

Genesis Group

Hot Springs had a Spring Fling in Spring that was mostly rained out but those who attended had fun.

A large amount of the Genesis attended the Lone Star Convention.

We took a very large crew to Heber Springs.

Just to let everyone know the bus is recovering at the mechanics as we speak and should be arriving at Damby Point Campout just in time.

We will post Damby Point ??? on the website.

H&I at ????. PI ???

--In loving service, Marvin

Secretary’s note: There were parts of this report that I was unable to read and therefore some of the information may be misspelled or incorrect. ??? means I could not interpret what was there.

Northeast Arkansas Area

Our Area is doing well. We have been participating in “Capture the Banner” which has been a great step towards unity in our area.

We recently have been contacted on helping with a new meeting in Pocahontas.

We are preparing to host Region in July. Because we do not have much funds at this time, we do not have a donation at this time. However, we are planning to have a function with an auction and 50/50 raffle that will go to our Area and Region. We do not have any flyers at this time, but they will be in the mail shortly.

--Jenny W- RCM

Northwest Arkansas Area

The Northwest Area is doing pretty well. Beaver Round Up is this month. Hope to see you there.

A couple of our Groups are struggling. Final Frontier Group has voted in a couple of new activities. A campout and a formal prom. We’re hoping to have a flyer for beaver Roundup.

I need to inform the group that I will be resigning from all service positions due to my Dad’s health. The test we got back this week showed the right side of his heart isn’t working.

I feel my support is really needed at home.

Thank you for allowing me this brief period of service.

--Cindy

We have no donation as Beaver Round Up is upon us. We will have a donation at the next meeting. The Springdale Group has added two more meetings on Saturday and Sunday at noon. Final Frontier is hosting a Sock Hop July 12th at their meeting place, and a Campout September 12th, 13th, and 14th at Honey creek on Grand Lake and a Fall Ball in October. Meetings are well attended. There is a new H&I meeting at the VA in Fayetteville Mondays at 6pm.

--In loving service, Maili K

Texarkana

Greetings Family,

We have just held TACNA's annual "Sports Invitational". It was considered a huge success with our trophy going to Ft. Worth, Texas this year.

We are buoyed by a current increase in a series of clean time birthdays in our Area exceeding one year and are pleased to note this sign of positive growth.

We are bringing a donation of \$100.00 to Region at this time.

Meetings will soon resume at Gurden.

--In loving service, Jackie H./John C.

STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Committee

Chair – Billy B, Vice Chair – Laura C., RD Bill L., RDA – Vacant, Treasurer - Valerie Mc., Secretary – Barb H.

- 1) The meeting began at 8:50, five minutes late without the Chairperson and Treasurer. We discussed the responsibility that all of our elected, trusted servants have to be on time and start on time. This is an issue that has arisen numerous times over the course of the weekend and many of our members, committee and general have voiced their frustrations.
- 2) We discussed the possibility of a motion being presented in new business asking to "borrow" money from activities, to fund our current Regional expenses/deficits.
- 3) It was brought to the committee's attention that Mike R., the previous RD Alternate was not notified of the ARSCNA's decision to remove him from his position of RD Alternate at the last RSC meeting. This was an oversight on the committees part and Barb H. Will send him a letter apologizing for not notifying him and at the same time giving him official notification. That letter will be included in the minutes of this meeting.
- 4) Due to the RSC's current financial deficits we are suggesting that a motion be made to only fund essential services. We recognize that "essential services" will need to be defined by this body.
- 5) ARSCNA would like to offer a special THANKS to genesis Group for their wonderful, gracious hospitality and great food. THANKS!

Activities

Dear Family,

As of yet we do not have a campground for the Unity Campout. I must state that this is in part due to running into a brick wall in the department of incoming information people going duh?

We, Valerie Mc. And myself have spent hours online and on the phone attempting to get a spot.

I am asking for any help because we have been unable to get one picked.

--In loving Service, David B. - Activities Chair

Hospitals and Institutions

Absent, however it was reported by other committee members that a report would be coming.

Literature

Hello Family,

Lots to report with Literature. First sorry that I was not at last meeting, son had pinewood derby with Cub Scouts. Wish I were for I left that event with huge headache. Anyway getting on to business. I will update everyone on the Basic Text evaluation and the Sponsorship book project. And I will inform you of some new recovery items coming out in the near future. And some new concerns that were brought to me since I last seen you all.

Basic text evaluation: Here is a statement from the World Board. **As directed by the World Service Conference, and after a great deal of time and effort, we have come to our consensus regarding any changes to our primary recovery book, the Basic Text. The results of this long process is the we, your World Board, will recommend making no changes to Book 1 (chapters 1-10). We are also recommending that no changes be made to the Little White Booklet.**

We are recommending some changes to Book Two (the personal stories). We will work out the details at our May meeting. For now, we have decided to recommend not merely *adding* new stories to Book Two, but *replacing* some or all of the existing stories with new stories. We also discussed whether Book Two reflects the current diversity of our fellowship (drug use, culture, ethnicity, etc.).

With that said, below is some data from the fellowship survey conducted last year. Please keep in mind that this was not a scientific survey and the results are just one piece of information that the World Board used in coming to there final decision.

- 1) The majority of survey respondents (70%) favored no changes to Book One of the Basic Text and some sort of change to Book Two (61%).
- 1) The majority of survey respondents were opposed to most changes in the White Booklet:
 1. 72% opposed to changing content.
 2. 59% opposed to adding chapters.
 3. 68% opposed to changing personal stories.
 4. The exception is that 61% are in favor of adding new stories.
- 2) Survey Demographics:
 1. 4651 responses from 45 countries.
 2. 89% of the responses were from the US.
 3. 4% were from Canada.
 4. Each of the other countries totaled 1% or less.
 5. Median age: 41.
 6. Mean clean time: 7.3 years.

There is a complete set (78 pages) of the data available upon request. I can contact WSO and get one if the Region would like to have a copy of it.

Now lets move on to the Sponsorship Book Project. Here is a statement form the World Board.

“By now all registrants have received the review and draft of Chapter 1 of the Sponsorship Book, the draft IP *Sponsorship*, and the detailed outline for the remainder of the Sponsorship book. In addition to those who signed up to receive this material, we mailed copies to all Regional delegates because they play such an integral role in effective communication between Na and World Service and the fellowship. The deadline for input on these items was 2-14-03, and we want to thank everyone who participated in the development of the Sponsorship project.

For our members who like numbers, we received 98 packages of input from 43 distinct regions (though of course, the input wasn’t necessarily “regional” input) with at least 749 people contribution. That is over 6 pounds of paper. Wow, that’s a lot of input!

The workgroup is working diligently to be prepared for the next set of deadlines. A draft of the book will be in the *Conference Agenda Report*, due out by November 24th, 2003.

I am glad to say that the Arkansas Region was represented in this process.

This year, 2003, marks 20 years since we began to print and distribute our first full-length recovery text. To honor that milestone WSO is going to produce a 20th anniversary edition of the Basic Text. It will be a numbered edition, with a commemorative anniversary cover. There will be between 10,000 and 20,000 copies printed and sold. The cost will be \$25, the same price the first special edition Basic Text printed in 1983.

Two new recovery items will be coming out soon. The first is the NA Step Working Guide on CD-ROM. The second is Just For Today on CD-ROM. This is an interactive version to the daily meditation book. WSO hopes to have these items ready for sale by June 30, 2003 and available at WCNA-30 in San Diego.

It has come to my attention that some groups are having trouble keeping literature available for sale. With the influx of people from drug court and treatment, some groups are running out of literature and can't get more in fast enough. It has been suggested that these groups order from Lone Star or Show Me and use credit card to hurry order. It was also suggested that they raise their literature reserve if they have one and create one if they don't. Also some treatment centers have contacted WSO about literature. This may help some groups.

Now for what is going on around the State with literature:

ARVANA: Voting one in at next meeting, not sure who orders literature. Whose responsibility.
Talked about used bookstore.

Central Arkansas:

Cope Without Dope: \$800.00 in literature each month

Foothills Unity: Having trouble keeping literature

Genesis: Good stockpile. Give away books.

Northeast: Literature?? Getting out of carrying literature

Texarkana: Make two meetings will work with credit. Will donate to get more. Give away 25-30
LWB

That is all for now.

--ILS Tim A. -Literature Chair

Outreach

Hello Family,

Kits sent to Blytheville, and Lonoke, two to Leachville and one to Rock Bottom group of Jonesboro.

Update information: Newport meets Fridays 7:30-8:30 at the Downtown Recycling Center and has attended the Foothills Area. Mena has folded and the miscellaneous Springdale meeting is not ???.

The Banner Game is going well in Eastern Arkansas.

We do not have any group starter kits at present to send if requested. We do have 5 group readings available. Until the Region is in better financial condition we ask that Areas be sensitive and supportive of needs submitted to this committee. In other words, if we receive requests we will forward these requests to the closest Area.

The Outreach Chair will be asked to speak at the next ARVANA Area meeting in July to discuss the importance of update and the NAWS database and fund flow.

I would also like to inform this committee I will not be able to attend the next Regional Meeting. Look forward to seeing everyone in September.

--In loving service, Maili K. -Regional Outreach Chair

Additional Information: Billy B. offered to chair the Outreach committee in Maili's absence.

**Secretary's note: There were parts of this report that I was unable to read and therefore some of the information may be misspelled or incorrect. ??? means I could not interpret what was there.

Phoneline

Family,

Phoneline is still in the transitional stage, although I do believe we are just about there. I got a lot of great information from Valerie yesterday at the sub-committee meeting and have a clearer picture of what my responsibilities are.

The answering service changed location to the Texas side of Texarkana, which means we have a new forwarding number. Val took care of the specifics from our end. Thanks Val!

She also straightened out and lined out our new phone package with AT&T. We do have a \$78.22 bill with AT&T that needs to be paid.

We are planning to have a region-wide flyer day after the July Regional. At the next sub-committee meeting we will also be setting a date for the next Phoneline workshop. It will be held in Fayetteville, after the next RSC.

Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to serve. I'll do my best to not let you-all down.

--In loving service, Doug H. - Phoneline Chair

Public Information

The PI Chair resigned her position as of this RSC (see report from Northwest Area). This position is now vacant.

Greetings Family,

We had a very short PI meeting yesterday. We discussed Cindy's need to resign from her service position as Regional PI Chair. We also talked a little about a Regional Flyer Day and Mid South Summer School.

--ILS, Bill L.

Webmaster

See attached Report

ADHOC Committee For Regional reorganization

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Discussion of ideas

- 1) Change Regional meeting to one day
- 2) Meet quarterly (4x yearly) instead of 6 times yearly
- 3) Add fundraising activities to each regional Meeting
- 4) Have workshops that coincide with the Sub-committee/Regional meetings to draw in people who would not normally attend a Regional Conference

Missouri has one day, centralized Regional meetings with Sub-committees meeting in between and rotating location. Concerns were expressed that all subcommittees would suffer if all met at the same time. We discussed finding out from our Areas and groups what would make attending a Regional meeting more attractive to them. Encourage Area sub-committee chairpersons to attend Regional sub-committee meetings, by adding it as a requirement in their guidelines, to stay better informed on what's going on in the Fellowship and keep the information flow going. Multiple persons expressed positive feelings about meeting quarterly and 1 day on Saturday. It was suggested that rather than reinvent the wheel, we post a question on the WSO website to see what other Regions have or are doing and utilize shared experience. Suggestion of entertainment to along with the meeting.

The areas we were able to pull a general consensus on:

- 1) Quarterly meetings.
- 2) Find out what other Regions have or are currently doing.

We will be having a "Tween" (in between) meeting on July 19th in Jonesboro at the CWOD meeting building, at 3:00pm. For more information contact LD or Barb H.

OPEN SHARING:

Motion was made to hold discussion to 25 minutes - Passed

- 1) A lot of discussion surrounding our current budget deficits, lack of donation coming in from groups/areas. We need to look for long term solutions rather than short term fixes.

- 2) Discussion on the need to define essential services and pay only those things that we feel we cannot do without and still accomplish our primary purpose.
- 3) Pros and cons of borrowing money from activities to help fund our deficits. On one hand there was a lot of discussion about our primary purpose and prioritizing essential services. On the hand people want to have enough money to fund the Unity Campout for two reasons, of course it's fun and brings us together for Unity, but it also brings money into the Region.
- 4) How can we incorporate fund raising efforts into our Regional meetings to help offset deficits? Currently the Region depends solely on group/Area donation for funding. Is there a way we can help offset expenses
- 5) Group Starter Kits, we are out of them and if we don't have the money purchase them, then the responsibility will fall on groups/areas to help out new meetings within their areas.
- 6) Valerie Mc. gave a financial update.

Motion was made to extend for 15 minutes after we returned from lunch - Passed

- 7) Talking with areas and groups to see whether they currently believe the Region provides an essential service and if not what would help to change that. What do they believe the Region needs to do differently?

Motion to extend for 15 more minutes - Failed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ELECTIONS

Nominations are now open for all Regional positions.

Regional Delegate (RD): Duties were read, Tim A. was nominated from the floor, the nomination was seconded. Tim accepted the nomination and read his service resume, questions were taken from the floor.

SERVICE RESUME:

- *Previous service commitments completed:* Special Activities SFG 1 year; Convention committee – ARVANA 2 Years; Area secretary – ARVANA 1 year; Area Vice Chair – NWA 1 year; H&I member 1 and 1/2 years.
- *Other current service commitments:* Regional Literature Chair, Home group member, Area member
- *Service positions vacated by resignation or impeachment (and possibly why):* Area Vice Chair – NWA resigned after 1 year due to changes in the Area
- *Experience in area of service for which nominated* 1 and 1/2 years of Regional service
- *Clean Date:* 4/27/97
- *Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship:* further relationship with God of my understanding, Narcotics Anonymous, fellow addict. To better carry the message of Recovery to addicts who need it and want it.

No further nominations. Nominations are now closed.

Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA): Duties were read, there were no nomination for RD Alt. Nominations remain open.

Chairperson: Duties were read, Laura C. was nominated from the floor, the nomination was seconded. Laura accepted the nomination and read her service resume, questions were taken from the floor.

SERVICE RESUME:

- *Previous service commitments completed:* RCM of Central Ark Area; GSR and Alt GSR; Sec.; Treas. of recovery Connection; GSR and Alt GSR; Sec; & Treas. Of Spiritual Ideals; Vice Chair of ARSCNA
- *Other current service commitments:* Vice Chair
- *Service positions vacated by resignation or impeachment (and possibly why):* resigned from Vice Chair in 94 and treas. Of Recovery Connection in 94
- *Experience in area of service for which nominated:* Vice Chair
- *Clean Date:* 10/28/95

- *Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship:* Help still suffering addict

No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

Vice Chairperson: Duties were read, Davia W. was nominated from the floor, the nomination was seconded. Davia accepted the nomination and read her service resume, questions were taken from the floor.

SERVICE RESUME:

- *Previous service commitments completed:* group H&I panel member (Central); RCM Alt of Northeast Ark Area; RCM Northeast Ark Area; panel member Foothills H&I; RCM Alt Foothills Area; RCM Foothills Area; Home group Chair Central Area, Northeast Ark Area and Foothills Unity Area
- *Other current service commitments:* Activities Treasurer Foothills Unity Area; RCM Foothills Unity Area; Group member
- *Service positions vacated by resignation or impeachment (and possibly why):* None
- *Experience in area of service for which nominated:* I have experience in conducting group and Area meetings. I feel I can grow closer to my HP by learning and participating in service.
- *Clean Date:* 7/19/97
- *Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship:* Staying active in service, helps me stay connected to my HP and the experience strength and hope of my fellow addicts.

No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

Regional Service Committee (RSC) Secretary: Duties were read, Barb H. was nominated from the floor, the nomination was seconded. Barb accepted the nomination and read her service resume, questions were taken from the floor.

SERVICE RESUME: Barb H.

- *Previous service commitments completed:* 2 x 1 year home group chair - Sunday night candlelight; 1 x 1 year group chair - Wednesday Freedom group; 2 year ASR; 1 year Corresponding Secretary - Region; interim/temporary Area Treasurer; fill-in home group chair when needed; volunteer on committees/functions/Phoneline.
- *Other current service commitments:* Sponsorship, Phoneline, no other.
- *Service positions vacated by resignation or impeachment (and possibly why):* none.
- *Experience in area of service for which nominated:* computer skills, can use word processing programs, experience writing reports, fairly organized.
- *Clean Date:* 09-15-86
- *Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship:* I want to be of service.

No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

Treasurer: Duties were read, Valerie Mc. was nominated from the floor, the nomination was seconded. Valerie accepted the nomination and read her service resume, questions were taken from the floor.

SERVICE RESUME:

- *Previous service commitments completed:*
- *Other current service commitments:*
- *Service positions vacated by resignation or impeachment (and possibly why):*
- *Experience in area of service for which nominated:*
- *Clean Date:*
- *Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship:*

No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

Activities: Duties were read, David was nominated from the floor, the nomination was seconded. David accepted the nomination and read his service resume, questions were taken from the floor.

SERVICE RESUME:

- *Previous service commitments completed:* Secretary, Vice Chair, Activities, GSR, H&I chair from Clean and Serene Group.
- *Other current service commitments:* H&I, Activities, GSR of Clean and Serene Group, current ARSCNA Activities Chair.

- *Service positions vacated by resignation or impeachment (and possibly why):* None
- *Experience in area of service for which nominated:* None Submitted
- *Clean Date:* 3 or 4 /27/2000
- *Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship:* Enjoy coordinating events, pleasurable to see addicts having fun and helping me stay clean.

No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I): Duties were read, there were no nominations for H&I. Nominations remain open.

Literature: Duties were read, there were no nominations for Literature. Nominations remain open.

Outreach: Duties were read, there were no nominations for Outreach. Nominations remain open.

Public Information (PI): Duties were read, there were no nominations for PI. Nominations remain open.

Phoneline: Duties were read, Doug H. was nominated from the floor, the nomination was seconded. Doug accepted

the nomination and read his service resume, questions were taken from the floor.

SERVICE RESUME: Doug H.

- *Previous service commitments completed:* Various Groups - GSR, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer. Ore-Cal Area - H&I Chair, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Chair, Phoneline Chair, Literature Chair. Pacific Cascade Region - Activities Chair, Corresponding Secretary, Vice Chairperson, Chairperson, Policy/Procedures Chair, Treasurer, Regional Delegate, Parliamentarian. Individual - sponsee, ride-giver, hug-giver.
- *Other current service commitments:* Chair for Sunday Book Study - CWOD Group, H&I member - CWOD Group.
- *Service positions vacated by resignation or impeachment (and possibly why):* Gave up Regional Delegate Alternate to fill vacant Regional Delegate position. Gave up Regional Treasurer position when I moved from Oregon to Arkansas.
- *Experience in area of service for which nominated:* 15 years on Area helpline contact list; 1 year as Area Phoneline Chair.
- *Clean Date:* 02-10-86
- *Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship:* If everyone does a little nobody has to do a lot. My desire to serve NA stems from the understanding that my gratitude speaks through service. I also may be a little insane - seeing as how insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. (Just Kidding)

No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

Webmaster: Duties were read, Valerie Mc. was nominated from the floor, the nomination was seconded. Valerie accepted the nomination and read her service resume, questions were taken from the floor.

SERVICE RESUME:

- *Previous service commitments completed:*
- *Other current service commitments:*
- *Service positions vacated by resignation or impeachment (and possibly why):*
- *Experience in area of service for which nominated:*
- *Clean Date:*
- *Why nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship:*

No further nominations. Nominations remain open.

NEW BUSINESS

M01-060803: To define essential services for payment of bills today:

- 1) Secretarial expenses incurred to perform corresponding mailing duties.
- 2) Phoneline expenses
- 3) Outreach – Copy expenses for meeting lists
- 4) Webmaster fees for site

2nd tier of essential services

- 1) Debts incurred during travel to the Southern Zonal Forum up to this date
- 2) Group Starter Kits
- 3) Calls be Regional Representatives
- 4) Sending RD to Southern Zonal Forum when funds are available

Intent: NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose and must be managed responsibly. **Motion passed (9-0-0)**

Additional note: this Motion was discussed at length and numerous friendly amendments were made prior to attaining a consensus. At this point a member suggested passing the basket. We collected \$232.00. Thanks Cat for your brilliant idea and thank you to the ARSCNA attendees and Genesis members.

M02-060803: To transfer \$600.00 dollars from the ARSCNA Activities account. **Intent:** 11th Concept. **Motion passed (7-2-0)**

M03-060803: To revise the ARSCNA Budget to reflect current and expected expenses. **Intent:** to revise the budget. **Motion ruled out of order.**

An ADHOC committee was appointed by the chairperson consisting of David B., Doug H, and Valerie Mc. (current treasurer). They will meet on July 19th in Jonesboro, at CWOD's meeting place, at 1:00pm. Everyone is invited and encouraged too participate. For more information contact Doug, David or Valerie.

Reports from Area/loner groups joining the region.

None

Their was a motion to waive the order of the day and continue with announcement while our treasurer calculated or ending income, expenses and balance, motion passed.

Treasury Request Motions

None

Pre-arranged agenda and motions from the floor

None

ENDING TREASURES REPORT:

Beginning balance	\$189.19
Income	\$1259.82
Expenses (budgeted)	\$712.40
Expenses (non-budgeted)	\$0.0
Ending Balance	\$531.61

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Please ask your Areas/ group members for donations (cups, t-shirts etc.) for the auction Northeast Area will be holding at the next Regional meeting. NEA is planning on donating all proceeds to ARSCNA.
- 2) Central Arkansas annual convention will be held in August 2003, flyers are forthcoming.
- 3) June 28th Searcy is holding a dance to raise money for their home group.
- 4) July 19th Little Rock is having a luau, and September 6th they will be holding a soft ball tournament.

- 5) The annual “Chilidog Chow Down”, will be Labor Day weekend, for 4 days, please attend and support our function.
- 6) Regional Unity Campout is scheduled for the 3rd weekend in October, location to be announced.

NEXT RSC MEETING:

The next ARCNA will be held in Northeast Arkansas on July 26th and 27th. Flyers will be forthcoming

CLOSING:

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

Your in Service, Barb H.

Additional information from the Southern Zonal Forum

Resolution A Implementation

“The Time is Now”

May 2003

Resolution A:

To approve in principle a change in participation at a new WSC to achieve the following objectives:

- 1. to reduce the total number of representatives;*
- 2. to provide for equal representation from all geographic entities; and,*
- 3. to encourage a consensus-based decision-making process.*

MOTION CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY BY ROLL CALL VOTE #1

(see addendum), resulting in YES-66; NO-17; and

ABSTENTIONS-0 WSC, TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1996 Greensboro, NC, USA

---page 6, 1996 WSC Approved Minutes)

Introduction

When considering the implementation of Resolution A, one can't help but ask, “Why hasn't it been implemented yet?” After all, Res. A was the first resolution brought to the floor of the WSC in 1996 and had it not passed, no other resolutions would have even been presented. Res. A was the first step in creating a world service structure with a world-wide perspective, focusing on the global growth of Narcotics Anonymous. It provides a necessary balance in participation at the WSC for the WSC Mission Statement to be accomplished and the World Services Vision Statement can be realized.

The Resolution Group was clear. They stated strongly that the resolutions were a whole.

Although they were presented one at a time, each resolution was part of a cohesive plan to design a new World Service structure that would effectively fulfill the WSC Mission and move toward the World Services Vision that the fellowship approved at the same conference. Resolution A was the cornerstone of all the resolutions. Its passage was the prerequisite for the rest. It was passed by an 80% majority. Its implementation is long past due.

We have proposed an implementation of Resolution A that is consistent with the Resolution Group's intent to reduce the total number of participants and to provide a more equal representation from all geographic entities.

Background

In 1996, the World Service Conference formed the Transition Group and charged it with creating an implementation plan for each of the 6 resolutions passed that year. The TG offered a plan for each resolution except resolution A. In 1998, the World Board stated that further action on the implementation of Resolution A is the responsibility of the Regional Delegates. From the Conference Report, November 1999, *“In order for that expertise to emerge, we believe it best for the World Board to get out of the way. We will be glad to provide an outline of the presentation on Resolution A from WSC'99 to anyone who requests it; other than that, we intend to allow this issue the time it needs for a solution to emerge.”*

Resolution Group's vision of the new World Service Conference (RG Final Report, Addendum to the 1996 CAR, pp 46-47):

“3.2.2 World Service Conference

Primary Focus

Rather than being a body which spends most of its energy debating motions, the new WSC should have much less to debate, and should spend most of its time sharing experience, strength and hope and fostering the worldwide unity of NA. The World Service Conference does not concern itself with detailed matters of implementation or execution of projects, but rather it focuses on matters of strategic direction and long range planning. It reviews the strategic plans submitted by the World Board, and ratifies them or calls for changes. It considers proposals for the creation of ad hoc committees and acts on those as well. It reviews the proposed budget and ratifies or modifies it. These matters should be well communicated in advance, and developed with sufficient input from the Fellowship Representatives to require only a minimum of debate and deliberation at the meeting of the conference.

In addition to exercising its authority in this way on behalf of the NA groups, the World Service Conference provides a forum for establishing and maintaining the worldwide unity of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole. Substantial time is devoted to sharing experience, strength, and hope among all the participants. It functions as a large-scale workshop, bringing leaders from all Geographic Entities together with all the World Board members and World Service Office management staff for sharing and vision-building to ensure the effectiveness and relevance of world service efforts. It is a time of sharing, of pooling experience, of inspiring one another, and of setting course for another conference cycle.”

Primary Problems

The WSC continues to be US-centric.

- o The overwhelming majority of delegates are from the US.
- o The conference spends an inordinate amount of conference time on US issues.
- o The voice of non-US participants can be lost.
- o There is a lack of knowledge and experience in growing the fellowship in emerging countries.
- o There is a lack of knowledge and experience in translations.
- o The conference has difficulty appreciating cross-cultural barriers.

The number of participants at the WSC is unmanageable.

- o Consensus-based decision making is problematic in a group so large.
- o The WSC is extraordinarily expensive.

The number of additional participants at the WSC is unlimited.

The Number Of Delegates From The United States.

According to the World Services Vision Statement and The World Service Conference Mission Statement, the WSC has a worldwide perspective. It is supposed to unify NA worldwide. The fellowship overwhelmingly approved Resolution A, because we all understand and agree on the importance that the WSC reflect the entire world rather than the small fraction covered by the United States. Slowly the number of delegates from outside the united states has been growing, but even now the conference has well over a two-thirds majority of US delegates, with a US perspective, and little or no direct experience of the key issues involved in global fellowship development: translation, international travel and communication, etc. This will not change until the composition of the conference becomes more globally balanced.

The Number Of Participants.

With so many people on the conference floor, too little time is spent managing the affairs of the Fellowship and too much time is spent managing logistics. The amount of resources (time and money) spent managing the group grows in proportion to the size of the group. Effectively managing our critical elections is more difficult as the numbers grow. The World Board, which

can have as many as 24 members, is down to 11 because of the difficulty the large number of RDs have agreeing on candidates.

The Cost of the Conference

Large meeting room for 8 days, World Board, HRP, Co-Facilitators, Parliamentarian and staff. \$105,000

NAWS travel expenses for 96 delegates \$135,000.

Regional/Zonal travel expenses approximately \$135,000.

Total cost of the meeting, NAWS + regional/zonal expenses, approximately \$375,000

As the number of regional delegates continues to increase, these numbers will become astronomical. The conference will routinely outgrow its facilities. And travel budgets will soar as an ever increasing number of regions request a seat at the WSC.

Over the last ten years, 19 participants have been added to the conference, 11 from regional reformation in the United States, and 8 from the growth of NA worldwide. Assuming the number of US representatives does not increase and the number of non-US representatives increases 2 new representatives per conference cycle, the number of representatives from within the United States will equal the number of non-US representatives in the year 2038. At that time the WSC will have 156 voting participants. In a truly global WSC, representatives from the US would make up no more than 25% of the participants. At current growth rates and the assumption of no new US regions, that will occur in the year 2170 and the WSC will have grown to 288 voting participants and 552 people on the floor.

This best case scenario is completely unacceptable.

It necessitates an incredibly large WSC.

It does not address the requirement of equal geographic representation.

The Solution: Motions for WSC 2004

Motion A: To reduce the total number of representatives and to provide for equal geographic representation, the current regional delegate representation will be replaced by fellowship representatives. The World Service Conference shall be comprised of a maximum of 72 fellowship representatives:

Up to 18 from North America

Up to 18 from Europe

Up to 18 from Asia/Pacific Rim

Up to 18 from South/Central America

This shall be accomplished by the 2006 World Service Conference.

Intent: To implement the following parts of Resolution A as adopted by the fellowship at WSC 1996.

To reduce the total number of representatives,

To provide for equal representation from all geographic entities

Financial Impact: Decrease in NAWS WSC Travel Budget:\$20,000 (approximate)

Decrease in Regional Travel Budgets:\$135,000 (approximate)

Total Savings:\$155,000 (approximate)

Motion B: To create the following geographic districts:

Asia and Pacific Rim District – all regions participating in the Asia/Pacific Forum.

European District – all regions participating in the European Delegates Meeting.

North American District – all regions participating in the Autonomy Zonal Forum, Canadian Assembly, Midwest Zonal Forum, Mountain States Zonal Forum, Northeast Zonal Forum Plain States Zonal Forum, Southeast Zonal Forum, Southern Zonal Forum, Western States Zonal Forum.

South and Central American District – all regions participating in the Latin America Zonal Forum

Fellowship representatives at the WSC shall be selected by the entities currently known as zonal forums, and will be recognized at the 2006 World Service Conference. The Zonal Forums shall each choose the following number of delegates:

- Asia/Pacific Forum: up to18
- European Delegates Meeting: up to18
- Latin America Zonal Forum: up to18
- North America: up to 18 selected as follows
 - o Autonomy Zonal Forum: up to2
 - o Canadian Assembly: up to2
 - o Midwest Zonal Forum: up to2
 - o Mountain States Zonal Forum: up to2
 - o Northeast Zonal Forum: up to2
 - o Plain States Zonal Forum: up to2
 - o Southeast Zonal Forum: up to2
 - o Southern Zonal Forum: up to2
 - o Western States Zonal Forum: up to2

Intent: to provide a method for recognizing fellowship representatives.

Financial Impact: None

The Solution is Change

The Resolution Group said it best in their final report page 6., “. . . *if the decision to change is to be effected in an organization such as ours, it will probably not occur over a long span of time, but will more than likely occur rapidly and with passionate emotions on all sides. In fact, true change will probably be most upsetting for the members in the organization who are now in positions of power, and who are therefore the least willing for a change in the status quo. We should not be surprised if there is great reluctance on the part of trusted servants who perceive that their power base is being eroded or supplanted by a new order. The question that we must always bear in mind, therefore, is what is best for our fellowship -- not what is best for me as individual with a personal investment in remaining here.* “

Conference Participants become Fellowship Representatives

(RG Final Report, Addendum to the 1996 CAR, pp 43-44):

“3.2.3 Fellowship Representatives

A group of Fellowship Representatives will be sent to the conference from each geographic entity, funded from the unified budget of world services. There would be no alternates, and terms would be staggered so that there are always new representatives and those more experienced serving at the same time. They should all come to the conference empowered to fully engage in discussions and decisions in a spirit of partnership and in pursuit of the worldwide unity of NA. They view themselves as serving the NA groups worldwide, not just their particular geographic entity. They will be responsible to communicate in both directions between world services and their geographic entity, bringing their unique perspective to both as advocates for our common welfare. While Fellowship Representatives are world level trusted servants, they remain accountable to the geographic entities that sent them, and may be recalled and replaced by those entities at any time.

Between conferences, Fellowship Representatives serve as a communications conduit, and also may serve on one ad hoc committee or focus group at a time. Along with the World Pool, they are available to be selected for these positions by the Human Resources Panel when such positions become available.

The vital role the regional delegate remains. No reduction in communication is being proposed; rather, current communication between WS and RDs, RDAs and regions will continue. The voice the regions will still be heard. Communications between all service entities and the groups they serve is essential. Concept Eight states, *“Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.”*

Local Autonomy

Zonal Forums have proven their value over the last decade by providing opportunities for problem solving and the exchange of ideas between regional delegates and other regional trusted

servants. Some zonal forums have become more structured; some have chosen to remain relatively unstructured. In any case, the only additional function required by this proposal is to choose Fellowship Representatives to serve NA at the World Service Conference.

We recognize that the fellowship in the US and Canada may develop some other structural solutions to the equality issue in the future, but the implementation plan offered here is workable today, providing a framework for our fellowship's development and growth around the world. No "new tier" of service is necessary. The existing zonal forums can be used to select fellowship representatives to the conference, by methods of their own choosing, without adding any significant administrative or financial burdens. In addition, this proposal may have the effect of strengthening the local fellowships.

Large Global Districts

To address the issue of "equality" the proposal continues with the roughly-continental solution first proposed by the Select Committee in 1987, refined in the "Guide to Service" in 1993, and included in the RG's report in 1996. The globe is separated into large districts with a maximum number of Fellowship Representatives allocated to each. This proposal limits the total number of fellowship representatives to 72 in the following breakdown:

18 from Asia/Pacific Rim (up to 18 FRs from the Asia Pacific Forum, APF)

18 from Europe (up to 18 FRs from the European Delegates Meeting, EDM)

18 from North America (2 FRs from each zonal forum)

18 from South/Central America (up to 18 FRs from the Latin America Zone, LAZ)

It is important to understand that this proposal does **not require** 18 representatives from each district. Rather, it sets a maximum of 18 fellowship representatives from each geographic district and sets a maximum of 72 representatives for the conference as a whole. Coincidentally, 72 representatives maintains a 3 to 1 ratio of FRs to WB members.

The apparent inequalities of the existing zonal forums presented a challenge. Outside of North America, the existing entities are all international and continent-equivalent in geographic size and participation. In North America, however, there is one national body (CANA), and eight zonal forums within one country (the US).

To determine the equal number of representatives from the geographic districts, the simplest possible formula was used. Rather than attempting to assign different numbers to CANA and the multiple US zones, two representatives were allocated to each of the North American entities, for a total of 18. In keeping with the principle of equality in Resolution A, the proposal designates 18 representatives from each of the other continental entities.

The need is foreseen for the creation of districts in the future. Africa, for example, is not represented at all. As the fellowship on the African continent develops, a new geographic district may be created there. The existing 72 Fellowship Representatives would then be reallocated so that up to 1/5 of the representatives come from Africa.

With this proposal, the focus of the WSC is **immediately** changed from US-centric to World-centric. While it's true that the bulk of NA groups are located in the United States, there is no longer justification for the bulk of representatives to come from the US. On the contrary, with the growth of the fellowship happening outside the US, it is imperative that those voices be heard at the conference.

The Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous overwhelmingly passed Resolution A calling for equal geographic representation. In doing so, we expressed our understanding that it is critical for the conference to have a global perspective. These motions provide the balance demanded by the Fellowship in Resolution A.

What About Consensus-based Decision Making?

Our motions are addressing the structure of participation only, specifically excluding the third bullet of Resolution A: to encourage a more consensus-based decision making process. This process is currently being addressed by the World Board. We agree that this important issue deserves to be considered separately.