

**ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**September 28<sup>th</sup> , 2003  
Searcy, AR**

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### Searcy, AR

**OPENING:**

Billy B. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.  
John. read the 12 traditions.  
Jackie H. read the 12 concepts of service  
“LD” read the first two paragraphs of tradition 2  
Cat B. read our Purpose and Definition

**ROLL CALL:**

Arkansas River Valley Area .....	David RU (RCM) .....	Present	_____
Central Arkansas Area .....	Jennifer N., (ASR) .....	Present	_____
Clean and Serene Group .....	David B. (GSR) .....	Present	_____
Cope Without Dope Group .....	“LD“ (GSR) .....	Present	_____
Foothills Unity Area .....	Jeff W. (RCM) .....	Present	_____
Genesis Group .....	Marvin, (GSR Alt) .....	Present	_____
Northeast Arkansas Area .....	Jenny W. (RCM) .....	Present	_____
Northwest Arkansas Area .....	Mickey W (RCM) .....	Present	_____
Texarkana Area .....	Jackie H. (RCM) .....	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. ....	Present	_____
Literature Chair .....	Tim A. ....	Present	_____
Outreach Chair .....	Maili K. ....	Absent(2nd )position now vacant	_____
PI Chair .....	* .....	VACANT	_____
Phoneline Chair .....	Doug H. ....	Present	_____
Webmaster .....	Valerie Mc. ....	Present	_____

**Alternatives and Other Representatives:**

None listed

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

**Motion:** to read secretaries report, old and new business, open sharing and elections. **Passed**

After the minutes were read it was pointed out that two of the motions were both listed as M02 – 07/27/03, although one should have been listed as M03 – 072703. Central AR also clarified that their group representative is not identified as a RCM but is still called an ASR per their Area decision.

**Motion:** To accept the minutes as read with the above listed changes. **Passed**

I was issued a check at the 7/27/03 Regional meeting for 60.98. The .98 was reimbursement for expense overages incurred for the previous mailings. I turned in receipts totaling \$75.92 (this includes the credit at Passmore Printers for \$24.29) used for copies, postage, mailing envelopes and folders for this years guidelines. This leaves

a balance of +\$8.57. I am requesting \$51.43.

I am also apologizing in advance for the minutes being late. No excuses. Sorry.

--ILS, Barb H, Secretary

**TREASURER INITIAL REPORT:**

Ending balance	\$754.61
Income	\$1,602.85
Expenses (budgeted)	\$908.49
Expenses (non-budgeted)	\$600.00 (reimburse ARSCNA Activities)
Beginning balance	\$848.97

**\*\*Complete treasurers report will be sent out by treasurer.**

**RD/RDA REPORT:**

RD final report was given at the last RSC. We have a report from Tim A. our designee chosen to represent us at the Southern Zonal Forum in the RD's absence.

Hello Family,

I would first like to thank everyone for having faith in me and sending me to the Southern Zonal Forum. It was a spiritual weekend that was also very enjoyable. I would also like to thank the Foothills Unity area for hosting this weekend. Due to Gatlinburg being a tourist town I could not get a room where SZF was being held. I had to stay off site, which cost more than budgeted. I will be submitting receipts for this requesting reimbursement, per guidelines. Topics for discussion for this weekend included Outreach, Regional GSR Workshops, Making motions at WSC and Tax Liability/501(c)(3).

First order for the day was Fellowship Concerns. The Louisiana Region shared that their donations have been up and that they had some problems with their Convention Committee and personalities above principles.

The Mississippi Region stated in past SZF's the high cost of their Regional Phone Line. They have now done away with their phone line, and are letting the Area take on that responsibility if they chose. Only one area in their region has there own phone line now, the NE Area. They were also concerned about the amount of time it takes WSO to return phone calls.

The Volunteer Region has all new Regional Committee trusted servants. They have also created new VRC guidelines. They have no new answers on the tax issue.

The Lonestar Region stated that their convention this year did not make any money, and that they do not get enough area donations to support events.

The Show-Me Region has some Areas that are struggling. They expressed concerns about the Sponsorship Book. They were disappointed that there was only one send out. Their P.I. and outreach is struggling, as well as the Writing Steps In Recovery committee. They are looking into a Regional Phone Line. They are going to be doing 5 rotating workshops this fall on Guide To Local Service. They also had some problems between their convention committee and some Regional Board members. Was said to have worked it self out.

On a local note a couple of fellow Arkansans in attendance voiced some concern about a motorcycle club that consist of recovering addicts swarming newcomers and trying to recruit for there club. They were upset because they feel that this is hindering the newcomers chance at recovery.

Next we moved on to the Topic Discussions. First we did Outreach. I have included all the handouts that were past out. I will highlight some of what was discussed and things that were not in the handout.

- Outreach should compliment not duplicate.
- Outreach Campouts in rural areas
- Guide To Local Service workshops
- Have all literature available at all events.
- Adopt a group program.
- Visiting other ASC and RSC's
- Outreach is all about UNITY

Please look over the Service Bulletin's included with this report. There is some great information included in it.

Next we moved on to Regional GSR Workshops. The Louisiana Region has done a couple of these workshops in the past. The ideal behind these workshops are to educate members about service and give experience, strength, and hope and to promote UNITY. Enclosed with this report is some detailed information about this workshop including a sample Agenda. This was part of the Outreach discussion and this is something that would not be done by Outreach but use Outreach to gather the people to participate.

We then moved on to making motions at WSC. This was a brief discussion about how motions are written and how they are handled by the World Board and the timelines in making one. All motions must form itself to a yes or no vote. Written intent up to 150 words and any financial impact if any. Motions must be turned into WSO by Aug 25<sup>th</sup> to be included on the CAR. Any motions that are received after this date are brought up into new business at WSC only if the Region that made the motion wants it brought to the floor. There was also some talk on RD's getting a vote of confidence from their Region before leaving for WSC. This was brought up because some time there are some changes made in motions that were included in the CAR.

Lastly we went over the Tax Liability issue. Nothing new here. Volunteer Region still has no new info on all of this. Still don't know what to do as far as paying the taxes. They are not in the business of selling literature. That is done by Area's they only literature they get is for the VRC and that is all giving away. But since the Region and the Convention Committee is incorporated they fear that they will be asked to pay taxes on all literature bought.

On Sunday we went into the normal business sessions. All reports were read and I have included copies of those that were handed out. I will touch on some of the highlights of the other reports. Secretary would like a list of trusted servants from all Regions. This will be put together to be used as a resource for the SZF. After we elect new trusted servants I will send out a copy to the SZF Secretary.

Treasurer reported donations from Volunteer Region in the amount of \$266. \$600. from the Show-Me Region and

\$100 from the Kentuckiana Region. After all expenses and T-shirt revenue it left a balance of \$2127. Any thing above \$1500 is sent on to WSO. A donation of \$627.77 was sent to WSO. There was also some discussion on the checking account. There is now a new treasure and he would like to have the account at a local bank to make it easy on him. There was talk about looking into Regions Bank since they are available for banking in all Regions at Zone.

Webmaster: Do any areas want linked from the SZF web site?

There was some discussion on whether SZF should reimburse presenters. It was suggested that it be talked about when planning that particular Forum.

We then went on to selections of SZR Rep. There were two nominee's Andy S from Mississippi and Bill L from Arkansas. Since Bill was not present at the Forum there was discussion on whether to postpone selections or go on with them. It was decided that since Andy S funded himself to be here for this, that the body owed it to him to go on with the selection. There was then some discussion about a past incident between Andy and the Mississippi Region. This went on for some time. To make a long story short Andy S was not selected as SZF Rep. Thus leaving Bill L as a nominee.

SZF is going to suggest a time on the agenda a WSC for all Zones to meet together to discuss how Zones can be of better service to the fellowship.

Lastly we talked about the next two SZF's. The next will be in The Woodlands Texas just north of Houston on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. La Quinta Inn Express 24868 I-45 North. Room rate is \$69 per night. Please call (281) 681-9188 to reserve. Please mention Southern Zonal Forum. For more info please call California Steve (210) 559-2732. Topics for discussion will be Regional Sub-committees and their responsibility to the RSC. 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> concepts. And P.I. cultures other than your own. January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in Tupelo Mississippi. CAR workshop. This workshop will be conducted by a couple of the World Board Members. \$55.00 a night room rate of Executive Inn (662) 841-2222 Ask for SZF Rate. Meeting will be held at the Woodman of the World Building 5 miles from Hotel. For more info call Tammie B (662) 844-3864.

I also have advanced copies of some motions that the Lone Star Region has submitted to WSO for consideration at WSC 2004. These are included in this report.

Again thanks for the faith you all put in me.

I Loving Service  
Tim Arnoldussen

Also a copy of the "Southern Zonal Forum Report and Other NA News" was handed out to all RCM/ASR's, and GSR's to share with their Area/groups and will be available on our website.

### **AREA/GROUP REPORTS:**

**ARVANA**

The ARVANA Area is very excited about "Lets Spend The Night Together" Cove Lake Campout, coming up Oct. 10, 11, & 12 in Paris, Ya'll come!

ARVANA is also excited about hosting Region Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the Straight Forward Group facility located at N. 9<sup>th</sup> and N. B Street in Ft. Smith. A flyer will be coming soon for this.

ARVANA is now 11 groups strong as "The New Start" group from Dardanelle has joined us. We have no special needs from Region. We have a \$50.00 donation.

--In Loving Service, David Ru.

**Central Arkansas Area**

Hello Family!

We at Central Arkansas are alive and well. We have many meetings going on all over the Area. WE had a new group join us out of Perryville. Our Activities Committee is putting on the annual Ozark Mountain High Petit Jean Campout next weekend, October 3-5. Registration for the campout will be \$20.00 for the weekend or \$25.00 for one night. The price is the same whether you tent or stay in the cabin. It is at the Lutheran Campgrounds. We have a new convention committee forming, If anyone has any ideas on people or topics they would like to hear, please let me know. On Saturday, October 11, the Serenity seekers group from Conway, will be having a Potluck Traditions Workshop. Our Area now has a website. The address is CAASC.org.

--ILS, Jennifer N.

**Clean and Serene**

Dear Family,

We in the Northern reaches of this great state are still alive and growing. Recently we had our old timers come forward and volunteer for positions. Which is a good thing. We are in a transition time when the newcomers are not comfortable enough to hold positions.

We are still taking H&I meetings into the local treatment center.

We are also in the process of re-doing our prudent reserve, so our donation from our campout was only \$210.00.

--Loving Yall, David B. GSR C&S

**Cope Without Dope**

Hello Family,

My name is L.D. I'm an addict I would like thank Foothills hosting this weekend. CWOD group is doing really well. We have had two B-days this month Barb H. 17 years Freddie 1 year. Our H&I is very well. We have seen that by carrying the H&I to the local treatment center that our home group attendance is constantly on the rise. We are having a Big Halloween Party on Oct. 31 I have no flyers at this time but I will have some at the Unity Campout. We also have added a Tues. night Women's meeting at 5:50. CWOD asks nothing from Region at this time.

--In Loving Service, L.D., GSR-Cope With Out Dope

**Foothills Unity Area**

Hey Family

I'm grateful to report that recovery is thriving and our primary purpose is being achieved in the Foothills Unity Area.

Since seeing you all last we've had the birth of a new group "Faith and Hope" about 12 regular members meet Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at the Old Augusta Inn. Augusta AR. Special thanks to Robert D for his efforts and willingness to serve.

"Ties That Bind" has just turned two and is growing steadily.

Our mother group Recovery Connections is still going strong.

H7I is going well but looking to expand.

A very special thanks to Northeast Area for their hospitality at our last RSC. "Killer Chicken Wings".

--ILS, Jeff W. "Cowboy" - Foothills Unity Area, RCM

PS: We're passing \$120.00 of Area donations to Region. Bill L will be heading a workshop on consensus based decision making Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 2pm at recovery connection Searcy. Thanks Doug H. Bill L. Dodge & Richard.

### **Genesis Group**

A verbal report was given but no written report was submitted.

### **Northeast Arkansas Area**

Hello Family

Our Area is growing. Some say it's because of the seasons changing. It was recently brought to my attention that the Rock Bottom Group which meets in St. Bernard's Behavioral Treatment Center has closed. I will try to obtain the kit as the center has plenty of NA supplies.

The Leachville group meeting is held BI-weekly. They report that they have been having good attendance.

The Walnut Ridge group is struggling with the "war stories" and this not bible study night. However, they get several newcomers from treatment centers and the court system.

Greene County Clean Air Group in Paragould now has meetings 6 nights a week (no Sunday mtgs.). Our group & facilities is growing tremendously. We have two Area activities in October, and a large Christmas activity in December. Flyer day had a good turnout.

--Jenny W- RCM

### **Northwest Arkansas Area**

Mickey W. – NWAA RCM

Primary Purpose Group

Eureka Springs

It's been a pleasure to serve the Northwest Area of Narcotics Anonymous the past few months. I've had the opportunity to meet lots of new friends in recovery from all over the Region.

There have been a number of activities on our Area promoting Unity, from Sock Hops to New Group Campouts not only having fun in recovery but raising funds to carry on new activities. For example The Final Frontier group is hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Formal Ball, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>.

We continue to carry meetings into Carroll County jail & the VA. I've had the pleasure to visit all the groups in our Area since the last Regional meeting except for the new Harrison group, only because the night I went to visit they couldn't use their meeting place because the building was locked over Labor Day weekend, But I talked to Greg, the contact person and he informed me all is going well.

I visited with members of the Living Clean group recently and since they held elections and installed active trusted servants things are really changing for the better and they are solvent for the 1<sup>st</sup> time since forming nearly 3 years ago.

The Fact group in Siloam Springs has gone through some growing pains but have had elections and seem to have some new energy flowing.

I seen to run into people in service everywhere I turn, I witnessed lots of folks out doing the deal on flyer day and it was really cool to see new groups like the Berryville grp. For instance put out about 100 flyers on the Saturday kickoff.

The Primary Purpose group hosted a Sat. morning meeting before meeting up with several other groups to put out flyers. Overall in NWAA the day was a success.

The Final Frontier group has a few members who will man the hospitality booth (as well as breakfast) at the Unity Campout coming up at Griers Ferry the 17, 18 and 19, and members of Berryville group & Eureka Springs are willing to help.

I am pretty new in this position and have a lot to learn but I have been in service for quite some time & I can see that NWAA is alive and growing. We have no special needs at present.

NWAA has donations of \$452.10 to the Region.

--Mickey W. RCM

### **Texarkana**

Greetings Family,

The Texarkana Area is growing stronger. The cooperation between the Convention Committee and the Area with fundraising projects is so very refreshing. Just For Today group of Crossett has asked to join and will be seated in November. We are anticipating the recovery and fellowship provided by the Unity Campout and are presently planning our annual New Year Eve celebration. We have invited Bill L. to provide the workshop on "Consensus based Decision Making" at 1:00 preceding our November 16<sup>th</sup> Area meeting in Texarkana. We have donated \$100.00 to the Region. The Texarkana Area needs no assistance from the Region at this time.

--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. Discussed the mistake in the minutes regarding the motions that were numbered the same and the need to change the second of the two to number M03 – 070230.
2. I (secretary) need to leave at 2:00 today, we will try to push through and get done by then if we don't make it Doug H. will take over, if he's willing.
3. Maili K. is not here today and her term as Outreach Chairperson is up as of today.
4. Due to the Patriot Act and Homeland Security, Banks are now requiring social security numbers and evidence of date of birth to be verified by a bank officer. They will accept a faxed Xerox copy of SS card and drivers license. Elected official to be on our signature account need to be OK with this. Info can be faxed to:  
First National Bank & Trust Co.  
Attn: Sharon Rasson  
PO Box 160  
Gassville, AR 72635  
Fax# 870-435-2240

5. Discussion regarding Committee Chairpersons being late for their scheduled meetings without notifying anyone.

This disrupts our schedule/agenda and a couple of times over the past few Regional meetings committees did not get to meet. Administrative committee wants feedback and possibly a motion in regards to how to handle this, including input as to whether it should be considered an absence.

6. Reviewed open positions, nominations and upcoming election process.
7. We received an overdraft charge of \$22.00 after the last Regional meeting because they were cashed before the

Treasurer made the deposit. According to our guidelines the Treasurer has 5 days to make the deposit. In the future the Treasurer will make an effort to remind attendees not to deposit their checks until she has had a chance to make her deposit. A member of the fellowship paid the overdraft fee. Thanks!

### **Chairperson End of Term Report**

Hi Family,

First I would like to thank the members of the Arkansas Region for giving me an opportunity to learn and to serve the Narcotics Anonymous in the Region. We've had some difficulties this year but we've made some progress in some areas and are continuing to carry the message and serve members of the Arkansas Region and NA. We've had an Area join the Region this year Northeast is alive and kicking. Another Area formed and joined the Region but later dissolved but Genesis remained with us. Over the past year the Region has had some financial difficulties and some tough times filling some Regional positions but we carried out business as best we could with the resources that we have. We have some new members in the Region that's serving and helping our Region to become a better Region. The ARSC is trying to streamline the budget and re-organize the ARSCNA weekend to cut out dead time and to get more participation at the Regional level, and to be more productive. In the coming year I hope and pray that we that we as a region continue to try to improve the line of communication with the Areas and Loner groups, because I believe the more communication the more unity. Again I hope and pray that we as individual servants will be more patient with each other and more compassionate with newer servants and help each other to be better servants.

--Respectfully, love, and peace, Billy Man.

**Activities**

Activities did not meet.

**Hospitals and Institutions**

Hello Family,

H&I Texarkana Area is fine..

We still have our regular H&I meeting places with the addition of the Monday evening at Hazel St. Recovery Center, Texarkana TX. From 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday, point of contact Blake F. 870-772-4071.

The Arkansas Regional Service of H&I has twelve meetings in the Arkansas Region of Narcotics Anonymous.

H&I workshop was held at the Genesis Group Hot Springs with some success I hope: All H&I service work requires 90 days clean follow all rules of facilities that are required.

--Thank You, In Loving Service, Jackie H.

**H&I AREA MEETING LIST**

Clean and Serene

\*Clean and Serene

Monday 8:00pm

OMART Treatment Center

Contact David B. XXX-XXX-XXXX

NWA

\*VA-Fayetteville AR - Primary Purpose

Monday 6:00pm

North College at VA Hospital

Eureka Springs AR 72632

Contact Mickey W. XXX-XXX-XXXX

\*Carroll County Jail – Primary purpose

Wednesday 6:00pm

Berryville AR

Contact Betty E. XXX-XXX-XXXX

CWOD

\*NEA Regional Recovery Center - CWOD

Wednesday 7:00pm

Jonesboro, AR

Contact LD XXX-XXX-XXXX

Foothills Unity

\*Willber D. Mills Recovery Center – Foothills Unity group

6:00pm Friday

3210 E. Moore

Searcy, AR 72143

Contact Jeff W. XXX-XXX-XXXX

Genesis

\*Mt. Ida Denstm, Center – Genesis Group

Tuesday 8:00pm

Hot Springs AR

Contact Charlie M XXX-XXX-XXXX

## Central Arkansas

H&amp;I Chair – Stefani D.

XXX-XXX-XXXX

\*Sobering Center – Little Rock

Every other Wednesday

\*Bridgeway Recovery Center – Little Rock

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

## ARVANA

\*Harbor House Men’s Treatment Facility

Sunday 6:30-7:30 – Ft Smith

\*Gateway Women’s Treatment Center

Monday 6:00-7:00 – Ft Smith

\* Harbor View Treatment Center

Sunday and Wednesday 8:00-9:00 – Ft. Smith

\*Men’s Jail - Sebastian County

Thursday and Friday 8:00-9:00 pm

\*Women’s Jail - Sebastian County

Friday 8:00-9:00

## Texarkana

\*Hazel Street Recovery Center

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30

Contact: Blake XXX-XXX-XXXX

\*Living Hope Arkansas Blvd.

Monday 7-8pm

Contact: Jackie H. XXX-XXX-XXXX

\*River Ridge Treatment Center

Wednesday 7-8pm Stateline &amp; Hyw 71 North

Contact: Jimmy Ray M. XXX-XXX-XXXX

\* FCI Leopard Dr. Liberty EYLAU

Thursday: 6:30-7:30

Contact: Kenneth N. XXX-XXX-XXXX

\*Department of Community Punishment Center

Friday 2:00-3:00

Contact: Billy B. XXX-XXX-XXXX

\*River Ridge Treatment Center Volunteer Women and men’s Speaker meeting

Sunday

Contact: John C. XXX-XXX-XXXX

**Literature**

Sponsorship IP and Book Approval Draft is out and available for review. Copies can be ordered from WSO.

Please call (818) 773-9999. Price is \$5.00 +S&H. A copy of this draft is included with this report. Also 20<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary edition of the Basic text are still available. Limited numbers are available as only 15,000 were made.

--ILS, Tim A.

**Outreach – Vacant Chaired by Bill L.**

Greetings Family, I want to apologize to Barb (and everyone else) about getting this and the PI report to her late. Life has been happening and I delayed this. We had a short Outreach meeting. The meeting lists were completed and distributed. There is a new meeting in Berryville/Houston. A group starter kit was requested for Foothills. ILS Bill L

**Phoneline**

Family,

I would like to start off by thanking the Searcy fellowship for their hospitality and love in hosting Region's this weekend. Great Job!

We had a problem, which at this time has not been identified, with switching our carrier from AT&T to MCI. In short, it did not happen. There is a silver lining however. We ended up getting two credits from AT&T totaling \$103.09. This leaves us a bill this month for \$31.67. Thanks Valerie for your perseverance in pursuing the credit. We will re-submit the authorization forms and get switched over before the next RSC.

There were several groups that reported participation in the Flyer day Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. They included The Clean Air group in Paragould, the Primary Purpose group in Eureka Springs, the Berryville group in Eureka Springs, CWOD and participation from the Central Arkansas Area. Thanks to those and any others who went out and posted flyers.

We held a Phoneline orientation workshop in Fayetteville on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. There were 13 people in attendance. The next orientation will tentatively be held in Stuttgart or somewhere in the Central Arkansas Area.

We now have 30 people on the patch list. With 58 groups listed on the regional Meeting list, we have room for 232 total. I will continue to hold orientation workshops between RSC's to facilitate the effort to have a larger pool of approved patch volunteers, The desired outcome will be to have someone available from each community that has NA groups.

I have a list of those members currently on the patch list. Get with me and look it over if you have any questions or concerns about who is listed or not on the patch list.

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

**Public Information – Vacant, Chaired by Bill L.**

Greetings Family, We had a short PI meeting. A copy of the recovery Month information, that was reported at the last RSC, arrived for the Public Information committee. An email arrived from Springfield, Missouri requesting any assistance with experience, strength, and hope in Public Information. They are going to need this assistance sometime around Christmas. Contact Valerie Mc. for contact information. ILS Bill L

**Webmaster**

**\*\*Report will be sent out by Webmaster.**

**ADHOC Committee For Regional Reorganization**

The ADHOC committee was dis-banned at this meeting because it has served it's purpose. There will be two motions as a result of the work of this committee presented on the floor today.

**ADHOC Committee For Budget Review**

The ADHOC committee was dis-banned at this meeting because it has served it's purpose.

**OPEN SHARING:**

**Motion:** was made to hold open sharing to 20 minutes. **Passed.**

1. Concerns over budget structure that was developed in 1990. Our current prudent reserve is bi-monthly. It was suggested that we drop our prudent reserve and go to an annual reserve or percentage of donations. Suggested that Areas and Loner groups consider a funding system that meets this Regions needs.
2. A lot of discussion revolved around the responsibility and commitment of our Regional Chairpersons, a lot of pro's and con's were thrown around. Concerns were brought regarding the free flowing agenda to be proposed in a motion by the ADHOC committee for re-organization and how that would affect the responsibility of chairpersons. The ADHOC committee members shared that their ideas for a new agenda structure came from input gathered from other Regions regarding what worked best for them.

**Motion:** To extend 10 minutes. **Passed**

3. It was brought to the attention of the committee that Central Arkansas's service Rep is listed as a RCM but per their Area decision is still called an ASR.

**Motion:** To extend 15 minutes. **Passed**

4. Secretary asked if information handed out to ASR/RCM/GSR's at the meetings needed to be included in the minutes as they caused an extra expense to the Region. It was determined that since the Reps already have them

and large reports and packets would be available on our website we didn't need to include them with the minutes.

5. ARVANA want to know if we would like a workshop at the next RSC, and if yes than what topic. Nothing was decided.

**Open sharing ended at 1:25 pm.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**M02-072703:** To add back to our Regional Guidelines on page 7 in the voting section – add item number 9 – that all items voted on at the ARSCNA service meetings not be allowed to be brought back up for at least 6 months.

**Intent:** To replace this item back into our guidelines. This was inadvertently dropped from our guidelines during a guideline revision.

**This motion requires a guideline change and is referred to groups per our guidelines.**

**\*\*Passed through unanimous vote**

**M03-072703:** To add to our Regional Guidelines, at the end of the voting section on page 7, pages 18 and 19 from the “Consensus Based Decision Making) workshop. These pages are the flow chart and written procedures for “Consensus Based Decision Making”.

**Intent:** To further clarify our voting procedures.

**This motion requires a guideline change and is referred to groups per our guidelines.**

**\*\* Passed through unanimous vote**

### **ELECTIONS**

#### **REGIONAL DELEGATE (RD):**

Tim A. remains a nominee as of the last RSC. There were no new nominations. Nominations were closed. A vote of acclamation was taken. Vote of Acclamation failed. Floor opened for discussion. Ballot vote taken.

**\*\*Passed – 6 for, 2 against, 2 abstain**

**REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE (RDA):** There were no nomination for RD Alt. Nominations remain open.

**CHAIRPERSON:** Laura C. is the only nominee, nominations were closed at the last RSC. A vote of acclamation was taken. Vote of Acclamation failed. Floor opened for discussion. Ballot vote taken.

**\*\*Passed – 7 for, 2 against**

**VICE CHAIRPERSON:** Davia W. is the only nominee, nominations were closed at the last RSC. A vote of acclamation was taken.

**\*\*Vote of Acclamation passed, 8 for, 1 abstain**

**(RSC) SECRETARY:** Barb H. is the only nominee, nominations were closed at the last RSC. A vote of acclamation was taken.

**\*\*Vote of Acclamation passed, 8 for, 1 abstain**

**TREASURER:** Valerie Mc. is the only nominee, nominations were closed at the last RSC. A vote of acclamation was taken and failed. The floor was opened for discussion. A ballot vote was taken.

**\*\*Passed, 7 for, 1 against, 1 abstain**

**ACTIVITIES:** David B is the only nominee, nominations were closed at the last RSC. A vote of acclamation was taken.

**\*\*Vote of Acclamation passed, 8 for, 1 abstain**

**HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS (H&I):** Jackie H. was nominated from the floor at the last RSC. There were no new nominations. Nominations were closed. A vote of acclamation was taken.

**\*\*Vote of Acclamation passed, 8 for, 1 abstain**

**LITERATURE:** There were no nominations for Literature. Nominations remain open.

**OUTREACH:** Cat B. was nominated and seconded from the floor. Motion was made to waive clean time requirement (passed 8 yes, 1 no). There were no further nominations. Nominations are closed.

**\*\*Passed 8 for, 1 abstain**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI):** There were no nominations for PI. Nominations remain open.

**PHONELINE:** Doug H. is the only nominee, nominations were closed at the last RSC. A vote of acclamation was taken.

**\*\*Vote of Acclamation passed, 7 for, 2 abstain**

**WEBMASTER:** Valerie Mc. is the only nominee, nominations were closed at the last RSC. A vote of acclamation was taken and failed. The floor was opened for discussion. A ballot vote was taken

**\*\*Passed, 6 for, 1 against, 2 abstain**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**M01-092803:** author "LD" G., second Bill L.

**MOTION:** To change the ARSCNA weekend schedule and the ARSCNA meeting format as reflected in the following guideline changes.

*Becoming Part of the Region (page 3)*

3. Any Area or Loner Group missing two (2) consecutive RSC meetings will be removed from the roll. Attendance at the ARSCNA meeting shall be defined as having attended both the old business and new business sessions. To rejoin the region, they must follow standard procedure for becoming a part of the region.

*Rotation of Meetings (page 4)*

4. The hosting Area/Group will coordinate all RSC subcommittees' time schedules for the Regional weekend. Subcommittee chairs should inform the hosting Area of any special time needs. Meetings should be held as follows: (see attachment)
5. When decisions are made to hold a workshop or workshops on any RSC weekend, the workshop(s) will begin at 9:00 AM and the Saturday agenda will start following the completion of the workshop(s).

*Meeting Format(see attached)*

**INTENT:** To hold a more productive and efficient ARSC meeting.

**\*\*This motion requires guideline changes and must be taken back to Area/groups for a vote.**

**Supporting documents for motion M01-092803****BECOMING PART OF THE REGION**

1. When any duly elected ASR, ASR Alt., or GSR from any Area or Loner Group that wishes to become part of the Arkansas Region comes to their first RSC meeting, they will observe the working of the RSC and pick up a set of the Regional Guidelines. They may participate in new Regional business and take back to their Area or Group the business that requires a group conscience, and return to the next RSC meeting to be a voting participant. They will receive a set of minutes from the Regional meeting they attend.
2. Upon attending the second meeting, the ASR or Loner Group GSR will have a report containing:
  - a) The number of meetings in the Area/Group.
  - b) The number of Groups in the Area.
  - c) The number of H&I meetings in the Area.
  - d) Names and addresses of elected officers in the Group/Area.

NOTE: This report is for direct communication between subcommittees on Area, Regional, and World levels.
3. Any Area or Loner Group missing two (2) consecutive RSC meetings will be removed from the roll. **Attendance at the ARSCNA meeting shall be defined as having attended both the old business and new business sessions.** To rejoin the region, they must follow standard procedure for becoming a part of the region.
4. The Administrative Committee will be responsible for writing a letter of explanation to the Area/Loner Group upon removal from the roll.
5. Any Area or Loner Group, who wishes to, can avail itself of the RSC services if needed, without joining the Region.

**ROTATION OF MEETINGS**

1. The location of regular meetings shall be selected by the Arkansas RSC and be announced as far in advance as possible.
2. Any new Area or Loner Group joining the region will be added to the bottom of the rotation list. At the end of the scheduled rotation, a revision of the list will be made as necessary.
3. The Arkansas Regional Service Committee shall meet **quarterly** on the last **first full** weekend of every other month, beginning in January of each year **February, May, August, and November**. ~~January's meeting will actually be held on the first weekend of February. Due to holidays, the May meeting will be held the first weekend in June, and the November meeting will be held the first weekend in December. Subcommittees will meet on Saturday, and the ARSC business meeting will be on Sunday morning.~~ **On World Service Conference years the May ARSCNA meeting will be held on the second full weekend.** This schedule may be changed only by a majority vote at the meeting prior to the proposed change. In extenuating circumstances, the Administrative Committee can make the decision to cancel the regional weekend, with Chairperson or other delegated person to contact all members of the ARSCNA with the region to reimburse for phone calls.
4. The hosting Area/Group will coordinate all RSC subcommittees' time schedules for the ~~Saturday~~ of the Regional weekend. Subcommittee chairs should inform the hosting Area of any special time needs. Meetings should be held as follows:

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
10:00 - 12:50	Secretary Report	8:45 - 9:50	Administrative (closed meeting)
	Treasurers Report	10:00 - 12:30	Subcommittees continue (if needed)

	<i>RD/RDA Report</i>		<i>If not needed – New Business</i>
	<i>Area/Loner Group Reports</i>	<i>12:30 - 1:30</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>12:50 - 1:45</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>1:30 - ???</i>	<i>New Business</i>
<i>1:45 - 6:35</i>	<i>Old Business</i>		
	<i>Open Sharing</i>		
	<i>Subcommittees</i>		

5. When decisions are made to hold a workshop or workshops on any RSC weekend (i.e.: CAR, implementation of motions passed at WSC, etc.), meetings shall be held as follows: **the workshop(s) will begin at 9:00 AM and the Saturday agenda will start following the completion of the workshop(s).**

### **SATURDAY MEETING FORMAT**

1. *Opening Prayer*
2. *Read Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts, 1st 2 paragraphs of Tradition 2, Definition and Purpose of Regional Service Committee.*
3. *Roll Call by Secretary:*
  - a) *ASRs/Loner Group GSRs or their Alternates*
  - b) *Regional Delegate and Alternate*
  - c) *Administrative Committee Officers*
  - d) *Standing Subcommittee Chairpersons*
4. *Secretary Report*
  - a) *Read minutes from last RSC*
  - b) *Correspondence Report*
5. *Treasurer's Report*
6. *RD and/or RD Alternate Report*
7. *ASR/Loner Group GSR or Alternate reports (Alphabetically)*
8. *Old Business*
9. *Open Sharing (Set time limit)*
10. *Subcommittees*
11. *Closing Prayer*

### **SUNDAY MEETING FORMAT**

1. *Administrative Committee Meeting*
2. *Opening Prayer*
3. *Read Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts, 1st 2 paragraphs of Tradition 2, Definition and Purpose of Regional Service Committee.*
4. *Roll Call by Secretary:*
  - a) *ASRs/Loner Group GSRs or their Alternates*
  - b) *Regional Delegate and Alternate*
  - c) *Administrative Committee Officers*
  - d) *Standing Subcommittee Chairpersons*
5. *Subcommittees (if necessary)*
6. *Election of Officers (if necessary)*

7. *New Business*

- a) *Reports from Areas/Loner Groups joining the Region*
- b) *Treasury Request Motions*
- c) *Pre-arranged agenda*
- d) *Motions from the floor*

8. *Announcements*9. *Review of business to be taken back for group conscience*10. *Plans for next meeting*11. *Updated Treasurer's Report*12. *Closing Prayer*

**M02-092803:** author Tim A., second Doug H.

Reimbursement for expenses on hotel over budget. Hotel was full. Had to go somewhere else.

**Intent:** 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition

**Passes – 9 for, 0 against, 0 abstain**

**M03-092803:** author Tim A., second Doug H.

Reimbursement for copies of SZF report in amount of \$44.03

**Intent:** 7<sup>th</sup> tradition

**M04-092803:** author "LD" G., second Bill L.

**MOTION:** To change the ARSCNA meeting rotation from bi-monthly to quarterly as reflected in the following guideline changes:

*Rotation of Meetings (Page 4)*

3. The Arkansas Regional Service Committee shall meet quarterly on the first full weekend of February, May, August, and November. On World Service Conference years the May ARSCNA meeting will be held on the second full weekend. This schedule may be changed only by a majority vote at the meeting prior to the proposed change. In extenuating circumstances, the Administrative Committee can make the decision to cancel the regional weekend, with the Chairperson or other delegated person to contact all members of the ARSCNA with the region to reimburse for phone calls.

*Election of Officers (Page 8)*

1. Nominations for the RD and RD Alternate will be opened at the February meeting of the ARSC every other year (odd years). Nominations will then be closed at the May RSC meeting and referred to the Area/Loner Groups. Elections will be held at the August RSC meeting. All nominees' names and qualifications will be included in the May ARSC minutes.
2. Nominations for Administrative Committee Officers and Subcommittee Chairs open in February each year and close in May. Nominations are sent back to the Areas/Loner Groups. Elections will be held in August.
3. RSC trusted servants serve a term of one year or, if willing, until their successors are elected, 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 November RSC meeting. Their term of office shall begin at the end of the regular meeting at which they are elected. (Note: RD & RDA serve two year terms.)

*Appendix A (page 8)*

Months at which RSC trusted servant offices to be filled:

August: Every other year (odd years)	Regional Delegate
	Regional Delegate Alternate
August:	Chairperson
	Vice-chairperson
	Secretary
	Treasurer
	All Subcommittee Chairs (except the Regional Activities Chair)
November:	Regional Activities Chairperson

*Treasurer Guidelines (page 17)*

1. All quarterly receipts to go into 1 envelope and are labeled as such.

*Activities Committee - Functions of the Subcommittee: (page 21)*

- I. ARACNA-Mania will be published between RSC meetings in mid-March, mid-June, mid-September, and mid-December. The purpose of the newsletter will be to keep member Areas and Loner Groups better informed of activities in our Region. All Area or Loner Group representatives and Regional Subcommittee chairpersons should submit to the ARACNA Chairperson any information for publication by the end of the third week of each publishing month. ARACNA-Mania will be distributed to each RCM, Loner Group GSR, RD, RSC Administrative Officer, Regional Subcommittee Chairperson, and if known, Area and Loner Group Activities Subcommittee Chairpersons.

**INTENT:** To better allocate N.A. resources, both financial and trusted servant, through a reduction of two ARSC meetings annually.

**\*\*This motion requires guideline changes and must be taken back to Area/groups for a vote.**

**Supporting documents for motion M04-092803**

**ROTATION OF MEETINGS**

5. The location of regular meetings shall be selected by the Arkansas RSC and be announced as far in advance as possible.
6. Any new Area or Loner Group joining the region will be added to the bottom of the rotation list. At the end of the scheduled rotation, a revision of the list will be made as necessary.
7. The Arkansas Regional Service Committee shall meet **quarterly** on the last **first full** weekend of ~~every other month, beginning in January of each year~~ **February, May, August, and November**. ~~January's meeting will actually be held on the first weekend of February. Due to holidays, the May meeting will be held the first weekend in June, and the November meeting will be held the first weekend in December. Subcommittees will meet on Saturday, and the ARSC business meeting will be on Sunday morning.~~ **On World Service Conference years the May ARSCNA meeting will be held on the second full weekend.** This schedule may be changed only by a majority vote at the meeting prior to the proposed change. In extenuating circumstances, the Administrative Committee can make the decision to cancel the regional weekend, with Chairperson or other delegated person to contact all members of the ARSCNA with the region to reimburse for phone calls.
8. The hosting Area/Group will coordinate all RSC subcommittees' time schedules for the ~~Saturday~~

of the Regional weekend. Subcommittee chairs should inform the hosting Area of any special time needs. Meetings should be held as follows:

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
10:00 - 12:50	Secretary Report Treasurers Report RD/RDA Report Area/Loner Group Reports	8:45 - 9:50	Administrative (closed meeting)
		10:00 - 12:30	Subcommittees continue (if needed) If not needed - New Business
12:50 - 1:45	Lunch	12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
1:45 - 6:35	Old Business Open Sharing Subcommittees	1:30 - ???	New Business

When decisions are made to hold a workshop or workshops on any RSC weekend (i.e.: CAR, implementation of motions passed at WSC, etc.), meetings shall be held as follows: **the workshop(s) will begin at 9:00 AM and the Saturday agenda will start following the completion of the workshop(s).**

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Nominations for the RD and RD Alternate will be opened at the ~~March~~ **February** meeting of ARSC every other year (odd years). Nominations will then be closed at the ~~June~~ **May** RSC meeting and referred to the Areas/Loner Groups. Elections will be held at the ~~July~~ **August** RSC meeting. All nominees' names and qualifications will be included in the ~~June~~ **May** ARSC minutes.
2. Nominations for Administrative Committee Officers and Subcommittee chairs open in ~~June~~ **February** each year and close in ~~July~~ **May**. Nominations are sent back to the Areas/Groups. Elections will be held in ~~September~~ **August**.
3. RSC trusted servants serve a term of one year or, if willing, until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin at the end of the regular meeting at which they are elected. (Note: RD & RDA serve 2-year terms.)
4. Vice-chairperson and RD Alternate are considered an automatic nomination for Chairperson and RD, respectively, in the next election year.
5. RSC Officers should be selected from the best informed, most trusted, and most active members in order that they may best serve their region's needs and the needs of Narcotics Anonymous.
6. Nominations should be solicited from each Area and/or Loner Group of the Arkansas Region. In addition, any member of the RSC may nominate a qualified individual for an RSC position.
  - a) Duties and responsibilities should be read prior to soliciting nominations.
  - b) Nominees to RSC offices must be present at the time of nomination and at the time of election.
  - c) Each nomination must be seconded.
  - d) The nominee is given the opportunity to accept or decline nomination. If they accept, they should state their qualifications for serving as follows:
    - 1) Previous service commitments completed
    - 2) Other current service commitments
    - 3) Service positions vacated by resignation or impeachment (and possibly why)
    - 4) Experience in the area of service for which nominated
    - 5) Clean date
    - 6) Why he/she can serve and wants to serve the fellowship
  - e) Motion is made to close nominations and seconded.



f) If more than one nomination, voting is done by paper ballot and the elected officer is recorded in the minutes.

g) This procedure is followed until all positions are filled.

NOTE: In case of elections with more than two individuals up for a position, and one individual does not receive two-thirds of required votes to be elected, the two individuals with the highest percentage will be kept in the election. All others will be removed from election and a second ballot will take place.

- 7. If there is no one who has the qualifications, clean time, and/or willingness to serve, the position will be left open until such time as a willing, qualified nominee is elected.
- 8. No ASR/Loner Group GSR shall be allowed to serve on the RSC Administrative Committee to insure that no officer shall hold more than one voting position at the RSC. It is suggested that the nominee should not hold more than two (2) "titled service positions", to include an office at the Area and World levels.
- 9. No RSC Administrative officer shall hold more than one (1) RSC Administrative office at any given time to avoid the possibility of monopolizing RSC votes.
- 10. No RSC officer shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

**APPENDIX A**

**(Page 28)**

**M3-092902 passed 120802**

**M5-092902 passed 120802**

Months at which RSC trusted servant offices to be filled:

~~JULY~~**August:** Every other year (odd years) -----Regional Delegate  
-----Regional Delegate Alternate

~~SEPTEMBER~~**August:** -----Chairperson  
-----Vice-chairperson  
-----Secretary  
-----Treasurer  
-----All Subcommittee Chairs (except the Regional Activities Chair.

~~December~~**November:** -----Regional Activities Chair

Treasurer Guidelines:

- 1. All ~~bi-monthly~~ **quarterly** receipts to go into 1 envelope and are labeled as such.
- 2. All moneys received by the Regional Treasurer shall be deposited within five (5) days of receipt of said moneys.
- 3. The Secretary will forward all funds and financial correspondence to the Treasurer and document them in the Correspondence Report to RSC.
- 4. Treasurer's beginning balance to equal the ending balance of previous report.
- 5. Treasurer's report to be of consistent format. All receipts and expenses to be itemized (showing check number, date, dollar amount, and who the check is from except for donations from Areas- they will only reflect that it was a donation from an Area. A record will be kept of where donations came from for Region's use only.)
- 6. The checking account should be non-interest bearing so there will be no need to report taxes.
- 7. If at all possible, reimbursements should be in check form; i.e.: personal check, money order, or cashier's check.
- 8. Treasurer's records are to be kept up to date, so that RSC Officers may look at the books at any time and get an accurate picture of Regional finances.
- 9. All records to be reconciled on a monthly basis.

**M05-092803:** author David B., second Jennifer N.

To remove the ARACNA Mainia news letter from the responsibilities of the Activities Committee by removing the section letter I in page # 21 of our Regional guidelines.

**Intent:** To remove something that has not been going on for a long time and is a potential financial drain on Regions.

**\*\*this motion requires a guideline change and must be taken back to groups for a vote.**

**M06-092803:** author Bill L, second David Ru.

To add the following to the guidelines on pg. 17 under section of “Regional Delegate (RD) – Administrative Committee A. duties”: # 8 To purchase a copy of the C.A.R. (Conference Agenda Report), when it becomes available (every 2 years on odd years), for each Area & Loner group represented at the Arkansas Regional Service Committee.

**Intent:** To place into our guidelines what is current practice.

**\*\*this motion requires a guideline change and must be taken back to groups for a vote.**

### **Treasury Request Motions**

None noted

### **ENDING TREASURES REPORT:**

Beginning balance	\$886.14
Income	\$754.57
Expenses (budgeted)	\$776.56
Expenses (non-budgeted)	\$79.36 RD for SZF reimbursement
Ending Balance	\$784.79

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Volunteer regional Convention – Thanksgiving weekend, Nov 26-30<sup>th</sup>.
2. Central Arkansas Area – Ozark Mountain High, Oct. 3, 4, & 5.
3. Foothills Unity Area – Workshop: Consensus Based decision making, 2:00 Saturday Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.
4. Foothills 6<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Retreat at Wildwood Resort, Jan. 23, 24, & 25.
5. Regional Unity Campout Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 18 & 19<sup>th</sup> Shilo Park at Greers Ferry
6. Final Frontier – Fall Ball Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

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

M01-092803 requires a guideline change. To be taken to Area/groups for vote.

M04-092803 requires a guideline change. To be taken to Area/groups for vote.

M05-092803 requires a guideline change. To be taken to Area/groups for vote.

M06-092803 requires a guideline change. To be taken to Area/groups for vote.

We still have 2 vacant positions, RD Alt. and Public Information Chairperson please ask your Area /groups for nominations.

### **NEXT RSC MEETING:**

December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in Ft Smith. Hosted by ARVANA

### **CLOSING:**

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

Yours in Service, Barb H.