

RD'S REPORT

**ARSCNA Meeting
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Fort Smith Arkansas**

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Hello Family,

I would like to thank my home area for hosting this weekend. It has been a fun weekend. I hope that I will be able to relay the information from the SZF in Houston. I had a traumatic event happen on my way down there, and my mind was not all there. Sorry in advanced if I leave anything out.

Now for fellowship concerns.

Show-Me Region: The communications between Region and the Regional Convention board is improving. There were some problems. PI and Writing steps in recovery is still struggling. They are still looking into starting a regional phone line. Their policy committee is looking into Inc. Status. They also reported that the treasure from the St. Charles Area stole over \$4,200. This member is still clean and has been making restitution per promissory note agreement.

Lone Star Region: The only thing that they reported was that they are very unhappy with the current literature review process that WSO is conducting. They feel that there were lots of miscommunications between WSO and the fellowship.

Volunteer Region: They also expressed some concerns about the literature review processes. Nashville Area has disbanded there Literature sales due to the Sales Tax problems. Will let groups deal with it.

Tejas Bluebonnet Region: They are having fundraising problems with groups having LOTS of fundraisers. Groups are have too many.

One thing that was also mentioned by both regions in Texas was the funding problems the state of Texas is having with the prison system. It has forced H&I out of most Texas prisons. There H&I committees are working hard to try to salvage some of these meetings. They have managed to get back into a couple prisons.

In addition there is a newly formed region that was in attendance at this SZF, the Red River Region. They were once part of the Lone Star Region and currently have only one area participating. They are concerned about how there voice was to be heard at WSC since they will not be voting participates. Tejas Bluebonnet and Volunteer Region stated that they would assist this region in anyway they could if they so wanted. They are unsure if they will join SZF or a different Forum or none at all. They have visited 3 different zonal meetings.

We than went into a PI as it pertains to cultures other than our own. The PI chair for the Houston Area put this on. I will touch on some of the highlights from this presentation.

- ⇒ Give accurate information
- ⇒ Ask how can we service their community
- ⇒ Newspapers in different languages is a tool
- ⇒ Phone books (Houston has both English and Spanish)
- ⇒ Educate our own self
- ⇒ Culture War going on in the USA
- ⇒ Set up community meetings with that culture
- ⇒ Use the Red Cross
- ⇒ Culture Centers or Multi Culture Centers
- ⇒ Distrust among cultures (how do we break this barrier?)
- ⇒ Translate websites in other languages
- ⇒ High profile public people from other cultures are a tool. (Remember that first impression is important and could lead to other contacts)

Remember that some of these cultures have long-standing traditions and in lots of those, addiction is something that they are very reluctant to bring up. One thing that was of interest was the new Chinese IP

is written in old Chinese and can't be read by most of the Chinese people other than those on Mainland China born before 1945. NA meetings are currently being conducted in 47 languages. Luis a Spanish-speaking member also spoke about the Mexican community in Houston. There they have Spanish meetings and bilingual meetings. Talked some about the distrust not only between Mexican and Americans but also among Mexican and American born Spanish. Trying to break down the walls.

We next moved into the Regional Subcommittees and their responsibility to their RSC. A hand out was given and is attached to this report. Further defines our 9th Tradition. We broke into 3 groups and went into brainstorming. One group had create, one had responsible and my group had directly. Each group had two questions to answer.

Create, to produce through imagination or skill.

Question 1 What are the most important questions to ask our areas or regions when creating new service boards or committees?

Question 2 What are the most important question to ask when doing an inventory of a service board or committee already formed?

Directly, moving from one point to another without deviation or interruption; immediately

Question 1 Other than reports what are other ways a service board or committee can communicate with the NA groups?

Question 2 What can a NA groups do to make RSC more aware other than reports

Responsible, able to answer for one's conduct & obligation; Trustworthy

Question 1 Other than making sure guidelines are being followed what are some ways groups can make sure the service boards or committees are following their obligation? Question 2 Other than reports during RSC what ways can the groups tell the RSC what it is doing? Why it is doing it? And what its needs are?

The last topic of the day was Concept 4 and 11. Here are some questions to ask yourself concerning both concepts.

1. What service positions require willingness?
2. What qualities must be considered when selection Trusted Servants that handle money?
3. What would be a good list of outputs associated with TS that handle money?
4. What are our financial priorities?
5. How does the selection of TS have a direct or indirect impact on the fund flow?
6. What information can I give them to help them best understand the idea of fund flow?

An inventory based on the 12 concepts was also handed out. Enclosed is a copy of this.

On Sunday we went into general business. I have enclosed copies of the reports that were handed out. I will touch on the others.

Treasurer's report:

Starting balance of	1194.50
Income of	<u>1352.00</u>
	2446.50
Total Expenses	<u>746.88</u>
New balance	1699.62

After \$1500 prudent reserve is met a donation to world was made in the amount of \$199.62 I have a more detailed listing of expenses if anyone wants them.

Webmaster: please use www.szfna.org the old yahoo site will be taken off line on Jan 1st. You can create polls on the discussion board. SZF website will be changing servers. They will be switching to Ready Hosting. This will not change the look of the website but it will be able to handle any amount of traffic

without extra fees and will be able to have an unlimited number of E-mail addresses. It was suggested that all RD's have a link to their E-mail addresses.

Selection of SZF Rep. Only one nomination was there, Margaret H-M. from Houston TX. 12 years clean. She was selected as the new SZF rep. Nominations will come up again at the SZF in August 2004 following WSC.

There was also some discussion about whether or not to make decisions between SZF Via website.

A question was asked. Does this body (SZF) want to change position papers on SZF selections? This was asked due to the fact that any nominee would have to fund him/her self to attend and this is not always possible. Also location can play a part in someone not showing up. What does this region think about this? There was talk about creating resumes like WSO does for World Pool.

SZF will be creating a list of people who are willing to speak or do workshops. This list will be updated for each SZF and will be handed out to all the RD's to distribute to their Region. The purpose of this list is to have a list of resources that Regions, Areas, or groups can use. If you are willing to be on this list please let me know and I will forward it on so that you can be added to it.

Next SZF will be January 24th and 25th 2004 in Tupelo Mississippi. This will be a CAR workshop. Two world board members will be there to present the CAR. Ron H. from New Mexico and Susan C. from Oregon. If you attend please allow presenters to present CAR before asking questions. SZF is also requesting further info on the review process for the Basic Text proposed changes. Timelines in a more detailed fashion than that was given for one the Sponsorship Book is being requested. (I think this will be answered in motion 4 of the CAR) Hotel info for SZF Executive Inn (662) 841-2222. Room rates of \$55.00 per night please ask for SZF block. The Forum it self is being held at the Woodman of the World Building 5 miles from hotel. Transportation will be provided. For more info please call Tammie B at (662) 422-2368 or Jenny G at (662) 841-2848. I encourage everyone to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet with two WB members and to hear the WB viewpoints of the CAR.

Now for some new other than SZF. The theme for WSC 2004 is, Moving forward... toward our vision. It will be held April 25 to May 1 2004. The CAR is now out, I will not go into great detail as to the CAR in this report. I will include it in my next report along with the Regional CAR workshop in February. I will be able to better disseminate the CAR after the CAR workshop at the next SZF. Copies can be ordered from WSO at a cost of \$9.00 or downloaded from there website at www.na.org I will also include an abbreviated motion list so that everyone has some idea as to the motions. There are 19 motions in this CAR. All but 6 are regional motions. In addition here are some areas of discussions that will happen at WSC 2004. Leadership and Management, Fellowship Support, Resources, Communications, and Recovery Literature. I do have a copy of the CAR for anyone who would like to look at it. I will try to answer any questions regarding it as best I can. I will be requesting the funds in general business today, to send out copies to each RCM. I will be ordering this tomorrow and will be sending these out over the weekend. Please let me know if you don't receive this mailing.

Please let me know as soon as possible if your Area or any group in your area would like a CAR workshop. I would prefer for do these after the SZF in January. Here is a list of days I will be available to do a workshop. February 21, and 28, March 6, 20, and 27, and April 3. I will let the Webmaster know where each workshop will be and the date so it can be posted on the website. Please try to attend one of the workshops. The deadline to report your groups vote to me will be April 10th 2004, this will give me plenty of time to get the information together for WSC.

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