

## **Final Regional Delegate Report**

### **End of Term Notes**

### **July 2004**

Greetings Family,

I was looking through the guidelines, and I realized I did not have to give a detailed report at end of term. I was surprised, because almost every other regional position requires it. So, I am not going to do what I was tempted to do. I was going to bring in a copy of all the paperwork I generated in the last 4 years as RD. Bear with me as I take some personal privilege in my final report as your RD. In 1999, the worldwide fellowship had 26,546 meetings and in 2003, the worldwide fellowship has 30,382 meetings. We are growing worldwide as well as in the Arkansas Region.

First, I would like to cover some of the things that have occurred in the worldwide fellowship since I have been RD. The *World Service Conference* is now meeting every 2 years instead of every year. The worldwide fellowship is now working under a unified budget. The *World Wide Workshops* are being held, which are assisting the fellowship in expanding communications. We continue to progress in our evaluations project of our *Basic Text* and *Little White Book*. We went through a complete input phase on a *Sponsorship Project*. The fellowship has gone through a review phase with this project, and the finished project will be in the next *Conference Agenda Report*. Some of our fellowship's literature is now available, to be viewed, online at the NA website (at [www.na.org](http://www.na.org)). The fellowship now has the availability to find meetings (worldwide) online, as well as make corrections to meetings online. The international database has always been difficult to maintain accurate and up to date. Now individual Areas and/or Regions can update this information online (if they have someone registered with the *World Service Office*, to do this.). The World Pool still has low numbers of people listed. If you have over 5 years clean, please fill out *World Pool Information Form*. These are available from the *World Service Office* and online at the website.

Here are some things that have happened with the Arkansas Region. We have worked on some implementation of the *Guide to Local Services*. We have agreed, as a Region, to doing Regional Assemblies (We are still in need of further input from our groups before we can effectively implement this). The Arkansas Region was able to workshop the Worldwide Issue Discussion Topics and send in input to the World Board (this is the first time that our region has done this). We have learned the effectiveness of small group and brainstorming sessions. We have decided to use consensus based decision-making at our RSCs. We have seen the inception of the *Capture the Banner* program, and the effectiveness of this program in some areas. We had a presentation from the *Show-Me* Region on their *Writing Steps for Recovery* program. Some of the things we have learned, and experienced, have come from our attendance, and participation, at the Southern Zonal Forum.

Since I have been RD, I have seen an increase in participation at the post *World Service Conference* workshops. I have worked at giving the Arkansas Region as much detailed information as possible. This information was my effort in increasing communications in the Arkansas Region. In the past, (since I have been coming to Region) the information from the World Service Conference was brief, with detailed

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information available to be viewed in a 3" binder. After going to conference I found that there was a lot more going on that I did not have a clue about. Hopefully this detailed information continues to occur. Our Region has invested a lot of fellowship funds in me and I hope I have given back a decent return on our investment. I have seen information, which has been gathered at the zonal meetings, put to effective use. I have also seen information that we have gathered, as a region, used effectively to assist other regions in the zone.

There are still some areas I feel we, as a region, need to continue to work on. There is still a communications problem that exists in the flow of communications from Region. There is still a problem with apathy in service, especially at the regional level. We are not the only region that has this problem. It occurs throughout the fellowship. Hopefully we can work on this situation. I believe that if we ever implement the Regional assemblies, that this could help with some of our problems. I also believe that the work that has been done by our ad-hoc committee on restructuring can help with some of these problems. Another problem I see is that there has been a lack of interest in the *Conference Agenda Report* and workshops for it. I hope that can be addressed in the future.

Serving as your Regional Delegate has been quite a growing and learning experience, which I would not trade for anything. I have met several individuals from all over the world and I have come to experience a worldwide fellowship. Recovery is not just in Arkansas. My recovery has grown as a result of talking to, and learning from, several addicts with quality clean time and commitment to our fellowship. My personal priorities have changed to think about recovery globally, not locally. I have heard of the trials, firsthand, of NA communities worldwide. During my terms as RD, I have been a part of the 25<sup>th</sup> World Service Conference, the first two-year conference cycle, and (on a personal trip) went to our 30<sup>th</sup> World Convention (celebrating our fellowship's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday).

Thank you for having the faith and trust in me to allow me to be of service, in this capacity, for the Arkansas Region of Narcotics Anonymous. You originally elected me to the position of RD Alternate (and RD) when I was shy of the suggested clean time. I hope this trust you put in me has been rewarded, through my attempts at giving back. With all the time and money that has been invested in me, I will continue to come to our regional meetings and attempt to train my replacement as effectively as possible. I am not sure in what capacity I will be here, but at present, I will continue to be a member of this service body.

I cannot thank you enough for the Love, Trust, and Growth Opportunities you have given me!

In Continued Loving Service,

Bill L.

RD