

ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 5 & 6, 2005
Jonesboro, AR

Hosted by:
Crowley's Ridge Area

ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
Saturday, February 5, 2005
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OPENING:

- Davia W. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

READINGS:

- Tim A. read the 12 traditions.
- Bill Le. read the 12 concepts of service
- Danny M. read the first two paragraphs of tradition 2
- Terri G. read our Purpose and Definition

ROLL CALL:

1.	Arkansas River Valley Area.....	Michael P..... (RCM Alt).....	Present	
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8.	Northwest Arkansas Area.....	Liz R. (RCM).....	Present	
9.	Phoenix Group.....	Kristal G. (GSR)	Absent	(1 st)
10.	Texarkana Area	John C. (RCM).....	Present	
	RD.....	Tim A.....	Present	
	RDA.....	Randall P.....	Present	
	RSC Chair.....	Davia W.	Present	
	RSC Vice Chair.....	Doug H.	Present	
	RSC Secretary	Valerie Mc. ...	Present	
	RSC Treasurer	Emily H.	Absent	(1 st)
	Activities Chair.....		VACANT	
	H & I Chair.....	Bill La.....	Present	
	Literature Chair.....	Barb H.	Present	
	Outreach Chair	Cat B.	Absent	(1 st)
	PI Chair		VACANT	
	PI Vice-chair	Pat P.....	Present	
	Phoneline Chair.....	Stuart B.	Absent	(1 st)
	Webmaster	Liz R.	Present	

Alternates and Other Representatives:

Central Arkansas Area:	Cecilia O. (ASR Alt)	Northwest Arkansas Area:	John P. (RCM Alt)
Crowley's Ridge Area:	Zenia A. (RCM Alt)	Texarkana Area:	Blake F. (RCM Alt)
Foothills Unity Area:	Jimmy B. (RCM Alt)		

Trusted Servant Nominations:

Activities Chair:

Cecilia O. - Present

Public Information Chair:

Charles C. - Absent

SECRETARY REPORT:

Correspondence received between RSC meetings:

Activities	Serenity Chocolates: announcement
Activities Treasurer	FNB statement: Activities (11/30, 12/31, 1/31), NSF check & return fee notice, NWA reimbursement
Hamburg Serenity Group	NA Way
H&I	DCP: Newport, DCP: Osceola
NWA: Final Frontier (Cat B, GSR)	NA Way
Outreach: Genesis Group @ RSC	SWACCC (Texarkana) to Outreach
Secretary (RSC Archives)	World Wide Workshop flyers, NA Way, NAWS News, NAWS 2004 Annual Report, The UPS Store - Christmas Card
TRASH	AT&T ad for American Express Credit Card, AT&T application for Small Business Credit Card, Capital One Credit Card Invitation
Treasurer	Donation: TACNA, Clean and Serene, We Do Recover (Benton), Common Bond (Clinton), MCI electronic debit confirmation, FNB statement: RSC (11/30, 12/31, 1/31), NAWS: donation receipt, FNB Jonesboro: new checks & deposit slips, statement: RSC (1/31)
Treasurer / Phoneline	The USP Store: mailbox bill, AITcom.net invoice/statement: ACH - 1/4/05
Web	MCI statement (11/16, 12/16, 1/16), YMC statement (12/1, 1/1, 2/1)
Web / RSC Flyer Table	New Group Reg: "Been There Done That"; Nashville Celebration of Unity XXIII, DACNA XIII, FFFAC, SDIRC XX, SIRCNA XVI, Unity 7 Convention

Reconciliation of expenses:

			Check #1474	Actual Expenses	Under/(over) \$ advanced
Outreach	reimbursed	5/9-11/5 postage: 2 NGSK, 1 GTLS	\$6.42		
Secretary	reimbursed	8/15-11/5 correspondence forwarding	\$1.89		
		<u>Total \$ reimbursed</u>	<u>\$8.31</u>		
	advanced	11/04 minutes	\$60.00		
		479 copies (*)		\$19.16	
		postage		\$12.16	
		<i>Total expense: 11/04 minutes</i>		<i>\$31.32</i>	<i>\$28.68</i>
	advanced	2005 guideline update	\$40.00		
		copies (40 sets, 38 pgs @ 5¢ + tax)		\$82.08	
		report covers (2 boxes of 25)		\$33.17	
		<i>Total expense: 2005 guideline update</i>		<i>\$115.25</i>	<i>(\$75.25)</i>
		minutes/guidelines			
		8/04 minutes - postage		\$2.58	
		520 copies: account@The UPS Store (*)		\$20.80	
		<i>Total expense: minutes/guidelines</i>		<i>\$23.38</i>	<i>(\$23.38)</i>
		correspondence			
		11/8-2/4 - postage		\$5.18	
		<i>Total expense: correspondence</i>		<i>\$5.18</i>	<i>(\$5.18)</i>
		forwarding			
		11/8-2/4 - 1 copy (*)		\$0.04	
		11/8-2/4 - postage		\$7.03	
		<i>Total expense: forwarding</i>		<i>\$7.07</i>	<i>(\$7.07)</i>
		permanent mailbox: The UPS Store			
		<i>Total expense: permanent mailbox</i>			
Secretary		<u>Total \$ advanced</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>		
	Expensed above advanced	<u>Total reimbursement requested</u>			<u>(\$82.20)</u>
	(*) = Purchased 1000 copies @ 4¢ each. Due to numerous copier jam, sales tax was not charged.				

Reevaluation of the Secretary budget for 2005 & 2006 revealed that correspondence and forwarding were not taken into consideration so I'm requesting an increase of \$20 annually for each. Also, if the Secretary for 2006 is not local to our mailbox, an additional \$150.00 for mail forwarding will need to be considered. Suggested budget revision follows:

	2004	2005	2006		2005	2006
Secretary	\$430.00	\$500.00	\$650.00	--minutes: copies & postage	\$280.00	\$280.00
				--mailbox	\$96.00	\$96.00
				--forwarding	\$20.00	\$170.00
				--guidelines:copies & portfolios	\$84.00	\$84.00
				--correspondence	\$20.00	\$20.00

In service and loving it ... Valerie Mc, Secretary

Reading of the Minutes from the last RSC:

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

Corrections:

- 1) Attachment D, Activities Treasury Report (page 8), will be in the February 2005 RSC minutes.
- 2) Miscellaneous New Business from the floor (page 18), #2: Southern Zonal Forum representation, January 2005: We will fund the Regional Delegate and the Regional Delegate Alternate (not the PI Vice-chair).
- 3) Attachment G, Final Treasury Report (page 19), hasn't been received and will not be forthcoming.

Motion: to accept the minutes as amended. **Passed**

TREASURER INITIAL REPORT:

In the absence of the Treasurer, Emily, the Vice-chair, Doug, will handle the duties of the Treasurer during this RSC. Doug stated that he would not be writing checks. He will keep track of all money business, take it to Emily in the hospital and go over business and accounting with her.

Since the November RSC, Emily has requested that Valerie, former Treasurer, make deposits until the new account could be opened after the first of the year. Valerie reported to Emily all moneys received and deposited. Funds presented in the form of cash intended as restitution to the Activities Committee were used to open a new account in the current Treasurer's hometown in mid-January. According to the two 1/31/05 bank statements received, transfer of Regional funds to the new bank account has not yet occurred. One donation has been received after the new account was opened that was forwarded to the Treasurer.

Money items including donations and billing statements received through the Secretary and forwarded to the Treasurer were reviewed and verified against the check register in order to estimate a beginning balance and availability of funds. A check requested in December for Outreach New Group Starter Kit literature was given to Valerie at this RSC. A check from the Activities Account for income exceeding expenditures of \$195.00 was noted as a deposit in the register but hadn't cleared the Activities account as of the 1/31/05 bank statement. Valerie stated she will look to see if she still has it (see note below) and neglected to deposit it.

NOTE: E-mail was sent to Emily stating that this check would be mailed to her for a second signature.

Initial RSC Treasury Report: "Attachment A**" includes only the bank statements; a full report may *possibly* be submitted at a later date.

RDA REPORT:

The RSC Secretary took brief notes as follow:

RD Alternate, Randall P reported having a CD with a detailed report of the Southern Zonal Forum and the Leadership Development Workshop but the disk was corrupt. He has a back-up copy on his computer.

Randall gave a verbal report and asked for questions.

- Issue of food stamps accepted and used for an NA function was discussed in more detail.

Regional Delegate Alternate Report: "Attachment B-1**"

RD REPORT:

The RSC Secretary took brief notes as follow: RD, Tim A read part of his report and asked for questions.

- Questions became lengthy and discussion during reports became an issue.

Call for Order of the Day: to proceed with Lunch break, **privileged motion enforced.**

****Meeting was closed for Lunch with the Third Step Prayer; resume at 1:45pm with the remainder of the RD Report.**

RD REPORT (continued):

RD, Tim A read the rest of his report and asked for questions. The RSC Secretary took brief notes as follow:

- Has the HRP self-nomination process changed? It is the same, RD explained in detail.
- Topic scheduled for January '06 SZF? Infrastructure.
- Regarding literature seized at Cuban border; the NA community requested it, the Latin-American Zonal Forum provided it.
How much are we talking about? Why did we send it without getting permission from the Country?
RD will research the facts and report his findings at the next RSC.
- SZF Questionnaire handed out for all to complete and return to the RD.

Regional Delegate Report: "Attachment B-2**"

AREA/GROUP REPORTS:

ARVANA

Dear Family,

Thank you for the opportunity to be here to learn and grow in my recovery. Les C. wishes he could be here but he is going to be a father any day now.

ARVANA voted to elect Charles as Regional PI Chair and Cecilia as Regional Activities Chair. We also voted for ARVANA to serve as hosting area for Southern Zonal Forum in January of 2006.

We have a donation to Region for \$800. Fliers are available for our March 11-13 convention in Fort Smith. In Loving Service, Michael P. – RCM Alternate

Central Arkansas Area

Hello Family,

All is well in Little Rock. We've had a couple times of meetings change in the past 3 months. The Clean and Serene meeting on Monday is now at 6:00 instead of 5:30, the Keep It Simple meeting on Saturday night is now at 8:00 instead of 9:00 pm. Will update the Phoneline today.

Activities coming up are:

1. Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, February 12th
2. Superbowl Party on Sunday, February 6th
3. Heber Springs on April 30 – May 1st. We will send out flyers for Heber as soon as we get them.

This year's convention is in the works and we should have pre convention shirts available in the next week or so. We are attempting to make this convention even better than before with a few changes that the committee feels all will like.

I want to thank the Crowley's Ridge Area for all they have and will be doing this weekend to make us comfortable and content. Good job! I'm happy to bring our donation of \$508.44 to Region.

In Loving Service, Terri G. – ASR

Clean A.I.R. Group

Hello Family,

Grateful to report that the Clean AIR Group of NA is still being of service to the Paragould and Greene County area.

Our holiday activities were once again a success.

As in our last report, Bill L. of Mountain Home came over and told his story at our 5th Annual Holiday Fling. We thoroughly enjoyed hearing him speak and having him as our guest.

Our 4th annual New Year's Eve Party was enjoyed by all attending.

The holidays are finally over and we are grateful we can enjoy the calm today! However, we are making plans for our Annual Spring Fling, no details as yet.

We are very grateful for the new Women's Chem Free house that should open here either this month or next. We have recently taken new phone lists and meeting schedules to the Recovery Center in Jonesboro.

Also, we are making a Regional donation of \$146.55.

Grateful to be of service, Bill L., GSR

Clean and Serene

Greetings Family,

Everything is going par for the course in Mountain Home and Cotter. We still don't have all of our service positions filled. Currently we have the following positions open: GSRA, Secretary, H&I Coordinator, PI Chair and Activities Chair. We have on meeting leader responsible for 2 of our 4 meetings. Our attendance is very low at our Cotter meeting on Wednesday nights. So, if you're coming though our neck of the woods, please stop by and support our meetings. We still carry an H&I meeting into OMART in Gassville. Our problem is, we have very few people willing and/or able to attend on a regular basis. We try to bring in at least 2 people each week. Our regular attendees consist of about 3 males and 1 female. Our group was able to donate \$420.04 in between RSC sessions. We were also able to donate approximately \$180.00 to NAWS.

In Loving Service, Bill L., GSR

Crowley's Ridge Area

Hello Family,

We are very pleased to be hosting this quarter's Regional meeting. This the first effort made by our Area Activities Committee to host some type of function. We hope everyone enjoys the weekend and we thank all of you for your support. There will be an auction and 50/50 raffle tonight after the workshop to help raise money for our area. We also have cups commemorating the weekend for sale.

As you all know, we are a newly formed area. We are off to a good start. We have elected all of our officers and decided on a set of guidelines for our area. We have five groups represented by CRANA; Hope Not Dope from Trumann, Leachville Arkansas Narcotics Anonymous Group from Leachville, The Care-a-way Group from Caraway, the Journey Group from Jonesboro and the Cope With Out Dope Group from Jonesboro.

We are establishing an H&I Committee for the area and have an H&I Workshop scheduled for the first weekend in March. The workshop will be conducted by Bill L from the Clean and Serene Group at Mountain Home. It will be held at the Journey Group's meeting area on the corner of Matthews and Union in Jonesboro; contact Shane L @ 870-930-6991.

We have no request from the Region at this time.

In Loving Service, Shane L., RCM

Foothills Unity Area

Hello Family,

We at Foothills Unity Area would like to thank the newly formed Crowley's Ridge Area for hosting the ARSCNA meeting. Recovery is well and is growing in the area with new meetings forming in many different towns, as well as in Searcy. We would like to thank those who attended for their support at our Winter Retreat. We believe a great time was had by all. Also, our annual Softball Tournament is going to be held at the end of March. We want our trophy back! Come be a part of.

--In Loving Service, Danny M., RCM

Genesis Group

A verbal report was given. No written report submitted.

Northwest Arkansas Area (2 reports)

Hello Family,

Greetings from NWA. The Area hopes that everyone is well.

Things in our area are chaotic at best. We seem to be experiencing a severe lack of concern for NA from GSRs. Most of our literature racks remain empty at this time due to GSRs leaving us losing quorum before Treasury Requests. Again, I am ashamed to say I have no donation to Region yet again.

On a positive note, the groups are reporting positive experiences. There is an influx of newcomers coming through the doors. Final Frontier hosted a New Year's Day Dance with 70 addicts in attendance. Great success. Livin' Clean is the strongest group unity wise in our area at the moment. New Beginnings has added a Wednesday afternoon meeting. The group that caused such heated discussion at the last Region doesn't exist. "Meth Anonymous" hasn't been holding meetings as far as we are aware.

John P. is our new RCM Alt. He is here today learning the ropes. I know he is eager to be of service. I hope that you don't corrupt him too badly.

On a personal note, I am sad to say farewell to this Regional Service Body. I have made a move towards a career in the body art industry recently. This means I will be unable to travel for the next 6 months or until I get my tattoo & piercing license. I will miss seeing you all terribly. I thank you all for the privilege to serve with you. I will have you in my thoughts and prayers.

One more thing, BRU Committee is having a Valentine's Dance the 12th @ Peaceful Dozen in Rogers. This is a fundraiser for Beaver Round-Up to be held at Beaver Dam Park. They are asking for artwork for T-shirts. The theme is "Dam the Addiction." Please see me or the RCM Alt for contact info on this. Thanks for everything, Crowley's Ridge Area.

In Loving Service, Liz R. - RCM

Hello,

My name is John and I am an addict. It is my great privilege to attend my first RSC. Everything in Liz's report I will not repeat, but I will present you with a request. If you have experience in dealing with members taking over Group Business meeting your ESH & support would be greatly appreciated at the Springdale group. The meetings are being facilitated in an NA format but less and less are attended by members with strong ESH of NA and long-term clean time. Willingness to sponsor and serve the area by "older" members is down. But on a lighter note, BRU is being spread to Missouri and Texas and Oklahoma by word of mouth; winner of contest gets a free registration.

In Loving Service, John P. - RCM Alternate

Phoenix Group

No representative of the group was in attendance. No report submitted.

Texarkana

Greetings Family,

We welcome all to TACNA XXI Convention February 25-27, 2005. Flyers are available. We are bringing a donation of \$150.00 to the Region at this time. We have no needs from the Region at this time.

In Loving Service, John C, RCM; Blake F, RCM Alt

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bid to host Southern Zonal Forum on January 13th, 14th, and 15th 2006:
Group conscience was taken; Arkansas River Valley will host.
2. ELECTIONS: nominations for these positions were closed at the last RSC
ACTIVITIES CHAIR: Cecilia O. elected by Vote of Acclamation.
PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI) CHAIR: Charles C. absent due to Wedding Anniversary. Nominations reopened with Charles remaining as a nominee. No further nominations. Nominations remain open.
Service Resume "Attachment C**"
3. Formation of a Website Subcommittee:
Group conscience was taken; subcommittee formed. Much discussion ensued.

Call for Order of the Day: to proceed with Open Sharing, **privileged motion enforced.**

OPEN SHARING:

Motion: To limit open sharing to 25 minutes; amended to 30 minutes. **Passed**

1. Will the Region support nomination of Bill La. For SZF Facilitator? Bill is willing to accept the nomination if attendance at SZF during the process is not required. RSC Vice-chair stated that this discussion was inappropriate during open sharing and should be handled during New Business.
2. Outside enterprises bastardizing the NA name: church members attending and bringing outside experience to NA meetings. New Nashville group membership is from drug court; Tollette group will be a Christian NA class with NA literature and bible teachings. Both were sent a Regional New Group Starter Kit. We need to educate those running these meetings in as many areas as we can.

Motion: To extend open sharing for 10 minutes. **Passed**

3. Public Image of NA: we need to educate members, drug courts, etc.
4. An individual is taking NA meetings into a facility alone and doesn't call it H&I
5. Request made to have the Regional Assembly Questionnaire published in these minutes.

****Regional Assembly Frameworks and Questionnaire: "Attachment F"**

Motion: To extend open sharing for 15 minutes. **Passed**

6. Nominations due at World level; World Board, HRP (Human Resources Pool) and Facilitator

****Break for 20 minutes; reopened at 4:55pm with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.**

STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities

Hello family,

I'd like to start by saying Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to be of service to the ARSCNA. I am looking forward to the experiences to come. I'd also like to thank everyone who attended.

Unity Campout responsibilities were drawn and are as follows:

- Arkansas River Valley Area - *Potluck/Recovery Dinner*
- Central Arkansas Area - *Hospitality*
- Clean A.I.R. Group - *Registration*
- Clean and Serene Group - *Auction*
- Crowley's Ridge Area - *Entertainment*
- Foothills Unity Area - *Speakers*
- Genesis Group - *Flyers*
- Northwest Arkansas Area - *Workshops*
- Phoenix Group - *To be assigned at a later date*
- Texarkana Area - *Merchandising*

There was also discussion of putting together a Regional Convention. I hope to have somewhat of a proposal at the next Region.

-- In Loving Service, Cecilia O.

****Activities Treasury Report: "Attachment D"** (also includes report from November 2004 RSC)

Motion: Change order of day: to hold the Phonline Committee meeting before closing for the day. **Seconded and passed**

Phonline

Chair, Stuart B. was absent. No Secretary or Vice-chair has been elected. No report submitted. The RSC Secretary took brief notes as follow:

- At least two calls from women have been patched to male Phonline volunteers.

Phonline Flyer: "Attachment E**"

****Business was closed for the day at 5:45pm with the Third Step Prayer. We will resume with Subcommittee meetings, starting with Hospitals & Institutions at 10:00 on Sunday, February 6th following the 8:45 Administrative Committee.**

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Trusted Servant Nominations:

Public Information Chair: Nominations are OPEN
Charles C. - Absent

STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

Hospitals and Institutions

Greetings Family,

Thank you to the newly formed Area, Crowley's (pr. crō·lēz ☺ Doug) Ridge Area, for hosting this regional weekend. You did a great job! I am not only proud at the growth we have had in our subcommittees, but ecstatic. We were able to elect a Vice-Chair, Thanks Bill Le, and a Secretary, Thanks Cecilia O! It's good to know we have people interested in H&I at the regional level. I would like to extend an open invitation to anyone interested in H&I, to show up to our regional H&I subcommittee meetings.

I have been told that the following Area/Loner Group H&I Chairpersons are as follows: ARVANA – David Ru, Central Arkansas – Terry L, Foothills Unity Area – Christi, and North West Arkansas Area – Jeff. The rest of the Areas/Loner groups did not sign the information form when it went around, did not know the contact person, Their Areas/Loner Groups have an open/vacant position, or they do not have a committee yet. I would like to make a personal invitation to these individuals, as well as the members of the committees, to please come to the Regional H&I subcommittee meetings.

The GTLS (Guide to Local Services) explains that the workhorse in the subcommittee structure is at the Area level (of service). The Regional H&I subcommittee meetings are designed so that the different Areas/Loner Groups can share their strength and weaknesses, and hopefully find out what's working and not working – so together, as a Region, we can all move forward to help better carry the message. That's enough for my soapbox. Nevertheless, please show up to the meetings.

I would like to thank everyone that did show up and participated in our committee. Following are some of the things we discussed.

In between sessions, I received a couple letters that were forwarded on to me as Chairperson of this committee. One letter requested information on drug rehabs & halfway houses. The letter also requested any assistance we could offer concerning their paroling out of prison. A member of this committee had previously reported a statewide telephone number that provides information on treatment facilities in Arkansas. I wrote this individual, explained (politely) who and what we are (and what we are not), and forwarded the phone number on to them. I also reported at our meeting that, as I am not perfect and do make mistakes, I did receive another letter and I forgot to bring it with me and I forgot what it was about. Another member of the committee seems to remember it had something to do with a literature request. More will be revealed in the future.

Valerie, our past Webmaster and current appointee to oversee the website, received an email from Lonoke County Juvenile Department. The individual (who sent the email) is also a member of the Arkansas Juvenile Officer's Association. This individual (as well as the organization) is VERY interested in NA presenting at their June conference. They are interested in core information about Narcotics Anonymous and what services are available, especially concerning juveniles. This information was also sent to the PI subcommittee nominee for Chairperson. We discussed, in our meeting, that the Texarkana Area had also received the individual's contact information and have picked up the ball and are doing the follow through with this. Thank you Texarkana!

Crowley's Ridge Area has requested an H&I workshop for the afternoon of March 5, 2005. It will be at the Journey Group's meeting location in Jonesboro, AR. They are forming a new area subcommittee and have requested information and assistance with this. I will be attending this, as well as our new Vice-Chairperson, Bill Le. This should be a good time. So, come on out and help show some support.

Foothills Unity Area talked about a request, they have been working on, from the McPherson Correctional facility in Newport. They have a large female unit there, as well as a small male unit. Foothills Area is currently in the re-gathering information stage.

I would, again, like to personally invite all Areas/Loner Groups' Chairpersons and members of their committees to come to the regional subcommittee meetings. I would like to remind everyone if you have a need for H&I related workshops, please feel free to contact me. Again, thanks to everyone that participated this weekend and thanks to Bill Le and Cecilia O for getting involved and filling our subcommittee positions.

-- In Loving Service, Bill L.

Literature

Greetings Family,

I don't have much to report. I attempted to register with WSO on line but was unsuccessful. I finally decided to reach out to two of our former Literature Chairs for help and received direction and support from both, thanks to Tim A. and Bill L. During our committee meeting Tim A. volunteered to go into the NAWS database and update it so that I will begin to receive information on upcoming literature.

As reported at the last RSC, WSO is accepting personal stories from the fellowship for consideration in the Basic Text revision. Members who are interested in submitting their stories should send it to WSO, with a release, which is available at the NAWS website, authorizing them to edit the document.

There is some new literature available to the fellowship:

- Hungarian - Keytags
- Polish - Keytags
- Russian - The Group Booklet
- Just For Today revised
- Sponsorship Book - \$7.00

New drafts out for review are:

- Russian - It Works, How and Why
- Russian – Just for Today

Currently our Regional Delegate receives the Conference Approval Track reports from NAWS. It was suggested that this committee attempt to get WSO to send a copy to our Literature Chair so that we will be receiving current information on new literature and work-groups that are being held. Since it is doubtful that WSO will send out additional reports (due to cost) the committee decided that the RD should forward this information to the Literature committee chair when it is received.

Our RD informed the committee that our Region could submit ideas to WSO regarding IP's that we feel would benefit the needs of the fellowship. One of the topics that has been frequently discussed in our committee and sub-committee meetings are: Dealing with Drug Court, and Court ordered persons in our meetings. The committee would like to see literature offering us suggestions and guidance on effectively dealing and coping with this issue in a way that is consistent with our traditions and in keeping with our primary purpose.

We held elections today. Teri G. was elected as Vice Chair, and Zenia was elected as secretary. Yay and Welcome aboard!

The committee has determined that we would like to participate in upcoming reviews on the Basic Text revision, the Public Relations Handbook (which will have lots of information on our relationships with Drug Court, Probation and Parole and Treatment Centers). As this information becomes available for fellowship wide review, our plan is to hold workshops around the state to provide information on this literature and gather statewide fellowship input for NAWS.

In Loving Service, Barb H.

Outreach

Chair, Cat B. was absent. No Secretary or Vice-chair has been elected. No report submitted. The RSC Secretary took brief notes as follow:

- At least two calls from women have been patched to male Phonenumber volunteers.

Public Information

Dear Family;

Some odd reason I didn't even think about a report. My notes reflect the following:

- A. The PI Committee will be presenting a Workshop at the next RSC.
 1. The Purpose is to gather information in developing a working knowledge of Drug Courts, Probation & Parole, Juvenile Services and State Human Service's general needs for better information about our primary Purpose.
 2. Developing the basic foundation for a Public Information Workshop regarding how NA should be presented to the above groups at an Area level beginning in the summer of 2005.
 3. Developing a basic list of what to do vs. what not to do in addressing Judges, Attorneys, Officers, Case Workers, Teachers, and the Public Citizen that may serve on a related panel.

- B. My notes reflect a need regarding a juvenile detention matter near Searcy. However, The Addict with that concern was not present at the committee meeting. I have noted it and request that a PI or H&I Trusted Servant in the Foothills Unity Area research the matter and if needed present a request at the next RSC.

-- In Loving Service; Pat P., Vice Chairperson

****800 Number Flyer: "Attachment E"**

The RSC Secretary asked the RSC body if members of our Standing Subcommittees, other than the chairperson, should get a set of ARSCNA Guidelines. It was decided that there should be a copy for the Chair and Vice-chair of each Subcommittee.

****Break for Lunch. Reconvened at 1:10pm with the Webmaster's Report followed by the Website Committee meeting.**

Webmaster/Website

Hello family,

I owe this Region an apology for not fulfilling my position adequately. I dropped the ball due to life happening and I do apologize.

I am glad to see that a committee has been formed and that the responsibility no longer is shouldered on one individual as it is a large responsibility and far too important.

I feel that there are many individuals qualified to make guidelines and make decisions to better serve the groups and areas of this Region. I hope that spiritual principles will be put before personalities during this process.

I wish you all the best – again. In the spirit of step 10, I apologize for my failing in this position thus I am making my amends to this Regional Body - keeping with step nine.

--ILS, Liz R., Former Webmaster

At this point the Website Committee opened for its first meeting. The RSC Secretary took brief notes as follow:

- Suggestion made that David from Hot Springs offered to host the site on his server for \$5/month and updating would not be a problem; he could do it from home. It was mentioned that we aren't utilizing all of the numerous functions offered by our current hosting server – let's not change anything until we have more information on David's server capabilities. It was decided that Valerie would contact David to forward to him our current hosting server capabilities and to request that he submit a proposal to be reviewed and discussed at the next RSC.
- Hire a special worker to update the website? There are many responsibilities of the former position of Webmaster that need to be considered; NAWS database needs updating.
- No guidelines yet. It was decided that an ad-hoc committee entitled "Guidelines for Website Committee" be formed for the purpose of compiling a set of guidelines to be presented to the RSC within 6 months. The RSC Chair appointed the committee in its entirety naming the Chair – Valerie Mc, Vice-chair – Bill La, Secretary – Cecilia O, 3 members - Tim A, Shawn S and David (from Hot Springs)
- Link to NWA needs to be removed until Tradition 6 violation is fixed. There was opposition to immediate removal citing an earlier incident involving the CWOD website link being removed without first notifying the group; it was felt that this was not handled correctly. It was decided that the NWA RCM and RCM Alt explain the violation to the NWA Webmaster as soon as possible after this RSC and if violation still unresolved in a day or two for Valerie to follow-up and remove the link offering a re-link once the violation was resolved.

****Break for 10 minutes**

ELECTIONS

Service Resumes: "Attachment C**"

Nominations for ALL Administrative Committee Officers and Subcommittee chairs are OPEN.

Nominations will be closed at the May RSC meeting and referred to the Areas/Loner Groups. All nominees' names and qualifications will be included in the May ARSC minutes. Elections will be held at the August RSC meeting. RSC trusted servants serve a term of one year or, if willing, until successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin at the end of the regular meeting at which they are elected, with the exception of the Activities Chairperson. In order to facilitate continuity and accountability for the Unity Campout, the Regional Activities Chair-elect will assume office after the final financial report of the Unity Campout at the November RSC meeting. (Note: RD & RDA serve 2-year terms.)

REGIONAL DELEGATE: Job Description was read.

Randall P. was nominated. Nomination was seconded but declined. Randall explained the importance of mentorship as he stated during the process of his election to the RDA position in August.

Tim A. was nominated. Nomination was seconded and accepted. This would be a second two-year term for this nominee, with the full two years served; concerns of rotation of trusted servants and follow through were mentioned. There were no other nominations. Nominations remain open.

REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE: **Motion: To not read duties, failed.** Job Description was read.

Randall P. was nominated. Nomination was seconded and accepted. This would be considered a second two-year term for this nominee, with nine months served. There were no other nominations. Nominations remain open.

WEBSITE: Job Description was read.

Shawn S. was nominated. Nomination was seconded and accepted. There were no other nominations. Nominations remain open.

PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI): (See Old Business #2, page 7 of these minutes)

Charles C. nomination stands. Nominations remain open.

****Please take back to the Areas/Loner Groups for Group Conscience**

Call for Order of the Day: to hear the Administrative Committee report, **privileged motion enforced.**

Administrative Committee Report

Doug H. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

ROLL CALL:

RD.....	Tim A.	Present	
RDA.....	Randall P.	Present	
RSC Chair.....	Davia W.	Present	(1 st)
RSC Vice Chair.....	Doug H.	Present	
RSC Secretary.....	Valerie Mc.	Present	
RSC Treasurer	Emily H.	Absent	(2 nd)

1. Motions:
 - a) Only one money motion turned in. It will be put on the floor for approval.
2. Treasury: Prudent reserve is \$2,037.50; what do we send to World?
3. Do we want to send a donation to SZF?
4. Interactive workshops in the evening seem to be working well. We should consider doing more of these.
5. Funding for Pat P, PI Vice-chair, scheduled to host the Infrastructure Workshop at SZF, April 2005 in Chattanooga, Tennessee; 3 days food & registration; travel will be shared with the RD from Fort Smith and the RDA whom they will meet in Little Rock.
6. Remind committee that the RD & RDA have budgeting for workshops and are available to host workshops in conjunction with planned activities.
7. RSC Archives: Another instance showing the need for a Policy Committee.
 - a) RD Archives: have through 1998, nothing since.
What in an archive? What is personal? We will discuss this at the next RSC in open sharing.
8. Problems are known and discussed in great detail during yesterday's meeting; today, let's stick to the solution.
9. RSC rotation conflict with SZF – Arkansas due to host again in November 2007; SZF schedule may change in the future so this is not a problem yet, SZF is considering to skip all May forums.
10. Nominations for RD & RDA open at this RSC.

Meeting closed at 10:00 am with a moment of silence followed by the Third Step Prayer.

NEW BUSINESS

Reports from Areas/Loner Groups joining the Region:

None

Treasury Request Motions:

MO1-020605: To provide Northwest Arkansas Area with \$250 for literature for their PI racks.

Intent: carry the message of recovery.

Discussion: The seconder stated reluctance to second; who would fill them, etc.? Maker agreed to re-write the motion to include point of accountability, etc.

Postponed until re-written; will be revisited today.

MO2-020605: To fund Pat P. for food and registration at SZF at Chattanooga to present a workshop to the forum.

Intent: \$115 for food and registration to SZF; 7th tradition.

Discussion: SZF no longer funds presenters.

Motion lost second and was ruled out of order.

Discussed which representatives would be funded to attend the April SZF. It was decided that the RD and RDA would be funded.

MO1-020605 (re-written): To provide Northwest Arkansas Area with up to \$250 for literature for their PI racks and H&I racks. This literature will include 10 IPs of each consistent with that racks needs, Michael and Pat P. filling these racks as directed by this body.

Intent: carry the message of recovery.

Consensus: Reached, one in opposition stepped aside, Motion Passes

Pre-arranged agenda:

Resolved under Treasury Request Motions.

Motions from the floor:

MO3-020605 (not submitted in written form): To nominate Bill La. for SZF Facilitator on behalf of the Arkansas Region.

Intent: None noted.

Consensus: Reached, Motion Passes

Miscellaneous New Business from the floor:

None

This concludes new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- February 12 – CAA @ Recovery Central – Mardi Gras Talent Show.
- February 12 – Peaceful Dozen – Valentine’s Party.
- February 12 – Genesis Group – Valentine’s Party (**flyer** attached).
- February 19 – TACNA @ Unity House – Valentine’s Party.
- February 25, 26, 27 – TACNA XXI (**flyer** attached).
- March 11, 12, 13 – ARVANA 12th Annual Hangin’ in the Fort Convention (**flyer** attached).
 - Leadership Workshop will be held during the convention
- March 26 – Foothills Unity Area – Softball Tournament
- April 2 – Genesis Group – Spring Fling (**flyer** attached).
- April 29, 30, May 1 – Heber Springs Campout.
- May – Clean and Serene Group (Mtn. Home/Cotter) – will be having a function of some kind; possibly a Campout or Float Trip
- May 20, 21, 22 - Grateful Heads of Fort Smith @ Lake Tenkiller - 7th Annual Freak-out.
 - Softball Tournament during the campout at a nearby location.
- June 10, 11, 12 – Beaver Round-Up
- August 12, 13, 14 – CACNA.
- October 7, 8, 9 – ARVANA “Let’s Spend the Night Together” Campout @ Cove Lake.
- October 14, 15, 16 – Arkansas Regional Unity Campout XIV @ Shiloh Recreation Area, on Greers Ferry Lake

REVIEW OF BUSINESS TO BE TAKEN BACK FOR GROUP CONSCIENCE:

1. Southern Zonal Forum Questionnaire; please fill out and return to the Regional Delegate before April 30th (Attachment B-2)
2. Regional Assembly Questionnaire; please fill out and return to Bill La. as soon as possible (Attachment F)
3. Unity Campout responsibilities were drawn (page 8)
4. Elections: Nominations for ALL Administrative Committee Officers and Subcommittee chairs are OPEN. There were nominations accepted for RD, RDA, Public Information and Website (pages 7 & 13 and Attachment C)

UPDATED TREASURER’S REPORT:

Beginning balance (previous RSC)	?.??	
Income	?.??	
Budgeted Expenses (quarterly expenses; Your Message Center)	<246.00>	
Budgeted Expenses (quarterly expenses; MCI)	<135.00>	
Budgeted Expenses (Accrual for RDA to attend WSC)	<260.00>	
Non-budgeted Expenses (M1-020605)	<250.00>	
Estimated Ending balance (current RSC).....	1,255.59	
Prudent Reserve	<2,037.50>	
.....	<781.91>	Below Prudent Reserve

Final RSC Treasury Report: "Attachment G**" this report may *possibly* be submitted at a later date.

PLANS FOR THE NEXT RSC WEEKEND:

Genesis Group will host the next ARSCNA, May 7th & 8th, 2005

A workshop will be held:

1. "Drug Court" to be presented by the Regional PI Committee Vice-chair.

CLOSING:

Meeting closed at 4:35pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

--In service and loving it ... Valerie Mc.