

ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 6 & 7, 2005
Paragould, AR

Hosted by:
Clean AIR Group

ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
Saturday, August 6, 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.
- Randall P. read the 12 concepts of service
- Terri G. read the first two paragraphs of tradition 2
- Blake F. read our Purpose and Definition

ROLL CALL:

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| 1. Arkansas River Valley Area..... | Les C | (RCM)..... | Present | |
| 2. Central Arkansas Area | Terri G. | (ASR) | Present | |
| 3. Clean A.I.R. Group | Bill Le..... | (GSR) | Present | |
| 4. Clean and Serene Group..... | Bill La..... | (GSR) | Present | |
| 5. Crowley's Ridge Area..... | Zenia A. | (RCM Alt)..... | Present | |
| 6. Foothills Unity Area | Danny M. | (RCM)..... | Absent | (1 st unexcused) |
| 7. Genesis Group | Vince W. | (RCM)..... | Absent | (represented) |
| 8. Northwest Arkansas Area..... | Mary B. | (RCM)..... | Present | |
| 9. Texarkana Area | Blake F..... | (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 | | | VACANT | |
| Activities Chair..... | Cecilia O..... | | Present | |
| H & I Chair..... | Bill La..... | | Present | |
| Literature Chair..... | Barb H. | | Present | |
| Outreach Chair | | | VACANT | |
| PI Chair..... | | | VACANT | |
| PI Vice-chair | Pat P..... | | Present | |
| Phoneline Chair..... | Stuart B. | | Absent | (3 rd : resigned) |
| Website Chair | | | VACANT | |
| Website Vice-chair | David S. | | Present | |
| Ad Hoc: Guidelines for Website Committee | | | | |
| Chair: | Valerie Mc. | | Present | |
| Committee: | ALL Members. | | Present | |

Alternates and Other Representatives:

Arkansas River Valley Area	Michael P., Present	Foothills Unity Area:	Jimmy B., Absent
Central Arkansas Area:	Cecilia O., Present	Genesis Group:	David S. (appointed)
Clean A.I.R. Group:	VACANT	Northwest Arkansas Area:	VACANT
Clean and Serene Group:	Michael B., Absent	Texarkana Area:	VACANT
Crowley's Ridge Area:	Shane L., Absent		

Trusted Servant Nominees:

Positions for which nominations were closed at the last RSC: ALL nominees were present.

Positions for which nominations remain open:

Outreach	No nominations
Phoneline	Stuart B. withdrew his nomination
Public Information	No nominations

SECRETARY REPORT:

Reading of the Minutes from the last RSC:

Motion: Secretary to read only Old Business, Open Sharing, condensed version of Elections and New Business from the minutes of the last meeting. **Passed**

Corrections:

- 1) Open Sharing, #10 (page 10), "email flames" means inflammatory email.

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

Reconciliation of expenses:

			Check #1008	Actual Expenses	Under/(over) \$ advanced
M1-050805	advanced	1500 meeting lists: MSSS	\$194.40	(see PI \$ Report)	
Outreach	advanced	1000 meeting lists for regional distribution	\$129.60	(see Outreach \$ Report)	
		Total Other than Secretary	\$324.00		
Secretary	reimbursed	2/5-5/6 various expenses reported 5/05	\$18.32		
		Total Secretary \$ reimbursed	\$18.32		
	advanced	5/05 minutes	\$25.00		
		761 copies on account		\$32.61	
		(*) 19 copies: on account@The UPS Store		\$0.81	
		postage		\$17.50	
		Total expense: 5/05 minutes		\$50.92	(\$25.92)
		minutes/guidelines			
		5/05 minutes: used 761 copies on account		(\$32.61)	
		(*) 981 copies: on account@The UPS Store		\$42.04	
		Total expense: minutes/guidelines		\$9.43	(\$9.43)
balance of advance #1484		correspondence	\$10.00		
		supplies: envelopes		\$5.01	
		5/7-8/5 - postage (8/3)		\$0.37	
		Total expense: correspondence		\$5.38	
balance of advance #1484		forwarding	\$5.85		
		5/7-8/5 - postage (6/22)		\$3.78	
		Total expense: forwarding		\$3.78	
		permanent mailbox: The UPS Store			
		Total expense: permanent mailbox			
Secretary		Total Secretary \$ advanced	\$25.00		
	Expensed above advanced	Total reimbursement requested			(\$35.35)
		(*) = Purchased 1000 copies @ 4¢ each plus 7.125% sales tax: \$42.85.			

Correspondence received between RSC meetings:

Activities	Emailed Chair - Speaker tape for ARUC XIV sent to FUACNA
Activities Treasurer	FNB statement: Activities (5/31, 6/30, 7/29)
CAANA ASR	GYST House resident - letter
CRANA RCM	Caraway Group - letter
FUACNA RCM	Kirk R, Dayton Ohio - Speaker tape to ARUC XIV
Hamburg Serenity Group	NA Way (July 2005)
NWA: Final Frontier	NA Way (July 2005)
Secretary (RSC Archives)	NA Way (July 2005); World Unity Day flyer; NAWS: Draft Public Relations Handbook ch 1-4; Revised group, area & region registration forms
Web / RSC Flyer Table	Circle of Sisters IX (Feb 24-26, 2006), SSRCA XI (Sep 30, Oct 1+2), TBRCNA VII (Oct 31 deadline - Speaker Tape flyer)

Treasurer Donation: Common Bond (Clinton), MCI payment confirmation,
FNB statement: RSC (5/31 - FINAL),
Treasurer / Phoneline FNB Jonesboro statement: RSC (5/31, 6/30, 7/29)
MCI statement (5/16, 6/16, 7/16), YMC statement (6/1, 7/1)

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

*** Break for 10 minutes ****

Motion: Change order of day: to postpone the Treasurer's Initial Report until after the Regional Delegate Report.
Seconded and passed

RD REPORT:

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

TREASURER INITIAL REPORT:

Initial RSC Treasury Report and RSC Budget: "Attachment A**" (also contains bank statements as provided by RSC Secretary)

Questions & Concerns:

1. Why no receipts for some income items? All income needs to be receipted.
2. Budget included but doesn't include expenses or income to date.
3. Annual audit is scheduled for after the RSC tomorrow (Activities Treasury also).
4. All financial information needs to be included in the reports - the format may be different from previous reports.
5. Accrual questioned and explained.
6. Concerns regarding policy & procedure manuals for all positions stated.

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's Initial Report. **Seconded and passed**

** Point of Information: Reports do not need motions to accept; one disagreement, especially where the treasury is concerned, was heard. This should be discussed in Open Sharing.

** Point of Information: We have been requested to move our meeting to another room after Lunch.

RDA REPORT:

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

AREA/GROUP REPORTS:

ARVANA

Greetings Family,

Everything is good in the River Valley.

The Grateful Heads Freak-out in May was a big success. There were 140 registered and over 200 in attendance. They express Gratitude to all who attended and made reservations for the 8th Freakout May 19, 20 & 21, 2006.

Our Area had a fundraiser in July and we agreed to donate the proceeds to Region which brings our donation this month to \$244.00; \$94.00 of this was from the function our area held in July.

Our convention committee has coffee mugs for sell at \$5 each. If you would like to buy one please see Tim A and he will be of assistance to you.

The Yellow Frogs 5th Annual Croakin' Campout is September 9th, 10th and 11th. I hope you all received copies of the flier I mailed out with the flier for SZF in January 2006 and our Area Cove Lake Campout October 7, 8 & 9. We do have fliers and pre-registration is always welcome.

We have gotten a group of people together to cook for you at the Unity Campout and at this time we are asking for assistance for food costs.

We decided to nominate Pat P. for PI Chair and as you can see he is here. Pat is well respected in our Area and we are looking forward to see him serve on our RSC.

Our Area has done some grown since our last Region. Van Buren, New Way Group now meets seven days a week, whereas they just met once a week before. They are starting to have good attendance at all of there meetings. There was definitely a need for these times in Van Buren.

Our Area is in need of no assistance from the RSC at this time. If for some reason I have forgotten something I will get it to Valerie before the minutes come out.

Thanks to the Clean AIR Group for hosting this weekend.

--In Loving Service, Les C. – RCM and Michael P. – RCM Alt

Central Arkansas Area

Hello Family,

All is well in Central Arkansas. All meetings are going strong and we are experiencing a lot of growth in our area also.

This will be my last region as ASR for Central Arkansas, but you're not getting rid of me since I hold 2 secretarial positions at region also, so, I'll be back. My successor, Cecilia O. will be the ASR for the next year, and I know she will do a good job. I love ya and want to thank you for making me feel at home everywhere we go.

Hope you all are planning on attending the Central Arkansas Area Convention next weekend, to be held at the Holiday Inn Select on the corner of Markham & Shackelford in Little Rock. If you haven't pre-registered and would like to, please see me during the weekend and I'll fix you up.

Again, I love ya all. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

--In Loving Service, Terri Girl – ASR

P.S. I have some pre-convention shirts and last year's convention shirts here if anyone wants one.

Clean A.I.R. Group

Hey Family,

Clean AIR Group is glad to see all of you here in our part of the country for this RSC weekend. Things are about the same here. Attendance is still down and we are having trouble getting people to step up for service positions (meeting chairs in particular). We hope to get some insight from the workshop this weekend. We have no donation at this time. After we see where we end up after this, a donation possibly will be forthcoming. So ya'll buy shirts and bags and spend money at the auction and raffle tonight. We ask for nothing from region at this time.

--In grateful and loving service, Bill L., GSR

QUESTIONED with regard to joining a local Area Service Committee. REPLY: The group has talked about this but no decision has been made yet.

Clean and Serene

Greetings Family,

Thanks to Paragould for hosting this weekend. Everything's going well in Mountain Home and Cotter. We've been getting some new members coming to our meetings out of treatment. We've also got some recovering addicts coming to our meetings that have moved to our part of the state from 9 months through 13 years clean. We have a GSRA, Mike B., but he is unable to be here this weekend, due to family health problems. We had our group business meeting last weekend and we have filled all our positions for the first time in many years. Jamie c. is our new PI Chair and she is here with us this weekend to see how we do things at the ARSCNA and to be present for the PI subcommittee meeting. We do not have a donation at this time. Don't forget Chili Dog Chow Down 15 Labor Day weekend.

--In Loving Service, Bill L., GSR

P.S. Flyers on table, if you want to be guaranteed a T-shirt for CDCD 15, make sure you pre-order by 8/15, order forms on flyer.

QUESTIONED with regard to forming an Area Service Committee. REPLY: The group acts as an Area with 3 working subcommittees.

Crowley's Ridge Area

Hello Family,

The Crowley's Ridge Area of Narcotics Anonymous has been meeting on a regular basis for almost one year. We are hoping to see new faces participating in service.

We had a couple of small functions to support unity within the area.

We had a tee-shirt design contest. Liz M submitted the winning design and has won herself a free area tee shirt. These tee shirts have been ordered as a way to raise some money for the area.

We have some men that have been attending Osceola Arkansas Prison on Thursday nights in hope of carrying the message of recovery to addicts who would not normally see that recovery is possible. (FYI) This is a direct result of a letter that was sent to world and passed down to the appropriate area. We have been supplying them with literature.

Jonesboro, Cope With Out Dope, is having a Lock-in at the YMCA in Jonesboro on August 20,2005, so if you are in the area, or if you are looking for something to do please stop in for some fellowship.

Also Activities has been meeting on a regular basis making plans for entertainment at the Unity Camp Out. We are hoping to have things for the kids to do during the workshops to help with interruptions.

We ask nothing of Region at this time.

We have no donations at this time.

In Loving Service, Zenia A., RCM Alt

Foothills Unity Area

RCM and RCM Alt absent; no report submitted.

Genesis Group

David S. was appointed by the group to represent them. He gave a verbal report but no written report was submitted.

QUESTIONED with regard to Area Service Committee involvement. REPLY: A motion is forthcoming within the next 2 group conscience meetings to form the "Tri-Lakes Area".

Northwest Arkansas Area

Greetings Family from NWA Area. As this is my first report please forgive any errors. I will learn with time and experience.

NWA is in a time of transformation Attendance at meetings has been hit and miss. Our biggest problem has been in getting people to do to service work. But, from being around a day or two now I know that, that has always been and will always be a problem. I was always taught that 10% of the people would do the work. At the Area level right now we only have 3 trusted servants. That being myself as RCM, our Chair and Vice Chair. Elections were recently held. At this point all positions except the above mentioned are open and in need of being filled. We have no subcommittees that I can report to the Region on their happenings. I must sadly report that the Eureka Springs group has folded due to lack of attendance. Hopefully, in Gods time that will change and

we will see another group form and flourish. As I am the new RCM I don't have much to report that has been asked of me from the other groups in our Area. To the best of my knowledge our biggest need right now is for trusted servants and those with clean time to help teach and guide the newer ones that are becoming willing to enter into service. Though I also realize that it is up to them to ask for that help. All we can do is to let them know we are available. Mine is not to govern but to be there when asked. And my own past has shown me that I must at times fall on my face to learn new skills. Unfortunately for those around me being so hard headed that often takes several falls before I will admit defeat. That is an area I am constantly working on. The new group trusted servants do seem curious about the inner workings. That is a very positive thing to see. That they have not only the desire to serve but to serve properly. I can report from my home group. Living Clean that we are finally getting some amounts of clean time in our rooms. And that unity is finally finding its way to Springdale. As with all things we have our growing pains at times but we are learning to work together and not against each other at most times.

At our last Area Business meeting we voted on the things that were brought to the table for our consideration from the Region. All persons put before us for consideration for new trusted servants were given a positive vote from NWA. We also passed the vote to give the secretary the time she needed to put the minutes together. And we passed a vote to add a signature to the checking account. I look very forward to serving with the Region. Many have been people I have known through most of my mature recovery. (Though some would question it always being mature recovery. lol.). It is a body that I have always had respect for as it puts me with people with significant clean time where I can learn and grow from their experiences and the things that happened in their recovery and how they not only got through it but grew from it.

I hope I have covered all I needed to in my report. If not or if there are different ways to present what needs to be presented. I would hope that you would take me to the side and help me grow into being a better RCM.

--Mary B. - RCM

**** Meeting was closed for LUNCH with the Third Step Prayer; resume at 1:45 pm.**

Texarkana

Hello Family,

I am pleased to take over as RCM for my Area and hope that my term as Alternate has served well for training me in this position that I may better serve my Area and my Region.

Texarkana Area has grown tremendously in size with seven groups in the Area, strong meeting attendance and further service efforts. We've experienced some growing pains, such as different policies in orders, payment and shipping charges on literature, through my term as RCMA with maintaining unity between groups, getting people involved in service and figuring out new ways to carry the message through our subcommittees, new workshop on chairing meetings coming up.

We are well above prudent reserve right now, which has helped us especially in group to group sharing, literature distribution and more. I am very happy to say my Area is donating \$200 to the Region and my home group is donating \$150 to the Region. Our first Area campout in many years went off very well and the proceeds of approximately \$500 was sent to NAWS. We plan on doing the same thing again next year and hope to see all of you there along with your sponsees and other outside participation. We look forward to the Regional Unity Campout and hope it has a great turnout.

Anyways, I hope to be more efficient in my service through this next year.

--In Loving Service and trust in the 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts, Blake F, RCM

OLD BUSINESS:

M2-050805: Guideline change, on pg. #16, under Secretary – Admin Committee, A. Duties #3. To allow 21 days for Secretary to complete and mail our regional minutes rather than 10 days. All material for submission into minutes shall be received by the Secretary 14 days following each RSC mailed electronically or by USPS mail. **Intent:** It's a big job; this would allow the Secretary additional time to complete a "BIG" task, while still allowing Groups & Areas to receive them in plenty of time.

Consensus: Reached, Motion Passes

M3-050805: To remove the 1st sentence of #8 on page 9 under Elections "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."

Intent: Administrative Committee is only allowed a vote in case of a tie. In order for any (motion/election) decision to pass at the ARSCNA it requires a 2/3 majority – nothing requires a simple majority.

Consensus: Reached, Motion Passes

M4-050805: To designate the ARSCNA Secretary as a signer on the ARSCNA checking account.

Intent: To ensure that in the case of open positions and unforeseen events, the ARSCNA has at least two valid signers on the ARSCNA account.

Consensus: Reached, Motion Passes

OPEN SHARING:

Motion: Limit open sharing to 22 ½ minutes. **Passed**

1. What other areas of the guidelines were affected by consensus based decision-making process?
2. Previously referred to groups – why are we discussing those concerns now?
3. New people in trusted servant positions trained properly to fulfill the duties – should be in policy & procedure manuals.
4. Loner Group seating issue is being swept under the table – let's talk about it.
5. Website down because of lack of training – not entirely true – technicians will not admit any fault – too much liability.
6. David S. stated that his corporation will not be submitting a proposal for web hosting.
7. Policy & Procedures need to be available to everyone in the fellowship in Arkansas.
8. A motion brought by a group doesn't get heard due to lack of a second – how can the motion get heard?

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

9. Phoenix Group cited the Tenth Concept – redress of a personal grievance brought forth in letterform.

Motion: To extend open sharing for 10 minutes. Two members opposed and were unwilling to set their opposition aside. Reason for opposition stated – more time is needed – amended to 30 minutes. **Withdrawn by maker.**

Chair requested from members on the list to share, a statement of additional issues for discussion – the following issues were stated:

- a) 6 members would still like to share concerns on the redress/tradition violation issue.
- b) Loner Group/Area seating
- c) Policy/Procedures – how do we go about this?
- d) Making handouts from regional workshops available on the website – they have been posted – see the drop-down menu on the main page.

**** Break for 15 minutes ****

Reopened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Chair read the 10th Concept for NA Service.

Motion: To extend open sharing until all issues mentioned previous to the break are handled. **Consensus reached.**

Request made to re-read the original letter given by the member asking for redress. The letter was read. More discussion followed. A suggestion was made to ask Texarkana Area to investigate (if willing) founded or unfounded accusations against our RD Alternate. Texarkana Area RCM will take this suggestion back to be addressed at its next ASC. Acting chair rules discussion on this issue has ended.

**** Break for 10 minutes ****

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10. Loner Group versus Area seating issue: number of members an Area represents being much larger than the number of members a Loner Group represents and how this can affect a vote. We were reminded that we now utilize a consensus based decision-making process.
11. Policy/Procedure Manuals – how do we go about doing that? The Admin Committee will declare an ad hoc committee. The manuals will need to be available to all and be posted to the website.

STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities

Chair, Cecilia O was present and a meeting was held. (NO REPORT SUBMITTED)

Activities Treasury Report: (NO REPORT SUBMITTED) "Attachment D**" (only contains bank statements as provided by RSC Secretary)

****Business was closed for the day at 6:20pm with the Third Step Prayer.
We will resume with Subcommittee meetings, starting with Hospitals & Institutions Committee at 10:00 on Sunday, August 7th following the 8:45 Administrative Committee.**

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| Literature Chair..... | Barb H. | Present | (left early: illness) |
| Outreach Chair | | VACANT | |
| PI Chair | | VACANT | |
| PI Vice-chair | Pat P..... | Present | |
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STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

Hospitals and Institutions

Chair, Bill La was present and a meeting was held. (NO REPORT SUBMITTED)

Literature

Greetings family,

I want to start out by thanking Terri G., our Literature Vice Chair for her great job on the minutes from the last meeting, thanks Terri!

This quarter was the most eventful one I've had since accepting this position. I was asked to do a workshop for the draft of our Public Relations Handbook by the Foothills Unity Area on June 18th during their annual Serenity on the Lake Campout.

The workshop was surprisingly well attended and Foothills did an outstanding job preparing attendees by making copies of the draft and handing them out as people registered. Since I hadn't done anything like this before I wasn't sure what would work best, so asked Tim A., our RD for guidance. He suggested we break into groups of four, with each group reviewing and providing information on their assigned chapter. I took his suggestion and think it went very well.

The overall collective feedback was that the draft had value but was often so wordy and redundant, that there was concern the reader would lose interest before getting to the message. Other concerns were that the language was too complicated, and utilized too many catch phrases. Some of the positive input included the drafts use of black boxes to reference pages and quotes from our other literature, such as the Basic Text, It Works, How and why, and Just for Today. I have included the actual feedback given to WSO in my report. I did not change or embellish any thing that the groups contributed, hoping the input would carry a good representation of the workshop.

I want to add that this was a growth experience for me personally. In the past I have chose not to participate in these types of workshops for a multitude of reasons. After having been involved in this workshop, and hearing the ideas and input from others, I see why each person's input is so valuable. I have looked at our literature in the past and been concerned about the results (value of the literature, usefulness, expense etc.). I realize by choosing not to be involved in the development of our literature, I have missed out on an opportunity to contribute and participate in the growth of our fellowship. Plus if I don't participate, I don't get to complain.

As you know the next draft chapters of the PR Handbook are due out any day (I haven't received them yet) and I want to encourage Areas' and Loner Groups to consider doing a workshop. I will be available to facilitate some, or to offer assistance to your group if I can't attend. Please let me know if I can assist in anyway.

The "Basic Text Project" is still looking for personal stories. PLEASE let your areas and groups know about this and pass on the information. If you want to submit your stories you can access the information at <http://www.na.org/conference/bt>. I brought a few copies of the "Work in Progress Submission Form" which includes the copyright transfer, with me today if anyone is interested. I have also included the e-mail and one form in my report so everyone should have access to this information.

Last but not least, I have an update on new and revised literature:

New medallion designs

The bronze new design as well as the specialty medallions (silver, bi-plate, and gold plate) are scheduled to be available 1 September 2005.

Gift Edition of Sponsorship book, The NA Way Mug, S-Pocket Lit Rack, and Basic Text pocket size version to be available soon

Requests for a Gift Edition of the Sponsorship book, as well as a significant demand for The NA Way mug, 8-Pocket Lit Rack and the audio CD of The NA Step Working Guides, prompted us to come out with these items. They will be available shortly.

Translated items

New Informational Pamphlets in Bulgarian, Danish, Greek, Icelandic, Portuguese, Slovak, Swedish, and Turkish are available now as are Hebrew bronze medallions.

The Sponsorship book cover will be changing due to fellowship concern that the symbol on the cover too closely resembled a line of powder.

A pocket version of the Basic Text is being developed. All IP will be on the web (they are now) followed by all booklets, and within 2 years, all full length books.

I am also including a copy of the "Product News Flash" with my report today. I will submit a copy of this report and all the attachments to Val today for the minutes and any additional notes from our subcommittee meeting will be submitted to her via e-mail.

--ILS, Barb H. – Literature Chair

****PR Handbook Feedback – Chapters 1-4, Basic Text Project & Form, and NA Product News Flash, June 2005:
"Attachment F-Lit"**

Outreach

Chair, Cat B. was absent. Doug H. chaired.

No New Group Starter Kits (NGSK) mailed. Have 4 kits in stock, need to order one to get back to 5.

Discussed added cost of ordering through Lone Star, will order from WSO.

Meeting Lists are here. Discrepancy exists between phonenumber list and NAWS database. Phoenix Group has requested to scratch out "Quapaw House" on meeting directories.

P. I. (Public Information)

Chair position is currently vacant. Pat P, Vice-chair presided.

Greetings Family;

The Outline for our "Narcotics Anonymous Court Related Public Information Presentation" is completed. A copy of the Outline is included as part of this report.

The PI Resource Material was presented at the last Regional Meeting. If you would like a copy of that material please E-mail me at pat_pater@yahoo.com and a copy will be e-mailed to you. I have also provided all Areas, Loner Groups and the Region and PI Secretaries a copy.

Workshops:

The Workshops I have participated at since May were:

Grateful Heads Freakout at Lake Tenkiller, OK; NW Arkansas Beaver Round Up at Beaver Lake, AR; Foot Hills Unity Campout at Greers Ferry Lake, AR; Central Arkansas H&I / PI Unity in Hot Springs.

The first three workshops were Unity related but I tried to incorporate those Workshops as a base for the Court Related Workshop. The Central AR Workshop focused on how to present the Court Related Workshop.

I participated in a workshop at the Mississippi Delta Area Convention at Grenada, MS and attended the World Wide Workshop in Nashville, TN. I managed to give PI and what the Arkansas Region is trying to accomplish a plug at those events.

Members from Genesis, Central Arkansas and I, will be attending the Arkansas Juvenile Probation Officers Association this Tuesday, August 9th. I am very excited about this opportunity. I believe this is the first time NA has been asked to address members of this State Agency.

The Omega Technical Violator's Program men's facility in Malvern has been contacted. They had requested two NA, H&I Meetings per week. The Genesis Group has already started one meeting. I had requested that Central AR, through the Hot Springs SOS Group provide the second meeting. There was some confusion regarding this. However, I believe we were able to set the process in motion this past weekend.

I have also subscribed to na_pi_org@yahoogroups.com and NA-service@yahoogroups.com to help keep me updated as to PI and Service inside our fellowship. I am finding that many Regions have the same struggles we may have. Some have it a lot worse and others are just more experienced.

I truly am having fun doing this form of Service.

-- Pat P, Vice Chair PI

****Court Related PI Presentation and Resource Materials: "Attachment F-PI"**

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

**** Break for 10 minutes followed by a "Working" LUNCH ****

Phoneline

Chair, Stuart B. was absent and verbally withdrew his nomination. Doug H. chaired.

- Mary B will contact Stuart to retrieve archives
- Phone calls are going out of area – need to determine whether it is a training issue or not
- Question about list being sorted geographically
- Talked about alternate phoneline systems – automated – expense is an issue
- Gave information about phoneline handbook availability to Genesis' representative

NOTE: Secretary resigned due to relapse.

****Phoneline Flyer: "Attachment E"**

Website

Nominee for Chair, Shawn S. was present. Valerie reported on the condition of our website.

Hello Family,

Our hosting company, AIT Inc., closed our account stating numerous requests to cancel our auto-draft payment as the reason. When asked who made these requests, AIT was either unable or unwilling to make the determination. During this downtime all back up of our information on the server was destroyed including email and archived mail. Restoration of the site itself was made possible because the current working files were stored on my computer. Although it was a tedious task, all went smoothly. The email account situation was a different story. Totally new accounts had to be set up within a totally different URL, this was even more time consuming because AIT kept giving my incorrect locations and invalid accessing information. I struggled with this for quite some time but was finally able to access the new path and set up 2 email accounts in addition to the webadmin@arscna.org account that AIT sets up as default. These two additional accounts are Treasurer@arscna.org and new for the Website Committee, Webservant@arscna.org. All links to email on the website point to this new address.

Meetings were then updated to reflect the listings with our Phoneline. Activities are not as up-to-date. Many requests were lost when our email files were destroyed as a result of our account being closed and they will never be retrieved. I have placed a notice on the main page of our website stating the loss of all email, our new email address and a request to resend items for posting. It was mentioned that links to the 2005 Minutes do not work. I researched this and found that it is because they have not yet been posted to the site. When they are posted, an actual link will be associated with the date of the RSC.

-- In service and loving it ... Valerie

Ad-Hoc: Guidelines for Website Committee

Hi Family,

The entire committee as appointed by the RSC Chair was present at this RSC. About one month prior to this RSC, I made email contact with the entire team offering some suggestions for inclusion in the Website Committee Guidelines, however, including myself, only half the team responded with readiness to begin the drafting process.

Not having accomplished the task at hand by the original deadline for proposal at this RSC, we are now three months behind but I am confident that we will have a draft available at the next RSC for discussion and approval.

--In service and loving it, Valerie Mc., Chair – "Guidelines for Website Committee" Ad-Hoc

****Break for 10 minutes**

Administrative Committee Report

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

Secretary took the ROLL CALL:

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	VACANT

Vice Chair gave the report:

1. Discussed using consensus when motions are sent back to groups – Loner Groups and Areas ultimately make final decision
2. Audits on RSC and Activities accounts today after conclusion of RSC
3. AD Hoc committee for “Policy & Procedures” will be formed
 - Included would be a grievance/redress process and process for open sharing
4. Remind all newly elected trusted servants to bring in projected budget amounts for 2006 & 2007 to next RSC
5. Discussed Loner Group membership at ARSCNA – Admin referred to Guidelines: Page 3, Becoming Part of Region – Admin committee offers no opinion on this issue
6. Went through motions
 - One (1) guideline change
 - Housekeeping motions on non-existing WSC Subcommittees
7. Discussed whether approving treasurer’s report or other reports is necessary – could be discussion topic for next RSC

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

ELECTIONS

- 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.)
- Nominees to RSC offices must be present at the time of nomination and at the time of election and attend at least two consecutive meetings of the ARSCNA before being elected.

REGIONAL DELEGATE: Nominations CLOSED at May RSC.

Tim A. was the only nominee and was elected by Vote of Acclamation. Congratulations Tim!

REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE: Nominations CLOSED at May RSC.

Randall P. was the only nominee. Opposition was voiced. During discussion a request for postponement until next RSC was made. Several opposed postponement and were not willing to step-aside. The initial voice of opposition was willing to step-aside and allow the election process to take place. Randall was elected by Vote of Acclamation. Congratulations Randall!

RSC CHAIR: Nominations CLOSED at May RSC.

Davia W. was the only nominee and was elected by Vote of Acclamation. Congratulations Davia!

RSC VICE-CHAIR: Nominations CLOSED at May RSC.

Doug H. was the only nominee and was elected by Vote of Acclamation. Congratulations Doug!

RSC SECRETARY: Nominations CLOSED at May RSC.

Valerie Mc. was the only nominee and was elected by Vote of Acclamation. Congratulations Valerie!

RSC TREASURER: Nominations CLOSED at May RSC.

Michael P. was the only nominee and was elected by Vote of Acclamation. Congratulations Michael!

ACTIVITIES: Nominations CLOSED at May RSC.

Cecilia O. was the only nominee and was elected by Vote of Acclamation. Congratulations Cecilia!

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS (H&I): Nominations CLOSED at May RSC.

Bill La. was the only nominee and was elected by Vote of Acclamation. Congratulations Bill!

LITERATURE: Nominations CLOSED at May RSC.

Barb H. was the only nominee. Had been present this weekend but went home due to illness. It was the consensus of this body that election will be postponed until next RSC. Nominations remain CLOSED.

OUTREACH: Job Description was read.

Terri G. was nominated. Nomination was seconded and accepted. Resume is included in these minutes. There were no other nominations. Nominations CLOSED. With nominations now open for 2 cycles of the RSC and the nominee having been present for two consecutive RSC meetings, a vote was taken. Terri was the only nominee and was elected by Vote of Acclamation. Congratulations Terri!

P. I. (PUBLIC INFORMATION): Job Description was read.

Pat P. was nominated. Nomination was seconded and accepted. Resume is included in these minutes. There were no other nominations. Nominations CLOSED. Nominee was absent for part of the May RSC and although absence was considered excused, consensus was to postpone election until the next RSC. Nominations remain CLOSED.

PHONELINE: Job Description was read.

Stuart B, sent verbal withdrawal from nomination.
There were no other nominations. Nominations remain OPEN.

WEBSITE: Nominations CLOSED at May RSC.

Shawn S. was the only nominee and was elected by Vote of Acclamation. Congratulations Shawn!

Service Resumes: "Attachment C**"

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

NEW BUSINESS

Reports from Areas/Loner Groups joining the Region:

Phoenix Group, Arkadelphia – report given and the group was reseeded. (NO REPORT SUBMITTED)

There was opposition to seating a Loner Group. Guidelines on Becoming Part of the Region were cited.

Treasury Request Motions:

M1-080705: To reimburse Tim A. \$11.71 for underpayment of funds for WWW Nashville TN.

Intent: 7th Tradition

Consensus: Reached, Motion Passes

Pre-arranged agenda:

M2-080705: To have an NA recovery meeting before each ARSC meeting on both Saturday and Sunday.

Intent: To promote unity and understanding between trusted servants within Region and promote healthier atmosphere for us to conduct business.

Amendment: 7:30 workshop Saturdays, 8:30 non-workshop Saturdays, 7:30 Sundays.

Consensus: Not reached, Motion Withdrawn by maker & seconder

**** Please take this back to groups for further discussion at the next RSC**

M3-080705: To make the following housekeeping changes in Guidelines to reflect current structure of NA - see attached

Intent: Housekeeping.

NOTE: The original attachment did not include all instances of structural changes and verbiage of current structure was inconsistent.

Motion Postponed for re-write, to be presented upon completion later today.

**** Break for 10 minutes ****

Miscellaneous New Business from the floor:

Discussed representatives to send to the next SZF in Corpus Christi TX. Topics include passion in service, creating safe meeting environments and language barriers. The RD, Tim A will not be requesting funding but will attend. It was decided that we would fund the RDA, Randall P.

Motion: Change order of day: to return to postponed motion. **Seconded and passed**

M3-080705: To make the following housekeeping changes in Guidelines to reflect current structure of NA

Amended Attachment:

Guideline Change - Replace the following language in lines on page 24:

Hospitals And Institutions

Section F: To maintain communications with ~~the WSC H&I Committee~~ **NAWS** so that members Area may be informed of its activities.

Intent: The WSC no longer has a functioning H&I Committee.

Guideline Change - Replace the following language in lines on page 24:

Literature

Section C: To maintain communications with ~~the WSC Literature Committee~~ **NAWS** so that members Area may be informed of its activities.

Intent: The WSC no longer has a functioning Literature Committee.

Guideline Change - Replace the following language in line on page 26:

Public Information - Basic Purpose

B. Specific Purpose of the Regional P.I. Subcommittee is to be supportive of Area P.I. Subcommittees by providing a forum for them within the Region. The purpose is also to help them with their particular problems and needs, and to keep open line of communications between the Area P.I. Subcommittees the Region, and ~~the WSO WSC P.I. Committee~~ **NAWS**

Public Information - Functions and Responsibilities

B. Within the fellowship: this subcommittee works:

4) To Maintain close communications with ~~WSC P.I. Committee~~ **NAWS**, utilizing its resources and providing assistance as requested.

Intent: The WSC no longer has a functioning P.I. Committee

Intent: Housekeeping.

Consensus: Reached, Amendment Passes

Consensus: Reached, Motion Passes

Motion: Change order of day: to return to Miscellaneous New Business from the floor. **Seconded and passed**

World Board and Human Resource Panel (HRP) Nominations:

Nominate Bill La for World Board Membership with endorsement by the ARSC, seconded. Position is a 6-year commitment. Membership qualifications read from *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

Nominate Tim A. for Human Resource Panel Membership with endorsement by the ARSC, seconded. Term of office begins July 2006 at which time he will be holding no other World Service commitments. Tim stated a desire for "whole AR fellowship" approval; possible special vote if having to go back to groups. Deadline is October 31st.

Motions from the floor:

M4-080705: To form an Ad Hoc Committee on Loner Group seating. **Motion referred to Ad Hoc: Policy/Procedure Committee – to be appointed forthwith.**

Chair entertained a motion: to form an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of creating a Regional Policy/Procedure Manual. **So moved and seconded.**

Consensus: Reached, Motion Passes

Chair appointed Bill La as committee chair; Bill accepted the appointment with no opposition voiced. Members were appointed or volunteered as follow: Tim A., Valerie Mc., Michael P., David S., Mary B., Blake F., and Bill Le.

Timeframe was set for presentation of the manual for vote at the May 2006 RSC.

This concludes new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Regional Assembly Questionnaire (see "**Attachment F-1**")
- Clean A.I.R. Group – Holiday Fling; flyer forthcoming
- August 12, 13, 14 – CACNA; new stuff planned!
- August 20 – FUACNA @ Recovery Connection, Searcy – Casino Night, 8:30 pm.
- August 20 – Genesis Group @ meeting place on Hobson – 21st Anniversary; dance, meeting, etc.
- September 2, 3, 4 & 5 – Chili Dog Chow Down 15; tees need to be ordered by August 15th.
- September 9, 10 & 11 – Yellow Frog Croakin' Campout
- September 30, October 1 & 2 – Ozark Mountain High – Wooley Hollow near Greenbrier
- 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
- November 5 & 6 – Next RSC hosted by Foothills Unity Area.
- January 20, 21 & 22 – FUACNA Winter Retreat
- ARVANA will be hosting the January 2006 SZF and February 2006 RSC.
- 3rd weekend in February, 2006 – TACNA

PLANS FOR THE NEXT RSC WEEKEND:

Foothills Unity Area will host the next ARSCNA in Searcy, November 5 & 6, 2005; flyer forthcoming.

2005 – 2007 Rotation Schedule: "Attachment E**"

REVIEW OF BUSINESS TO BE TAKEN BACK FOR GROUP CONSCIENCE:

1. Elections: (pages 14-15 and Attachment C). Nominations CLOSED for Literature and Public Information. Nominations remain OPEN for Phonenumber. Please bring back nominations!
2. Discuss idea for holding recovery meetings prior to business each day of the RSC meetings (see M2-080705)

UPDATED TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning balance (initial report, less accrual)	1,303.32
Income	761.79
RD & Alternate (returned)	40.00
Budgeted Expenses.....	<902.34>
Rent	50.00
Literature	20.71
Outreach (NGSK)	50.30
Website (AIT).....	108.00
Secretary/Outreach	55.10
SZF (October).....	550.37
RD.....	56.15
RD (WWW)	11.71
Budgeted Expenses (Accrual for RDA to attend WSC)	<260.00>
Subtotal	942.77
Total Accrual	780.00
Ending balance (current RSC operating expenses)	1,722.77
Prudent Reserve	2,047.50

Final RSC Treasury Report: "Attachment G**"

CLOSING:

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

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