

ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 5 & 6, 2005
Searcy, AR

Hosted by:
Foothills Unity Area

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

- Davia W opened the meeting at 10:20 a.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

READINGS:

- Danny M read the 12 traditions. Bill La read the first two paragraphs of tradition 2.
- Pat P read the 12 concepts of service. Zenia A read our Purpose and Definition.

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 Chair:.....	Bill La.....	Present	

Alternates and Other Representatives:

Arkansas River Valley Area, RCM:.....	Les C, ABSENT	Foothills Unity Area, RCM Alt:	VACANT
Central Arkansas Area, ASR Alt:	LeAnn J, Present	Genesis Group, GSR 1 st Alt:	David S, ABSENT
.....		Genesis Group, GSR 2 nd Alt:	Marvin D, ABSENT
Clean A.I.R. Group, GSR Alt:.....	VACANT	Northwest Arkansas Area, RCM Alt:.....	VACANT
Clean and Serene Group, GSR Alt:...	Michael B, Present	Phoenix Group, GSR Alt:	VACANT
Crowley's Ridge Area, RCM Alt:	Matt C, Present	Texarkana Area, RCM Alt:	VACANT

Trusted Servant Nominees:

Positions for which nominations are CLOSED:

- Literature Barb H., Present
- Public Information Pat P., Present

Positions for which nominations remain OPEN:

- Phoneline No nominations

SECRETARY REPORT:

Reading of the Minutes from the last RSC:

Motion: In the absence of the Secretary, Chairperson to read only Old Business, Open Sharing, Elections and New Business from the minutes of the last meeting and postpone the Correspondence Report (follows Texarkana Area Report on page 6) until the Secretary arrives. **Passed**

Corrections:

- 1) New Business, M3-080705 (page 16); Hospitals and Institutions, section F and Literature, section C change "members Area" to "member Areas".

Note: The RSC Secretary had already corrected this in "Guideline Addendum I" distributed at this RSC.

- 2) World Board and Human Resource Panel (HRP) Nominations (page 17); add to nomination of Tim A., "if elected, will resign as RD at the completion of WSC 2006."

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

TREASURER INITIAL REPORT:

Initial RSC Treasury Report: "Attachment A**"

NOTE: This initial report does not include all bank statements. Mail for the two new accounts opened in Fort Smith is not being sent to the RSC's permanent address, it is being sent to the Treasurer's personal address, therefore, the Secretary is unable to report their receipt or scan them for inclusion in the minutes.)

RD REPORT:

Hello Family

The CAR will be out in just a couple weeks. Please make sure that I have your correct address so that I can send them out. You should be getting them about the first week in December. I encourage everyone to read through the CAR and have any questions ready for the SZF on Jan 28 and 29 at the Howard Johnson Inn in Fort Smith. I encourage everyone to attend. If you cannot attend than please attend one of the workshops that Randall and myself will be conducting.

Randall and I will be splitting the state to perform CAR workshops. I will be available to the NW A Area, Foothills Unity, Clean and Serene, and Clean Air/Crowley's Ridge. Randall will be available to Texarkana, Central Arkansas, and GenesesIPhoenix. We combined a couple of groups and areas since they are in the same geographical area. I also left out ARV ANA due the SZF being held within that Area. If they are still in need of a workshop I will be more than happy to do it. I will be available on these dates. February 18 and 25. March 4 and 18. Please let me know this weekend, or as soon as you can, which date you would like. Please speak to Randall about when he is available. The deadline for Areas and Groups to turn in their CAR votes and thoughts on the CAT will be April 8 2006.

The WB meet two weeks ago and are busy getting ready for WSC. As I reported at the last meeting, the communications between the WB and the fellowship has been less than desired. After speaking with Bob J. about this at our Unity Campout I found out that the WSO was having staffing issues. These issues have been resolved and an issue of NAWS News will be out in a couple of weeks. I will be sending out a short report on the contents of the issue when it comes out.

I have forwarded the Regions nominations for WB and HRP. Bill and myself have been contacted and are currently following through on the process to be nominated. Speaking of the HRP they are hard at work looking for candidates for WB, HRP and co-facilitator. At their July meeting Mindy A. was selected as the new panel leader. If you have 5 years clean please fill out a World Pool Information Form (WPIF) This will let the HRP know that you are willing to help on future projects and you will also have future consideration for service at the WSC.

I was very happy at the turn out we had for the Unity Campout. It was a fun weekend.

--ILS, Tim A

RDA REPORT:

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

AREA/GROUP REPORTS:

ARVANA

Dear Family,

Les C. was unable to attend this regional meeting because of a prior service obligation. He sends his regards.

Things are well in the River Valley. Our annual Cove Lake Campout was a wonderful success. We are looking forward to hosting both Southern Zonal Forum and the Arkansas regional meeting in January and February of '06.

We have a donation to region of \$150.00.

--In Loving Service, Michael P. – RCM Alt

Central Arkansas Area

Hello Family,

Please bear with me as this is my first report as Central Arkansas' ASR. Central has two new meetings; Keep It Simple has started a new Monday night meeting from 8-9 pm, Recovery In the Daylight recently started a new sunrise meeting at 6:30 am on Fridays, both meetings are held at Recovery Central, 9th St. in Little Rock. Central has elected a new Alternate ASR, LeAnn J., who is with me today. I know the region will make her feel welcome. A couple of upcoming events are Together We Dine, hosted by TWC on November 23, 2005 at Lakeshore Baptist starting at 6:00 pm, followed by a meeting of recovery, Holiday Bash hosted by CAAACNA on December 10, 2005 from 5-8 pm at Recovery Central, and In the Spirit of Giving hosted by Central Arkansas H&I Committee to be held on December 13, 2005 at 2:00 pm at Recovery Central.

Finally, I'd like to thank the region for allowing me to serve on the regional committee.

--In Loving Service, Cecilia O. – ASR

Clean A.I.R. Group

Hi Folks,

Good to be in Searcy this weekend. Lots of things going on in Paragould. We're getting ready for our Holiday Fling, December 10; hope lots of y'all can attend; our speaker will be Shawn D from Arab, Alabama.

Drug Court has been implemented and we have 3 people already, more will be discussed during PI.

Several members of our Group attended the Unity Campout and had a large time. Thanks to everyone who participated.

--With grateful and loving service, Bill Le., GSR

Clean and Serene

Greetings Family,

Thanks to Foothills for hosting this weekend. It's always fun for me to come to my home away home. I'm happy that our GSR Alternate was able to make it this weekend. If you haven't had a chance to meet Mike yet, please help him feel welcome this weekend. Our group is doing well in Mountain Home & in Cotter. Our meetings have shown some small growth & we hope this can continue. Our H&I panels into the local treatment Facility in Gassville have been going well. The only problem there is that we don't see many clients coming to our meetings when they leave the facility. Chili Dog Chow Down was a success and we'd like to thank everyone that came and was part of that weekend. As a result of that our group has been able to exceed prudent reserve and pass funds down the service structure. We were able to donate \$89.45 to NAWs and bring a check here for \$208.71. Thanks Again,

--In Loving Service, Bill La., GSR

Crowley's Ridge Area

Dear family,

We are proud to announce Crowley's Ridge Area has been active for one year. We recently elected new officers.

Chair - Emily-COPE-Jonesboro

Vise-Chair - Les- HOW -Jonesboro

Treasure- Barb- HOPE- Trumann

Secretary -Cindy -COPE-Jonesboro

RCM-Zenia -LANA-Leachville
RCM Alternate-Matt HOPE- Trumann
Activities Chair-Liz-COPE-Jonesboro
H&I -Theresa -Cope-Jonesboro

The HOW Group of Jonesboro has joined our Area. They are requesting some support through attendance so keep that in mind if you are in the area.

The HOPE group on Trumann has been reporting a small increase in attendance. They are also requesting some attendance support.

The LANA group of Leachville has also seen a little growth recently.

The COPE group of Jonesboro has been growing as well. They have had some functions over the past few months and are planning to have some for the up-coming holidays.

Crowley's Ridge Area has sold the first Crowley's Ridge Area T-shirt and as always this was a success.

The most exciting news that this area has is about the H&I subcommittee. The first H&I subcommittee meeting has been scheduled for later this month. This area does have some individuals that are interested in doing H&I work. We are hoping that this will help unite our resources and give some direction in carrying the message to the still sick and suffering addict. We will keep everyone informed on this endeavor.

The Crowley's Ridge Area is planning a Chili-Cook-Off Unity day in Feb. We are looking to having some workshops, a main speaker meeting and Chili. We are still working on the particulars of this function and will send flyers out as soon as they become available.

-- In Loving Service, Zenia A., RCM

Foothills Unity Area

Hey Family,

I apologize but I really don't know what all is going on in our Area. Life has got my plate really full and I've kind of gotten out of the loop. I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during my surgery. I believe the Winter Retreat is around the corner and we are looking forward to a good turnout. Thanks again for all of your love and support.

-- In Loving Service, Danny M., RCM

Genesis Group

GSR, GSR 1st Alt and GSR 2nd Alt absent; no report submitted.

Northwest Arkansas Area

Greetings family from NWA,

Things are still going through transitions here. But, such is the environment of recovery. I prefer to tell you about some of the positive things that are happening in our Area.

I recently attended a town hall meeting held in Fayetteville. This was a very uplifting experience for myself and other addicts. There were many representatives from law enforcement and drug court. Listening to everyone speak it became apparent that law enforcement is finally getting that jails do not work. They are seeing that what we need is rehab and beyond that a way to help change our lives outside of the facilities. They spoke of long-term housing and jobs. Instead of us just returning back to the places we came from with new tools but the same old friends and no closer to the skills we needed when we first entered the rehabs. They are seeing that we leave and return to hopelessness. They are truly looking for ways to help us find ways of recovery. They are seeing this as a disease and not just as our criminal acts. There was one thing presented that really bothered me. Our lawmakers are working on a bill that would have forced rehab. Meaning when someone close to you saw you had a problem they could have you committed to rehabs. Such as they do with mentally ill people. While part of me agrees with this the other part comes back to I never stopped till I was ready. On this side of the issue it is like they are not letting us complete the path we each one must walk to become the person we were meant to be. But, I have met a few addicts who say that being forced was one of the best things that ever happened to them. I think this is something that we need to keep a very close eye on. The representative backing this has the very best of intentions. I just think it needs to be always done in love and not used by one person who is mad at another for abuse of power.

Things are growing and changing in NW A just as God I can't help but think has them planned.

-- In Loving Service, Mary B., RCM

Phoenix Group

GSR absent; no report submitted.

Texarkana

Hello Family,

I am pleased to say, Texarkana Area still has 6 groups in its body; New Beginnings and New Freedom of Texarkana, Unity House of El Dorado, Just For Today of Crossett, Clean & Free of Monticello and Living Clean of Camden. Our Convention Committee is in full swing in events leading up to our 22nd annual convention in February and is about to have its annual Fall Fest next weekend in support of the convention. H&I efforts are strong and we've been researching ways to better provide literature for those we carry the message to in these facilities and as well as we are doing there is still need for more to get involved with new institutions expressing need and interest in our message. Our Outreach has been working with several groups one of which was indicating strong 6, 7 & 12 tradition violation that and know of but it seems this group is now coming along nicely and Outreach has looked into our former group, Odyssey Group as to why they have not attended Area for quite some time unfortunately their GSR unavailable in contact. Also we are in the process of getting a new RCMA so our service efforts from Area to Region and back won't be trained and hopefully more effective.

We also have a motion from our Area to present to Region, which I have mentioned here so that I do not forget it in new business. The Regional Unity Campout was great for us and I believe we had some strong Area attendance a the function also we have paid off our debt for the shirts and have brought the proceeds and remaining shirts to this body for you to do with them what you all feel best. Also talk has been going on about increasing our annual donations to Region. I am not positive this motion was passed but I hope so, and my home group has a check for \$50.00 to present to Region. All in all our Area is doing well. We're still going through our growing pains but we're getting along and require no help from Region now but just to see more attendance from surrounding Areas at our functions.

--In Loving Service, Blake F, RCM

SECRETARY REPORT:

Correspondence Report: Correspondence received between RSC meetings

Activities Treasurer	FNB statement: Activities (8/31, 9/30)
Hamburg Serenity Group	NA Way (October 2005)
NWA: Final Frontier	NA Way (October 2005)
Secretary (RSC Archives)	NA Way (October 2005)
	NAWS: Draft Public Relations Handbook ch 5-9;
	The UPS Store - notice no more Saturday postal delivery
	NAWS HRP nominations: Bill La. World Board, Tim A.-HRP
Treasurer	Donation: Common Bond (Clinton)
	FNB Jonesboro statement: RSC (8/31, 9/30)
Treasurer / Phoneline	MCI statement (8/16,9/16), YMC statement (8/1,9/1,10/1)
Web	Group Update Form - Recovery Connection
Web / RSC Flyer Table	NUACNA 13 (Sep 10 deadline - Speaker Tape flyers),
	VRC 23 (Nov 23-27, 2005), SCRCNA XXVI (Nov 25-27, 2005),
	MARLCNA XXII (Feb 10-12, 2006), RACNA XII (Feb 24-26, 2006),
	SWACNA VII (March 24-26, 2006),
	BRANA 25 (July 14-16, 2006) Speakers Wanted

Reconciliation of expenses:

			Check #1015	Actual Expenses	Under/(over) \$ advanced
Website	reimbursed	6 mo. pre-pay hosting service (AIT, Inc)	\$108.00	(see Website \$ Report)	
Outreach	reimbursed	expensed above advance check #1008	\$44.00	(see Outreach \$ Report)	
		Total Other than Secretary	\$152.00		
Secretary	reimbursed	5/7-8/5 various expenses reported 8/05	\$35.35		
		Total Secretary \$ reimbursed	\$35.35		
	advanced	8/05 minutes	\$25.00		
		981 copies on account used		\$42.04	
	(*)	444 copies: purchased on account used		\$19.00	
		postage		\$22.10	
		Total expense: 8/05 minutes		\$83.14	(\$16.10)
		guidelines			
	(*)	45 copies on account used: 2005 Addendum I		\$1.93	
		Total expense: guidelines		\$1.93	(\$1.93)
		copies on account @ The UPS Store	(\$42.04)		
		8/05 minutes: used 981 copies on account		(\$42.04)	
	(*)	511 copies: remaining on account		\$21.87	
		Total expense: copies on account @ The UPS Store		(\$20.17)	(\$21.87)
	balance of advance #1484	correspondence	\$4.62		
		8/6-11/4 - postage (9/26)		\$1.48	
		Total expense: correspondence	3.14	\$1.48	
	balance of advance #1484	forwarding	\$2.07		
		8/6-11/4 - postage (9/23)		\$0.97	
		8/6-11/4 - postage (9/26)		\$0.37	
		Total expense: forwarding	0.73	\$1.34	
		permanent mailbox: The UPS Store			
		Total expense: permanent mailbox			
Secretary		Total Secretary \$ advanced	\$25.00		
	Expensed above advanced	Total funds to be returned/(reimbursed)			(\$39.90)
	(*)	= Purchased 1000 copies from The UPS Store @ 4¢ each plus 7% sales tax:			
		repaid by Arvest ck# 1002:			\$42.80
	On-hand balance remaining: this advance				\$2.90

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

**** Meeting was closed for LUNCH with the Third Step Prayer; reopened at 1:45 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.**

Follow-up on Redress of a Personal Grievance brought forth during Open Sharing at the August RSC

As suggested, Texarkana Area was asked and agreed to investigate accusations made against our RD Alternate. An investigative committee comprised of two female and three male members, two of whom are black in color, was formed. The spokesperson of this committee reported that all accusations were unfounded and that no member of this committee has experienced prejudicial treatment as members of the fellowship. There were three letters submitted and read by the RSC Chairperson. In summary, the letters written by Texarkana Area (11 member signatures), Just For Today Group of Crossett (11 member signatures) and Monticello Clean and Free Group (18 member signatures) stated complete support of the group conscience of Unity House Group. All

members of the ARSC body agreed that this issue has been resolved and will be laid to rest. The above-mentioned letters will be filed in the RSC Archives.

A letter stating the findings of the investigative committee will be written to the grieving party, Kristal, by the RSC Secretary and approved by the RSC Administrative Committee before it is mailed with the Unity House Group being sent a copy. We also need to admonish our RD Alternate of all accusations made against him. This issue has made its way to the World Board and our RD will communicate to the World Board resolution by the Arkansas Region.

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

Reopened the meeting at 2:52 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

OPEN SHARING:

Motion: Limit open sharing to 20 minutes. **Passed**

1. Louisiana evacuees (hurricane victims), monetary donation to the Louisiana Region suggested.
 - Evacuees are meeting at Fort Chaffee; ARVANA purchased too many Basic Text; possible donation suggested.
2. NWA is experiencing 'forced' treatment; coercion by authorities to 'commit' addicts/offenders.
 - State of New York considers 12 step programs a religion - Political/outside issues; 10th Tradition read.
 - Our RD has not heard this as an issue at NAWS; but there may be something in the NAWS News.
 - Drug testing being done by authorities to keep clients clean.
 - Can't we discuss issues that may or may not affect us as a Fellowship?
 - Drug Courts are more responsive to NA recently.
3. 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. (M2-080705 withdrawn - take this back to groups for discussion at the next RSC)
 - Groups/Areas asked the regional trusted servants how they would want this handled since they would be the attending members. Consensus was to have one available as an option and not to mandate one into the RSC schedule.

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

4. Regional Policy & Procedure Manual; please submit motions/issues to the ad hoc committee.
 1. Meeting scheduled for 12 o'clock noon on January 7 at Bill La's house. Can't we just meet during this weekend? One member voiced inability to travel on Saturdays.
 2. Possibilities of teleconferencing and chat room mentioned.
5. RSC Mailing List for updates passed around.

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

STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (3:30 pm)

Hello Family,

The 2005 Unity camp out was discussed and the decision was made to investigate alternate places to hold the camp out due to the unsanitary facilities at the Shiloh campground. Tim A agreed to follow up on a new

facility called Blue Clouds and Cecilia O suggested I-25 in Heber Springs. We are hoping to find a place with better facilities and to at least have electricity at the pavilion to prevent the added expense of renting a generator.

The committee also discussed some changes being made in the responsibilities for the camp out and it was decided to turn this project over to the policy and procedures ad hoc committee instead of trying to make guideline changes.

All monies and expenses were turned over at the committee meeting and bottom line for the 2005 Unity camp out were announced; there was \$1,222.91 in profit, which was turned over to the ARSCNA. All left over merchandise was turned over to Cecilia O to add into ARACNA inventory.

Elections were held for vice chair, there were no nominations. Bill Le was elected treasure and Terri G was elected for a second term as secretary. There were no oppositions. Bill Le stated he would leave the Activities account in Mountain Home.

--In service and I love it, Cecilia O

****Activities Treasury Report: "Attachment D"**

**** Break for 20 minutes ****

Hospitals and Institutions (4:50 pm)

Greetings family,

I apologize getting this report to the Regional secretary late, but sometimes life happens. It was supposed to be submitted to her on, or before, 11/19/05 and I am submitting it to her (via email) on 11/22/05. It was brought to my attention, that I was late. It was good to have some participation at this meeting, and some things to discuss. This is the first time, for a few Regional weekends, that we had a meeting that lasted more than 5 minutes.

The Keep it Simple Group, in Little Rock, requested an interactive workshop on Service recruitment. This will be in Little Rock on January 14th at 6:00pm. It was agreed that the group would cover the gas expense. Crowley's Ridge Area has been attending/giving support to a meeting in Osceola at a modified therapy facility. The facility has requested that members come in to do 5th steps with their clients. Crowley's Ridge Area was asking feedback from the committee. The feedback appeared to be positive, that there wasn't a problem. Doug H. has requested assistance for volunteers to assist with this. There was a limited discussion on a juvenile facility in Washington County, with no feedback.

Pine Bluff Department of Community Punishment requested some support facilitating in-house meetings to start up. This was turned over to the Central Arkansas Area PI chairperson. Mayor Wilkins, of Boonville, Arkansas asked for assistance with Drug Court and starting up a meeting. This request for assistance is basically for a PI presentation and continued follow-up/support once the meeting gets going. It was also requested that we send a Group Starter Kit.

We held internal elections in the H&I subcommittee. Bill Le was elected to a 2nd term as Vice-Chair. Cecilia O was elected to a 2nd term as Secretary. We discussed, and proposed a 2-year budget of \$60.00. As always, I would like to invite all interested individuals to attend our Regional H&I subcommittee meetings. I would like to extend a personal invitation to all the H&I chairpersons and committee members, to attend the Regional subcommittee meetings and any events/workshops we hold throughout the Arkansas Region.

Since the Regional Weekend, I have received a phone call from the Northwest Arkansas Area. They are requesting a workshop on How to Set Up an H&I Committee. I will be contacting the Regional H&I committee vice-chair to see if he can attend with me. It is tentatively scheduled for December 17th, 2005. I hope all interested members can attend. Thanks to all of you who are involved in H&I work, and a special thanks to those of you who participate in our regional subcommittee meetings.

--In Loving Service, Bill La

Literature (5:20 pm)

Notes from Literature Subcommittee – November 5/6, 2006 Region

- 1) Barb told everyone that she received chapters 5 to 9 of the PR handbook. Deadline for feedback is December 1, 2005.
- 2) There were no requests from anyone to have workshops done.
- 3) Basic Text/Personal Stories are due by December 1, 2005. To submit your story, go to www.na.org and

follow the directions.

- 4) Barb did not receive any emails from WSO this quarter
- 5) New Elections were held for this subcommittee on Saturday, Nov. 5th
 - a) Chair – Barb H. was re-elected
 - b) Vice Chair – Zenia was re-elected
 - c) Secretary – Terri G. was re-elected

We have a full committee - Yeah

- 6) Budget was set discussed and set at \$200 for 2006 & \$200 for 2007 with no line items.

--That is all. Terri G., Secretary

Outreach (5:55 pm)

1. Discussed the process of updating the meeting list. I wanted to send around a meeting list to update but Val explained the process through the phonenumber etc., so I will make sure that our information is the same as the phonenumber and make adjustments accordingly. Val has already done the updates she had up to the time of this RSC and will meet with me to let me know what and how to proceed in the future.
2. Val will also get the starter kits to me to have on hand for sending out. One been sent to the Department of Corrections for Women in Pine Bluff and 1 is needed at Job Corp in Little Rock.
3. I want to apologize again for my ignorance in the procedures of the meeting list printings. I now know that I am suppose to print them for distribution at the February and August RSC's. Since I had made them to distribute at this RSC, we took a vote to increase the 2005 budget by the amount of the lists as a one time amount. Also, so this will not happen to future chairpersons that try to go by what the guidelines say, the policies and procedures adhoc committee will be doing some changes and additions to the Outreach committee for better clarification. I will be submitting my 2 cents worth into them soon.
4. We discussed and reached a budget for 2006/2007 which we made at \$180 per year for semi annual distribution of meeting lists and \$600 for Group Starter Kits. The amount over budget for 2005 was voted on and passed to reimburse me for the lists I had printed for this RSC.
5. Elections for Outreach Subcommittee positions still open are Vice Chair & Secretary. No nomination for Vice Chair, nomination for Secretary for Cecilia O. She accepted and it was voted on and passed.
THANK YOU!
6. As I said during the meeting, I am in the process of redoing the map that shows the boundries for all areas in the region and will hopefully have that to show at the February RSC. If there is anything that I can do for you as Outreach Chair as far as workshops or checking on a meeting that may not be running right or running anymore at all, please let me know and I will make time to take care of that. I am always available to each one of you and want to learn all I can of this position and what I need to do to better serve the fellowship in this area.

Thank you for believing in me.

-- In Loving Service, Terri Girl

****Business was closed for the day at 6:20pm with the Third Step Prayer.**

The Administrative Committee will meet at 8:45 on Sunday, November 6th. We will resume the RSC at 10:00 with the Administrative Committee Report followed by Subcommittee meetings, starting with Public Information Committee.

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Website Vice-chair	David S.	ABSENT	1 st unexcused
Ad Hoc: Guidelines for Website Committee			
.....	Chair:..... Valerie Mc.....	Present	
Ad Hoc: Policy & Procedure Manual			
.....	Chair:..... Bill La.....	Present	

Alternates and Other Representatives:

Arkansas River Valley Area, RCM:..... Les C, ABSENT	Foothills Unity Area, RCM Alt:	VACANT
Central Arkansas Area, ASR Alt: LeAnn J, Present	Genesis Group, GSR 1 st Alt:	David S, ABSENT
.....	Genesis Group, GSR 2 nd Alt:	Marvin D, ABSENT
Clean A.I.R. Group, GSR Alt:.....VACANT	Northwest Arkansas Area, RCM Alt:.....	VACANT
Clean and Serene Group, GSR Alt:... Michael B, Present	Phoenix Group, GSR Alt:	VACANT
Crowley's Ridge Area, RCM Alt: Matt C, Present	Texarkana Area, RCM Alt:	VACANT

Trusted Servant Nominees:

Positions for which nominations are CLOSED:

- Literature Barb H., Present
- Public Information Pat P., Present

Positions for which nominations remain OPEN:

- Phoneline No nominations

STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

Public Information (10:23 am)

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

Greetings Family;

The PI Committee has begun the "Narcotics Anonymous Court Related Public Information Presentation" workshops.

Presentations:

In August, Dianna D from Hot Springs Genesis Group and members from that groups PI Committee along with myself participated in a Presentation to the Arkansas Juvenile Probation Officers Association. Over 100 people were there and it went very well. The Presentation with a Q&A session afterward lasted for nearly 2 hours.

Contacts:

ARVANA, as well as our Region Secretary have been in contact with various officials and addicts regarding either/or Booneville and Paris Arkansas's new NA Groups. ARVANA has the willingness to follow through. The Committee also understands that a new starter packet is being sent to Booneville. A starter packet for Paris has not been formerly requested at the time of the November Region Service Committee.

PI has been requested to do a presentation or assist Clean Air Group of Paragould with their upcoming Drug Court concerns. I have agreed to make the trip for this request and more will be revealed.

PI has also been asked to assist Northwest Arkansas. The arrangements will be made and more will be revealed. Also, Clean and Serene of Mountain Home and Foothills Unity Area will contact the PI Committee for any help they may need.

Elections:

Pat P will vacate the Vice Chair and step into the PI Committee Chair position.

Vice Chair will be vacated and an opening for nomination has been return to the groups.

Barbara H. has graciously accepted willingness to remain as Secretary.

Budget:

PI is submitting an annual budget of \$800.00 per year for 2006 and 2007.

-- In Loving Service; Pat P, Acting Chair PI

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

Phoneline (10:58 am)

November minutes for Phoneline

Chairperson position open - Doug acting chairperson

The archives have been lost in a car accident. The most recent information was saved on a computer disk. Doug believes that he has this information.

Discussion:

- Doug will compile a list of everyone who is approved on the phone line. Doug would like for each area to bring back a list of who is still on the phone line for their area.
- Valerie asked about changes in phone numbers since there has never been a procedure for changing phone numbers.
- Doug suggested that area reps handle the changes and bring in an approved list.
- Mary stated that NW does not have a chair and needed for someone to give her a list of who is on the phoneline list in order for her to check it.
- Valerie stated that NW has it's own phoneline and asked what was happening if there was not a chairperson.
- Mary said that there was an answering service sending the calls to voice mail. Mary is also concerned that someone who was recently arrested is still on the phone list.
- Doug told Mary they would meet individually later.
- Valerie explained the set up of the phoneline. Area numbers are first, unless a person is requesting to speak to a person now.
- Doug is going to check the set up. He thinks it is going to the phone list first.
- Blake mentioned that previously he had a problem with the phoneline directing calls from Texas and Fort Smith to his area. However, they have recently received calls from their own area.

- Bill La asked about patch through numbers and wanted to know if someone on the list had relapsed could he call and get the person removed from the list.
- Doug said that removal of a person from the phone list must go through the chairperson.
- Valerie added that an individual could call and change their own phone number.
- Doug reiterated that a person could only be removed by calling the phone line chair.
- Cecilia brought up meeting directory changes. Her concerns were that a candlelight meeting was not changed to a non- candlelight meeting. She did that new meetings had been added.
- Doug suggested that she call to try and change the meeting. If a changed did not occur bring the matter up to the phonline chair. Doug said that when the new directory came out in Feb note discrepancies and then it will be dealt with.
- Valerie is putting the directory in with the Nov minutes so that changes can be turned in at the Feb meeting.

Budget:

	Monthly	Yearly
MCI	35.00	420.00
YMC	82.00	984.00
Workshops		64.00

Total		\$1464.00

Discussion of Budget:

- YMC (Your Message Service) charges \$70 for fees and taxes, a patch fee of \$0.50 per patch, and long distance fluctuates
- MCI yearly was reduced from \$540 a year to \$420.
- Travel expenses or \$115.00 was removed from the budget

Other discussion:

- Area will go back and request nominations for chair and vice chair.

Phoneline Flyer: **"Attachment E"

Arkansas Region Meeting Directory - November 2005: **"Attachment F"

Website (11:38 am)

Chair, Shawn S. was absent. Valerie suggested combining the *Website Committee* and the *Guidelines for Website Ad-Hoc Committee* for the purpose of this meeting, none opposed.

Hello Family,

I admit to having been remiss in turning over the archives and access instructions to the Chairperson of the new Website Committee. I will be making plans with Shawn so that it happens soon.

Your Message Center is still faxing me meeting updates as they are called in the region's referral line. Meetings posted on the website are up-to-date reflecting the same information as is listed with our Phonline. Feeling that meeting information is of utmost importance, Activities are not as up-to-date. I will attempt to bring these up to date as soon as I have some time.

-- In service and loving it ... Valerie

Ad-Hoc: Guidelines for Website Committee

Hi Family,

Again, I admit to being remiss in accomplishing much of anything regarding this committee over the past 3 months. I have not made contact with any committee members nor have any of them contacted me. I hope to get out from under much of the goings on in my life in order to see this task to completion by the next RSC.

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

Ad-Hoc: Regional Policy & Procedure Manual (12:02 pm)

Greetings Family,

First things first, the Policy and Procedures Ad-Hoc Committee, will be having a committee meeting on 1/07/06 in Mountain Home, at the chairperson's house. This meeting will be starting at noon and lunch will be provided. The address is XXXXXXXXXXX, Mountain Home, Arkansas 72653. If you need directions, or want to

submit input prior to this date, contact Bill La. My contact information is in the Regional Contact information section of the minutes.

We did have short meeting during the RSC time slots for subcommittee meetings. Since this going to be a detailed process we didn't want to take up too much time, during the weekend agenda, to go over the detailed work. We did discuss some of the directions the committee plans to cover (or not cover), in the scope of our work.

We discussed that, even though this committee has been given leeway to come up with policy & procedures, that it is not this committee's place to change existing policy without direction from the ARSCNA.

Here is a brief list of what the committee, at present, is planning on working on: Seating Policy at the ARSCNA, 10th Concept redress procedures, update subcommittee guidelines, Separate Guidelines from Policy (create 2 separate documents), Check what has fallen through the cracks (over the years) and restore anything that is still needed/used, update trusted servant position's duties & responsibilities, work on the wording (principle) of being present at 2 consecutive RSC weekends prior to being elected to a regional trusted servant position, update housekeeping in Policy and Guidelines, work on continuity between multiple subcommittees and positions (how they tie together), and set up procedures for a permanent Policy and Procedures Committee. I hope to see all individuals, that are a part of this committee, attend the meeting, at my house, on 1/07/06.

Thanks for the opportunity to be part of this groundbreaking experience.

--In Loving Service, Bill La

Administrative Committee Report (12:31 pm)

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	Michael P.....	Present

Vice Chair gave the report:

- Motions
 1. Guidelines housekeeping motion; needs a second, no need to go back to groups for conscience. The intent is to correct verbiage based on current NAWS structure and has no affect on the guidelines.
 - Ad-Hoc: Regional Policy & Procedure Manual will take care of distinction between housekeeping and major motions that would affect the guidelines.
 2. Request for reimbursement of meeting directory printing expense is forthcoming. Outreach is already over budget for this line item, therefore a motion is required for the entire amount.
 - Suggest a budget increase for semi-annual printing of meeting directories to \$260 annually.
- Discussed and suggested that when the Regional Policy & Procedure Manual is developed and guideline changes are made, both documents would be sent back to groups for approval. Form and function design will be left up to the Regional Policy & Procedure Manual Ad-Hoc Committee.
- Discussed the RD Alternate WSC travel budget. Estimated cost is \$1,494.76 and accumulated accrual amount will be \$1,300.00. We suggest leaving the accrual amount as is and submitting a motion for the additional \$194.76 at the February RSC.
- Addendum I to the 2005 Guidelines includes all approved changes from November 2004 through August 2005. Copies are being distributed at this RSC and should be placed in the front pocket of each trusted servant's Guidelines folder. Revised Guidelines due to be distributed at this RSC per our current guidelines were not printed due to small number of changes and anticipated expense for printing of the Policy & Procedure Manual and Guideline documents. Completion of the two documents for group approval is expected by the May 2006 RSC.
- Based on the findings of the Texarkana Area Investigative Committee regarding the grievance filed by Kristal G., Valerie, as RSC Secretary will draft a letter to be sent to Kristal before these minutes are distributed. The letter will include the step-by-step process between May and November 2005 of the grievance through the determination of resolution and will mention the three letters submitted during report of the committee. The letter will be reviewed by all members of the Administrative Committee for approval prior to mailing.

- Suggest a \$100.00 donation to the Louisiana Region Service Committee to help with expenses incurred due to recent hurricane disasters.
- Administrative and Miscellaneous Budget for 2006 & 2007 was discussed. Michael, the RSC Treasurer, will report the amounts determined.
- Checks distributed at this RSC will be written against the funds held in the account at Arvest Bank and will need to be cashed ASAP so that this account can be closed. This account needs to be closed because the financial institution cannot provide services required by our guidelines. Thereafter, all RSC funds will be held in and payable from the account at First National Bank in Fort Smith.

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

**** Break for 15 minutes followed by a "Working" LUNCH ****

****Reopened the meeting at 1:20 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity 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.

LITERATURE: Nominations CLOSED at May RSC.

Barb H. was the only nominee and stated that she had not been considered present for two consecutive RSCs. The spirit and intention of determining attendance at an RSC was discussed. The consensus was to hold the vote now but that in doing so, it shall not set a precedent.

Barb H. being the only nominee was elected by Vote of Acclamation. Congratulations Barb!

P. I. (PUBLIC INFORMATION): Nominations CLOSED at August RSC.

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

PHONELINE: Job Description was read.

There were no other nominations. Nominations remain OPEN.

NEW BUSINESS

Reports from Areas/Loner Groups joining the Region:

None

Treasury Request Motions:

M1-110605: To request \$130.20 reimbursement for the printing of the November RSC meeting lists over budget.

Intent: 7th Tradition

Consensus: Reached, Motion Passes

M2-110605: To send \$100.00 donation to LRSC.

Intent: To help to alleviate expenses due to hurricanes Rita and Katrina.

Consensus: Reached, Motion Passes

Treasurer's concern: Do we fund the RD for food expenses of \$87.50 during SZF in his hometown in January? The RD explained that as one of the main SZF contacts with the World Board it is customary for the World Board to request time with the hosting region's RD at dinner and possibly lunch to discuss the agenda for the weekend. The 11th Concept was also cited. Central voiced its opinion on Regional funding in general. The consensus was to fund this expense.

Pre-arranged agenda:

M3-110605: To make the following housekeeping guideline changes to reflect current structure of NA: (see attached)

Attachment:

Financial, page 2

9. All motions dealing with amounts over \$250 will be referred back to Areas/Loner Groups, except RD and RDA expenses for travel to WSC and ~~Quarterlies~~ *World Service Meetings*.

Phoneline, Functions and Responsibilities, page 25

- D. Maintain communication with the answering service, ~~World Service Office PI Coordinator~~, and any pertinent NA World Services contacts to ensure availability of the most current information.

Intent: Housekeeping.

Consensus: Reached, Motion Passes

Motions from the floor:

M4-110605: That loner groups no longer be seated at RSC and that existing loner groups should join or form an area within months.

Intent: To better promote unity within the groups and keep balance of representation.

A member called for this motion to be considered out of order citing M4-080705, which referred to the same point of concern and was committed to the Regional Policy & Procedure Manual Ad Hoc Committee. The chairperson decided this motion was not out of order and that it needs to be addressed at this RSC.

Guideline Change – referred to groups

Discussion: Purpose of the RSC read – support groups not dictate to them, group autonomy. The region now utilizes a consensus-based decision-making process – all members are allowed to participate. It was stated that there exists a need to define voting participants. It was also stated that this was not a loving and caring proposed change.

Question: Why do we discuss motions that are automatically referred to groups? The 9th Concept was cited – discussion fosters information, which fosters unity.

M5-110605: To request money to fill the IP racks that have been empty for several months.

Amended: Northwest Area requests \$200.00 for purchasing IPs to fill the Area's eight (8) H&I IP racks.

Intent: To make our message available through IPs to the addict who does not yet know we are here.

Consensus: Reached, Motion Passes

NOTE: Receipt for purchase is required.

This concludes new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- December 10 – Clean A.I.R. Holiday Fling - 5:00 pm (**flyer** attached).
 - December 10 – Recovery Central Holiday Bash.
 - January 7 – Ad Hoc: Policy & Procedure Manual meeting - Bill La’s house - 12:00 noon.
 - January 14 – Little Rock “Keep It Simple” Group meeting place - Service Recruitment Workshop - 6:00 pm.
 - January ~~20, 21 & 22~~ 13, 14 & 15 – FUACNA Winter Retreat.
 - January 27, 28 & 29 –SZF hosted by ARVANA - CAR Workshop with World Board participation! (**flyer** attached).
 - March 10, 11 & 12 – Hanging in the Fort at the Ramada (**flyer** attached).
- More Flyers are included with these minutes.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS TO BE TAKEN BACK FOR GROUP CONSCIENCE:

1. Elections: Nominations remain OPEN for Phonline. Please bring back nominations!
2. M4-110605: Loner Group seating at the RSC.
3. Subcommittee vacancies:
Vice-chair positions for the following regional subcommittees:
Activities, Outreach, Phonline, Public Information

PLANS FOR THE NEXT RSC WEEKEND:

ARVANA will host the next ARSCNA February 4 & 5, 2006 in Fort Smith at Straight Forward meeting place, 11th & Grand, CAR Workshop weekend, recommended hotel is Howard Johnson’s.

2005 – 2007 Rotation Schedule: “Attachment E**”

M6-110605: To start the CAR Workshop at 8:00 am

Intent: none given

Guidelines waived for this one time motion. A member was opposed because of travel but willing to step aside.

Consensus: Reached, Motion Passes

UPDATED TREASURER’S REPORT:

Previous balance (initial report).....	2,243.19
Deposits.....	1,514.41
Expenses	<1,095.64>
Subtotal	2,661.96
Total Accrual (for RDA to attend WSC)	<1,040.00>
Ending balance (current RSC operating expenses)	1,621.96
Prudent Reserve	2,047.50
Balance is below Prudent Reserve	<425.54>

Final RSC Treasury Report and 2006-2007 RSC Budget: “Attachment G**”

CLOSING:

Meeting closed at 3:36 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

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