

**ARKANSAS REGIONAL SERVICE  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 7-8, 2009  
PARAGOULD, AR**

**HOSTED BY CROWLEY'S RIDGE AREA**

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2009

### OPENING

Bill Le. opened the meeting at 10:05 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

### READINGS

Members read the Twelve Traditions, first two paragraphs of Tradition Two, Twelve Concepts, and Purpose and Definition of the RSC.

### ROLL CALL

Arkansas River Valley Area	Danny W.	RCM	Present
Central Arkansas Area	Terri G.	RCM	Present
Crowley's Ridge Area	L.D. G.	RCM	Present
Foothills Unity Area	Dawn M.	RCM	Present
Genesis Group	Dale B.	RCM	Present
Greer's Ferry Lake Area	Jim K.	RCM	Absent
Northwest Arkansas Area			Absent
Ozark Area	Dennis A.	RCM	Present
Texarkana Area	Lisa P.	RCM	Present
Regional Delegate	Pat P.		Present
Regional Delegate Alternate	Michael P.		Present
Chair	Bill Le.		Present
Vice-Chair	Matt C.		Present
Secretary	Pam R.		Present
Secretary-in-training	Vacant		
Treasurer	Barb H.		Present
Treasurer-in-training	Terri G.		Present
Activities Chair	Amber J. (vice-chair)		Present
Convention Chair (ARCNA I)	Marvin D.		Present
Convention Chair (ARCNA II)	Pat P.		Present
Hospitals & Institutions Chair	L.D. G.		Present
Literature Chair	Vacant		
Outreach Chair	Vacant		
Phoneline Chair	Vacant		
Policy & Procedure	Bill La.		Present
Public Relations Chair	Diana D.		Present
Website Chair	Mark R.		Present
Ad Hoc convention guidelines chair	Roger W.		Absent

Alternate RCMs present: Amber J.-Crowley's Ridge Area, Eric S.-Ozark Area, Jeff J.-Central Arkansas Area, Matt F.-Foothills Unity Area.

This is the Northwest Arkansas Area's second absence. They will be removed from the roll. Matt C., vice-chair, will send a letter to the Northwest Arkansas Area informing them of this.

**SECRETARY REPORT**

Pam R. presented the secretary report. Old business, open sharing, new business, and elections were read from the November RSC minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed by consensus.

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

**DECEMBER 19, 2008**

BOX OF CHECKS	TO TREASURER
RECEIPT FOR FORWARDING FEE	TO TREASURER
REGIONS BANK STATEMENTS & OTHER CORRESPONDENCE FROM REGIONS BANK	TO TREASURER
2 YOUR MESSAGE CENTER	TO TREASURER
2 MCI	TO TREASURER
DONATION FROM CLEAN & SERENE GROUP	TO TREASURER
INVOICE FROM AUSTIN HOTEL SPEAKER CD	TO ACTIVITIES TREASURER BROUGHT TO REGION GIVEN TO GENESIS GROUP
NA WAY FOR ARSC	ARCHIVED
NA WAY FOR GROUPS NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE	ARCHIVED

**JANUARY 7, 2009**

MCI	TO TREASURER
NA WAY FOR REGION	ARCHIVED
NA WAY FOOTHILLS AREA & CLEAN & SERENE GROUP	BROUGHT TO AREA & GIVEN TO RCMS

**JANUARY 23, 2009**

NA WAY FOR REGION	ARCHIVED
NA WAY FOR CLEAN & SERENE GROUP SPEAKER CD FOR CONVENTION	BROUGHT TO REGION BROUGHT TO REGION- GIVEN TO GENESIS GROUP
REGIONS BANK STATEMENTS YOUR MESSAGE CENTER	TO TREASURER TO TREASURER
DONATION FROM COMMON BOND GROUP	TO TREASURER
NOTE FROM UPS STORE CONCERNING BALANCE DUE FOR MAIL FORWARDING FEE	TO TREASURER

**FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

NOTE FROM UPS STORE CONCERNING BALANCE DUE FOR MAIL FORWARDING FEE	TO TREASURER
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**TREASURER REPORT**

Arkansas Regional Service Committee  
 Treasurer's Pre-meeting Report  
 February 7, 2009

Hi Family,

Unable to write 3 checks, 1 to NAW's, 1 to SZF, and 1 to New Freedom Group for rent increase. Lost checks, searched forever, cancelled old checks, reordered new checks. In the meantime, UPS Store ran out of money to forward mail, so the new checks couldn't be sent, so the checks could be written. I used my credit card to pay the UPS store \$50.00 so they could forward checks, so those outstanding bills could be paid. In the meantime, we had two requests for funds reimbursement from the Secretary. So when the checks came in, two checks were written to

Ending balance August 2008	\$1,941.00
Income	\$1,209.60
Expenses	\$ 289.10
Prudent Reserve	\$1,941.00
Accruals	\$ 800.00
Balance after Prudent Reserve & accruals	\$120.50

In Loving Service, Barb H, Treasurer

**Arkansas Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous  
 Regional Meeting Treasurer's Report**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reference #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
		Balance of Account		<b>\$ 1,941.00</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
November 12, 2008	446577	Donation - FUACNA	\$ 100.00	
November 12, 2008	446572	Donation - FUACNA	\$ 100.00	
January 6, 2009	446578	Donation - Common Bond	\$ 50.00	
October 12, 2008	446579	Donation - Clean & Serene	\$ 533.73	
January 18, 2009	446580	Donation - CRASCNA	\$ 425.87	
<b>Total Income</b>				<b>\$ 1209.60</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>				
November 26, 2008	Fee	New Checks	\$ 22.00	
December 21, 2009	1151	Pam R - Sec Reimburse	\$ 96.10	
January 9, 2009	1152	Pam R - Sec Reimburse reimbursement - Barb H, UPS	\$ 21.00	
January 9, 2009	1153	Store	\$ 50.00	
January 9, 2009	1154	UPS Store - Mail Forwarding	\$ 100.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>				<b>\$ 289.10</b>
<b>Balance before Accruals</b>				<b>\$ 2,861.50</b>

<b>Accruals</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 1,941.00</b>
<b>Balance after Prudent Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 120.50</b>

## **RD REPORT**

Hello Family;

Hopefully most of you have received the items of NA interest from me by e-mail during the past months. If you did not I have most items in memory and can send them to you by the end of the week. I will need your e mail so please send it to me. All other important information may be downloaded by going to [www.na.org](http://www.na.org) or by following the directions I have listed at the end of this report under Appendix.

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 I was honored to co-present the Workshop “*Resentment: The Silent Killer*” at the VRC in Chattanooga, TN.

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 I was honored to share at the Saturday Night Meeting of the Foothills Unity Winter Retreat in Searcy, AR. I had a blast the whole weekend. Thank You Foothills for the invitation and wonderful hospitality.

### **CONTACTS:**

I have basically forwarded all NAWS contact information from World Services since the WSC.

### **COMING ATTRACTIONS:**

The Arkansas Region is currently scheduled to host the Southern Zonal Forum on July 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Our Hosting Timeline is set as follows:                    24 – 26 July 2009 Host SZF;

We have met our part so far. The hotel contacted me over the holidays. The meeting room for the Forum is going to cost \$100.00 more than scheduled. This is due to a service fee not in the original contract. I discussed this with the appointed addict from Northwest Area and we decided no other place was really feasible to move and change all the information. That the Clarion is close to the airport with free shuttle and that we shouldn’t freak out over \$100.00 However it is safe to say that if Northwest ever should host our region convention this hotel would not be the place to start.

I am also proposing that the Arkansas Region cover the cost of \$200.00 of the SFZ Meeting Room Cost. I believe we can afford this from our activities account.

### **NAWS NEWS**

I have attached to the Appendix a website to the November 2008 issue of *NAWS NEWS* and ask you take some time to download it. There are certain updates regarding the following:

“There are two new service pamphlets available, “*Leadership*” and “*An Introduction to NA Meetings*”. A beautiful commemorative edition of the **Sixth Edition** to celebrate the book’s twenty-fifth anniversary, and tri-plate medallions are also now available. Visit our shopping cart at [http://www.na.org/online\\_literature\\_sales\\_entrance.htm](http://www.na.org/online_literature_sales_entrance.htm)

You can help with the Service System project by sending your best practices on a local level. What are you doing in your NA community that is helping improve service delivery, build communication and cooperation, and more successfully carry the message to the addict who still suffers?

Updated tools for the three Issue Discussion Topics for this cycle—Leadership; Communication; and Our Freedom, Our Responsibility—are available online at <http://www.na.org/IDT/IDT.htm>.

Review and input drafts of the self-support pamphlets and proposed revisions to “*In Times of Illness*” will be released for fellowship review between 1 March and 30 May 2009. More information will be posted at the WSC area, as it becomes available – <http://www.na.org/conference/>.

A survey is online to gather fellowship input for the book project, “*Living Clean*.” You can participate by going to: <http://www.naws.org/survey/index.php?sid=69453&lang=en>.

We encourage everyone to consider writing for the pages of NA Periodicals; especially those of you who can share experience, strength, and hope with addicts “on the inside” for “*Reaching Out*”. They continue to encourage people to obtain e-subs to *The NA Way* and *NAWS News*. This helps NAWS communicate more effectively and control distribution costs for more information about submission guidelines <http://www.na.org> and/or <http://www.na.org/reaching-out/index.htm>.

As in the rest of the world, there are some financial challenges ahead. Costs have increased for developmental literature, translations, fellowship development and workshops, WSC publications, shipping, public relations, and the meeting of the World Service Conference. Nonetheless, NAWS provided over \$625,000 in free or subsidized literature to members around the world on your behalf between July 2007 and June 2008.

NAWS also would like to hear why we think regional donations are not coming to NAWS even though the regions’ expenses have been off set by delegate funding.

The Human Resource Panel is looking at ways to improve the process for regions, zones, and the WB to submit names to them for potential nominees to elected positions in world services. Please send the HRP ([hrp@na.org](mailto:hrp@na.org)) a description of the process we use for selecting these candidates!”

Tools for the three Issue Discussion Topics for this cycle **Leadership; Communication; and Our Freedom, Our Responsibility** are available online at <http://www.na.org/IDT/IDT.htm>.

Four new project workgroups have been created for the Self-Support pamphlets. Revisions will be made to *In Times of Illness*, *The Service System*, and *Living Clean*. Ongoing workgroups include **Reaching Out**, **The NA Way**, **Translations Evaluations**, and the **Business Plan Workgroup**. An update of the groups’ composition and highlights are through the below web page; [www.na.org](http://www.na.org)

The HRP is updating their information resources. If you have not updated your World Pool (WP) Information Sheet during the past three years please do so. If you have five (5) years or more clean please add your name to the World Pool because your services are very valuable. The WP is where NA gets the majority of necessary addicts for future projects and World Board Candidates. It is easily accessible on line at NA.org as are all the literature and information discussed.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

##### **World Wide Workshop**

February 27- March 1, 2009, Oakland, CA.

November 20-22, 2009, Boston, MA

Please visit <http://www.na.org/nawsevents/event-reg.htm> for more information.

**WCNA 33** will be 20–23 August 2009 in Barcelona! The last world convention in Europe was in 1995, and the next will be in 2027. Come and join us for this unique opportunity to celebrate both our recovery and our diversity.  
<http://www.na.org/wcna/>

In Loving Service  
Pat P  
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**Appendix**

**NAWS NEWS:**

[http://www.na.org/pdf/nawsnews/en/NAWS\\_News\\_Nov08.pdf](http://www.na.org/pdf/nawsnews/en/NAWS_News_Nov08.pdf)

**RD ALT. REPORT**

Dear Family,

I would like to first thank this body for allowing me to grow in my recover through service over the last few years. It has been a wonderful learning experience. After discussing with my boss (wife), sponsor, and God (not necessarily in that order) I have decided to not seek another term as RDA. I encourage anyone with the requisite clean time and willingness to throw their name in the hat for this position. I plan on completing my term till August 2009 but felt it necessary to tell this body so that others had time to consider this opportunity to serve.

My reasons for vacating this position at this time include the fact that I have been unemployed for the last six months and have started to look for employment out of state. A school and family schedule that make travel difficult. Not to mention the strain on finances that being unemployed puts on a family. I plan on staying involved at Region but felt that the uncertainty of my life situation made it unfair to the body to not have a RDA trained to take over the RD position. I also need to get back to basics in my recovery. I need to reconnect with my home group in a more meaningful way and attend more recovery meetings. It also wouldn't hurt me to work some steps. In the event that no one steps forward for this position I will continue as the RDA so that the position is not vacant. I feel like this is the least I can do for the body that has given so much to my recovery.

In loving service,  
K Michael P

**SZF REPORT**

Jan. 24-25, 2009 in Lexington, KY

Fellowship Concerns;

Regional Concerns:

Bluegrass Appalachian: Doing Outreach and Public Relations and H&I. New areas are forming and growing in other parts of the state. Compiling web and phone line information and the region is assisting in helping public information flow. Working together is working.

Tejas: Decided to have two regional learning days a year, discussing if it should be one day event or two. Areas were affected by Ike.

Lone Star: Good news a new area formed that is all Spanish. The region is looking at changing its format. A lot of change is going on. Lone Star will be having a regional assembly over the course of three days to address all the new changes.

Show-Me: Currently have 17 areas. October expenses outweigh income. Budgets are not balancing out, trying to ask the questions of: What can we do? How can we be more responsible? One of our areas started Project Hope. They had a list of questions to ask this forum and others. They are looking to talk to other Zones. They feel that there is a disconnect with committees that no longer exist at World but do in the fellowship for which they are looking to take these questions and answers to the next World Conference to address these issues. Questions will be asked and information collected at this forum and taken back to the Regions.

Red River: Not a lot to report they have three areas one is struggling to stay afloat. They are growing in the central part of their region just not on the outside areas. Trying to keep their website going has been difficult.

Volunteer: The regional alternate has resigned. Two or three groups are leaving areas and forming new areas. A few of the areas contribute to the region the ones that don't are requesting funding from the region. Our budget is in line with what is actually needed. They need information on how to fund the regional website which is currently being paid with a member's personal credit card. They tried a pre-paid website. Their questions are how other regions pay for their website?

Louisiana: The same issues regarding redeveloping communications with areas and issues of information not being shared along lines of service. The New Orleans Area needs guidance with utilization of resources. Fund flow issues continue. They are currently rewriting their convention guidelines to maintain accountability predominately in the area of funds and actions regarding funds.

Arkansas: Not a lot of concerns we had our first convention which most of the speakers are present here at the forum thank you. Fund flow is going great from areas to region to NAWS and forum. Our first convention went very well and profit was attaining to fund the next convention. We are currently working on our second convention. We are in the process of setting convention guidelines and accounting of funds. PR and H&I are going well and growing.

Kentuckiana: Concerned with regional convention loss of profit. Areas are not donating enough to fund convention. Asking areas to participate more financially now than ever before. Larger areas have come aboard. Looking at changes to be self-supporting. New policies will have to be looked at. Asking areas to revisit fund ideas. Having learning days to get closer to the groups and the areas. Communication is the main focus of this year. Apathy is a concern but being worked on.

Area Concerns:

Tejas: We have an area that has some complaints same old same old. Difficulty in non-aggressive communications.

Lone Star: Areas are having difficulty in communicating. They don't know or want to bring information to their groups, looking at the bigger picture, how do we get the areas to carry information from the forums and the regions back to the groups? If it isn't the region than it had to be they didn't know to flow information. Things are starting to change solutions are being discussed and implemented through learning days, etc.

Show-Me: Fund flow is always a concern not donating to region. One area is struggling while the other is strong in participation and growth. A new area had a meeting discussing using the area planning tool. They are hopeful in the continuation of growth and fellowship, new groups are joining and new groups are popping up. Huge disconnect regarding communication from the groups to the areas. They have gone from 15 groups in the Springfield area to forty and are experiencing growing pains. We are working on utilizing the guide to local service.

New Orleans Area: Freedom area is struggling with not being able to keep up with obligations to the public. Seeking solutions on policy and procedure looking at guidelines that are not being followed. Policy has become NAPD. Trying to keep business flowing. Failure to adopt concepts when we need the concepts so we may practice them in service. New group in the region. Excited about the growth. Older members in our area stated that even with all the struggles meetings are functioning and meetings are being held although there appears to be no growth, growth is there, success is in the struggles and in the utilization of the tools.

Tennessee: Our region has a rotating convention. Division along racial lines. This years convention chairperson and convention committee is in need of structure and guidance. We are hoping to find resolution in the near future.

Nashville: We have done a two year inventory and have come up with solutions to the groups and information was given to groups on issue discussion topics IDT's and it is doing well.

Groups:

Genesis: Has nineteen meetings and approximately 480 members attending per week. We have discussed with other groups within Hot Springs and surrounding towns about forming a new area. We came here to participate in the area planning tools workshop. We will carry this information back to our group.

*Following are two reports from trusted servants of the SZF:*

Hi family,

Let me start this report off by saying thank you to the members of the Lexington fellowship for their willingness in helping us find a venue, and participating in this weekend. Hopefully we have answered some questions and have provided additional experience strength and hope in their future service efforts.

Since the last forum I have tried my best to stay in contact with the presenters of our workshops and I feel that we are moving forward in having the electronic information more readily available for our use after we leave. I will make sure to communicate with our web servant after the forum to make sure that our work this weekend is on the website.

I have made contact with Pat P. and we have available the hotel information for the next forum in Bentonville, I have also briefly talked to Mike P. about the fall forum in Kentuckiana, and John has contacted me about our CAR workshop scheduled for the winter of 2010.

I have talked to several people who have discussed interest in this position. In preparation for transition I will work on collecting information so that the next facilitator can have as much information at their disposal to make their job an easy and effective one. This is where I need your help. I need your ideas, thoughts and concerns about this position sent to me so that I can be as concise as possible. The most important thing for me to do at this time is to make sure that the lessons learned here stay here for future servants of this body.

I will be turning in a receipt for one room night (\$80.00); I took advantage of the location of this forum and caught a ride with our funded participants, my thanks to them for their assistance. And my thanks to you all for allowing me to be of service to you and the fellowship that I love so dearly.

In loving service,

Mike B.

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Hello family,

The website is moving along as usual. We have had over 440,000 visitors since we started the discussion group in November 2003. We are now knocking at the door of having 1,000 registered members of the discussion group. I have updated some of the code to make the website load faster and be more dependable. I am working and should be finished by the end of January 2009 with an area for the SZF recorder to be able to upload files and reports to the website. I have also created an email address that will send email to all of the SZF trusted servants and RDs/RDAs. Which brings me to the next topic; I need an updated and accurate list of all of the SZF trusted servants every quarter. This will allow the list to work and the links within the website. I'm asking that I be emailed this list with the recordings and reports after ever

SZF meeting. This will insure that the information posted on our website is correct. I have submitted to the facilitator my bill for the hosting and maintenance of the website for the next year.

In loving service,  
California Steve

## **RCM REPORTS**

### **ARKANSAS RIVER VALLEY AREA**

Hello family,

ARVANA has been doing good. Some smaller groups have been struggling with attendance and also funds. We had one new group join area. They have not given their group a name yet. They are from Mena.

Upcoming events: convention committee is hosting a Valentine's dance as a fundraiser for the upcoming ARVANA Convention. The convention is being held at the Fifth Seasons Inn, Fort Smith, AR, March 13-15. Hope to see you there. ARVANA has a \$150.00 donation.

RSC prudent reserve and other things to be voted on: 1)we voted as #2, 2)on quorum motion, we voted yes, 3)set prudent reserve at \$5000, vote yes, 4)to fund RD to workshop in Oakland, voted yes.

Glad to be of service,  
Danny W.

### **CENTRAL ARKANSAS AREA**

Hello Family:

All is well in Central Arkansas. We now have 17 home groups with over 50 meetings in the area. We have been throwing around the idea of making two areas since we are getting so big, but nothing concrete about that at this time. More will be revealed.

I am happy to introduce our new ASR alternate to you. His name is Jeff J. and I know that you all will make him as welcome as you always did me. I am excited to see so many young people starting to get involved in service. That's the way it needs to be. So, thanks Jeff for stepping up.

We are in the process of doing an area inventory and hope to see where we may be falling short on what we are suppose to be doing for our groups. We have new "old" blood coming into sub committee positions in the area. Walter R. is now our Activities Chair; John H. is our new Convention Chair & we have a new Vice Chair (finally), Lisa from Benton.

We had a "Regional Convention Guidelines" Workshop during this quarter and we had 7 people show up for input and I will be going over that today when the time comes.

Thank you Crowley's Ridge, Paragould especially, for having us this weekend. Awesome time and awesome job.

In loving service,  
Terri Girl

## **CROWLEY'S RIDGE AREA**

Hello family,

Crowley's Ridge Area is doing well. Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. The next few months in Crowley's Ridge are real exciting for us. We have our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Unity Day/Chili Cook-Off February 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 9 am at the Hope Not Dope group in Trumann. Hope everyone who can will attend. Also, Cope Without Dope group in Jonesboro are having a three day celebration for their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. What I understand is the man that held the first Cope Without Dope meeting in his living room 25 years ago is coming from South Carolina to be the guest speaker. There are several things that our H&I committee is working on. We received some information that the Regional Punishment Facility in Osceola, AR would like some members to start coming in to their facility, so we're working on that as well as a group called Freedom On the Inside who contacted me and wants to become a part of our area. We have been contacted by New Creation Printing concerning an unpaid balance on our convention t-shirts and cups. Hopefully, we can get this situation taken care of this weekend and put it behind us. We voted yes on all of the motions from last region and voted yes for Eric S. for outreach position. We have a donation of \$425.87. Also a few more activities are a Valentine's Party at CWOD on Feb. 14 starting at 5 pm at 901 E. Huntington in Jonesboro and CWOD's Recovery on the Ridge will be May 8,9, & 10 at Mt. Zion Baptist Camp in Walcott, AR. Clean A.I.R. Group Spring Fling, April 25 at Harmon Park Paragould, AR 12 noon, and LANA group Bar-B-Que April 18 in Leachville, AR.

In loving service,  
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## **FOOTHILLS UNITY AREA**

Hello family,

First and foremost, I am grateful to be representing my area at Region and grateful to my area for giving me the opportunity to do so. Matt F. is the alternate RCM for Foothills Unity Area and I am also very grateful to working with him this year.

Foothills Unity Area is growing. We have had a new home group who asked to be seated with our area, the Who We Are Group in Cabot. They meet at 116 North Main Street in Cabot, AR on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm.

Recently Foothills Unity Area formed an Adhoc committee to revise our guidelines and that committee contacted surrounding areas to gather information as to what their designated geographical area was. Foothills Unity Area now encompasses Independence, Jackson, White and Woodruff counties. We hope to see Narcotics Anonymous grow in these areas.

Last November, we had our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Living Recovery Speaker Jam and it was a great success. It was a great day of workshops, dancing and fellowship. In January, we had our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Retreat. It was yet another wonderful experience and a weekend of workshops, speakers, good food, dancing and fellowship.

We are in the process of setting a date for our annual softball tournament in the spring and have reserved the weekend of June 5th, 6th, 7th for our Serenity on the Lake campout. I do have flyers for this campout.

Foothills Unity Area is donating \$100 to region and I am again very grateful to be of service to my area.

ILS,  
Dawn M.  
[drmorgan1972@yahoo.com](mailto:drmorgan1972@yahoo.com)

## **GENESIS**

Hello family,

Greetings from Genesis group of Hot Springs. The recovery in and around Hot Springs is growing. An ADHOC committee to study the feasibility of forming a new area in the Arkansas Region. It is our hope that all the Hot Springs and surrounding groups will be interested in this endeavor. Every effort will be made to ensure that all information is made available to any persons or group that has an interest.

Two new groups have started outside Hot Springs: Missing in Action of Mt. Ida, and Over Comers of Bismark. We at Genesis group have attended meetings at these groups, and are working with them to help set up service structure. Genesis group has supplied starter packets.

Our meetings are going well. We have 18 meetings per week. The noon meetings are stronger than ever. We have had a number of birthdays in the past 3 months, including Marvin D. 32 yrs, Kathy R. 20 yrs, Diana D. 15 yrs, and Tommy picking up 2 yrs today, and many more.

We are looking forward of being part of the 2009 ARCNA. We had a subcommittee meeting to discuss speaker CDs and came up with some great suggestions. For suggestions and information call Robert H. @ 501-627-3873.

Valentine's Party had been changed to Feb. 13, 2009 @ 6:00 pm, potluck, games, auction, and speaker—Robert H.

In loving service,  
Dale B.

## **GREER'S FERRY LAKE AREA**

Absent. Pat P. had a report for this area.

Hi Pat this is Jim Kuzilik RCM from Greers ferry lake area, My-self or my alternate will not be able to make it to region this weekend, we are both very busy working and since we both work for ourselves we have to do it while it's available. We have appointed people to cover the registration at the region campout, also we are working on setting up the workshops for regional convention. What is the theme for Regional Convention and how many workshops, we where thinking 3????

Thank You Jim Kuzilik 501-250-4021

## **NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AREA**

Absent.

## **OZARK AREA**

Hello family,

It's good to see everyone again. The Ozark Area is doing well at this time. We are still growing despite the loss of our ABC group out of Yellville. As I stated last RSC, Clean and Serene and AWOL are part of Ozark area. They have plugged in and gotten involved full force at our area level. In the month of December the Ozark Area put on two events: a Christmas (Holiday) party and a New Year's party. Both events had decent turnouts. Coming up Feb. 13 we are putting on a Valentine's Dance at the Riverside Church of Christ in Gassville. In the month of April our AWOL group out of Harrison has their Freedom Float. The Just for Today group of Gassville has their campout the weekend of May 22, 23, and 24. More will be revealed on the region website or contact me for more details. Thank you family.

In loving service,  
Dennis A.

## **TEXARKANA AREA**

Hi Family, this report is being given by Lisa P. who has been voted in to serve the remainder of my term with the RSC. Due to my husband's back surgery, school and work I am unable to fulfill the rest of my term. I have enjoyed working with all of you and participating in my own recovery by being a part of the RSC.

The Texarkana Area is responsible for entertainment at the Second Annual Regional Convention, the DJ has been selected for the Friday night dance he is a local from the Ft. Smith area, cost \$200. The comedian for the Saturday night comedy show will be Beth Donahue, she and her husband are in recovery, she is a professional comedian and has entertained the troops in Iraq as well as performing in the Memphis area, cost \$1000 plus travel and hotel.

The Texarkana Area has merchandise for the Unity Campout in April, shirts have been ordered I need a check in the amount of \$942.20 written to Scoreboard and \$300.00 to campground from the Activitie's treasurer.

The TACNA XXV convention will be held at the Four States Fairgrounds on February 20-22, a flier is attached hereto. Shirts are available for presale today after the meeting.

The Texarkana Area is also hosting a Sadie Hawkins Dance on March 28, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the airport meeting hall; Pat P will be our speaker! Ladies ask your favorite beau to come and dress alike casual or comfortable in your overalls! DJ Rob Sticky Smooth from Hot Springs!

Attached to this report is Texarkana Area's vote for each of the items and motions taken back to groups.  
In loving service, Lisa P for Ginger W

The Texarkana Area made no changes to the proposed guidelines since the last revision.

Option 1. As long as the RSC is over prudent reserve, the remaining proceeds will be distributed as follows, with the understanding that in the future, as new areas are added to the region, the proceeds will be divided equally to include all areas and loner groups in the Arkansas Region. Ten (10) percent to the WSO, with the remainder being divided equally between the areas and loner groups within the region. As written in the proposed guidelines.

Motion M01110208- YES

Motion M02110208- YES

Motion M03110208- YES

THE TEXARKANA AREA would like to see the convention bids come back to the groups for voting.

In loving service Lisa P for Ginger W

## **READ OVERVIEW OF CONSENSUS SECTION, VOTING SECTION, AND CONSENSUS PROCEDURE SECTION**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion M01110208—Author: Doug H.

Seconded by: Dennis A.

**Motion:** To replace #1 in the quorum section of the guideline with:  
If quorum is not reached, all business with exception of old business, new business and elections may be conducted.

**Intent:** So that all other responsibilities of the ARSCNA may be conducted in the event that a quorum is not reached.

PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Motion M02110208—Author: Barb H./Amber J.

Seconded by: Larry G.

**Motion:** Designate a convention seed (fund) consisting of a minimum of \$5,000.00 that would roll over to each new convention committee to help fund our annual convention. Any money above this designated seed would be returned to the ARSCNA for distribution per the ARSCNA guidelines. The ARSCNA will complete a full audit of the convention funds each February prior to passing on the seed money to the new convention chairperson.

**Intent:** To ensure that each convention is appropriately supported financially through the ARSCNA while providing fund accountability.

PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Motion M03110208—Author: Pat P.

Seconded by: Dennis A.

**Motion:** To fund RD to world wide workshop in Oakland, CA, includes flight, per diem, and two nights hotel.

**Intent:** Since no SZF in April and expense for summer SZF will be minimum, finance is appropriate. WWW will train the RD for workshops to be presented to region, areas, and groups.

PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Two-thirds majority of the RCMs decided to let RCMs choose location of convention from bids brought to region, instead of sending the bids back to groups.

A few changes were made to the Arkansas Regional Convention Guidelines (now known as Arkansas Regional Convention Policy) with RCM approval. The ARC Policy was passed with the exception of fund flow. Doug H. is writing a motion to deal with the fund flow that will be presented in New Business.

## OPEN SHARING

5 minute time limit set

At SZF saw consistency of disunity in areas and regions and what they are doing about it.

What would we come up with as a policy about drug dealing in NA? Just be thinking about it, it is coming.

Foothills stated that a group in their area has expressed concern about unity in the area because no one from other groups is coming to their group meetings.

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### ACTIVITIES

Hi Amber, I am still waiting for Terri to give me an update on flyers and the list for speakers, workshops and entertainment. The shirts have been ordered and the campground reserved. the camp cost is \$300 and the shirts are \$942.20, I have requested the 2 checks from Pat to be sent back with Lisa P who is attending region on my behalf. Please read the following for me at region:

Dear Family, I will be able to fulfill my commitment as acting activities chair through the weekend of the campout, however after that date I will be pursuing my counseling internship and going for my master's degree and will be unable to continue in that service position. I have truly enjoyed being a part of region and will continue to help in any way that I can.

By copy of this letter to Pam and Diana I am asking that this be added to the minutes as well, I may not be able to attend region but I am still very willing to serve as vice-chair for PI/PR , if I am needed to help with anything, please contact me, though my plate may be full I can always arrange time for NA service work, if needed please call me 903-748-8310, in loving service Ginger W

Roger had his surgery and is doing very well, thank you all for your prayers, Ginger W and Roger W.

### Activities Treasury Report

Dear Family,

The current balance in the activities checking account is \$13,510.65. The following checks have cleared since our last meeting:

• 1/22/09 1010	Austin Hotel	Banquet facilities	\$320.00
• 1/27/09 1011	Staples	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention Flyers	<u>\$322.29</u>
		Total	\$642.29

Previous Balance	\$14,152.94
Checks Written	\$642.29
Ending Balance	\$13,510.65

We started the Convention Committee checking account at Regions bank with a deposit Pat P had of left over convention t-shirts. The account has one deposit upon opening of \$247.00 with no other activities on that account. Check number 1011 for flyers is an expense that should be associated with this account but since funds were not in that account to cover the cost of the flyers and we really wanted to have these flyers available to distribute to areas at this meeting, the decision was made to write the check out of the activities account.

I am in the process of converting the Activities Treasury Account in to an electronic format in addition to the paper and pencil format we already have. I plan to have this completed by the end of this meeting for inclusion in the final report. I have had many questions about payments and convention expenses and revenues and this should be a resource anyone can access at anytime. It will also act as an audit of the Activities Account.

I have just been handed the bank statement that includes a NSF check returned for \$100 plus an \$8 fee deducted from the October 2008 statement. It is from a deposit made by the convention committee and the check is dated 9/30/08 check number 2714. There is no phone number on the check so if anyone knows Andrea S or Barbara G from Memphis I would appreciate them contacting them about this matter. In the future it would help that any checks accepted by any trusted servant include a phone number.

In loving Service  
K. Michael P

*(Secretary note: No final report was submitted to the secretary for inclusion in the minutes.)*

### CONVENTION ARCNA I

Marvin gave the final financials for the first convention. Michael will put all this into his report.

## **CONVENTION ARCNA II**

Hello Family;

I am happy to announce that Ginger and the Texarkana Area found us an excellent comedian. Beth Donahue Weedman is a true professional and is in recovery. I once saw her at VRC in Nashville, TN. She has appeared on TNT's Southern Fried Chicks and has entertained the Troops in Iraq. Her cost is \$1,000.00 plus air fare and hotel. This is a steal. Both her and her husband will be flying into Tulsa and staying with some friends then driving to Ft. Smith on Friday and plan on staying the entire weekend.

The Flyers are ready and are posted on our website. We also have plenty for you to take back to your groups.

Susan B at Genesis has sent out Flyers for speakers and as of Friday morning February 6<sup>th</sup> no speakers have been voted or chosen;

Your 2009 Host Committee is as follows: Pat P Chair, Kevin U. Vice, Michael P Treasurer, Patty W Secretary, Terry S Serenity Keepers, More will be revealed as time draws near.

Our Convention bank account is set at Regions. As of now Michael P, Barbara H and I are the signers. We are still waiting for the transfer ok from activities to this account. We dipped into activities to fund the flyers already.

Activities Account Balance is \$13510.65  
ARCNA II has only spent \$322.29 (Staples for Flyers)

ARCNA Account Balance is \$247.00

We will have more to reveal at the next Region in May. Please take your flyers and distribute them and we will have a great convention

In Loving Service  
Pat P

## **HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS**

Hello family,

I recently received a letter from a group called Freedom On The Inside which is a group in the RPF facility in Forrest City. They expressed that they are a group who follows the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous. What they wanted is to be recognized by the fellowship and join an area. Where they are located in the state will put them in the Crowley's Ridge Area. I got in touch with the CRA H&I chair about this matter and they are willing to see to it that this group gets whatever it needs.

In loving service,  
LD

Here is the letter:

*Dear Area Service Committee,*

*Greetings from the "Freedom on the Inside" group of Narcotics Anonymous at the Forrest City medium Federal prison. We would like to have our name recognized and become a part of your area to better enhance our recovery. Our group follows the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of NA.*

Please contact me at the above address with any help you can provide in that regard.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Lodor 33310-177

### **LITERATURE**

Vacant

### **OUTREACH**

Vacant

### **PHONELINE**

Vacant

### **POLICY & PROCEDURE**

Greetings Family,

In the Policy meeting, we discussed what changes (if any) needed to be done to the Policy Manual prior to its next printing. There were not many changes noted in the different committees. We discussed that the Convention Committee's Policy will be inserted after it is completed and passes. It was brought up that we needed to make sure that the correct address is in the new Policy Manual. It was requested that all reference to *Public Information (PI)* be changed to *Public Relations (PR)*. We were asked to check into making sure that the information for *Treasurer in Training* and *Secretary in Training* was in the new Policy manual. As a reminder, **please make sure you bring your Guidelines/Policy Manuals to the next RSC. When we issue the new manuals, we will be transferring the pages and you will keep your current binders.**

Thanks for allowing me to be of service, {{{HUGS}}} Bill La

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Hello family,

Things are going well within the Region. There have been no requests thru our help-line regarding presentations. I have been pro-occupied with group matters. Our secretary and treasurer and long time member Kathy B. was diagnosed with cancer and we didn't realize just how much we relied on her and how much she is needed by our group.

I am looking forward to doing the workshop this weekend. I am still very interested in establishing a young member group to do presentations to the youth in our state.

ILS,  
Diana D.  
PR Chair Arkansas Region

### **WEBSITE**

Hello Family,

Workshop was good. About 20 or so was here and participated. A lot of questions about the calendar.

Can we take off the out-of-region Calendar off the site. (Region agreed to take off.) Maybe we can just upload the flyers to the flyers page. I would like to reorganize the nav links at the top. The more we become active and add links and files the more cluttered the nav bar gets. (Region agreed.) Still working on the Mailing list. {Note, list is started.} Anyone who wants to be added to the list will have to go to the website and type in this link to your address bar (it is under the service link), <http://www.arscna.org/service/maillingList/> . Please Remember that this list is just for service information only. We are not interested in starting a regional online meeting. It shall only be used for sending service activity and service information. Please understand that the Website committee does not want to have to moderate post for this mailing list. We ask that you not abuse this list.

I would like to ask again for Subcommittee chairs look at their webpages and make sure that everything up-to-date and correct on their pages. I will be updating the phonline.pdf and 800flyer.pdf flyers this month. I will also have to update the Capture the Banner because of a dead link on the Document.

Please remember that if there is something that the website committee can do for any area or group Please feel free to contact us through the contact page of the website.

In Loving Service,  
Mark R.

### **ADHOC CONVENTION GUIDELINES**

Absent

At this time, the chair disbanded the Adhoc committee for convention guidelines.

At about 4:00 pm business concluded for the day.

The administrative committee met from 4:15 pm to 4:50 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009

### OPENING

Bill Le. opened the meeting at 10:15 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

### READINGS

Members read the Twelve Traditions, first two paragraphs of Tradition Two, Twelve Concepts, and Purpose and Definition of the RSC.

### ROLL CALL

Arkansas River Valley Area	Danny W.	RCM	Present
Central Arkansas Area	Terri G.	RCM	Present
Crowley's Ridge Area	L.D. G.	RCM	Present
Foothills Unity Area	Dawn M.	RCM	Present
Genesis Group	Dale B.	RCM	Present
Greer's Ferry Lake Area	Jim K.	RCM	Absent
Ozark Area	Dennis A.	RCM	Present
Texarkana Area	Lisa P.	RCM	Present
Regional Delegate	Pat P.		Absent
Regional Delegate Alternate	Michael P.		Absent
Chair	Bill Le.		Present
Vice-Chair	Matt C.		Present
Secretary	Pam R.		Present
Secretary-in-training	Vacant		
Treasurer	Barb H.		Present
Treasurer-in-training	Terri G.		Present
Activities Chair	Amber J. (vice-chair)		Present
Convention Chair (ARCNA I)	Marvin D.		Present
Convention Chair (ARCNA II)	Pat P.		Present
Hospitals & Institutions Chair	L.D. G.		Present
Literature Chair	Vacant		
Outreach Chair	Vacant		
Phoneline Chair	Vacant		
Policy & Procedure	Bill La.		Present
Public Relations Chair	Diana D.		Present
Website Chair	Mark R.		Present

Alternate RCMs present: Amber J.-Crowley's Ridge Area, Eric S.-Ozark Area, Jeff J.-Central Arkansas Area, Matt F.-Foothills Unity Area.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (IF NECESSARY)**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

All administrative committee members were present.

Discussed participation in fund flow towards SZF.

Talked about pre-convention t-shirts and conflict with Unity Campout shirts.

Motion on floor concerning the disbursement of proceeds from upcoming conventions.

Meeting rotation (next RSC at Foothills).

We need to do an Activities Treasury Audit.

Remind Ozark to have flyer for August RSC next time we meet.

**READ OVERVIEW OF CONSENSUS SECTION**

**ELECTIONS**

Eric S. was elected as interim Outreach chair.

Terri G. was elected as interim Literature chair.

All positions open up for nominations. Bring back nominations for all positions to the May Region.

No nominations today for Phoneline, or secretary-in-training.

Matt read qualifications for chair of any subcommittee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new areas.

Updated treasurer report: starting new business with \$3,473.01.

No treasury request motions.

Next SZF in July (no need to select representative at this time).

Bring back 2011 convention bids to the May RSC.

Motion M01020809—Author: Doug H.

Second: Dennis A.

**Motion:** To select a method for disbursement of ARSCNA convention proceeds above expenditures and convention seed money. The member areas and loner groups will vote on one (1) of the following options:  
1) As long as the RSC is over prudent reserve, the remaining proceeds will be distributed as follows, twenty-five (25) percent to the host

area, and seventy-five (75) percent to the region (ARSCNA) to be disbursed per regional guideline pg. 3 (Guidelines Section) under Financial #2.

- 2) One hundred (100) percent of the remaining proceeds will be given to the region to be disbursed per regional (ARSCNA) guidelines pg. 3 (Guidelines Section) under Financial #2.

**Intent:** To provide clear direction as to the disbursement of ARSCNA Convention proceeds above expenditures and convention seed money.

Send back to areas and groups for vote.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Foothills Unity Area, Serenity on the Lake, June 5-7, 2009, Old Hwy 25 North, Tumbling Shoals
2. Central Arkansas Area Convention, Hot Springs, Austin Hotel
3. Central Arkansas Area Lock-In, March 28
4. Ozark Area, Valentine Dance, Feb. 13, Gassville
5. Bring old policy manuals to next RSC. Bill will replace them with the new ones.
6. Crowley's Ridge Area, Unity Day and Chili Cook-Off, Feb. 21, Trumann
7. Cope Without Dope in Jonesboro, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, March 27-28
8. CWOD pool tournament, Jonesboro, April
9. Recovery on the Ridge, May 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend, Mt. Zion Baptist Camp, Walcott
10. Clean A.I.R. Group, Spring Fling, Paragould, April 25
11. S.O.S., Hot Springs, St. Patrick's Day, March 21
12. Float for Hope, last weekend in May
13. Genesis Group, Valentine Party, Feb. 13, Robert H. speaker
14. Square Peg Round Hole, Feb. 14, Valentine Party
15. Denby Pt. Campout, Aug. 7-9
16. TACNA 25, Feb. 20-22
17. Texarkana, Sadie Hawkins Dance, Mar. 28
18. Unity Campout, April 10-12, Bill La. speaker

## **REVIEW OF BUSINESS TO BE TAKEN BACK FOR GROUP CONSCIENCE**

Bring back nominations for all regional positions to the May RSC.

Bring back bids for the 2011 regional convention to the May RSC.

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**Intent:** To provide clear direction as to the disbursement of ARSCNA Convention proceeds above expenditures and convention seed money.

Send back to areas and groups for vote.

**PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting of the Arkansas Regional Service Committee will be in Searcy, AR, May 2-3, 2009, Foothills Unity Area. Flyer to follow.

**UPDATED TREASURER'S REPORT**

Hi Family,  
Here is your final report.

Ending balance November 2008	\$ 1,941.00
Income	\$ 6,557.01
Expenses	\$ 5757.01
Prudent Reserve	\$1941.00
Accruals	\$800.00
Balance after Prudent Reserve & accruals	\$0.00

In Loving Service, Barb H, Treasurer

**Arkansas Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous  
Regional Meeting Treasurer's Report**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reference #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
		Balance of Account		<b>\$ 1,941.00</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
November 12, 2008	446577	Donation - FUACNA	\$ 100.00	
November 12, 2008	446572	Donation - FUACNA	\$ 100.00	
January 6, 2009	446578	Donation - Common Bond	\$ 50.00	
October 12, 2008	446579	Donation - Clean & Serene	\$ 533.73	
January 18, 2009	446580	Donation - CRASCNA	\$ 425.87	
February 7, 2009	446581	Donation - FUACNA	\$ 100.00	
February 7, 2009	446582	Donation - Arvana	\$ 150.00	
February 7, 2009	DEP	Funds from 10/08/08 Convention	\$4,997.41	
February 8, 2009	446583	Donation - Genesis Group	\$ 100.00	
<b>Total Income</b>				<b>\$ 6,557.01</b>

**Expenses**

November 26, 2008	Fee	New Checks	\$ 22.00
December 21, 2009	1151	Pam R - Sec Reimburse	\$ 96.10
January 9, 2009	1152	Pam R - Sec Reimburse	\$ 21.00
January 9, 2009	1153	Reimbursement - Barb H, UPS Store	\$ 50.00
January 9, 2009	1154	UPS Store - Mail Forwarding	\$ 100.00
March 7, 2009	EFT	Your Message Center	\$ 82.00
April 7, 2009	EFT	Your Message Center	\$ 82.00
May 7, 2009	EFT	Your Message Center	\$ 82.00
February 7, 2009	1158	MCI	\$ 56.00
February 7, 2009	1159	UPS Store - PO Box Fee	\$ 104.00
February 7, 2009	1160	Clean Air Group - Rent	\$ 100.00
February 7, 2009	1161	UPS Store Mail Forwarding	\$ 150.00
February 7, 2009	1162	Pat P - World Wide Workshop	\$1,000.00
February 7, 2009	1163	Pam R - Sec Reimburse	\$ 95.00
February 7, 2009	1164	Diana D. - PR Literature purchase	\$ 148.50
February 8, 2009	1165	Blue Host Inc.- Website	\$ 95.40
February 8, 2009	1166	Southern Zonal Forum- Donation	\$ 347.30
February 8, 2009	1167	NAWS - Donation	\$3,125.71

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,757.01</b>
<b>Balance before Accruals</b>	<b>\$ 2,741.00</b>
<b>Accruals</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 1,941.00</b>
<b>Balance after Prudent Reserve</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

The February meeting of the ARSCNA adjourned at noon.

**CLOSING PRAYER**