

# Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Conference

February 11<sup>th</sup> 2012

## **Session 1**

Open with Serenity Prayer

Recitation of the Service Prayer

12 Concepts

## **Attendance**

Servants	Status	Committee Members	Status
Facilitator	Present	Brazos Valley	Absent
Co-Facilitator	Vacant	Central Texas	Present
Regional Delegate	Present	Coastal Bend	Present
Regional Delegate Alternate	Present	Esperanza	Absent
Policy	Present	Hill Country	Present
Convention 2012	Present	Houston	Present
Convention 2013	Present	Northside	Present
Treasurer	Present	Southeast Texas	Present
Co-Treasurer	Vacant	Southwest Cactus Country	Absent
Public Information	Present	Tri County	Present
H&I	Present		
CAC	Present		
AAI	Absent		
Lit Review	Present		

Facilitator announces Subcommittee breakout and moves into

## **Elections**

Ask for nominations or volunteers for Co-Facilitator. None

Ask for nominations or volunteers for Co-Treasurer. None

Announce: Take back to areas that we need Co-Facilitator and Co-Treasurer.

Recorder is not at meeting.

Announce: Need a Recorder also.

Allen purchased a digital recorder to electronically record the meetings. Donated to region. A volunteer to take notes.

## **Area Reports**

### ***Central Texas***

- All positions filled except RCM2
- Good website
- Lots of successful functions. Come to the March 17<sup>th</sup> function.

### ***Coastal Bend (Report appended)***

- Growing strong. Growing daily
- 26 groups and 56 meetings/week
- Helpful, user-friendly website
- Most subcommittee positions are held. All sub-comms meet one hour before the area meeting
- H&I very strong helping the new members find Narcotics Anonymous. They got t-shirts too.
- Lots of activities coming up including Recovery by the Sea the last weekend of July.

### ***Esperanza (absent)***

### ***Hill Country***

- Alive and well
- Small area with 10 or 11 groups. Checking into the status of the 11<sup>th</sup> in Kerrville
- 27 meetings/week
- Had a successful speaker, dinner, dance in January
- Donation to region event though there is not much money at the groups
- 3 positions yet to be filled at area

### ***Houston***

- 45 active groups hosting 145 meetings/week
- CAR workshop next Saturday
- New Outreach subcommittee – The New AA (Addicts on Asphalt). Hitting at least 2 meetings per week.

### ***Northside***

- 8 groups with 53 meetings/week
- Hump Day group in Navasota recently joined the area
- H&I is very active with 6 weekly meetings

- Lots of recent and upcoming events

Q: With all the activities conducted do you have an Activities sub-com or are they hosted by groups?

A: We have an Activities Chair but groups also have activities cooperating with Activities.

Q: How much do you think your area has grown over the last year?

A: Not really sure, but area service participation has increase by about 20%.

### ***Southeast Texas***

- 9 groups with 64 meetings
- Still not filling all positions but other servants are pitching in to make sure everything gets done
- Has heard many positive comments about TBRCNA 12
- Upcoming activities which include a bowling tournament

### ***Southwest Cactus County (absent)***

### ***Tri County (Report appended)***

- Apologize for not attending last RSC
- The groups in the area have an overwhelming consensus in favor of the Texas State Convention. Feels that the groups should determine the support status of TSC and not the RSC.
- 16 groups, 110 meetings
- Going to work with Houston area to make sure all of the meeting schedules are correct.
- Struggling to keep H&I and PR service positions filled but addicts are stepping up to complete the tasks. Are looking at policy changes to address service when working subcommittees are not in place.
- Planning a learning day to help address the lack of service commitments. Let the member know that service is not a daunting task if you have help.

## **Admin Reports**

### ***Facilitator***

- I was to draft a letter to the Texas State Convention removing our liaison and refusing donations from them, but held off until after this RSC because I felt that the previous decision may change with discussion today.
- Hope everyone had a blast at TBRCNA.
- Trying a new agenda today so we will see how and if it works.

- Need a Recorder

C(omment): On the agenda Recorder and Web Person is missing.

A: I realize that now as I created it at 2 in the morning.

C: Roger states, though not an elected servant for Esperanza, the area did vote to support the Texas State Convention. Since both RCMs had resigned, their voice was not heard.

A: That is the reason that the letter did not get sent out ... Esperanza as well as Tri County and possibly Central Texas is bringing proposals to this meeting regarding this topic. We are not done yet.

### ***Treasurer (Report appended)***

- Taking out the prudent reserve, the working capital is \$787
  - 1 reserve for the committee if the shit hits the fan
  - 1 reserve to the Regional Delegate Alternate to attend WSC.
- Have a check from the Texas Unity Convention but I am holding it because of the discussion about the Texas State Convention. \$70.90
- Have not changed the signature cards yet in hopes of getting some more people elected today. Used the term huge rigmarole.
- Loosing voice so Allen asks that everyone review her written report
- Main point is the lack of funds to reimburse servants. Do we dip into prudent reserve or distribute by percentage? The facility must be paid but how do we dole out the other payments? Much discussion about this.
- Sales tax and tax returns are done
- Be sure to read the profit and loss reports
- TBRCNA 11 made some money. \$65 after selling mugs at tbrdna 12.
- George audited the tbrna books. It went well. (Report appended)
- Profit and loss report shows slow depletion of funds (Reports {3} appended)
- Better system in place for tracking all expenses by entity. Great for creating user-friendly reports.
- Attached Expenses and Income for last quarter. (Reports {3} appended)

Q: How much money did we spend in the last year for travel to the Southern Zonal Forum?

A: \$1690

Q: Clarification on table view for donations by ASC and groups. What is the percentage of change? Is that up and down? (Report appended)

A: Yeah

Q: How many servants get travel funds

A: 10 when all positions are filled. Each person is reimbursed up to \$200 per RSC.

### ***Regional Delegate***

- Read report (Report appended)
- Need areas' response to the survey questions to be included in the regional report to WSC. Basically how many groups, meetings, H&I panels, etc.
- Get meeting updates to me for updates to the NAWS database. Important.
- Check out NAWS News publication. Anybody can receive this. This is World Board minutes and it contains all kinds of valuable information. <http://www.na.org/?ID=reports-nawsnews-nawsmain> (November 2011 & January 2012 Issues appended)
- It is not true that we cannot participate in the Service System Proposals. We have workshops, submit input and there are active bulletin boards available. Get with me to find them. The forums can be found at <http://disc.na.org/>.

Q: When is the deadline to request a CAR workshop?

A: Next Sunday. Tally sheets need to be submitted back to the RD team by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

C: NAWS News is a synopsis of the World Board minutes. You can get actual minutes of the meetings. You can get the by requesting them from Fellowship Services after the following meeting.

Q: Discussion about the outdated meeting listings on NAWS website. Is it possible to purge that database and start over?

A: Could you imagine what that would be? All areas have the ability to update their listings on the site. Get with Allen to kind out how. I have the power to change the meetings within the region but do not feel comfortable doing it. Trusted area web contacts can sign up to get access to their listings.

Q: When are you flying out?

A: The Friday before the conference.

Q: Does region fund you to go to WSC?

A: No. Funding comes from the WSC for the RD but the region pays for the RDA's travel. Traditionally the Region would reimburse WSC for the funds because we were not a region in need.

Much discussion about what we have done in the past in paying back WSC for RD travel.

### **Break**

### **Admin Reports continued**

#### ***Regional Delegate Alternate***

- Read report (Report appended)
- Explained the format and use of the tally sheets. The plan is to review the submissions

the weekend before leaving for the conference so it is very important to get them turned in as early as possible. There is an area to fill out that gives specifics about the members and what they feel or the process that took place to come up with their decision.

Q: What is the deadline for tally submissions?

A: April 20<sup>th</sup> We will be compiling on the 21<sup>st</sup>

Q: How many people attend the Southern Zonal Forum?

A: 15-20, 8-9 regions

Q: Where is the next SZF?

A: Arkansas

Q: Is SZF a prudent expense?

A: Depends on the topics covered. We can discuss this in May.

### **Policy**

- Have spent time going through the policy looking for contradictions and have found a few. Have not found any that would prevent us from doing business. Progress is up to the financial policy.
- Plan is to create a draft document with all proposed changes highlighted to make it easy for the body to review and approve if worriment.
- Doing this by self but will accept help from any volunteers.

Q from Policy: Is there any reason for the Rio Grande Valley Area or Archives to be mentioned in the policy?

A from Facilitator: No. The references should have been removed prior.

### **Interlude**

- RDA had made the assumption that all the participants at RSC would be at the Sunday workshop. Realizing that this may not be the case, he described the tally sheets and their purpose.
- Short clarification discussion followed.
- Presentation on what will be covered in the workshop so that folks that are printing the CAR from PDF do not need to print it all.

Q: What is this United States Service Conference?

A: There has been a lot of electronic talk about the possibility of a US only service conference. The reason we have a questionnaire is to be proactive in case this subject arrives at the WSC.

C: I do not believe that it will and putting it out there is saying that the TBR is thinking about the issue. Should be better discussed after the conference.

A: I agree but would like a conscience of the groups in case it does come up.

More discussion about removing references to USSC but some would like it to remain a topic.

Q: Will CAT motions be discussed?

A: Time permitting. Focus is on the CAR primarily.

## **Reports continued**

### ***Convention Advisory Committee***

- Looking at location for 2014. Likely around and south of Corpus Christi.
- Developing a structured time line for tasks so that each committee is not re-inventing the wheel.

Q from CAC: Do the RCMs think the zonal process is working?

A: Smaller areas having conventions

A: Travel cost concerns

Much discussion

C: We need to start using electronics to meet rather than paying for travel expenses.

Q to CSC: Should there be a list of past vendors to choose from.

A: Yes. Working on that now.

Discussion went into whether conventions should make money.

Q: You mentioned "structure", could you elaborate? Is that for the convention or the committee?

A: Putting together time lines and data from past conventions to aid the current one.

Discussion got heated and started chasing it's tail

Next CAC meeting to be announced

## **Open Discussion**

### ***Texas State Convention Presentation***

- CAC is based on the State Convention concept
- TBR has a liaison to the TSC that should have been keeping the region informed. A bit of history of TSC and its relationship with TBR
- Funds raised get pushed back into the service structure
- Little Myron history and a plea to reconsider last RSC's resolution about TSC.

Q: Does the advisory board run the convention?

A: No. It is just an advisory board.

Q: When you started this what prevented you from going to World and telling them what you wanted to do ... maybe we wouldn't be in this mess now.

A: World is not the ultimate authority and this is a local issue. We do not have to report to

World. They are aware that we exist because they receive a check every year.

C: Houston area and groups had a problem with the NA logo being used.

A: The intent is for the convention not to be tied to any service body so that it can travel around, but it needs local service bodies to support it. Groups throughout hold events in support of the convention. Referenced the policy about logo use.

Q: Where are your by-laws?

A: Articles of Incorporation include that the owners are the members of NA in Texas. The by-laws are our policy.

Q: What happens if the convention loses money? Is the supporting service body responsible.

A: No. The advisory board has \$8k in reserve to cover debts.

C: TSC is conducted with the spirit of unity but I am afraid that it removes resources from adjacent area and regional events.

A: I disagree and I can prove it. Talked about giving money back.

C: No area ever said "Come start this convention". 3 groups saw a need. They are tied to NA and wish that areas would get more involved.

C: Though you preach unity the convention causes disunity. It has become them and us. Convention is not accountable to any service body.

A: Lawyers argue their point even if it is wrong. You have to decide for yourself. I believe what we are doing is right and following traditions. This has been successful for 10 years.

C: CAC was not formed solely by the example of TSC advisory board. Several models were employed.

## **Lunch**

## **Session 2**

### **Open Discussion continued**

#### ***Texas State Convention Presentation continued***

C: Be open to new ideas. TSC comes together yearly to carry the message.

C: Ninth tradition review. Against discussion. Not created out of a need. Cost of sending a liaison.

Liaison discussion

C: What about Texas Unity Convention. Let's get a proposal out there

C: Esperanza area voted to host the TSC

Proposal: From Central Texas to rescind the proposal from last RSC regarding the Texas State Convention which was "Not send a liaison, remove their link from website, not accept any more donations and return the check from the last convention."



Discussion about this proposal being placed in front of a Tri County proposal to take this issue back to the groups. The Tri County proposal will “table” the results of the November proposal and take the decision back to the groups. Tri County agreed to allow the CTA proposal to go first.

Block: 4<sup>th</sup> Tradition. Says we made the right decision with the information at hand. Let's take it back to our groups.

Response: Not upheld. Facilitator does not think it is valid.

Discussion kind of drifts off into wanting to take to the groups.

Consensus: None reached as >20% stand asides

Proposal: From Tri County to “table” the November RSC decision and take the discussion with additional information received today and from November back to the groups to get a better conscience of what the members want.

Wait! Wait! Wait! You cannot table a proposal that is not on the floor. The groups can discuss this topic and, if they decide, bring a new proposal in May.

Agreed. Proposal fizzles.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

### ***Public Information***

- Want to change the proposal to change attendance for the Western Service Learning day at the next one rather than this one because the is a WSC year. Use some of the PI money for this. This would sent the co-facilitators for each H&I and PI subcommittees.
- Last quarter to three areas for GSR and PI from the ground up training.
- First online meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>. 6 members attended. Used join.me which is a free application. All the remaining meetings will be online on the last Sunday of the month at 6pm.
- The quarterly RSC will be used to solicit needs from the areas for learning days, workshops, etc.
- The Western States Learning Day has archived recordings online and if we find them useful they ask that we send them \$20. Want to send them the money. We will burn the files to disc.

Q: Where is the next Western States Learning Day.

A: Don't know yet.

### ***Hospitals & Institutions***

- Benny is the new chair for Central Texas. 13 facilities, all positions are filled. Successful holiday celebration. Planning workshops throughout the year.
- Coastal Bend all positions are filled. Selling H&I t-shirts. Guide to Local Service workshop in March and the regional H&I facilitator will present the H&I portion. Serve 4

facilities

- Esperanza has all positions filled. 13 facilities. Lots of new members. Service appreciation day on July 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Hill Country does 5 presentations. Had a member from another fellowship show up at a presentation and carried a different message. Measures have been taken to keep this from happening again.
- Stewart is the new chair for Northside. Lack of participation and some meetings that are not H&I. Plans to reestablish contact with TDCJ and Hascona and have a learning day.
- Houston in 6 facilities including Harris County Jail.
- TBRCNA 12 H&I report. TDCJ training was conducted to 35 members. The H&I workshop included a speaker from the same unit as the trainers. The guard that accompanied the speaker had a spiritual transformation.

### ***Literature Review***

- Living Clean approval draft is available online at na.org or get it with the CAR. 5000 copies have been distributed.
- Upcoming plans for a book on the Traditions is going to be discussed at WSC.
- Plans to change the Into guide to an information pamphlet.
- No longer are PDF versions of book length pieces available online. Too much abuse. In the future excerpts will be available.
- Revisions to the Social Media pamphlet are complete and available online.

### ***TBRCNA 12***

- A successful convention and the word did get to the addicts that still suffer.
- Lots of positive feedback.
- Filled 240 of the 200 room block.
- Facilitator was treated bad by Tri County members. Some conflict within the committee.
- Tentative numbers

\$12,371.93	Gross cash sales
\$4,082.07	Credit card sales
\$16,454.00	Subtotal
-\$213.36	Hotel credit
\$16,667.36	Subtotal
\$10,000.00	Seed

\$6,667.36	Net
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- 463 Registrants

### **TBRCNA 13**

- Preregistration at 12 – 102 for \$1,606.
- 31 newcomer donations

Proposal: From Northside to have the web guy secure the TBRCNA site using a dedicated IP address and an SSL security certificate. Go with option 2. Individual account and certificate.

Proposal withdrawn to allow the convention committee to determine.

### **Interlude:**

Pay the web guy for the next year. One basic text donated to the greatest need.

CAC next meeting is March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9pm.

Melvin personally makes amends to John for his actions during the committee meetings. Rebuttal to John's report saying that he did not make the statements reported. Need to have wrap up meeting to submit reports to CAC.

### **Financial**

Do we send checks back to TSC and Texas Unity? Proposals to wait until May RSC as there is anticipated discussion on both issues.

Balance on the books is -\$66.31. Do we go into prudent reserve to pay our bills? Yes. Catch up on donations after the convention makes their donation.

Will start the signature card process.

### **Announcements**

Next RSC will be in Houston in May

Do we want an assembly for CAR and CAT submissions? Two. One on the east side of the region and another in the west. Announcements will be made with details.

### **Close**



## RCM Report, February 11. 2012

Good Afternoon Everyone, My name is Val V. and I am a grateful addict in recovery and I am honored to be a part of this Regional Committee. The **Coastal Bend Area of Narcotics Anonymous continues to grow** strong and new groups are popping up all over our area. We have 28 active groups in **CBANA** and there are 55 meetings of **Narcotics Anonymous** held per week. We currently have a web site: [www.cbana.org](http://www.cbana.org) which is very helpful and user friendly so please visit us when you can.

**CBANA** has most of its chair positions filled at this. Our subcommittees meetings are held one hour before **ASC** at the same location that the **ASC** is being held.

**H & I** is moving ahead and helping a lot of struggling addicts and offenders to become new members of **Narcotics Anonymous**. Greg P. had some **H & I T-Shirts** printed off and everyone seems to like them. It keeps up with the **Unity theme of Service**. The list of facilities that **H & I** attends in **CBANA**, are as follows: **SATF** along with the **Right Program**: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 8PM, **Charlie's Detox**: Saturday at 6:30PM, **Reality Ranch**: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 8PM, **Northwest Behavioral**: Tuesday at 8PM, **TA/Victoria**: Thursday at 8PM

**CBANA Activities**: The Fliers for these events are here for you to take.

**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Valentines Speaker Meeting / Dance**: 8PM Till Midnight, Family & Friends are welcome, Speaker meeting (Judy K.) 8PM-9PM, Dance to follow. Location: Charlie's Place, 5501 IH37 @ McBride Lane, C.C., Tx.

**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Speaker Jam/Potluck Fundraiser**: Noon to 4PM, Speakers: Noon-1PM: Wayne S., 1:30PM-2:30PM Robert L., 3PM-4PM Libby ., Location: R.C.I. 626 Robinson St., C.C., Tx.

**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Unity Speaker Jam**: 2PM Till Midnight, Dance to Follow. This event is still looking for speakers so please submit your

request to me after the RSC if you want to be considered. Location: Charlie's Place, 5501 IH37 @ McBride Lane, C.C., Tx.

**July 27 Thru 29, 2012: Recovery By The Sea XXVIII The Ties That Bind Us Together**

All is going well and we encourage everyone to come down to the Coastal Bend Area and visit.. **ILS Val V. & Bob W. RCM I/II CBANA**

# **TTCANA RCM Regional Report**

## May 2012 Report

- Our Area has a significant concern with the decision made by the RSC to terminate support to the Texas State Convention
  - o Groups in our Area provided strong consensus in favor of this convention
    - At least two groups have held / will hold fundraisers
  - o Our Area believes a decision of this magnitude should have been sent directly to the groups for a vote rather than decided by members of the body without allowing the groups who have formed the body to make such a decision
  - o Our Area requests the body revisit this decision by allowing groups to have the formal voice they deserve
- Area Groups and Meetings
  - o 16 groups
  - o 110 meetings per week – we added some meetings for various groups this quarter, but the Area schedule is still being updated so the final count is in work
  - o Need to work with Houston Area to get our schedule corrected on their website
- Area Business
  - o H&I and PR – we have struggled with keeping these positions filled (as we have struggled with keeping several positions filled)
    - As we work on our Area policy, we will be looking at how we fill certain positions in the absence of a trusted servant
- Area Functions
  - o We are planning an Area Learning Day in an effort to gain support for filling open positions such as H&I and PR
    - May include a CAR workshop

- Details are still in work
- Presented by: Brian D (RCM 1) and Melvin H (Acting RCM 2)

TBR Service Committee  
Treasurer's Report  
Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
By LeAnn K.

Bank Statements have been reconciled for the Service Committee as of 01/31/2012, and the Convention Committee as of 12/31/11.

**Signature Cards** – I have not changed over the signature cards yet, because I was hoping we might elect a Co-Fac this RSC. I also never received a copy of the minutes that correctly reflected the election of the new body. I need this in order to make the change. If we don't elect a new Co-Fac, I will go ahead and make the change based on the present positions that are required signers on the account, but I need to get some sort of Minutes that reflect the Elections.

I know that a motion was made to return last year's funds from the State Convention, but I spoke with Allen, and we decided to wait until this Region, since a representative from the State Convention was schedule to attend and speak on their behalf. If you all decide to follow through with the motion to send the money back, then I need to ask if that is your same intention with the money I am getting from the Texas Unity Convention. I recently received a check from them for \$70.09, but have not yet deposited it.

Current Funds are as follows:

<b>TBRSC</b>	
Starting Bank Balance on 10/31/2011	\$ 4,913.92
Income	\$ 1,063.74
Sales Tax Collected in Service Acct.	\$ 13.95
Expenses	\$ (1,823.39)
Sales Tax Paid	\$ (79.47)
Amount in Bank as of 10/31/2011	\$ 4,088.75
AAI Funds to date	\$ (301.00)
RSC Banking Funds to Date	\$ 3,787.75
WS Prudent Reserve	\$ (1,500.00)
RSC Prudent Reserve	\$ (1,500.00)
Available Funds	\$ 787.75
Sales Tax Due to Date	\$ -
<b>Total Working Capital</b>	<b>\$ 787.75</b>
Funds to replenish AAI account	\$ (99.00)
Return of State Convention 2011 Funds	\$ (77.83)
	\$ 610.92

**AAI account** – I mailed out a check for \$99.00 on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to pay for books that we have been trying to get ordered since October. We had an outstanding credit of \$77.00 for books that were returned from an order in August 2011. With the credit, our payment for 11 books, which would have been \$176.00, was only \$99.00. Although the credit is nice, it is a result of inmates having left the facility before their book gets to them. We are still obligated to pay the shipping even if they are returned to NAWS, so we are losing money each time one is returned. I spoke to Greg about making sure he confirms each order with Pam at NAWS after he e-mails her with



an order. The delay of the October 201 order was a result of Pam not receiving the original e-mail order, nor a second e-mail request Greg sent out. Then I'm asking Greg to contact me when he submits an order to Pam so that I can call her with an amount due. I have a couple of more letters from the PO Box, but I've waited to submit them to Greg until we see where our funds are. The current AAI balance is now \$301.00.

#### **AAI**

Starting Funds from last ASC	\$ 400.00
Payment of 11 books	\$ (176.00)
Credit applied to purchase	\$ 77.00
Funds Available	<u>\$ 301.00</u>

**Sales Tax** – the 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2011 Sales Tax Report was mailed out on January 19, 2012 by Certified mail. This included all taxable sales from the TBRCNA 11 & 12 Convention Committee. Total Taxable Sales were \$968.00, tax due was \$79.47, which included a \$0.40 discount for timely filing.

**IRS 990 Tax Return** – I submitted the 2011 990 Tax Return via e-postcard on February 07, 2012. Our total gross receipts for the 2011 year was \$34, 884.98. This includes Service Committee donations and the gross receipts from TBRCNA 11.

#### **Convention Account**

TBRCNA 11 – It should be noted that with all the merchandise that was sold after TBRNA 11, excluding sales tax, the Convention was short from breaking even by \$10.00 as of December 31, 2011. We sold an additional 75 mugs of TBRC 11 during the convention last week for \$1.00 a piece. If we take that into account, TBRCNA 11's total profit was \$65.00!!!

TBRNA 12 – I have been in constant contact with Joann, the Registration Chair for TBRCNA 12 during the last few months. We were able to reconcile the convention spreadsheet as of December 31, 2011. I feel very confident that auditing their books should be easy to do. I have been e-mailing her and Ray, the convention Treasurer, a copy of the Bank statement each month. I have sent them the bank statement for January 2012 and February 2012 to date. I told Ray that, once he feels confident that all payments and deposits have been entered in the spreadsheet, and he can reconcile to the bank statement, we will figure out a way to get the books to me so I can audit them, and then cut a check for any profit that the convention made into the Service account.

Joann and I worked together to get the Credit Card machines set up for the convention, which went smoothly. However, we are still having some problems with the Registers. Having been able to get a little more knowledge on how the registers work, I've taken the one used by Merchandise home with me, so I can play with it a little bit more.

TBRNA 13 – I have spoken to Marty regarding all the preregistrations that the committee received during the last convention. I gave him the bank account number and I'm going to have him go ahead and deposit the money, which is about \$1,600. We will add this amount to the \$10,000 seed money, and that is what will be left in the account when I give them all the info. Since they do not have a Treasurer at this time, I have offered to go ahead and enter the current registrations in the worksheet for them, and then send a copy to the Registration Chair.

**Audit of SC books** - On February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012, I had George A. perform an audit of my books. George is the current ASC Chair for Esperanza and a tax accountant. I was not able to get a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to go over the books with us due to scheduling problems. I have wanted to get this done for some time, so we pressed forward. Attached is a copy of George's report.

**Year End Report and Chart of Accounts** – when I took over this position, one of the things I wanted to accomplish was to improve the arrangement of the Chart of Accounts in order to provide better reporting. Besides the normal quarterly Income and Expense report, I have included an Annual Comparison of Donations and an Annual Profit & Loss for the organization as a whole. I am hoping that these reports will begin to help the Region take a better look at where their money is coming from and how it is being spent.

2011 Profit and Loss – this report shows the annual Profit/Loss we incurred for 2011 on an accrual basis, meaning that the convention income/expenses are not posted to the books until the convention actually takes place. It does not reflect any transactions paid by the upcoming TBRCNA 12, other than the pre-merchandise sold that I had to post for Sales Tax purposes. This is why I broke out the TBRNA 11 Income & Expenses, so that it reflects the true P/L of the convention as a whole. Also, any funds that were paid as advances are not booked until I receive the report showing how the money was spent. Current advances include the budgets for PI \$300 & H&I \$400, and \$100 for the RD. Most notable is the amount spent on Travel, especially to the RSC alone.

2011 Annual Comparison – this report is not meant to dishonor any group or ASC regarding any change in their annual donations. It is merely meant to be a tool in order to recognize the decrease in donations as a whole. It is also meant so that each Area and Group can compare the donations I have received to what they have on their books, just in case a donation did not make it into my hands. The TBRC income is not included in this report. I did two reports, one comparing 2011 to 2010, and a second report comparing 2011, 2010 & 2009. As you can see from the second report, our general donations have decrease by half since 2009.

Class Reporting – I reorganized the Chart of Accounts, giving each position a Class identifier. This allowed me to shorten the Chart of Accounts, combining multiple description items, such as “Copies” in to one line item. I can now report on what a particular position incurs for any item, taking only a few seconds to pull up that report. I realized there was a real need to make this change when I was asked once at an RSC what the total in Gas was being spent to the RSC, and I had no way of calculating that figure unless I added up multiple accounts for Gas. I am hoping this will make for easier and quicker reporting.

Attached are samples of that reporting feature. Once I pull up a report on a particular position, I can further define what expenses are in that particular dollar amount. For Example – I pull up the Report By Class, listing the different subcommittees. Now I want to know what makes up the expenses in the account Workshop Travel for H&I. I double click on that total and it pulls up the report Transaction Detail by Account. I’ve made an effort to memo each expense, so that the report will reflect the different reasons for the expense. Now we know the different Workshops which H&I incurred Travel Expense. I did the same example for the Administrative Body. If we want to know what Workshops our RD attended, I just have to pull up the same Transaction Detail Report, and there is the list. Now....this only works as long as good documentation is noted on all the receipts that are turned in. It is important to continue to list where & why you incurred an expense. So far, everybody has been good about doing that, so please keep up the good work.

I have only gone back thru the books for 2011 & 2010 to make sure the entries are properly tagged. I plan on going back thru 2009 and further over the next couple of months. I hope this effort will help in our being more wise and prudent with our funds. I also hope it makes the Treasurer’s job a little easier for posting purposes. Because you know, one of these days.....you are going to have to find a Co-Treasurer....right???

In Loving Service,  
LeAnn K.  
TBRNA Treasurer  
(210) 862-7301

Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Treasury Audit  
February 11, 2012  
By: George A.

On February 7, 2012, George A., and LeAnn K. met to perform the Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Treasury Audit. George A. was able to reconcile the December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Service Committee bank statement to the books of original entry. He reviewed prior bank reconciliations and everything looked good. He was able to trace the December 2011 bank deposits to the receipts, and back to the books of original entry. He inspected TBRSC Treasurer's Report dated 11/02/2011, prepared by LeAnn K and it matched the entries in the books of original entry. He reviewed significant expenses and these transactions were traced back to the source documents which included bank statements and receipts.

With regards to the TBRCNA 11, George A reconciled the December 31, 2011 Convention Committee bank statement to the books of original entry. He inspected the convention treasurer's TBRCNA 11 check register and accompanying spreadsheet files, these transactions were then traced to the books of original entry and no discrepancies were noted. He reviewed the significant expenses and these transactions were traced source documents which included bank statements and receipts. LeAnn K. accounts for all of the convention committee transactions in the books of original entry.

Sales and Uses Tax Returns filed with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts were inspected. Federal Tax Returns Form 990 for calendar year ending December 31, 2009 and Form 990- EZ "Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax" were inspected. Source documents, files and folders, all seem to be well organized and kept up, no discrepancies nor were any irregularities noted. The filing system and accounting system and procedures appear to be kept with great expertise and care.

All in all, everything is good with the Regional Treasurer. LeAnn K. is doing an awesome job!!

George A.

# Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Committee of NA

## Profit & Loss

January through December 2011

	Jan - Dec 11	TBRCNA 11
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
Income		
4000 · Donations	8,775.64	
4100 · AAI - Donations	116.00	
4200 · TBR Conventions		
4210 · Registration		11,345.48
4220 · Merchandise	1057.73	7,585.72
4260 · Convention Donations		1,936.22
4270 · Entertainment		4,068.19
Total 4200 · TBR Conventions	9,949.37	24,935.61
<b>Total Income</b>	34,884.98	
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
5100 · TBR Convention Cost		
5110 · TBR Conv. Reg. Costs		3,991.68
5120 · TBR Conv. Merchandise Costs		4,535.40
5130 · TBR Conv. Hospitality Costs		300.00
5140 · TBR Conv. Arts & Graphics Cost		80.00
5150 · TBR Conv. Serenity Keepers Cost		582.50
5160 · TBR Conv. Programming		12,041.16
5170 · TBR Conv. Entertainment Costs		2,816.79
5180 · TBR Conv. Office & Postage Exp.		597.81
Total 5100 · TBR Convention Cost	0.00	24,945.34
<b>Total COGS</b>	24,945.34	(9.73)
<b>Gross Profit</b>	9,939.64	
<b>Expense</b>		
6100 · Adopt an Inmate		
6110 · AAI - Literature Purchases	816.00	
Total 6100 · Adopt an Inmate	816.00	
7230 · Contributions		
7231 · Contributions - SZF	300.00	
7235 · Contributions - WSO	3,539.67	
Total 7230 · Contributions	3,839.67	
7240 · Copies	143.98	
7260 · Facility Rent	650.00	
7290 · Graphics - Displays & Signs	24.87	
7400 · Literature for Committee Use	20.00	
7700 · Office Supplies	0.00	
7730 · Post Mailbox	144.00	
7800 · Travel		
7820 · Convention & CAC Travel		
7823 · Conv/CAC Travel - Gas	75.00	
Total 7820 · Convention & CAC Travel	75.00	

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Profit & Loss

January through December 2011

Jan - Dec 11 TBRCNA 11

7850 · RSC Travel	
7853 · RSC Travel - Gas	2,107.82
7854 · RSC Travel - Lodging	1,402.07
7856 · RSC Travel - Misc	3.00
Total 7850 · RSC Travel	<u>3,512.89</u>

7860 · SZF Travel	
7861 · Airfare - SZF	537.25
7863 · Gas - SZF	498.91
7864 · Lodging - SZF	435.46
7865 · Meals - SZF	128.98
7868 · Registration / CD's - SZF	90.00
Total 7860 · SZF Travel	<u>1,690.60</u>

7880 · Workshop Travel	
7883 · Workshop Travel - Gas	1,082.06
7884 · Workshop Travel - Lodging	227.70
7885 · Workshop Travel - Meals	39.58
Total 7880 · Workshop Travel	<u>1,349.34</u>

Total 7800 · Travel	6,627.83
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7900 · Website	66.43
Total Expense	<u>12,332.78</u>

Net Ordinary Income	-2,393.14
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Other Income/Expense

Other Income	
8100 · Sales Tax Discount	1.43
Total Other Income	<u>1.43</u>

Net Other Income	<u>1.43</u>
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Net Income	<u><u>-2,391.71</u></u>
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**Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Committee of NA**  
**Profit & Loss by Class**  
 January through December 2011

	Admin	CoFac	Facilitator	RD	RDA	Recorder	Treasurer	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense								
Expense								
7230 · Contributions	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
7231 · Contributions - SZF	3,539.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,539.67
7235 · Contributions - WSO								
Total 7230 · Contributions	3,839.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,839.67
7240 · Copies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.99	0.00	14.99
7260 · Facility Rent	650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	650.00
7730 · Post Mailbox	144.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.00
7800 · Travel								
7850 · RSC Travel								
7853 · RSC Travel - Gas	0.00	261.84	100.00	258.95	0.00	20.00	281.20	921.99
7854 · RSC Travel - Lodging	0.00	193.21	0.00	150.49	0.00	260.00	172.72	776.42
7855 · RSC Travel - Misc	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
Total 7850 · RSC Travel	0.00	458.05	100.00	409.44	0.00	280.00	453.92	1,701.41
7860 · SZF Travel								
7861 · Airfare - SZF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	537.25	0.00	0.00	537.25
7863 · Gas - SZF	0.00	0.00	0.00	398.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	398.91
7864 · Lodging - SZF	0.00	0.00	0.00	326.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	326.22
7865 · Meals - SZF	0.00	0.00	0.00	128.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	128.98
7868 · Registration / CD's - SZF	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	35.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
Total 7860 · SZF Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	899.11	572.25	0.00	0.00	1,471.36
7880 · Workshop Travel								
7883 · Workshop Travel - Gas	0.00	0.00	0.00	507.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	507.25
7884 · Workshop Travel - Lodging	0.00	0.00	0.00	113.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	113.85
7885 · Workshop Travel - Meals	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.58
Total 7880 · Workshop Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	660.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	660.68
Total 7800 · Travel	0.00	458.05	100.00	1,969.23	572.25	280.00	453.92	3,833.45
Total Expense	4,633.67	458.05	100.00	1,969.23	572.25	294.99	453.92	8,482.11
Net Ordinary Income	-4,633.67	-458.05	-100.00	-1,969.23	-572.25	-294.99	-453.92	-8,482.11
Net Income	-4,633.67	-458.05	-100.00	-1,969.23	-572.25	-294.99	-453.92	-8,482.11

**Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Committee of NA**  
**Transaction Detail By Account**  
 January through December 2011

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Amount
<b>7800 - Travel</b>						
<b>7880 - Workshop Travel</b>						
<b>7883 - Workshop Travel - Gas</b>						
Check	2/12/2011	1266	Dawn Edwards (v)	gas to Tri-County Area	RD	45.00
Check	5/14/2011	1290	Dawn Edwards (v)	Houston Workshop	RD	100.53
Check	5/14/2011	1290	Dawn Edwards (v)	Beaumont SSP workshop	RD	90.34
Check	8/13/2011	1304	Dawn Edwards (v)	Rio Grand Valley - meeting verification	RD	36.73
Check	8/13/2011	1304	Dawn Edwards (v)	Central Texas - SSP workshop	RD	88.00
Check	11/12/2011	1321	Dawn Edwards (v)	EANA Workshop	RD	84.63
Check	11/12/2011	1321	Dawn Edwards (v)	TX Tri-county Workshop	RD	62.02
Total 7883 - Workshop Travel - Gas						507.25
<b>7884 - Workshop Travel - Lodging</b>						
Check	5/14/2011	1290	Dawn Edwards (v)	Beaumont SSP workshop	RD	113.85
Total 7884 - Workshop Travel - Lodging						113.85
<b>7885 - Workshop Travel - Meals</b>						
Check	5/14/2011	1290	Dawn Edwards (v)	Beaumont SSP workshop	RD	39.58
Total 7885 - Workshop Travel - Meals						39.58
Total 7880 - Workshop Travel						660.68
Total 7800 - Travel						660.68
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>660.68</b>

**Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Committee of NA**  
**Profit & Loss by Class**  
 January through December 2011

Ordinary Income/Expense	AAI	CAC	H&I	Literatu...	PI	Policy	Web	TOTAL
Income								
4100 · AAI - Donations	116.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	116.00
Total Income	116.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	116.00
Gross Profit	116.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	116.00
Expense								
6100 · Adopt an Inmate								
6110 · AAI - Literature Purchases	816.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	816.00
Total 6100 · Adopt an Inmate	816.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	816.00
7240 · Copies	0.00	0.00	7.98	11.69	16.69	92.63	0.00	128.99
7290 · Graphics - Displays & Signs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.87	0.00	0.00	24.87
7400 · Literature for Committee Use	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
7800 · Travel								
7820 · Convention & CAC Travel	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
7823 · Conv/CAC Travel - Gas								
Total 7820 · Convention & CAC Travel	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
7850 · RSC Travel								
7853 · RSC Travel - Gas	124.02	90.71	326.01	239.12	177.81	142.88	0.00	1,100.55
7854 · RSC Travel - Lodging	0.00	110.23	0.00	148.20	117.26	43.12	0.00	418.81
Total 7850 · RSC Travel	124.02	200.94	326.01	387.32	295.07	186.00	0.00	1,519.36
7860 · SZF Travel								
7863 · Gas - SZF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
7864 · Lodging - SZF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	109.24	0.00	0.00	109.24
7868 · Registration / CD's - SZF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Total 7860 · SZF Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	219.24	0.00	0.00	219.24
7880 · Workshop Travel								
7883 · Workshop Travel - Gas	0.00	0.00	420.01	0.00	154.80	0.00	0.00	574.81
7884 · Workshop Travel - Lodging	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	113.85	0.00	0.00	113.85
Total 7880 · Workshop Travel	0.00	0.00	420.01	0.00	268.65	0.00	0.00	688.66
Total 7800 · Travel	124.02	275.94	746.02	387.32	782.96	186.00	0.00	2,502.26
7900 · Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66.43	66.43
Total Expense	940.02	275.94	754.00	399.01	844.52	278.63	66.43	3,558.55
Net Ordinary Income	-824.02	-275.94	-754.00	-399.01	-844.52	-278.63	-66.43	-3,442.55
Net Income	-824.02	-275.94	-754.00	-399.01	-844.52	-278.63	-66.43	-3,442.55



Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Committee of NA  
Transaction Detail By Account  
January through December 2011

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Amount
7800 · Travel						
7880 · Workshop Travel						
7883 · Workshop Travel - Gas						
Check	2/12/2011	1268	ESTEBAN ROMO	Northside Learning Day	H&I	100.00
Deposit	10/20/2011	1414	ESTEBAN ROMO	CTANA Learning Day	H&I	40.00
Check	11/12/2011	1319	ESTEBAN ROMO	Hill Country Workshop	H&I	60.01
Check	11/12/2011	1319	ESTEBAN ROMO	SE Texas	H&I	120.00
Check	11/12/2011	1319	ESTEBAN ROMO	Houston Area	H&I	100.00
Total 7883 · Workshop Travel - Gas						420.01
Total 7880 · Workshop Travel						420.01
Total 7800 · Travel						420.01
TOTAL						420.01

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Transaction Detail By Account  
January through December 2011

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Amount
7800 · Travel						
7880 · Workshop Travel						
7883 · Workshop Travel - Gas						
Check	2/12/2011	1274	Dianna Mitchell (v)	Houston Learning Day	PI	44.00
Check	2/12/2011	1274	Dianna Mitchell (v)	PI Presentation at TBRC 11	PI	110.80
Total 7883 · Workshop Travel - Gas						154.80
7884 · Workshop Travel - Lodging						
Check	2/12/2011	1274	Dianna Mitchell (v)	PI Presentation at TBRC 11	PI	113.85
Total 7884 · Workshop Travel - Lodging						113.85
Total 7880 · Workshop Travel						268.65
Total 7800 · Travel						268.65
TOTAL						268.65

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**Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Committee of NA**  
**Donations by Areas and Groups**  
**November 12, 2011 through February 08, 2012**

	Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Amount
<b>1960 Group (c)</b>						
Deposit		02/08/2012	19060	Deposit	4000 - Donations	27.60
Total 1960 Group (c)						<u>27.60</u>
<b>Brazos Valley Area (c)</b>						
Deposit		11/12/2011		Deposit	4000 - Donations	75.00
Total Brazos Valley Area (c)						<u>75.00</u>
<b>Courage Commitment Change Group</b>						
Total Courage Commitment Change Group	Deposit	12/20/2011		Deposit	4000 - Donations	50.00
						<u>50.00</u>
<b>EANA (c)</b>						
Deposit		11/18/2011		Deposit	4000 - Donations	210.30
Deposit		12/16/2011		Deposit	4000 - Donations	226.07
Deposit		01/27/2012	1324	Deposit	4000 - Donations	182.40
Total EANA (c)						<u>618.77</u>
<b>HCANA (c)</b>						
Deposit		11/12/2011		Deposit	4000 - Donations	123.32
Total HCANA (c)						<u>123.32</u>
<b>TBRCC Convention (c)</b>						
Sales Receipt		11/12/2011	20	Taxable Merchandise	4220 - Merchandise	141.34
Sales Receipt		12/30/2011	23	Taxable Merchandise	4220 - Merchandise	27.71
Total TBRCC Convention (c)						<u>169.05</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>						<u><u>1,063.74</u></u>

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## Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Committee of NA

### Expenses by Vendor Detail

November 12, 2011 through February 8, 2012

	Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Amount
<b>Allen E. (v)</b>	Check	11/12/2011	1318	Nov 11 RSC	7853 · RSC Travel - Gas	-46.00
<b>Total Allen E. (v)</b>						-46.00
<b>Dawn E. (v)</b>	Check	11/12/2011	1321	EANA Workshop	7883 · Workshop Travel - Gas	-84.63
	Check	11/12/2011	1321	Nov 2011 RSC	7853 · RSC Travel - Gas	-83.40
	Check	11/12/2011	1321	Advance to SZF	1370 · RD & RDA Advance	-100.00
	Check	11/12/2011	1321	TX Tri-county Workshop	7883 · Workshop Travel - Gas	-62.02
<b>Total Dawn E. (v)</b>						-330.05
<b>Dianna M. (v)</b>	Check	11/12/2011	1317	Nov 2011 RSC	7853 · RSC Travel - Gas	-56.00
<b>Total Dianna M. (v)</b>						-56.00
<b>ESTEBAN R.</b>	Check	11/12/2011	1315	Nov 2011 RSC	7853 · RSC Travel - Gas	-98.00
	Check	11/12/2011	1319	Hill Country Workshop	7883 · Workshop Travel - Gas	-60.01
	Check	11/12/2011	1319	SE Texas	7883 · Workshop Travel - Gas	-120.00
	Check	11/12/2011	1319	Houston Area	7883 · Workshop Travel - Gas	-100.00
<b>Total ESTEBAN R.</b>						-378.01
<b>Gary M.</b>	Check	11/12/2011	1320	Lexington SZF	7861 · Airfare - SZF	-537.25
<b>Total Gary M.</b>						-537.25
<b>Jerry L. (v)</b>	Check	11/12/2011	1316	Nov 2011 RSC	7240 · Copies	-24.00
	Check	11/12/2011	1316	Nov 2011 RSC	7853 · RSC Travel - Gas	-40.00
<b>Total Jerry L. (v)</b>						-64.00
<b>Lynn S. (v)</b>	Check	11/12/2011	1322	Nov 2011 RSC	7853 · RSC Travel - Gas	-70.88
	Check	11/12/2011	1322	Nov 2011 RSC	7854 · RSC Travel - Lodging	-98.20
<b>Total Lynn S. (v)</b>						-169.08
<b>NAWS (v)</b>	Check	01/24/2012	1325	11 Invoices @16.00 each, minus \$77.00 credit	6110 · AAI - Literature Purchases	-99.00
<b>Total NAWS (v)</b>						-99.00
<b>PostNet (v)</b>	Check	12/31/2011	1323	1 Year Rental - 3 months free - thru 08/20/2012	7730 · Post Mailbox	-144.00
<b>Total PostNet (v)</b>						-144.00
<b>TOTAL</b>						-1,823.39

**Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Committee of NA**  
**Donations by ASC/Groups**  
**2011 Annual Comparison Report**

	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 10</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
1960 Group (c)	0.00	293.66	-293.66	-100.0%
AAI (c)	0.00	472.44	-472.44	-100.0%
Agape Freedom Group (c)	0.00	25.00	-25.00	-100.0%
Brazos Valley Area (c)	75.00	0.00	75.00	100.0%
CBANA (c)	1,786.01	692.44	1,093.57	157.93%
Courage Commitment Change Group	450.00	400.00	50.00	12.5%
Crossroads Group (c)	219.11	0.00	219.11	100.0%
CTANA (c)	1,201.68	965.30	236.38	24.49%
Doyle C.	20.00	0.00	20.00	100.0%
EANA (c)	957.58	966.28	-8.70	-0.9%
Gary	20.00	0.00	20.00	100.0%
Gem City Group (c)	74.50	0.00	74.50	100.0%
HASCONA (c)	457.03	372.58	84.45	22.67%
HCANA (c)	284.49	106.17	178.32	167.96%
Just for Today Group	25.00	0.00	25.00	100.0%
Keep It Clean (c)	200.00	480.00	-280.00	-58.33%
Kendall R.	9.00	0.00	9.00	100.0%
Leann K.	0.00	100.00	-100.00	-100.0%
NASCONA (c)	350.00	464.04	-114.04	-24.58%
Nothing to Fear of NA (c)	76.00	83.60	-7.60	-9.09%
SETANA (c)	0.00	440.26	-440.26	-100.0%
SWCCA	50.00	0.00	50.00	100.0%
TBRNA Service Committee (c)	215.00	0.00	215.00	100.0%
Texas NA Unity Convention (c)	538.38	0.00	538.38	100.0%
Texas State Convention (c)	77.83	803.62	-725.79	-90.32%
Texas Tri County (c)	1,405.03	2,222.05	-817.02	-36.77%
The Last Room Group (c)	0.00	42.80	-42.80	-100.0%
Wings of Freedom (c)	400.00	1,250.00	-850.00	-68.0%
Woodlands Group of NA (c)	0.00	124.95	-124.95	-100.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>8,891.64</u></b>	<b><u>10,305.19</u></b>	<b><u>-1,413.55</u></b>	<b><u>-13.72%</u></b>

**Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Committee of NA**  
**Income by Customer Summary**  
January 2009 through December 2011

	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 10</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 09</u>	<u>% Change 2009 vs 2011</u>
1960 Group (c)	0.00	293.66	691.79	-100%
AAI (c)	0.00	472.44	1,411.37	-100%
Agape Freedom Group (c)	0.00	25.00	175.00	-100%
Brazos Valley Area (c)	75.00	0.00	100.00	-25%
BVANA (c)	0.00	0.00	50.00	-100%
CBANA (c)	1,786.01	692.44	2,023.81	-12%
Courage Committment Change Grou	450.00	400.00	275.00	64%
Crossroads Group (c)	219.11	0.00	0.00	100%
CTANA (c)	1,201.68	965.30	589.53	104%
Doyle C.	20.00	0.00	0.00	100%
EANA (c)	957.58	966.28	981.98	-2%
Free Today	0.00	0.00	50.00	-100%
Gary	20.00	0.00	0.00	100%
Gem City Group (c)	74.50	0.00	36.00	107%
HASCONA (c)	457.03	372.58	1,522.46	-70%
HASO (c)	0.00	0.00	270.90	-100%
HCANA (c)	284.49	106.17	1,342.55	-79%
Just for Today Group	25.00	0.00	0.00	100%
Keep It Clean (c)	200.00	480.00	760.00	-74%
Kendall R.	9.00	0.00	0.00	100%
Leann K.	0.00	100.00	0.00	0%
Men of Hope (c)	0.00	0.00	30.00	-100%
NASCONA (c)	350.00	464.04	577.00	-39%
Noontime Group	0.00	0.00	50.00	-100%
Nothing to Fear of NA (c)	76.00	83.60	0.00	100%
SETANA (c)	0.00	440.26	640.37	-100%
Stepping Up Group	0.00	0.00	132.64	-100%
SWCCA	50.00	0.00	0.00	100%
TBRNA Service Committee (c)	215.00	0.00	0.00	100%
Texas NA Unity Convention (c)	538.38	0.00	218.75	146%
Texas State Convention (c)	77.83	803.62	785.52	-90%
Texas Tri County (c)	1,405.03	2,222.05	6,067.08	-77%
The Last Room Group (c)	0.00	42.80	123.20	-100%
Wings of Freedom (c)	400.00	1,250.00	1,125.00	-64%
Woodlands Group of NA (c)	0.00	124.95	0.00	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>8,891.64</u></b>	<b><u>10,305.19</u></b>	<b><u>20,029.95</u></b>	<b><u>-56%</u></b>

## Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Conference February 11, 2012

Hello everybody! Hope all is well.

This has been a busy quarter with the CAR and CAT being released. I attended the Southern Zonal Forum in Monroe the end of January, as the CAR and CAT were covered. No receipts are being turned in for that travel. Thanks to Gary for all his hard work in preparing "tally" sheets for home groups to complete on both the CAR and CAT and return to one of us. We will discuss the best way to handle this as we do not currently have an Assembly scheduled. If we do not schedule an Assembly, we will need requests for CAR/CAT workshops today so that Gary and I can begin to schedule these and look at the amount of travel we will be doing in the next month or so.

I have sent out a list of questions that I need NEED returned by the RCMs today if at all possible. If not please let me know when you will be getting the info to me. I have to complete the Regional report by March 1<sup>st</sup> to have it including in the Conference Report.

This quarter I attended Esperanza Area in December. Thank you for the welcome. One thing I really like that Esperanza has done for some time is a weekly EBLAST of local activities. I would really like it if our web site could do something like this as well. This could include Area activities, speaker meetings and Regional Learning Days along with anything else the body finds important.

**Please Please PLEASE** stay on top of the meeting schedules in your Areas...this information is available to many addicts and professionals referring addicts to our meetings. We lose credibility when an addict shows up to a scheduled meeting and it is not happening because it moved, folded, or no one opened the door. This could be the first experience an addict has with our fellowship. We must remember our actions effect the fellowship as a whole. There are still Areas that have NOT returned updated meeting information from the info provided me from World data base. I urge everyone to make this a priority.

**Travel to Esperanza leaves \$12.25 from money dispersed last RSC. I am also turning in gas receipts for attending this weekend. Travel expenses-\_\_\_\_\_gas.**

**In Loving Service,**

**Dawn Edwards**

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## What's happening in NA World Services that you may want to know...

Because we're mailing it with the *Conference Agenda Report*, we wanted this issue of *NAWS News* to be short and to-the-point. At only two pages (print double-sided to use just one sheet of paper!), we hope you will continue to forward this page by email or copy it for interested members at your groups, ASCs, and RSCs. We encourage members to sign up for e-subs to *The NA Way Magazine* and *NAWS News* to help us communicate more effectively and control distribution costs: [www.na.org/subscribe](http://www.na.org/subscribe).

✦ **Conference Agenda Report**—the full *CAR*, which includes the approval draft of *Living Clean*, is being mailed to all conference participants by 28 November. It will also be available for purchase for \$13 (includes shipping costs) or for download on a password-protected page. To download the *CAR*, visit [www.na.org/conference](http://www.na.org/conference). The username is CP2012 and the password WSC2012.

✦ Here are some of the items you will find in the 2012 *CAR*:

- **Approval form of *Living Clean: The Journey Continues***—the project plan for this book-length piece called for a year-long approval period, and so the approval draft was released in April 2011. To date, we have distributed about 5,000 copies of the approval draft, two-thirds more copies than the approval draft of the Sixth Edition Basic Text in the same time period. The draft contains seven chapters on various topics, including living clean, identity, spirituality, our physical selves, relationships, living in the world, and our ongoing recovery. As an addendum item, the approval draft will not be translated for non-English versions of the *CAR*.
- **Proposed changes to World Convention rotation plan.**
- **Discussion about creating e-book formats and removing full PDF versions of book-length literature from the na.org website.** Creating “enhanced” electronic versions would require changes to the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust*; those motions are included in the *CAR*.
- **Regional Proposals:** this new experiment for forwarding local ideas to the World Service Conference has resulted in a few different proposals for fellowship discussion.
- **Service System Project:** based on the work of this project, the *CAR* will contain eight resolutions for discussion and decision at WSC 2012.

✦ **Social Media service pamphlet**—we have received input from a number of interested members and service bodies, and we are making the necessary revisions. The final version will be available by the end of the calendar year.

Go to *NAWS News* at [www.na.org/?ID=reports-naawsnews-naawsmain](http://www.na.org/?ID=reports-naawsnews-naawsmain)

- ✦ **Fiscal Update**—due to our efforts to reduce expenses across the board, we were able to end the fiscal year on a positive note. However, with participation at a series of CAR workshops and the World Service Conference in our near future, we have some significant expenses ahead of us. We continue to ask for your financial support in providing services that help in carrying the message worldwide. To help us offset these expenses today, visit the contribution portal at [www.na.org/?ID=donation-external-index](http://www.na.org/?ID=donation-external-index)
- ✦ **WCNA 34**—the Thirty-Fourth World Convention of NA was held in San Diego, 1-4 September 2011. With over 13,000 registered participants—900 of whom received newcomer packages—we believe this convention was quite successful in a number of ways. Look to the *NAWS Annual Report* for a more detailed discussion.
- ✦ **NAWS Annual Report**—the annual report for the July 2010–June 2011 fiscal year is being completed and will be available for purchase or download in January 2012.
- ✦ **Human Resource Panel**—hello from the HRP. It is an exciting and busy time for us. All initial deadlines to be considered for nomination for WSC 2012 have passed. We have begun our first screening, and once that is completed we will start candidate and reference interviews. For the first time and in response to feedback from last conference, once nominees are selected, Candidate Profiles will be distributed to conference participants prior to the WSC. Thanks to all for your willingness and support.
- ✦ **Literature Survey**—we have tallied the results of the literature survey conducted between October 2010 and April 2011, and a discussion of the results will be included in both the *NAWS Annual Report* and the *March Conference Report*. Some notable highlights include that 97% of overall respondents indicated a need for new book-length literature. 82% believe a traditions workbook is needed, and 81% said they would like more information on service and recovery.
- ✦ **Membership Survey**—our membership survey is available online until 31 December at [www.na.org/?ID=projects](http://www.na.org/?ID=projects). Please help us not only by completing a survey but encouraging your friends, home group, etc. to participate and help us to get an accurate picture of our fellowship. We do this every two years and it helps us in many ways, including providing a realistic picture of NA to professionals who treat addicts.

## CALENDAR FOR 2010-2012

**Travel requests** (considered by quarter)

**15 February** for April–June

**15 May** for July–September

**15 August** for October–December

**15 November** for January–March

**English CAR available** 28 November 2011

**Translated CAR available** 28 December 2011

**CAT material available** 28 January 2012

**Regional report deadline** 1 March 2012

**WSC 2012** 29 April – 5 May 2012



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## What's happening in NA World Services that you may want to know...

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This helps us to communicate more effectively and control distribution costs.

- ✦ The *Conference Agenda Report*, Conference Approval Track materials, Delegate Survey, and Regional Report form, as well as PowerPoints and profiles to use as a resource are centrally located on the conference page at [www.na.org/conference](http://www.na.org/conference). Accessing the CAR or the CAT requires the user name CP2012 and password WSC2012. This page will continue to be updated between now and WSC 2012 so please check back regularly. We also plan to post a link on this page for this material in Spanish as it is translated. That link will be: [www.na.org/conf-span](http://www.na.org/conf-span).
- ✦ The Service System third draft proposals, history of the project, a summary of reporting, as well as other material relevant to the project can be found at [www.na.org/servicesystem](http://www.na.org/servicesystem).
- ✦ If you are a current conference participant or were one during the 2008-2010 cycle, please sign up for the conference participant bulletin board at <http://disc.na.org>. This board can be viewed by any interested member. We would like delegates and members to participate; members of the World Board will be actively involved on the boards.
- ✦ Regional report and delegate survey deadline is 1 March 2012:  
Please help us be better prepared by providing your information before the deadlines. Your information helps us more effectively prepare conference sessions and serves as an important record for each region. The regional reports are also included in the *March Conference Report*. We will also be sending delegates their candidate profiles with the *Conference Report* mailing for the first time as an experiment.
- ✦ We have persisted with our efforts to reduce expenses across the board; we continue to ask for your financial support in providing services that help in carrying the NA message worldwide. Please see the members' contribution portal at [www.na.org/?ID=donation-external-index](http://www.na.org/?ID=donation-external-index).
- ✦ Membership Survey – delay no longer. Participate! We have the survey online until 10 February 2012. Tell a friend. Help us to present a picture of recovery in NA, go to: [www.na.org/?ID=membership\\_survey](http://www.na.org/?ID=membership_survey).

Go to *NAWS News* at [www.na.org/?ID=reports-nawsnews-nawsmain](http://www.na.org/?ID=reports-nawsnews-nawsmain)



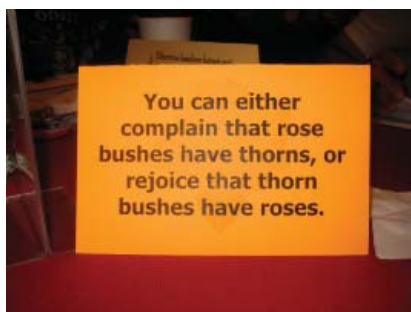
## INSPIRED BY OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE MOVING TOWARD WSC 2012

To begin the New Year, we met 5-7 January 2012 at WSO Chatsworth, CA. We had an ambitious and productive three-day meeting with our primary focus toward the Conference Approval Track (CAT). We discussed the Service System Project, focusing on delegation and proposal issues; the website is a great source for current and past information about this project. We hope that you take the time to visit the Service System Project area on the website, [www.na.org/servicesystem](http://www.na.org/servicesystem).

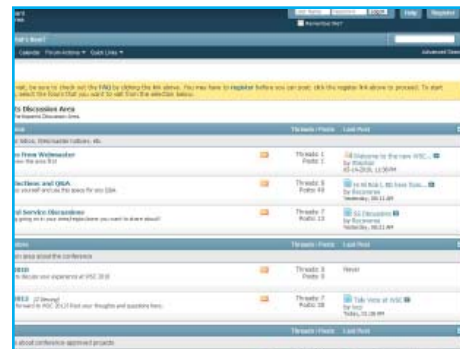
During this meeting, we finalized the Strategic Plan for 2012-2014 and discussed WSC sessions; including how to talk about our planning process and communicate effectively how that process is clearly linked with scanning and other information in *Planning Basics*. We spent time discussing the upcoming budget proposal and project plans including possible next steps with the Service System Project.

Our agenda covered a financial update and an initial discussion of a website revision. Changes were discussed to improve the website and make it more user friendly. We are constantly challenged to keep up with current technology and we plan to better address this in our next Strategic Plan. We are researching iPhone applications, e-publications and a mobile website.

We decided with all the information that is being distributed along with CAR and CAT workshops, the upcoming *Annual Report* and *Conference Report*, we would provide members with a brief update in this issue of *NAWS News*. We encourage members to visit the conference page at [www.na.org/conference](http://www.na.org/conference). All conference materials—including the CAR, CAT, regional report template, and the delegate survey, etc.—will be found here. Conference materials are centralized on one page to ease website navigation. We will continue to update this page between now and WSC 2012, so please check it frequently.



We also encourage interested members and particularly conference participants to join us in discussions on the conference participant bulletin board at <http://disc.na.org>. While only conference participants can post, anyone can view this page.



## FISCAL UPDATE

As is our practice, we provide you with our financial picture in each *NAWS News*. We continue to practice a stark program at the WSO Chatsworth where we currently function with nine fewer than our normal complement of staff members. Contributions from the fellowship in the last three months of 2011 were dismal and recovery literature sales were down. We have an approved budget from WSC 2010, and contributions are far below the expected amount included in the approved budget. We discussed ways to reach members and increase their awareness of the financial need and the ever-increasing importance of continuing the services we provide to the fellowship and the general public in these difficult economic times. Addicts continue to need help and we believe that NA offers what they need. Part of our responsibility is to help them know about NA and be able to find us.

We continue to be cautious and conservative, yet we hope to be able to provide increased public relations activity which has virtually been non-existent; we believe that an essential part of our mission is to maintain our presence at conferences and maintain relationships with professionals so addicts will be referred to the NA program where they can find freedom from active addiction. And, we may be able to expand fellowship development efforts in our ever growing worldwide fellowship; addicts in many areas in North America and throughout the globe do not know that recovery exists and we believe we can help to carry our message of recovery to them.

We will continue to ask members to *Invest in Our Vision* and encourage regions to contribute to our fellowship. Each and every one of us earned our seat in NA through active addiction and we have received the gift of recovery. This precious gift, inspired by our primary purpose, is to be shared with others. We share our gratitude for this daily reprieve by paying it forward financially, thus making it possible for addicts throughout the world to recover in NA.





## SERVICE SYSTEM

We had attended two CAR workshops prior to the board meeting and discussed our interactions with members in these workshops along with their issues of concern. We heard three recurring issues.

One thing people asked about was project background – where did this project come from? The Service System Project stemmed from efforts to address what seem to be perennial challenges on a local level. Over the years, we have heard the same concerns with local service delivery from various sources. Worldwide workshops asked what were the significant issues members faced and apathy was usually the #1 challenge – members did not want to be involved. During the PR roundtables, professionals from treatment, medical, and judicial fields stated that there were significant challenges with contacting NA in specific locales, often involving the need to contact multiple services bodies. Finally, we had several IDTs focused toward service delivery (e.g. Infrastructure, Our Service System, and Leadership) over the last ten years. Members repeatedly brought up lack of training and mentoring, a lack of trusted servants, negative atmosphere of recovery in service meetings, and ineffective services such as helplines with no one answering the calls. There have been efforts over the years to “patch” some of the “holes” in the system, but after hearing the same challenges for so long, taking a holistic approach to examining and suggesting improvements to the service system seemed to be the wisest approach to resolving some of these issues. More information about the background of this project can be found at [www.na.org/servicesystem](http://www.na.org/servicesystem).

A second issue which has been voiced at the CAR workshops is that of delegation. For one thing, there seems to be a misconception that the Service System Proposals are outlining a system in which groups would no longer be voting on matters for the WSC. There is no intention whatsoever to distance members, and certainly no suggestion to remove a member or group's voting privilege for WSC matters. The proposals are geared toward consensus-based decision making, but this in no way removes the group's ability to vote on proposals/motions/items affecting the WSC. It's worth noting that not every region in NA functions the same way with CAR voting; some gather their conscience at workshops or assemblies, some use area voting, and some gather group tallies. *We are not proposing anything that would change those practices.*

Delegation on a local level, on the other hand, may function a bit differently for some communities, if the ideas in the Service System Proposals were put into practice. The group support unit is focused toward group issues, and GSU

meetings would be held separately from the LSU, which is based upon a planning cycle for local service projects and ongoing services such as H&I. The local service unit, as described in the proposals, meets quarterly to make decisions and have discussions about planning, prioritizing, and overseeing work. Much of the administrative detail on a local level is delegated to the local service board, as well as the project workgroups and committees, in the hopes that the LSU meetings can be focused on broader strategic discussions, more deliberate decisions about resources, and oversight of the work being done. In other words, delegating more of the administrative detail ideally would promote groups' participation in decision making, rather than discourage it, as groups are better empowered to make decisions that affect local practices and outcomes.

Thanks to the discussions held at the two CAR workshops, we were able to clarify these points on the session profiles and PowerPoints for subsequent CAR workshops. These third draft proposals, outlines and PowerPoints for local CAR workshops can be found at [www.na.org/servicesystem](http://www.na.org/servicesystem).

Finally, the third issue regarding the service system centers on a common theme of questions about the specifics of implementation (e.g., “What will happen to my ASC if...”, “What if other ASCs in the region decide...?”, “What if my group decides...?”) In a sense these sorts of questions put the “cart before the horse”. We are offering resolutions in the CAR which move us in a direction. Until we know whether we have agreement in principle about the broad ideas being proposed, it seems premature to work out the details of a transition to that system. We will be offering a project plan at the conference to accomplish the next steps with the service system project; the concrete details of implementation will be addressed in the transition/implementation aspect of this project.



## CAR WORKSHOPS

There seems to be some confusion about the different type of decisions contained in the 2012 CAR.

### Two types of binding decisions will be made at this conference:

- **Motions:** These are decisions about actions to be taken now.
- **Resolutions:** These are intended to reach agreements in principle on broad-based ideas. They help create a conceptual foundation for future changes.

**Two types of items in the CAR are designed to gauge preferences and support** levels for ideas that will inform and guide future work. They may lead to future decisions, but are not decisions that will be made at this conference:

- **Straw polls:** Non-binding votes intended to gauge support for more specific aspects of the service system proposals. Results are intended to be used to guide future work.
- **Regional proposals:** Ideas forwarded by regions for study and consideration in lieu of regional motions. They are not being presented for decision at this time.

We have had several delegates ask how they should be gathering a conscience for the straw polls in the CAR. We have heard that some delegates were using straw polls to gauge the level of support in their region, while others were simply asking for a yes (support) or no (do not support) vote. For purposes of clarity and a definite direction, at the conference we will be asking delegates to vote yes (support) or no (do not support). This seems like the easiest way to measure the level of support for the ideas and to best serve the future of this work. Thank you to all who asked.

### Two types of proposals:

- Service System Proposal Report (CAR Addendum A) – This is a **background** resource to understand the resolutions and the straw polls. It will not be voted on at this conference.
- Regional Proposals – These are ideas from regions for study and consideration at this conference.

### Why regional proposals not motions:

- Proposals are more flexible than motions.
- Motions are inherently rigid. The process of changing motions is complex and intimidating to many.
- Our hope is that proposals rather than motions will allow delegates to bring ideas that can easily be discussed without the pressure or formality of making a binding decision.
- We talked about it in terms of a metaphor: delegates often feel like they are bringing trees to the conference and getting all the branches lopped off in the process of making motions CAR-ready. We are hoping that bringing proposals is more like bringing seeds.

As we stated in a previous NAWS News, we believe this new process will foster a more discussion-based conference. Thus, an item for old or new business brought forth by a delegate will be presented in proposal form, offered to the conference for discussion, and straw polled for support. We will be measuring the level of support or lack of support for each regional proposal. Also, as we have done in the past, at the end of the week, the WB will be seeking the conference's support by straw poll for further direction on items discussed at WSC 2012. The future of regional proposals or motions will be among the items we will discuss with the conference, seeking ideas about the best way to deal with them in the future.

### Why the World Board presents motions:

- The board presents motions rather than proposals because the policy hasn't changed in terms of how to pass a project or approve a book, for example. We don't feel it's responsible to experiment with conference processes for things like approving recovery literature or major projects. But in the future, it may be that we are able to conduct more business through proposals rather than motions.
- Also, the board's motions all stem from the strategic plan. Everything they propose is driven by the plan.



## PROPOSED PROJECT PLANS 2012-14

We finalized our Strategic Plan, and these plans will help us realize our objectives. We identified desired outcomes, and approaches to reach those outcomes. Our project plans came from identifying 'how' to achieve the stated approaches. Prior to offering project plans, we also had to prioritize – we always want to do more than resources (human and financial) allow. Details of these plans will be in the CAT, which will be mailed by 28 January 2012 and posted at [www.na.org](http://www.na.org).

We are mindful of our resources with the project plans that we are presenting. We will be offering Fellowship Issue Discussion Topics and a plan for possible next steps with the Service System Project which is contingent upon WSC direction. Additionally, we will present a plan for a book on the Twelve Traditions, which was an expressed desire of WSC 2010 and a demonstrated priority from the literature survey, and a plan that offers a process for the current Service Pamphlet, *An Introduction to NA Meetings*, to go through to become an IP. Finally, we again will be presenting a project for public relations to hold focus groups to help us develop effective strategies and improve our communication, as well as a plan for a Trusted Servant Support and Development Project.

## WSC SEATING RECOMMENDATION

We had a moratorium through WSC 2012 on considering seating requests from regions that resulted from a division of an already seated community. By the 1 April 2011 deadline, we had one request for seating from a region—Siberia/Far East RSC—that was not from a division. We diligently considered their request and even sent a NAWS travel team to their event in August 2011. Yet, given our current state of transition regarding seating and the fact that the conference remains divided on this issue, we could not see how it would be beneficial to bring a new region to the conference at this time. More information about this can be found in the 2012 Conference Approval Track (CAT) material.

## REMOVAL OF ONLINE PDF BOOKS

We have received inquiries about the removal of the online PDFs which were elementary electronic versions of our book-length texts. Our initial decision to post those files was so that people could access them for personal use, but some people began distributing the texts through mass emails and others even offered them for sale online through public commercial sites. We recognize that our decision to remove the .pdfs may have taken some members by surprise and may have created disappointment, yet in the face of the mass distribution and sales, as the trustees of the fellowship's intellectual property, we believe the responsible action was to remove the files from our site. In the future, we plan to offer excerpts of our books online.

Understanding the value of our literature, we will continue to post the booklets and IPs at [na.org](http://na.org), and offer free printed literature to those who contact us and do not have the necessary funds to purchase. In this way, we believe we can balance our responsibility to protect NA's intellectual property and to provide NA literature to addicts seeking recovery.

## WORLD CONVENTION 34 UPDATE

We are still in negotiations for final resolution with two hotels where we did not meet our room block. We are not able to consider the figures below final until all negotiations are completed. As more and more members are choosing alternatives to booking within our room blocks, we will be reducing our room blocks for future conventions.

The summary for WCNA 34 as of 31 December is as follows. More information will be included in the *Annual Report*.

INCOME	
Registrations	\$1,135,156
Special Events	483,270
Other Income	71,680
Merchandise Income	617,584
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,307,690</b>
EXPENSE	
Administration	\$209,902
Facilities Expenses	174,732
Merchandise	551,010
Program	285,490
Registration	372,022
Special Events	420,732
Support Workgroup	11,225
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$2,025,113</b>
<b>WCNA 34 NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$282,577</b>

## HUMAN RESOURCE PANEL

Greetings again from your Human Resource Panel! As we have not met since the last edition of *NAWS News* was released, our report to you will be concise.

Our initial blind screening has been completed and we are currently involved with the interview segment. We have also contacted a number of local service committees to gain their perspective on those traditional candidates who are being interviewed. If your committee has received this form, please complete and return it to the HRP by 1 March.

As always, we invite any thoughts or questions. Feel free to contact us at [hrp@na.org](mailto:hrp@na.org), or contact Roberta at the World Service Office at 818-773-9999 ext. 121.

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**Conference Approval Track** 28 January 2012

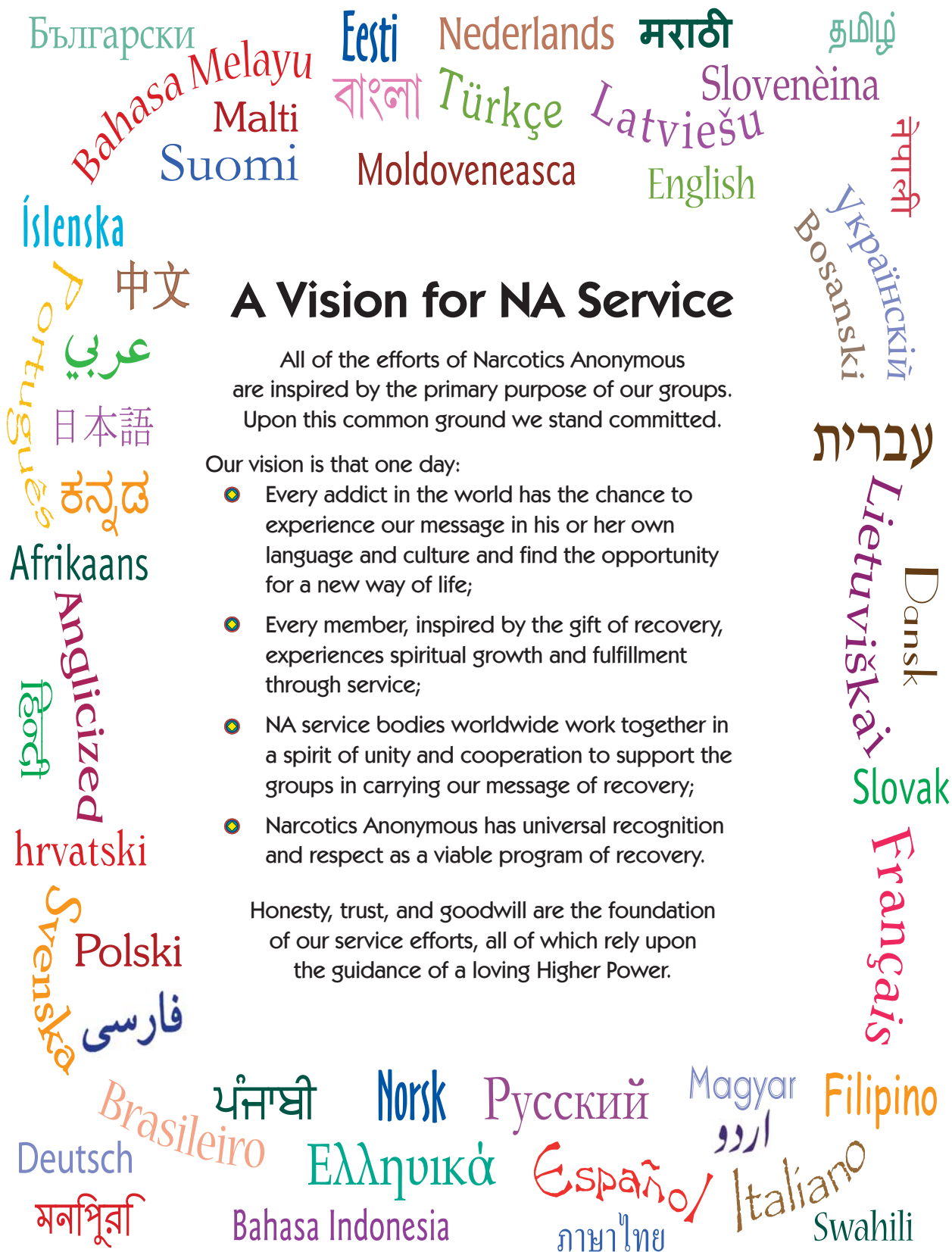
**Regional report & delegate survey deadline**

1 March 2012

**World Service Conference** 29 April – 5 May 2012







## A Vision for NA Service

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one day:

- Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;
- Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service;
- NA service bodies worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery;
- Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery.

Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.



RDA Report 2/9/12

Hello all – very short report today but it was a very busy last few months.

I attended the SZF in Monroe Louisiana two weekends ago. 95% of the time was spent on review of the CAR and presentation of the CAT. Two members of the world board were in attendance and available to answer all questions that came up. Dawn and I will present the CAR to you tomorrow so I won't go into any specifics here, except to say that I have created tally sheets for both the CAR and CAT that should assist your groups in recording their consciences concerning all proposals, straw polls, resolutions, motions and potential new business items that will come up during the conference in April. I also wanted to mention that I am available to attend workshops that your Areas may be planning to review the CAR/CAT.

We did have an interesting moment at the forum when a member was not allowed access due to them being banned from the home group location where we were holding the forum. As a result future forums will be held in meeting rooms at the host hotel. Regardless of the cost savings associated with using a group's facilities for this event it is greatly outweighed by the restrictions that would keep a member looking for information on upcoming World Service issues from attending.

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Gary M  
RDA

## TBRNA Policy report

2-11-2012

Hello folks

I do not really have much to report. I have begun to go through our policy to find areas of contradiction and have made good progress. I should have a proposed draft ready for our next RSC. If you would be willing to help me clean things up and complete the draft please let me know. I do have a question. Is Rio Grande Valley Area still considered active in our region?

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## Public Relations/Information Report

### February 11, 2012

Since our last report TBRPR/PI has traveled to Hill Country (Kerrville) to facilitate Public Relations/Information Learning Day. Hill Country is re-grouping its PR/PI subcommittee and beginning from the ground up. We discussed the do's and don'ts of PR and the process of coming up with a PR game plan for HCANA. We spent \$126.57 for this event. TBRPR/PI has also assisted South East Texas (Vidor) in a Group Service Representative Training – which was well attended by the trusted servants and interested members in SETANA. We spent \$100.20 for this event.

In January TBRPR/PI held their first ever online meeting using join.me, a free online presentation website. I have nothing else to judge the website by because I have never attended a meeting using anything else however, I felt like it was easy to use and great for the price, FREE. There were two areas in attendance, Central Texas ANA and three members from Hill Country ANA. At one point we had 8 people signed in but the other three participants did not identify themselves. Both areas in attendance are moving forward with their plans for PR. The two areas also are in favor of moving forward with online monthly meetings, with the TBRPR/PI facilitator reporting to the RSC and scheduling learning/training/forums/meetings in the areas within the Region.

We will be discussing monthly online meetings at more length in our meeting on 2/11/12 at the RSC.

A proposal was submitted and is attached to this report requesting funding for the Western Service Learning Days. As suggested through email discussion regarding the proposal, I inquired about CD's from the last WSLD and was given access to download the event speakers and burn copies for the Regional Subcommittees. The WSLD only asked that as a Region ***"Should your region determine that the value of the content improves their ability to provide services to the groups by at least 20 dollars, they can send along a payment. If not, send nothing"***. At this time I am asking for RSC approval to send \$20.00 to WSLD 25 for their willingness to share the past event with us.

Finally, last weekend, February 3 – 5, 2012, TBRPR/PI brought the PI Booth to TBRCNA, set it up and supplied literature. As a subcommittee we were very disappointed that the convention subcommittee did not include Public Information in their agenda. The convention agenda included a Saturday H&I TDCJ training, a Saturday afternoon inmate speaker along with a non-addict prison guard speaker, and a Saturday night speaker whose story was heavily based around H&I. Although we were excited to hear that H&I was so well represented, we would request that next years convention programming committee consider equal representation of both subcommittees on the agenda.

Date: February 11, 2012

## **Proposal by Public Information Facilitator, Diana M.**

**I propose that we send our Hospitals & Institutions and Public Relations / Information Co-Facilitator(s) [or in their absence Facilitators] to the Western Service Learning Days XXVI.**

**Intent:** *Is to provide a educational/learning experience that will benefit TBRNA and its respective areas by allowing the co-facilitators [because they have the potential to assist the regional subcommittees for up to four years – seems like a better long term investment] up-to-date H&I & PI learning that they can bring back to the areas and that will be used to further our primary purpose.*

**Potential cost** of implementing this proposal: **\$883.40**

	<u>H&amp;I</u>	<u>PI</u>
Flights:	283.70	283.70
Hotel:	108.00	108.00
Per Diem:	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL	441.70	441.70

**This could be paid for by setting aside \$98.15 a month until September**

**Pro:** With all the changes <sup>in</sup> the world around us and how information is disseminated it is important that our subcommittees stay up to date on what is out there to be utilized to further our primary purpose, our trusted leaders need to be educated and trained in the ‘thing’ that others in the NA fellowship are utilizing in order to further our primary purpose and to incorporate those ideas in long term public relations solutions.

I understand that this is a hefty amount of money however it is a great investment in the furtherance of our primary purpose – helping the addict who is still suffering. In order to help them we must be available to them in the most productive way that is available.

Our subcommittee Facilitators cannot give away what they do not have.



# Western Service Learning Days XXVI

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