

TBRNA Regional Service Conference – February 11, 2023 – Hybrid Meeting Second Quarter TBRSC will be a hybrid meeting on May 13, 2023 in Rio Grande Valley Area of NA

The Record

Meeting opened by Michael C. at 9:00am with a moment of silence. Twelve Concepts for NA Service – Steven P. Twelve Traditions – Chris C. Service Work Prayer – Michael C.

Attendance Servants

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Facilitator	Michael C.	Present
Co-Facilitator	Chris H.	Present
Treasurer	Kent L.	Present
Co-Treasurer	Tom K.	Present
Regional Delegate	Steven P.	Present
Regional Delegate Alternate	Ruben P.	Present
Recorder	Esteban R.	Present
Adopt an Inmate Facilitator	Herb M.	Present
Convention 2023 Facilitator	Vyki D	Present
Convention 2024 Facilitator	Tom M.	Present
Convention Advisory Committee Member	Michael S.	Present
Convention Advisory Committee Member	Susen GB	Present
Hospitals & Institutions Facilitator	Richard T.	
Internet Technology Facilitator	Steve S.	
Literature Review Facilitator	Lynn S.	Present
Policy Facilitator	Megan H	Present
Public Relations Facilitator	Paul S	Present
Service Pool Facilitator	Michael S.	Present

Attendance

Area Representatives

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	Central Texas Area	Cleto M.	Present
	Central Texas Area	David P.	Present
	Coastal Bend Area	Mario V.	Present
£(0)	Coastal Bend Area	Tom M.	Present
	Esperanza Area	Jesse D.	Present
Esperanza Area of Narcotics Anonymous	Esperanza Area	Gary L.	Present
	Freedom Area	Chris C.	Present
	Freedom Area		
	Hill Country Area	Shan O.	Present
	Hill Country Area	Brian B.	Present
	Houston Area	Sarah H.	Present
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Northside Area of	Northside Area	Ron P.	Present
Narcotics Anonymous	Northside Area	Paul C.	Present
32 (49)	Rio Grande Valley Area	Rebekah L.	Present
	Rio Grande Valley Area		
AIR	Southeast Texas Area	Micah J.	
Ara.	Southeast Texas Area	Paulina G.	Present
	Texas Tri-County Area	Vic. G.	Present
	Texas Tri-County Area	Amy G.	Present

Delegate Team Report:

Regional Delegate: Steven P.

Here's my report for the Winter meeting 2023. I'm not going to read it out loud. I did send the three questions for a poll to...(shared screen showed poll with questions) let's see, can we take down the poll for a second and my report and can we share screen the minutes from the RSC May 2021?

Chris H. searched his phone and Esteban had a hard copy and didn't know how to share screen.

Steven requested to be made co-hosted. (No one was prepared for this)

After about a minute, it was requested that RD just read his report because we have so many new RCMs here and they may not understand what we're talking about. OK.

Good morning. I bring a troubling matter to the RSC, and I need clarity from you all.

In May of 2021 at my first RSC as the Regional Delegate I brought two proposals for the Region to consider submitting to the next World Service Conference. According to the minutes of the RSC both of those motions were approved by the Region, and I began the process of making Conference Agenda Report motions.

It was understood that the wording of those motions would probably be changed a bit to make them WSC "conference ready," but any such editing would not change the intent of the proposals. Eventually those two proposals became Motion 18.

During an online Southern Zonal Forum meeting some months ago the RDA, Ruben, stated that the motion had NOT been passed by the Region. At that online meeting I said that the Region had in fact passed the proposals to be presented to the World Board for submission as motions at the next WSC. At the recent Southern Zonal Forum held in Austin on January 27-29 I was again confronted by the RDA about this matter — in a public meeting - with World Board members present online - everyone was told that the motion was never approved by the Region; and obviously this was a self-will act on my part; and that the motion itself and the way I self-willed it was obviously not spiritual. Further it was stated that even if the Region had approved submitting the proposals then that was the

result of me acting on self-will and taking advantage of "an apathetic Region."

I suggest we take a poll and resolve these matters.

- 1. Does the RSC agree that the minutes prove that the proposals were passed?
- 2. Is the Region apathetic?
- 3. What does the Region want to do going forward?

Otherwise the Southern Zonal Forum was amazing! The PR presentation to professionals was amazing! The business meeting was a business meeting.

Moving on to other business: On the next page I am again including details about the upcoming Regional Assembly and if you're not on the email list, I can send that again. Basically, it's an announcement about the Regional Assembly. It will be a hybrid event. If a second day is needed, that second day will be virtual only. I emphasize that all GSRs and RCMs have a vote on the CAR & CAT motions. There are many motions to consider and then I ask and emplore people to spread the word. All are welcome to attend and participate even if you don't have a vote, come see what happens. This is part of our decision-making-process in NA and you can be better informed and you can help form a group conscience going forward. Your input is important.

Discussion: (The May 2021 Record is being screen shared) This is on page 16. Proposals 1 & 2 both were passed by consensus. There was a comment on Proposal 2 – it actually applied to both – that there should be no professional consultation fees for doing the study discussion. Right? And I don't know how long we should leave the poll open but all I can see right now is that apparently 7 out of 31 members here today, or 22% have answered the questions on the poll and I'm open to suggestions on how long do we leave the poll questions up?

Question to the body by RSC Facilitator: Does the body want to take the poll and its questions as a sign of direction or do we need to, as a body, formally vote on the stuff?

Questions by Herb: on when that motion that was being worked on and basically asked the body if RD could work on it. Members at that time asked "where did this motion come from?" It wasn't generated at this body and a couple of us, as recalled, were a little taken aback. RD was questioned at that time (May 2021 RSC) and the body said to go ahead and pursue it.

Question is (by Herb): did RD – information is vital in order to make a decision on a motion – and did RD word-chop it and discuss this motion and get individual input from different addicts here and then bring it back? Was consensus-decision-making process followed through; because in order to come to consensus, everybody has to have all the information. Did it go back to the Areas? Was it discussed at Areas? Did it come back from the Areas and did we vote on it? Herb remembers that RD was on a time-constraint to put the motion on the CAR. These are just questions and I'm not here to - it

unintelligible - whatever....Let's talk about the facts – did all those things occur? It's one thing to say....I mean...uhm, I wanna hear what your take on that is.

Rebuttal from RD Steven – OK, first I can't remember every single point that you brought up but I will construct the ones that I remember and then maybe we can drive my memory after that. My understanding is that RSC passed the motions that were to begin the process to be submitted as Conference Agenda Report motions; in answer to your question, several area's RCMs and other addicts in the fellowship did talk about this. Some did ask questions. As a matter of fact, I do recall receiving an email from you asking if the wording had been updated yet and I think I responded to that email. There was some time constraints in that this was to be presented at the 2022 virtual WSC and so they were saying, "uh you got X amount of time to get them in." I did receive feedback and I think it was understood at that RSC that anyone who had any ideas to please contact. I don't remember what other questions you were asking, Herb. Can you help me out?

Herb: Yeah, hmm, I guess, usually when there's a big proposal, there's a lot of discussion, then it goes back to the groups, I mean, I don't remember, it could be, I'm just trying. I'm just trying to understand that this process did happen or is it possible that we kind of brushed this without fully flushing it out, without fully communicating to our fellowship and for it to be included in the CAR. I wonder if we could have done a better job than you have.

RD Steven: Well Herb, I think there's always room for progress in every area of life – that's what I've learned from the Steps and the Traditions. Uh, I think that the Region did as good as it could – given the circumstances that it was facing – that it was supposed to be conference-ready by X date, right? Did all of the RCMs take this information back to the Areas? I don't know, ask the RCMs. Did the RCMs bring back information back from their Area to the next RSC? Ask the RCMs.

Herb: But is it in the Record that it went back? I mean, I'm just curious, cause usually that's what happens, right? I mean, it must be in there.

Michael C.: The Record, which was posted, shows that the body passed it with 1 stand aside and then the language was changed. The body made a decision in May 2021 to end this. Nobody – which everybody had the right to – yeah, this has got to go back to the group, this is just too big for us to decide did not pass – and that's what The Record shows.

Herb: OK, thank you. That's really what I wanted to know. Thank you.,

Chris H.: So, I was the RCM for CTANAWhich Chris?

Chris C: We have multiple Chris-es and multiple Tom-s and just multiple personalities, anyway. I recall that we actually had a very lengthy discussion about this and I'm sorry if my memory fails me on which region it was but we had a very lengthy conversation about what NAWS was doing with their moneys and how could they better serve the fellowship in saving moneys and there were a few different suggestions that were brought up as possible CAR reports, CAR motions, to this is the one that passed. I looked at my email and I believe the evidence leads me to believe that this had to be done before this ASC and yes, I agree with what Michael said and I have read in the Minutes as well. These 2 motions as separate entities passed, and were requested to be brought in as 1 and I also recall that in the middle of December, maybe 10 days after the RSC, Steven had sent out an email with a revision to the specific proposal 18 asking people if they wanted to send it back to their Areas to get feedback and my Area gave me their opinion of it. And the consensus-decision unless I opposed it, or if I want to do a Stand Aside, Abstain or Block it, I don't need to reply. So if we're making a decisionmaking-process, and no one responded to Steve about this proposal, then, as the RD, that proposal was made if nobody had replied. So, that is my recollection. I couldn't pull all of those Records out of my head unintelligible I was swearing at myself about it. And that's all I have to say about this matter. The evidence is – you know, you know – what's been recorded and thank you Mr. Recorder for the minutes. Thank you and I love you all.

Recorder: Steven has kept us abreast of everything that has been going on – the conversations between WSC or NAWS and Steven, the updates on the rewording of these motions and on February 1st, Steven

emailed to all@ the motions and the amendments and I think it was proposal H and proposal I, version 2 and it's been sometime, so I don't know if it should be brought up under New Business so that we can look over them and find out the final version. As far as time for the reports, Rds' 30 minutes, we've been on this for 20 minutes. We need the RDA report.

Chris H.: I might have to defer until, you tell me Michael – I am going to ask for some amends for what was said to me at the SZF and the embarrassment that I endured over this subject at the forum and I'm still not OK. Should I refrain for now and stay mum on the subject?

Michael C.: If you want this to be a formal Concept Ten asking for amends...

Chris H.: Absolutely.

Michael C.: I would like to put this in New Business.

Chris H.: Thank you, sir.

Michael C.: With that being said, does anybody have anything more to say about this issue and if so, it will come under New Business.

Steven: If I may add one thing, according to the poll. 67% of the respondents (only 35% participated) said "Yes" the Region is apathetic. This can come up under Open Discussion. Also, on question 3, only 58% responded that we should continue as before, presenting CAR Motion 18. 42% indicate that they want to have more discussion. So, if we can put that into Open Discussion also. I guess that's all that I have and how come I got this one here. Can everyone see the results? Are the results up on your screens? Yes. OK, can stop sharing those results now? Yes

Michael C.: OK, I have 3 items related to this discussion – for Open Discussion later. Ruben, are you ready?

Regional Delegate Alternate: Ruben P.

Thank you Michael and I'll save my response and where I came from this angle about the motion. I've been involved with the Tejas Bluebonnet Region since I had 9 months clean, since we split the region. I have served this region in many capacities for a lot of years, coming up on 30 years and so I've never seen us do a motion done this way, OK, let me just say that. I've never seen us create a motion that someone created a motion, so I'll save my responses for later.

Good morning hope everyone is well. thank you for allowing me to have to serve. Let me start by saying thank you to the CTANA for their participation and great help in organizing and hosting the SZF. The PR event was successful as was the CAR/CAT. Thank you to all who served and all who participated.

I received a call from the AD of New York region asking to share some of the ideas we used at the PR event. She said she heard nothing but good things about the event. On the business day, we approved guidelines for conducting the SZF. Moving forward, should be posted very soon on SZF website. I have a couple items to report on the US Zones of NA. They have received at this time 150 responses started but not completed. 28 regional 18 yes; 4 no; 6 present not voting; so there is no clear answer at this time.

They have decided to extend the survey till July 2023. Ideally they would like 85%to 90%. The US Collaboration has approved a task team for looking into and developing out a functional demo US NA website as well as what the path moving forward would look like. They are asking if anyone is interested the next meeting. It is being held FEBRUARY 19 2023 AT 9PM EST ZOOM ID 875 4928 0937 PW1953. One last item is we created a website for the PR event. There was a need to have a central way of gathering emails and sending out communications so that we have one way that the public can reach us. So now the event is over and we need direction from this body as to how we plan secure responses in the future and the upkeep of it. Please give us direction. Thank you very much. In loving service, Ruben P.

Ruben gave information about the time we were in San Marcos – I talked about this event, I talked about us creating a website so that way, it covers the whole State of Texas because the public doesn't really know that Tejas Bluebonnet is here, and the Lone Star Region is here and the Best Little Region is over here. So we, when I mentioned that, I got with Steve and we created an address and from that address, we went and took that address and created a website. Then that website also created some email addresses that we could use for the future. So that way, when the committee put out the letter and the invitation it had one and that is texasna.org – that way you had one way of being able to receive that and so we look at getting more professional than the Tejas – not that the Tejas Bluebonnet Region doesn't look professional – so if you have gone to it lately, there's been some added stuff. The stuff that Steve added is also came from that what I was talking about the US Zone was doing. They had collaborated years ago and created this idea. Yeah, so that's what's happening. And that's all I got and that was a great success we're talking about it all over the United States. So far I've gotten 3 calls – people are saying we are going to try and borrow some of those ideas.

Questions for Ruben?

Vic: Ruben, is this the time I should – or do I do it in my report that I have asked you to come to Tri-County Area for a presentation?

Ruben: I'm sorry Vic, and I forgot to put that in my report. I did this report until late last night. My email was down, my everything was down, I had to call Steve and as a matter of fact he was working with some bands and send me your email address so 2 things I want to report that the Esperanza Area asked me to come do a CAR/CAT workshop with them. In the future it looks like February 25 tentatively and we'll get a time and date and I'm sure the Area will give us more in his report so Vic from the Texas Tri-County asked me to come do a workshop with them on Disruptive & Predatory Behavior. Central Texas Area has now started a committee called Common Welfare Committee and I've asked them to do a workshop on that and I will MC and send us on a hopefully spiritual direction and we all can learn from this experience moving forward – that's what I'm hoping will come out of this. It's kinda sad that this happened and my heart goes out to them, so we're trying to help.

Esteban: Ruben, when you're invited to do a workshop, does the RD Team show up or just half of the Team?

Ruben: So, Esteban, we usually will communicate like Steven was invited to NASCONA to do a CAR/CAT workshop because we live so far in our region being so wide, that sometimes it works out that way – we stick to our localities and sometimes it works out where both of us depending on what the area asks for. If they ask for one then one of us shows up.

Discussion continued on how the texasna.org came about.

Tom: There was a committee in Texas 8 or 10 years ago to do this and can't remember how the Tejas Bluebonnet was involved, but they asked me to build a site. They had all the regions involved but nobody could really come down to pressing a button, turning a switch on; but, at that time, I bought several domains – let me read these – NarcoticsAnonymousTexas.com; Narcotics AnonymousTexas; Texasna.net; texasna.org; texasnarcoticsanonymous; texanarcoticsanonymous.org.

If this gets official, I got the domains. I don't know which one you use, Ruben. It wasn't any of these because Steve didn't know I had them.

Ruben: Yeah, so Steve created one when we were at the like I said...at the...

Tom: Do you know what is was?

Ruben: Yeah, it's texasna.org.

Tom: I own that.

Ruben: So, he must have borrowed it from you. (lol emoji) He didn't tell you?

Tom: Maybe. Maybe he's got access to my domain accounts. OK.

Ruben: Yeah, so that's what we did at the last RSC in San Marcos.

Tom: Yeah, OK I was just..there was an effort before they had a committee but it kinda dissolved.

Ruben: So that was the issue, Esteban, I don't understand why we did it this way, that was the issue, a long time ago we couldn't come together, we could not come together as a state man, and so because of the presentation, and who was coming, you'll hear it in Chris' report later on and some of the members in the committee are here I see that; yeah, man we had an amazing turnout. The ??? Symposium couldn't even do what we did in Austin, that the Multi-Zonal Symposium in San Antonio could not achieve what we achieved in Austin. Let me just say that man. So, that's on the girls-- the girls that were part of the committee that did this stuff.

Tom M.: I think this is a really good idea and I've actually thought about this for a few years – being able to communicate with someone within our regions and participating, like Adopt An Inmate or whatever. I believe that we are able to fund the or sending literature to penitentiaries in other regions that basically we're like flipping the bill for the whole state. I could be wrong about this. I mean we're sending literature and just have effective communication within the regions of the state if my understanding is of what this is. It's a really good idea. It's something I did not know it existed. I would really love to see this move forward if this is what it is.

Chris C: Could we table this until Open Discussion? This is the first time I've heard of something like this and is this something that's being done on a zonal level or is this kinda like a good idea that we do or you or a great idea that we've done or a behind the scene because it's a unifying thing and I think it's a great conversation may be good in Open Discussion. So it's we've gone far out of handed.

Michael C.: Duly noted for discussion.

Ruben: I did not include this in my report – I was running behind. I got \$104 and I filled up 2 trucks and each of my trucks is like \$100 a piece and I ran on gas on both of those 2 trucks taking people back and forth to the airport, picking people up, I started picking up people like on Wednesday night and so this usually falls on the RD, but the RD was not here so guess who got it? I didn't get a hotel, I'm asking for \$104. The registration for the SZF was \$20. Also if you guys can cover me for a per diem for food because that was expensive. Whatever you guys can do, I would appreciate it.

Kent: I don't know if we have per diem anymore. Receipts please.

Ruben: I've got receipts for that stuff. I just need to know from the region if you guys are ok with paying me for one meal a day.

Paulina: Can I ask a question? Thank you. The gentleman that was just sharing – I'm not sure what his position is and I don't want to step out of line. Last regional meeting that happened in Beaumont, I thought that you guys did away with the per diem and it was just like you had a receipt for one thing or another. This is just a question. I don't know if maybe I misunderstood that's just for the RCMs so I don't know if that gentleman is an RCM or if he's somebody else and does not apply to him.

Michael C.: My recollection is there is a policy change and Megan has, as directed, removed the words per diem and replaced it with the word "expense" so long as it falls under the budgeted amount for any of the regional representatives. All they have to do is turn in receipts. If it's something greater than the budgeted amount, they're supposed to be asking for it in advance. Last quarter we had a vast discussion on this related to a different position.

Paulina: Thank you for clearing that up. I appreciate it.

Michael C.: You're very welcome.

Ruben: And I'm the alternate regional delegate, by the way.

Paulina: Thank you so much.

Michael C.: According to my agenda, I did something that we did away with in policy but since this particular meeting, it reverted back to zoom only and I thought it was appropriate to offer the opportunity for breakouts if anybody is interested and if not, we can jump over that very quick. I don't see no response, there's no H&I, everybody assumed it wasn't going to happen.

Subcommittee Breakout: No subcommittee broke out

Servant Reports:

Facilitator: Michael C.

I'm Michael C., current facilitator. I did not write a report because I have nothing that needs to be documented. I'm done.

Co-Facilitator: Chris H.

My heart is full of hope and thanks for and to each of you. If you can read this, I know you are part of what makes that empty chair stand a chance of being warmed again.

Thank you for allowing me this view.

Greetings,

Thank you for the honor of serving this committee and by extension each of you, your areas, and the addicts we serve. I am always happiest if I can feel like I have earned your trust.

First of all. I absolutely cannot wait to see each of you in Beaumont in a couple weeks. Hurrah for TBRCNA.

I have finally been able to learn the simple process of attending to Insurance Certificate requests and I can hope that your groups will not wait more than a few days for a return on queries. The web form is still the right way to request certificates.

I was able to join the Southern Zonal Forum/TBRNA Community Public Relations Interaction Event, The SZF CAR Workshop, Business Meeting and CTANA Speaker/Dessert Meeting. I served as the zoom host for each of these events.

The PR presentation was attended with a 100 percent turnout of all RSVP'd invitees. Those were representatives from the Austin Mayor's office and Austin City council, Travis County Central Health leadership, Chief Epidemiologist of Austin Public Health, Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Chief Medical Officer for the Office of the Chief Medical Officer, City of Austin, University of Texas, University Dell Medical Center, the Director of Communities For Recovery, Texas Department of Health and Human Services - OSAR, and many more. It was a seriously good presentation given by Craig G and Randie B of the SZF PR committee and speakers from TDHHS OSAR, Faces & amp; Voices of Recovery, and a Psychologist representing a Treatment center that I have forgotten the name of.

Magic things came out of the mouths of those government and recovery professionals. One of the statements given was "I am so glad to hear that we were lied to about our patients not being welcomed at your meetings and that lie is dead, and I can feel good about referring those patients to your meetings in the future." This — from a bureaucrat epidemiologist that heads up an MAT program for the City. (Not an exact quote, but as close as I am capable of. I just wanted to cry in joy when that one got said). Our PR facilitator and the CTANA PR Chair Ann Marie M. did a fantastic job of representing the regional PR and local efforts. I want to reaffirm that this was exactly the kind of event where our PR booth and our PR facilitator's efforts can make a huge impact on the growth of our member areas. One last observation on that one. We can be sure that our participation in this kind of event will show and effect. The area, and even the other areas in our region will, most definitely see a rise in referrals to our Fellowship from the first line medical community in those areas. If we do our part to keep up this kind of community engagement, many of those empty chair can be filled.

I was again able to serve as your liaison to the Texas State Convention Advisory Board. I missed this latest meeting January 29th as I was committed to the Southern Zonal Forum CAR/CAT workshop. However the November and December meetings were held in Austin and I was able to attend. Those meetings were mostly Convention Committee meetings. I serve as one of the Graphics Chairs and we have produced T-shirts, posters, and what will be the convention banner. The other chair has produced

most of the good ideas and the work has been a pleasure.

I feel privileged to serve on this committee, Thank you, each of you.

Thanks, I'll see you all in Beaumont.

Oh, that's not true. I agreed to read the report from the Forum.

This comes from the committee: On January 27, a community Public Relations Interaction was held in Austin, Texas. This event was in person and via zoom. The SZF Public Relations Fellowship Development Committees hosted the event on behalf of Tejas Bluebonnet upon the request of Ruben P. This style of event has been utilized in other states as a way to inform the professional community that work in the addiction field, treatment facilities or provide data that pertains to overdose and addiction to the public that Narcotics Anonymous is a viable resource in their community. The presentation consisted of a Power Point Presentation hosted by Craig T., who is the PR Facilitator for the Southern Zonal Forum and Randie B. who is a member of this body. There were 3 keynote speakers. Each spoke about how they utilize and the benefits they've experienced as it pertains to their field of work who incorporate Narcotics Anonymous in their daily interactions with clients in their community. That's a mouthful event and that's exactly what they presented in Austin.

Guests included staff from the Mayor's office, the Chief Epidemiologist for Austin Public Health was there, the Chief Medical officer and a Deputy Chief Medical officer for the office of the City of Austin. And a representative from UT to name a few and noticed state representation was one of our presenters The bureaucracy showed up – I don't know if that's the right word, communities for recovery was there, Desserts, refreshments and the message was carried.

The web page that was created for this event which included the Texas regions' information and links to their web pages. An email was also set up for Public Relations in the texas.org. A huge thanks to Steven and Ruben. Central Texas is going to handle their contact information and Zone is going to handle theirs. They're learning from this too.

It was just exhaustive. The committee met up to wrap up to learn what – to decompress and what we found what went well was absolutely 100% participation from those who said they would be there. The guests indicated that the presentation was really helpful for them and the participation by the zonal forum was really appreciated. The guests stayed and then worked with each other afterwards and that was a win, win, win. What we could have done better – the love of PR committee should have been involved earlier. I hope our own region learns what we engaged. Also the Activities committee did real well. In the future, we need guidelines and make sure they have the right equipment and do better for the community. I hope I did well. That's all I have. Yours, Chris H.

The other Chris said if Chris could send out what he just said

Treasurer: Kent L.

Trying to do 2 businesses at one time here. I'm Kent and I'm the Treasurer. Good morning everybody. I sent out my report last night. As the compiling of this report, we have a Working Balance of \$9,200.99 that is after deducting the Prudent Reserve of \$7,500.00. Tom K. has a report after mine. Just to let you know Michael, the findings on our tax exempt status just to let you know we're still waiting on correspondence coming back from the IRS. It's not unusual. Sometimes it takes them months. I've sent a letter to them and haven't received anything back. I'm real excited about this: one Area has sent us a quarterly donation via Zelle. This is the fastest no fee way to send your donations in. I encourage more of the areas that send their stuff electronically to try it if they can. All the treasurer has to do is to activate Zelle on their online banking app. Search for the TBRSC committee using the email I have provided here web@tbrna.org The treasurer of your area can contact me. My phone number is there. Details were provided by Kent. Reimbursements can also be paid using Zelle. Examples of donations were given. Let Kent know of any reimbursements today once you get your numbers ready. SZF is sent out via BillPay and the process including putting a stop to two checks to SZF. Hand delivered a check for \$900 to SZF.

Vic G.: Kent, can you put the Zelle information on the chat? *Kent:* It's in the verbiage part of my report.

Check list for Treasurer
All Donations Deposited Within 7 days
Sales Tax Reported/ Paid (if Applicable)
Check Book Reconciled X
Insurance Paid (if Applicable)
Pay AAI Lit. Invoices Qtrly (if Applicable)
Southern Zonal Donation X (if Applicable)
Prepare RSC Report include All
"Account Activity" X
Donation Record X
NAWS Contribution Receipt
Web File Receipt X
Regional Insurance Receipt
(if Applicable) Bank Statements
Checks to Naws front & back

Quick Financial Glance

Starting Balance from last RSC:	\$19,449.22
All expenses paid out:	\$13,318.56
Total:	\$6,130.66
All Income Received:	\$11,447.93

Total: \$17,578.59 Minus our Prudent Reserve of \$7500,00: \$7,500.00 Starting Balance for this RSC \$10,078.59 Outstanding Ck 1574 SZF 3 qtrs \$900.00 Outstanding Mbl Dep -\$22.40 Total expenses plus income this RSC \$877.60 Remaining Balance \$9.200.99 **RSC** Working Balance \$9,200.99 \$7,500.00 Prudent Reserve **Ending Balance** \$16,700.99

Tom K: Tejas Bluebonnet Region of Narcotics Anonymous Incorporation Status

As a tack on to Kent's report. Have been working on why the IRS does not recognize us. These are the steps taken, so far.

I directly contacted the Texas Secretary of State's office to see if we are still listed as a corporation in Texas. They could not give that information and sent me to the Comptroller's office, and I was able to verify that we a tax-exempt entity.

Before contacting the IRS (or other federal office required), I'm filing the Periodic Report for a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation (Form 802) to update our corporate structure. The only step we have before filing the update is to appoint a Registered Agent. Per our Articles of Incorporation, the appointment is to be made by the "Board of Directors", legal speak for the Regional Facilitator, Treasurer, and Co-Treasurer. We are currently having that discussion. The options for selection of an Agent are to choose from our ranks or pay a service (linked below). That's where we sit today.

Tom K

Requirements for Registered Agent in Texas.

https://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/registeredagents.shtml

Service we are considering: Texas Registered Agent

Michael C.: Does this need to go before a vote or something because all the other failure to communicate on other issues we've as a region? Are you looking for direction?

Tom K. read the Articles of Corporation and what they consist of like the Board of Directors.

Michael C.: I may be out line here but this technically a subcommittee answering directly to the region and because of the floating nature of what the State requires for a Board of Directors based on how the region is set up, as I understand it, as the Facilitator, that makes me Chairman of the Board. I have a 2 year term somebody else comes up, that don't makes sense to me – on my personal business that's how it happens. Seems to me that this body give direction to you as the person handling this as to yeah, we need to hire somebody.

Tom K.: A little history – Currently, LeAnn K. is on there. She's not involved in the region and if we get served for any reason, she's going to be the one that receives that and like you say, yeah, if we have the secretary, I mean, the recorder or the facilitator as that person, every 2 years that changes. So we have to appoint a registered agent, the service would be consistent over terms and, yeah, kinda of what you said.

Kent: Sounds like we might want to put this under New Business.

Other discussion: About how other areas need to know how to do this as an Area body. (Filing as not-for-profit status – how to file quarterly) Every business chooses how to file.

Herb: Yeah, we can discuss this under New Business, but, Esteban, correct me Esteban, if I'm wrong—the isn't the Esperanza Area corporated?

Esteban: Yes sir, we have filed and recognized by the Comptroller and we do have an EIN Number.

Herb: Very good. Thank you. So we can bring this as a separate discussion.

Tom K: Do you know who your registered agent is? Is it a member? Or are you using the service? **Esteban:** We have a board of directors.

Herb: Yes, we have a board of directors and it's a position in the Policy separate from the Area Service Committee.

Tom: So probably your registered agent knows as the board changes?

Michael C.: So that would be set up as the Texas State Convention with its Advisory Board. A 501c3.

Tom K: Right. Where our Articles – it's the same people that run the Region. (bad choice of words)

Michael C.: So based on Kent's suggestion, I have this under New Business also.

Tom K: I'll bring a proposal.

Michael C.: Anything else related to the treasurer's report? Recorder.

Recorder:

Greetings all: The Fall Conference Record of November 2022 was sent to all@ and as usual, I ask, are there any corrections to this record?

Since this RSC is virtual and not hybrid, I hope we don't experience any technical difficulties. I attended the SZF virtually on Saturday and Sunday and now have a better understanding of how business is conducted.

I will not read the following part of my report because this will have already been discussed in the RD Team's reports.

Michael C.: I have a question to the body. How many people in this body read the minutes? (Hands were raised) Stick some hands up, that helps. Having read these minutes, we all agreed, to the best of our knowledge, that they accurately recorded and we had no changes to report back.

The reason I'm asking this question is that when we get to Old Business, the majority of Old Business, are questions brought up as I read and I'm saying this now because as Policy does their report, I'm expecting half of this stuff to be clarified. OK, we have hands up.

Herb: I think it should be brought up in New Business because the RD mentioned the RDA in his report and the RDA would like to address this, I think. I'm not sure. Also, on some other people's report, they were written in their report, there's mention of other addicts. I think it should be brought up. We did a poll or maybe we need to discuss it because moving forward, maybe we need to do things differently.

Michael C.: I have that in the discussion, sir. I don't see other hands. Policy.

Policy Facilitator: Megan H.

Hello TBR family,

Per the passed proposals during November 2022 RSC meeting, these changes have been made to policy:

- •Section 7.1: basic travel has been increased to \$300
- •Section 7.1: "Receipts are required for all expenses if the trusted servant wishes to be reimbursed" has been added to policy
- •Section 7.10.5: "Any administrative or subcommittee expenditure beyond budget needs to be pre-approved by the RSC if the trusted servant wishes to be reimbursed" has been added to policy.
- •Every instance of "per diem" has been replaced with "expenses"
- •Removed "facilitate subcommittee meetings during RSC breakout sessions" and replaced with "all subcommittees are required to schedule and conduct at least one meeting between RSCs" wherever it occurs within policy AND added to AAI, IT and Service Pool for consistency because AAI, IT and Service Pool are subcommittees.

•Also removed breakout sessions from conference planning for consistency. Housekeeping items:

•Removed "approved WNIR Committee Audit Report Form" from section 11.3

Policy facilitator needs clarification on section 9.14: This appears to be an incomplete thought.

1. Coordinates with the Internet Technologies Facilitator and Web Admin (or whatever we call the person we contract with to maintain our website, who is a special worker) to ensure that... the sentence doesn't end. I checked on previous versions of the Policy to see if I maybe deleted it on accident. It seems that way in several versions. So can anyone help me out on that? Michael S.: I will check the Service Pool Policy and will get back to you right now.

(This body was OK in reading on their own the following):

I am attaching the current final draft of policy as well as the draft to show what changes have been made. Any questions or concerns? Thank for you allowing me to serve, Megan H. (All that was needed after the... was a semi-colon).!

Service Pool:

This past quarter there is not much to report. We had one person fill out the resume.

This next quarter I plan on creating a panel. Please get with me if you are interested.

I would like to establish a budget for a quarter to be \$150.00 Should we anticipate a greater amount I would bring that proposal to the RSC.

Folks remember to go online to fill out your resume. Don't forget you will need to establish an account or sign-in at TBRNA.org

Small Note: CAC quarterly budget is now \$100.00 according to TBRNA policy. ILS, Michael S.

Kent: Michael, you're not asking for reimbursement, you're just asking for a motion to increase your quarterly budget, is that correct?

Discussion: On how to gain access to the Service Resume on the region website. QR code discussed.

Convention Advisory Committee:

I traveled to the Hilton Houston North Hotel on the 4th of January and stayed overnight. I met with Michelle Redmon to discuss the proposal for TBRCNA 25. As I said in my previous report, the Hotels, especially in Houston, are very proud of their product. The committee is meeting Monday in order to brainstorm other options.

Soon we will need to address which city will preside over TBRCNA 26. When we changed so as not to interfere with HACNA we changed the order.

Regarding budget – I see that we can cover travel, etc. by requesting \$250.00 a month. Some months we won't even touch that amount which will be little or no expense.

I am requesting \$65.00 in expenses, gas and drinks. This expense was rounded down.

Also we have been working with Vyki and we believe TBRCNA 23 is going to be a ton of fun. ILS, Michael S.

Discussion on bringing this to Galveston. Possibly after Houston in 2025.

Discussion not participating on this convention with SETANA and the spirit of rotation.

Discussion on Houston Area and surrounding cities or Areas.

TBRCNA 2023:

Hello TBRNA!

As of this meeting, we are only 12 days away from TBRCNA 23.

As you can see from the counts above, our current total registrations for TBRCNA 23 is 344 including early bird, pre-registrations, and additional online registrations.

We have EXCEEDED our room block and the hotel is SOLD OUT.

The banquet is also SOLD OUT.

I am blown away by the response to our regional convention in our small area. We have overcome so many obstacles and exceeded even my expectations. We have a diverse committee of members from multiple areas that have come together to make this an amazing weekend and I am so very grateful for the lessons I've learned and the things we've achieved together.

The convention will kick off at 6 PM on Friday, February 24th, with a "70 Years – The History of NA" Panel consisting of members with 32 - 50 years of clean time - experience, strength, and hope.

The program that follows will be jam packed with a diverse array of speakers from throughout our region and lots of food, fun, and fellowship. Can't wait to see ya'll there! In Loving Service, Vyki D **Discussion** on room block and other activities.

TBRCNA 2024:

DEAR RSC family: We are all set and ready to go support Convention 23 and have Early Bird ready and t-shirts. We are having a small event after the CAR work shop on March 4th to gain support and let people know that Convention 24 is coming.

We are still needing art work for our theme (Our Program is A Way of Life)

We meet the second Sunday of every month at 11am on zoom 485142931 pw: CBANA all caps. In loving service Tom M. Convention 24.

Break 11:08am - 11:18am.

Brazos Valley:

Central Texas:

Hello Family, Currently we have 36 groups in our Area, with over 90 meetings a week. Our donation to Region for this quarter is \$656.57 Our Area Policy has been revised and is posted on our website for easy access to members. Thank you, Tony C., and his committee members who helped.

We have a new RCM2 David P. who volunteered to help, and was voted in. Thank you, David. We still have a couple of positions vacant.

Executive Body – Assistant Treasurer

Subcommittees – Assistant Literature Bank

Also, during our last Area last weekend, there was a member that brought up – and he's brought this up before – that's why I was trying to hopefully speak to Richard about this but I'll just share this real quick an we can move on as Richard comes back from H&I. This member asked if, he gets a lot of letters from inmates and he writes back and he's grateful for that but he gets some from way, way out the Hill Country Area – I'm talking about you know, just the whole span of Texas and he just wants to understand the process because Houston should be taking care of Houston inmates in that vicinity, I would think, versus this guy is doing it here but he's grateful for it. I just want Richard on the process of why CTANA gets those inmate letters from 200 – 300 miles areas. Anyway that was one of my questions. I had my hand up earlier and it was so I could at the very beginning the poll – I didn't vote because I couldn't see the poll on my screen and I asked Chris to put it on but I haven't seen it yet. OK, so that aside, as others mentioned the Southern Zonal Forum, oh, by the way I'm without a video because I'm in Berchmann, TX and that's country – I'm talking 1G, 2G – that's it. Ain't no 5G here. Anyway, as others mentioned, the SZF was great. We are still waiting on our surveys to come in. Thanks to All who attended, and to those who made this event happen here in ATX a Great learning experience.

CTANA will be hosting a two hour slot at the Hospitality Suite on Saturday, February 25, 2023 (10am to 12:Noon) at the Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention of NA 23 in Beaumont TX.

All Visitors Welcome! Thank you for allowing us to be of Service, Cleto M. RCM1 / David P. RCM2. *Susen:* I can answer one of the questions of why so many letters come to Central Texas Area; that's because 15-16 years ago addresses were sent out to all the prisons for most of the Areas. CTA was one of the most active doing that. Our regional mailbox used to be in Austin so that's why most of the letters come here, We don't know where people are paroling to, we normally when we're writing them here reach out to what city they're paroling to so they can hook up with their fellowship. That's why CT gets all that mail because the regional mailbox was here. There's no way like Gateville and Huntsville can handle all that mail.

Discussion on the above statements just repetition. Member still sponsors a lot of those inmates. H&I has nothing to do with those letters. (Ad hoc was again mentioned Sponsorship behind the walls). Mail in another area has been receiving mail but they are returned. Are there restrictions? (Ongoing Discussion) Missouri Region has all the information for Writing Steps Behind the Walls. It's not AAI.

Coastal Bend:

Dear RSC family: Let me first start off by introducing CBANA's new RCM Mario V. After today he will be taking the lead RCM for CBANA. I will still be here to help him learn the ropes. His email is mariomary1111@gmail.com

We are excited to be hosting a CAR work shop in Corpus Christi on 3-4-23 at 622 Airline from 11:30am to 4pm with a function from 4pm -8pm with chili dogs and a speaker to benefit TBRCNA 24. We would love to see you there. We are excited to learn more about the motions. Thanks, Steve, for you service. In loving service, Tom M. Mario V.

Esperanza:

The Esperanza Area has 49 Groups with 18 non-voting groups. All positions are filled. Meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month. I did attend the EACNA 9 Steering Committee and thanks to all who attended Esperanza 8. We are in the process of planning for EACNA 9. Most of the convention positions are filled except alt-treasurer and alt secretary. Upcoming events are Nooners having a Speaker Jam on February 18. Activities is hosting a Valentine's Day Event, Ruben has agreed to come to our Area to do a CAR workshop on 2/25. New Possibilities is having a Speaker Jam on March 25th. That's our report. Any questions. RCM Team Gary L. Jesse D.

Freedom:

Hello all! Freedom Area is in a bit of a morphing stage. We are looking at how to expand our area by focusing on meetings that are Zoom Only. Another Freedom Area member and I have been doing some research. More shall be revealed.

The Freedom Area is also helping TBRCNA with a coffee donation and some items for the auction. We currently have 2 groups, 4 meetings per week. Light and Love to all, Chris C.

Michael C.: I was informed that a group meets in Brenham. Is that part of Freedom or Northside? *Chris C.* They are not part of Freedom Area.

Hill Country:

Shan not Shannon. Brian an I were just installed as RCMs in January. Head's up on that one. Greetings from Hill Country! We have 15 meetings a week including a new one in Lockhart at 114 S Commerce St., Panderia from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Wednesdays.

New officers were installed at the January Hill Country Area meeting. All positions are filled. Hill Country H&I are carrying the message to 3 local rehabs and to the Hays County Jail. Activities is planning movie nights for this spring and to continue the volleyball games at Landa Park,

New Braunfels. ROAR is being planned.

Shan and Brian attended the Southern Zonal Forum, learning too much about CAR. Thanks to everyone who helped put that together. Thank you for letting us be of service. Shan O., Brian B. *Brian:* I do want it to let it be known that in 9 days Shan will be celebrating 20 years on Feb 20 We will be celebrating all week in Hill Country Area. Thanks for staying clean and letting me of service. *Questions* on days and times of meeting.

Houston:

Greetings and salutations! The Houston Area is fulfilling our primary purpose as we continue to carry the message to the still seeking addict. We will start with the financial status of the area. Our beginning balance is \$23,501.76 with \$2.500 being prudent reserve. We have a proposal that will distribute \$12,500 of the funds to help further carry the message in our area and a one-time donation to Region and World. Alive and Kicking is the oldest NA group in Houston and will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Keep it Clean Group will have their 37th Anniversary celebration. For any further information on these celebrations please go to HASCONA.com. We are expanding our H&I facilities in the Houston area as more people have been stepping up to service on this area.

We have an upcoming H&I event with a book drive in anticipation to continue growing and to provide literature to these facilities. Our area is doing their annual kick ball tournament in March and we are thinking about expanding it to the surrounding areas as we continue to grow in unity. In loving service, Hurshell C. and Sarah.

Question: Is Keep It Simple Group still in existence? Discussion: They are not in existence. On Zoom.

Northside:

We currently have 11 groups with 32 meetings each week in our Area. We have a pretty active H&I and we do include the Huntsville areas. We current have 6 meetings going into 2 different prisons, 3 meetings going into our county jails, 3 rehab facilities. Right now we have getting together for our Fellowship by the Lake on April 28-29 at the Huntsville State Park. We did hold a CAR workshop in our area with the RD Steven was able to attend and we had a very low attendance. We have a new RCM1 this year – Ron D. and he is in attendance today and he was at the CAR workshop with Steven and myself and we decided to work one-on-one with our GSR and we split up our GSRs and we did a little more engagement and interest trying to like it was referred to earlier to let them know that's our voice at the fellowship. That's kinda our plan as opposed to the workshop thing that we're going to work with them trying to get the group level involved in the vote process. We also discussed some of the non-housekeeping items in the CAR report. At the recent ASC said that we can bring the region's conscience to the vote next month. Thank you for letting me be of service and I look forward to seeing you guys at the convention. Brian.

Rio Grande Valley:

I will only be on here until 1PM. We have 5 meetings a week.

We have changed our website host thanks to Steven S., but our link is the same. https://rgvareaofna.org/Our Activities Chair is planning an event for March 18th, a bbq at a park to celebrate Saint Patty's Day. If anyone would like to join please reach out for more info. More will be revealed. For our May RSC we want to have a tamale night with speakers and fellowship following it. In order to make it possible to have the most participation we want to ask that the RSC be moved to a week earlier so that it does not land on Mothers Day weekend. I am hoping that May will be my last month as Area chair, due to our area need. I have been doing this for nearly 4 years. I am grateful for all the experience, but in the spirit of rotation its been much too long and its time for me to be useful in other ways An official treasure's report will follow in another email.

After paying our phone line and our website we are currently down to our bare bones prudent reserve.

We are working on having more fundraising amoungst ourselves. So we should be back on our feet soon. In loving service, Rebecca L -RGV ASC

Discussion: On changing the meeting date of the May RSC. After discussion, the May RSC will remain the same. That's why we're meeting via Zoom today, - to remain on the rotation dates. A new meeting location will be searched for in McAllen. May 13, hybrid. Stay for the event after RSC.

Southeast Texas:

We have 8 groups and 40 meetings per week in the Southeast Texas Area. Wings of Freedom in Nederland, CCC, Subject to Change and Just for Today in Beaumont. New Life in Rose City, New Attitudes in Jasper, Oasis in Port Arthur and Freedom to Change in Orange. For the most up to date SETANA meeting schedule, please visit www.setana.org

H&I: Southeast Texas Area H&I is bringing meetings to The Melton Center and Franklin North Women's Treatment. Franklin South, men's treatment recently got a new director and they are no.....

Trusted Servant Positions – Facilitator: Bert; RCM 1: Micah J.; RCM 2: Paulina G.;

Treasurer: Cindy B.; Co-Treasurer: Vacant; Recorder: Teresa B. (Temporarily); H&I: Bryan A.; Co H&I: Becky; PI: Dave H.; Activities: Teresa B.; Outreach: Twana S.; Co - Outreach: Marcus W.

Area News — We have submitted a final draft of a new policy to go to the groups and it will be revised and hopefully adopted by our April ASC!! We are striving to get on par with the rest of the area by trying to move towards more modern ideas such as CBDM.

Upcoming Events – SETANA will be hosting TBRCNA 23 on February 24th-26th. TBRCNA Coffee Drive is ongoing until the convention. Call Cindy B. to donate coffee or funds to purchase coffee and supplies. RCM1 Micah J. RCM2Paulina G.

Texas Tri-County:

Hello everyone, we would like to thank everyone for allowing Amy and I to serve as RCM 1&2. The May RSC will be our final one as our time has expired so once again thank y'all. Our area consist of 14 groups and all seem to be going well in our area.

Our area has had some concerns about Disruptive/ Predatory behavior so I have reached out to Ruben asking him if he would be able to present a workshop on March 25th in either Alvin or Tevas City. The

asking him if he would be able to present a workshop on March 25th in either Alvin or Texas City. This will be open for discussion.

I have reached out to Paul S. and ask him if he could come to Galveston on April 1 to display his presentation at the Galveston Island Group's 43rd anniversary party. He has been doing it for the past few years when he held that position. I was informed by Paul that there has been some changes and it has to be approved by region. So. at this time. I am making the request.

Our convention was successful and we will be having one later this year when a chairperson has been voted in. Our area donated \$4000 according to our area treasurer. This concludes our report. Vic G.

Discussion: On PR having to be approved by region to set up a PR display at a group's anniversary. This is correct as was discussed at the last RSC and PR has to request funding. PR will report on this. Does TTC have their own PR to set up a table? Not the way Paul does. Seems like this is an area function. More discussion on PR table set up and other areas will be attending also and how Paul does a better job than this area does.

Herb: Vic, is this for a convention? (Vic: No, it's for a group's anniversary). We discussed this at last region; that it's probably not practical be to be sending the facilitator to every event like a convention because as I recall, it costs a lot of money like travel, hotel, and to me, if it's not practical, it's not spiritual, and I think that's what the discussion was last month, so, I don't know, it's something we have to discuss.

Chris C.: It's probably not going to fly if it's an area day event, you'll have to find a different plan. *Vic:* Are you guys, is this a final say no? Are you going to talk about it, see how it's going to work, so I can make other plans.

Hurshell: I think there's a lesson here for the areas- do you see what Paul is doing as PR and as an area, for the areas to get a PR chair and emulate exactly what Paul is doing. Paul, as a PR chair for the region, can help your area do exactly what he's doing. That's the whole point of the regional chair is help the areas emulate exactly what he's doing. That's what I got.

Cleto: Just to add to that, I would say if the area is willing to fund it just like if you were going to bring in a speaker, you work it out with Paul, if he was free, and he was willing, that would fly too. Wouldn't that be OK guys?

Vic: That's a very good point, Cleto.

Ruben: Sometimes areas need some help. Maybe this is an avenue in which they can begin to create a PR committee in their area by utilizing what Paul brings down there if Paul were to not just come to display the thing but also to create a workshop on how to get people to do PR and maybe region would cover some of his costs. They just donated \$4,000 to our region. They're supporting us. Take that into consideration.

Susen: This is a group event, not an area event so it should be taken care of by the area.

Vykie: It's my understanding is that the purpose of the region is to assist the areas and groups in places where they may not be able to fulfill different things. If we have the budget, if we have the funds, I don't see why it would be an issue. My area is small and we may need that assistance.

Discussion continued.

Michael C.: Can we put the rest to this and get it discussed on the PR report? If he doesn't request money, this is all a moot point. Is that agreeable to everybody?

Subcommittee Reports

Adopt An Inmate Facilitator:

Adopt An Inmate (AAI) sent out 26 basic texts and 1 JFT meditation this quarter. I have been assured by Ron S. at HASO that all requests have been mailed out. Yours in Service, Herb M.

Discussion on which literature is to be sent out. On sending out literature to prison libraries. Not in our AAI policy. NA eLiterature is on inmates' tablets.

<u>Internet Technology Facilitator:</u> Not present. This Report was emailed to all@.

Hey Everyone,

IT committee is staying busy with helping any Area that needs it.

There is a new plugin for Word Press that allows members to change, add or delete meetings in the BMLT.

The information is stored on the website then approved and then the change is made on the BMLT Server

Here's a link to read more about it. https://bmlt.app/bmlt-workflow/

I have been behind the ball with the Ad hoc committee and haven't got much done this quarter. We will be meeting this Monday at noon on Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84131476074?pwd=d0xGQjFUYmhHL2NLT1ZLZHFzeU9XUT09 ILS, California Steve

Literature Review Facilitator:

Hello from Literature Review!

There are two motions for literature project plans in the Conference Approval Track (CAT). One for a new IP and one for a revised IP. If one or both of these motions pass at the World Service Conference (WSC) we will have literature projects during this upcoming cycle.

The content of these projects will be determined by the literature survey in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR).

Please complete this survey and encourage your Groups and Areas to fill it out so your voice can be heard and you have a part in our literature creation.

The survey can be accessed in the CAR which is available at <u>na.org/conference</u> or at <u>na.org/survey</u>. Please contact me if you have questions or need more information. In Loving Service, Lynn S

Public Relations Facilitator:

Accomplishments to Date: Attended PR-Professional Day Workshop, set up Display, Handed out flyers, tear-off flyer's for CTANA & HCANA. Met with new PR Chairs for CTANA & HCANA. Created stamps to be paid for by areas and subcommittees. Created flyer for GIGNA Anniversary event, updated TBRNA.org events. *See email for QR Code scan totals.

Upcoming Plans: Attend TBRCNA with display and give-away. I have been requested to set up the PR display at GIGNA's 43 Anniversary in April and HCANA PR Event in June. Craig with SZF PR subcommittee has a monthly PR-zoom workshop the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm CST for any area PR chairs to attend.

On-Site Convention needs: TBRCNA – EACNA – TTCANA – HASCONA – RBS – Group Anniversaries. I am requesting to attend these events with give-aways (Newcomer Survival Kits) and booth setup and quarterly increase \$900 per quarter.

QR Code Scans (Total)

CTANA -16 scans; CBANA - 198 scans; TTCANA - 28 scans; SETANA - 15 scans; AAI- 11 scans HCANA H&I - 10 scans; TBRNA - 24 scans;

I am requesting a budget increase to be voted on today. I am asking for \$900 per quarter.

*A TBRNA EXPENSE REPORT was submitted with this report: Totals: \$719.46

Chris H.: Our budgets are best served where PR is concerned; I mean the booths – when it faces the public. When we spend money to send that booth across the state, and it's facing addicts that already know where to find a meeting, that QR code isn't all that helpful. I'm sorry, I know how to get to a meeting. However, we have a state full of areas that don't have a full PR committee and that is a function that Paul can well serve.

Susen: I see that you have a lot of conventions that you are scheduling yourself for. I was wondering what events do you have scheduled for the public so that people can come and find us? Do you have you have anything scheduled?

Paul: I do let the local area CBANA. Yes, I've done several but I cannot go to Austin on Wednesday. I've done Mental Health Awareness and other events. I can't go to San Antonio on weekdays.

Susen: I think that's where our money would be better served as well as if you can find some events on the weekends for those great things you are doing there locally. I'm with Chris H. on this.

Kent: I'm looking at your report, and I need clarification – you got me some receipts for the upcoming TBRCNA for 3 nights and what's going on on Thursday?

Michael S.: I was going to bring this up also. You have available 1 free night with your TBRCNA position. I can see you spending Friday and Saturday.

Amy: I just wanted to say that when Paul had his table at our event, from what I observed, there was a lot of interaction. Us being in Galveston, a lot of people from other places come to our events and our events are very large and we usually have 3 treatment centers there, and a couple of halfway houses so in excess of 75 newcomers at these events and I want to compliment you, Paul, on how you interact with everybody. I think you do an excellent job in getting people involved and excited. Your booth looks neat. It makes people want to walk up and go over to it. I just wanted to say I think it's extremely important that we recognize the difference between being frugal and prudent. I think it's very prudent to further the NA message and I would never believe that that is wasting money. I also want to acknowledge that I believe that everybody here today loves NA and is doing their best to further NA . I also think that our trusted servants need to be supportive and need to have the latitude to carry out their service positions with the exquisite style that they do it with and until we reach a point where

somebody's going broke or something is majorly wrong and I just feel that it's really good use of NA funds to further NA's message. It would be different if we had someone in that position and really wasn't doing their job and that's not the case here. Paul is amazing.

Michael C.: Tom, new information?

Tom M.: Didn't this Area just donate \$4,000? Correct? Now they're coming back and asking for HELP but this body is not wanting to approve the funds necessary to offer that help – maybe they're like "we need to reconsider how much money we send to this body" if they can't get the help. Food for Thought. **Chris C.:** Regardless of how much money somebody donates it, it's not a concept of who donates it before they get more services because that is such a gross, gross example of Tradition Twelve and Concept Eleven and I'm just going to leave it at that. Thank you.

Vic.: Well, you're talking about money, property or prestige, divert us from our primary purpose. Most of these treatment centers know AA. They come to us and they learn NA and Tom brought up a good point, it's not the \$4,000 – it's the way that we have been announcing how great our region is and how they would do anything for us. So, yes, when I make this report tomorrow at our area meeting, maybe our next donation is going to be \$20 because I'm actually, I'm really hurt right now that people are concerned about money. We can pay for it. We're asking for help because we're not trained the way Paul is, but everybody is against this and just talking about money. I don't care if you've been at the region 40 years or 40 minutes. Our primary purpose to help the addict who still suffers and that's why we have a PR guy, the assumption here is that everybody knows about NA and that's not true. We're a tourist town and when they come to an event, they bring their family and they know nothing about it. I can sleep good at night knowing where our money is going. Now if I go to bed tonight worrying maybe I should've said this, should've done that, I'm living in regret. All we're asking is that Paul come to come down here and do a presentation. If region doesn't want to do it, we'll find a way to do it. But I guarantee you one thing, my report to area tomorrow for some of the comments that you guys are putting money head of service, I don't think they're gonna take that very well, so thank you all for your input. I've got to get back to work.

Michael C.: Thank you.

Herb: Yeah, um, so, um, I asked the Policy Chair to send me the Policy of Public Information. On the bottom of it, it says, "One of the main purposes of the policy is to....I think I lost it, but anyway, is to inform the public and professionals about our program." That's the main purpose of the PI committee. So, I don't know, I mean, as far as having him to go to this event, we still got to talk about it on a case by case basis, you know, maybe we can. I don't see, I mean, Paul, I have a question for Paul: have you been focusing on informing the public and professionals or have you been focusing on conventions and stuff like that? I'm just curious.

Paul: Good question. Like when I went to SZF, a had a table to give them tear offs, flyers, Got A Problem? We can help. QR Codes. I give all this to local PR chairs, so they can take those to their POs. **Other discussion:** Yes I've hit the public. **PR Handbook** says we inform the public and members alike. That's the exact wording of the Handbook. If I'm hamstrung, I don't want to do it anymore. I don't want to store all this stuff. Y'all can have it. I'm at the point where it's not economically feasible for me to go to all these places that ask me and I hate to say no.

Chris H.: If a group in my area asks my PR committee to show up for an event, and they say, "Well, we can't afford to do that or we don't know how to do that but hey, let's send \$4,000 to region instead of developing a PR locally, I'm sorry, that's not prudent use of funds. It costs a lot of money to send Paul around the state to go to a group event. Now I think we should go to this group event, and at that group event try to help that area learn how to do for themselves. That would be good use of those funds. The development of the fellowship means to develop PR – that means that too. But when my area doesn't send \$4,000 to region, what it does spend money locally to develop the fellowship. And what we have left over, we send to region. And to say if you don't do that for us, we're not going to fund you anymore because we're not willing to step up for ourselves, I'm taken offense to that.

Michael C.: This came up in the PR report. We have spent the last 20 minutes seriously discussing how PR does their job. At the last RSC, I **clearly** remember us telling folks they needed to request PR so he could request funding. This arised out of an issue from Tri-County as an anniversary and they requested it. Our treasurer pointed out a simple monetary concept. It's not their money, who's money, it is NA's money, it doesn't matter which account it comes from it's still the same account. My question right now is how do we proceed forward with this without bashing it more?

Randie: I think we should consider the request and we used to have breakouts, which we don't have anymore and aren't subcommittees supposed to get together and do these things on their own and come back and report? What somebody donates shouldn't dictate what this committee does and we shouldn't be held hostage by it. That's their choice what they do with their money.

Discussion: On Paul not having a zoom account and that's why he doesn't hold committee meetings as per policy from last RSC. Use the regional Zoom account.

Discussion: On budget increase for PR.

Michael C.: We have a direct request from an area report and PR report – do you want to address that now or want to address after we talk about something in Old Business that went back to the areas addressing the PR budget? Which would you prefer to discuss first? One impacts the other- in my opinion.

Discussion on confusion on who can be involved in consensus-based-decision-making-process after a proposal has been sent back to the areas.

Proposal: Item #6 That PR Budget be changed from \$300 to \$900. **1 Stand Aside. Consensus** Now my question is with their increased budget and what the request are for funds, is the treasurer clear on what he can reimbursed with receipts?

Discussion: Anything spent over \$900, we have to talk about it. PR has been approved to travel to SZF and TBRCNA. Go from there.

Hospitals & Institution: Not present, no report.

Old Business: On-going Discussion –

Ad Hoc Committee "Sponsorship Behind the Walls" Kent, Jesse and Herb were working on this and after discussing, nothing has happened. If somebody would like to take charge of this, please say so because this is important. Herb stated that the record is incorrect. He didn't say he would lead this endeavor and if somebody wants to do it, I may want to help but doesn't want to lead.

Michael C.: My question now is, does this endeavor fall through the cracks, or lack of participation, or where do we go from here?

Discussion by Kent, Jesse. Should be done by other than AAI.

Susen would love to do this. Would love to get people together and come up with a plan. If region wants to create a committee, Susen is down with it.

Discussion on finding out how other regions are doing it already.

Proposal: To dissolve the current ad hoc committee. Looking this up in Policy. Nothing in policy. **Discussion** on inmate tablets.

Susen volunteers for this as an ad hoc for Sponsorship Behind the Walls and Jesse has agreed to stay on.

Clarification given by this recorder that there was indeed a **consensus** on a proposal that subcommittees are required to schedule meetings between RSCs. (November Record)

Open Discussion & New Business:

CAR Motion 18 and the apathy of this region.

Discussion from RDA and his experience on how motions are created. How proposals are sent back to the Areas and the Areas come back with a vote. RDA states he was not part of that process and did not

see this happen. This is a moot point. The motions are now in the CAR. Can't be withdrawn. Other actions at the SZF were inappropriate.

Chris H.: Agreed with RDA's statements and yes, there was some real inappropriate things done at the SZF and I don't think maybe this should be addressed here. The people who I need closure from are not here. I will not treat it like that again. I don't even know if it's appropriate for me to detail how I was treated – no those people are not here so I'm going to stand down from that and just say this is moot. Like Ruben said-- it's in the CAR and there's no rescinding this and we did vote.

Chris C.: So my experience with being part of motion processes, they come from where a body regardless if it's from an individual, a group, an area, a region, a zone, a motion can be made when somebody wants to see a change not done on a specific level – like OK, you're a region, you can't do this. Further explanation given......and the other part I'm going to say about this and I'm going to be really, really quite is people who are elected into trusted servant positions are reporters and please report to me what's going on so that I can make my opinion and I appreciate everyone's hard work and diligence, particularly at the RD level and with so many personalities that come together for a few times a year and this group of personalities get together four times a year five times a year, so my thing is that yes, this is a dead issue, it's not a dead issue, it's a lesson learned experience on cooperation, however, it doesn't matter what level, a motion is a desire to – from my experience, is a reflection of somebody wanting to have change. That's all I have.

Herb: Steve, that motion was not initiated at this body. Is that a fair statement?

Steven: No, that is not an accurate statement. (**Herb interruption**) I brought 2 proposals to the RSC. They were (**Herb interruption**) considered at that region at that time (**Herb interruption**) now let me point out region policy; I was chatting with the Policy Chair "If at least 20% of the RCMs request that a proposal goes back to the Areas for discussion, then it does. If those RCMs do not request that it goes back to the Areas, then the RCMs may vote the group conscience as they see fit at that RSC and the motions-- the 2 proposals that I got, were passed by the region in May of 2021. According to Policy. **Herb:** But what I'm asking is where did that come from? When you first introduced those motions, (**Steven:** Where did they come from?) I remember people saying, where is this coming from? We didn't ask for it. You asked for it. To me, in mind, I may be wrong, you know, it seemed like your proposal, not the region's proposal.

Steven: It was a proposal I brought to region because you guys made the mistake of letting me go to the WSC. I got to talk to other delegates from around the world which was a huge mistake on your part because I began to learn things from members of the fellowship from all around the world. The original proposal that I brought had to do with service committees outside the United States being able to print, publish, distribute and sell NA-approved literature. Another member inside the region said, "Well, hold it. Aren't all that is equal?" So, shouldn't we be able to that inside the United States also? So they asked me to formulate a second proposal that would apply to inside the United States. One member, literally 12 hours away in time zones, and then the other one did come from a member of this region.

Herb: I'm just going to say one more thing – part of making a decision is having all the information. This motion as is written is going to cause – well first of all, I don't think it's going to pass. I don't think it's going to pass. That's just my opinion. Just take it at that, but, if it does pass, it's going to create ramifications and I don't think we really went over it, I don't think you communicated, not you, I'm going to say, it wasn't communicated the way it should have been, we should've spent more time on it, we should've had more workshops on it and you know who I blame? I blame myself because I was apathetic. I was apathetic because I knew when you brought it up that I should have blocked it but I didn't because I don't think it was a proposal from this area. And that's all I'm going to say and you know what? I still love you bruh. Keep coming back. When I see you, I'll hug you, I can be a nice guy but in this instance, I think we really need to look at it. We need to do things differently next time. It's already done. It's in God's hands. That's all I'm going to say about it.

Steven: If I may, the motion as it exists now the 2 proposals were molded into one motion asks for a work group to study the implications of if such and such happened, what would be the results? What you're telling me, what you're telling the region is that there's some questions we just can't ask. Don't even look at an idea. Oh my God! Run away! Run away! It's an apocalypse. I'm asking for a work group if so and so does A, then what are the results? If so and so does B, what are the results? I'm not asking any changes be implemented, I'm asking that before someone decides to jump off a cliff, let's see what's at the bottom of the cliff. Do we have a parachute? Is there a safe-landing zone? If any of this were to happen, what are the results that we can reasonably predict? And those predictions will not be 100% accurate. No predictions are. All I'm asking for is a work group. Naw, let's not consider this question. OK Whatever the region says.

Herb: I'm going to practice unity, bruh, I'm going to love you where you're at, I'm out of this conversation, it's already done. Thank you.

Michael C.: Thank you all. As facilitator, I am presented with a very unique problem here, clearly based on concepts and service, someone was given the authority to do something and a point of accountability made and they made a proposal. This body addressed the proposal as it saw fit and the record shows that. Today, later on in New Business, I have 2 proposals coming up that a member without any counsel to my knowledge made and asked for them to be put up on the agenda for us to discuss. We did not ask for these proposals either! I am asking a policy type question as facilitator, how do I proceed with this so that we do not get stuck later having the same discussion that is beyond repair?

Herb: Were you referring to the email that I sent that I wanted this included in the business?

Michael C.: No, because I thought this was being addressed with this other stuff.

Herb: Right, right, it's already been addressed.

Michael C.: This is something totally different, sir.

Herb: I'm not understanding what you're asking.

Michael C.: I'm stating that we have new proposals coming up in this same format that this proposal that has caused great discussion came up. An individual member brought up to the body to be discussed and whether we use due diligence as a body or not, it moved forward. It was a single individual bringing an idea, not something that the body asked for.

Discussion: Megan was requested to read policy on Proposals.

Megan: Part of it is already in the chat for reference. "Any regional trusted servant which is RCMs, committee chairs, RD, RDA, or admin members may submit a proposal. All proposals and the results brought before the body are recorded in the minutes. If at least 20% of the RCMs request that it go back to the areas, it does. Voting on proposals are made by any RSC participant and we use consensus-based-decision-making."

Discussion: On how RD is being accused of acting on self-will. Ideas were not brought up on his own. One other question about Motion 18 was duly asked by the region has been answered. Are there are any other objections to the motion? Not necessarily withdraw the motion but to withdraw support for the motion at the WSC.

Michael C.: I believe the regional assembly will give the RD Team clear direction on that question, sir. **Tom K.:** If those proposals that you're bringing up anew are not from a participant like what we just read out of the policy, how about we allow all members to bring up discussion topics during RSC, how bout we just discuss those proposals and not call them such.

Herb: I think there needs to be a proposal that any proposals to be included in the CAR should go back to the groups. I think it should be automatic. A motion that affects Narcotics Anonymous, I think it's important enough for us to bring it back to the areas automatically and I also think there needs to be the RDs really need to at least have one or two workshops. I guess that could be included in policy. To me, there would be no question about anything. Not thought for food but food for thought.

Michael C.: So, are you suggesting a proposal for New Business or was that just food for thought?

Herb: I would hate to make a proposal just off the top of my head, but maybe I can get with the policy chair, maybe, and I always like to think about things cause you can make a motion or make a proposal that we might miss something. I would feel more comfortable if we have time – it's not like we have to do it right now. Then we can bring something back real robust and fair and spiritual.

Michael C.: Based on that discussion, I hear that between now and the next RSC, somebody is going to have a proposal about this issue. Is that clear?

(Megan and Herb will make arrangements to discuss issue at hand)

Chris H.: Ruben asked how we should proceed in the future and this addict needs to voice his opinion. If this body gives consensus on a proposal that says send this to world, then you already have your direction and that is what you will do. That is what your position is for. If this body doesn't think that proposal out well in your opinion, then we got problems and you still have a direction that you must follow. I don't know if that was your question and I can see that one coming, I think I've learned that from you. So, I'm realizing that maybe I didn't get your question correctly, but how to proceed? You proceed how this body directs – that's what I must do and that's what you all must do. I will finish with saying this proposal, I think it was as RCMs, I was once an RCM at the time it was "us" that failed to perform, not this body. Not this committee. And not Steve and not you. That's all I got.

Megan: Just a reminder maybe to provide some . If anyone has an idea of how the process should change, please submit it as a policy proposal change, otherwise I think it's best practice if we work within the policy that we currently have.

Paul Northside: I don't have nearly the resume that a lot of the people here have of service in NA but it just seems to me that there's a lot of personalities and emotional attachments to these things, right? And for me, it's just embarrassing watching it from people that are quote, unquote "trying to behave spiritual" at the moment. I'm RCM from my area. It doesn't matter what my opinion is on these topics, right? If my area tells me to go vote on something that I disagree with, I don't need to tell y'all that I disagree with it but my area says to do it, right? So, just in my opinion, guys, this is not becoming of this body, right? Maybe we can get into something else.

Michael C.: Based on that last comment, I believe that we have fully discussed all this. I heard Chris H also state that he was withdrawing his request for a formal grievance and that he would tend to that on a personal matter. Moving on to New Business, <u>natexas.org</u> How does this body want to address this? **Randie:** I would like to see an ad hoc committee formed and invite the other regions that lay in the State of Texas to be a part of since it affects them too.

Michael C.: Are you willing to facilitate this concept?

Randie: Uhhh, maybe. Lol. I never thought about that! But I would definitely help, yeah.

Chris C.: Randie, I would love to help you with this because I think this will help me with my other area project in some way. My other thing that I---hang on---never mind, I withdraw what I was going to say because----yeah----I withdraw it. I'm good.

Michael C.: But you're still good with participating in this project?

Chris C.: Yes, I would love to participate in this project. I would just request nothing be asked of me until March.

Tom M.: I think it's a wonderful idea. I think I've been hearing talk about this for quite some time and I think this is long overdue. I was actually a few minutes ago I just got off the phone with a member at Best Little Region and found out answers to the issue about what we were having Adopt An Inmate and found the knowledge that made *unintelligible* it's working in another region and I mean it's about sharing information right, I think it's a great idea, I think we should move forward.

Michael C.: Do I need a proposal to address <u>natexas.org</u> website?

Ruben: Added a little background and talking to Lone Star. They had no problem with us doing it. Other regions also. Spoke to them about this endeavor. How are we going to upkeep it? What are we going to put in it? Who's gonna answer the calls? Need to make sure that somebody answers with a response appropriately at the appropriate time.

Randie: I hear that you're going to be on the committee then?

Ruben: Maybe when I get back from the Conference, yes.

Chris C.: This proposal, where did this come from? Where did this idea, where's Steve? Is this a Zonal thing and they were going to set up an ad hoc committee and talk to the different regions or I mean how did this whole conversation start up because – I mean like POW! We have all of this and I don't recall having this discussions about a centralized Texas website at a regional meeting unless I missed it.

Ruben: Let me clarify this. I believe you were there at the first in San Marcos and in my report, I reported that. This is where it came from and I'll explain it one more time.....

Michael C.: That's OK Ruben, we're getting off into details that the ad hoc committee needs to address, sir. I don't mean to cut you off but this is pertinent information that the ad hoc should be addressing. With that, Randie put her hand down. I still need direction on how do we form this ad hoc, Randie, Chris, and Ruben especially after the conference. Declared or proposal, what's the procedure here? Esteban: Appoint them.

Chris C.: I propose that we form an ad hoc committee to investigate how to maintain and create a centralized website for the state.

Michael S.: I don't think we need a proposal. Doesn't the facilitator appoint?

Michael C.: OK, I'm saying I'm accepting this proposal. Does anyone feel this needs to go back to the areas? I see no hands. I see consensus. I see the ad hoc on this.

Ruben.: I believe that the PR chair of our region needs to be in this committee because that's where that falls under that basis of work – his PR work.

Michael C.: Did you hear that, Paul?

Paul S.: Yeppers. Another task, another duty, yes.

Various comments: Got a ball and tow. Thank you. Hopefully this is a zoom only thing. It's a phone line. However, it doesn't require any travel is my point.

Michael C.: Let the record show we have another ad hoc committee addressing the natexas.org thing.

Ruben: One more thing. (Various no's no no). Who's going to answer the emails.....

Michael C.: This is an ad hoc thing that will be talked about, sir. The ad hoc has to come back and make recommendations to this body so this body can proceed.

Ruben: So we're going to wait 3 months? And those emails that come in?

Randie: You can send them to me, if you want, Ruben.

Michael C.: There, we have a temporary solution. Somebody's willing to address it. Thank you. **Patsy:** Just for that web email, I still have access and I'll be checking it regularly until someone takes it over from region. It was part of the report that Chris read and I will remove all the contacts and the emails that we used for the SZF event. The local PR Chair and I and I told the committee that we worked for the event and I don't mind checking the emails and then I will forward them to our PR Chair and if any come in for region area, then I'll forward them to Paul, who's the PR Facilitator – if that's acceptable to y'all. So, I just wanted to provide that information.

Chris H.: I also agreed to help the PR committee there at CTANA create a list that will be very useful. *Michael C.:* Thank you. Third thing that on New Business that I have – we are looking for direction on a responsible body to be the board or representative of the board for the 501c3. Is it this body's pleasure to have somebody on the regional committee admin be responsible or will we refer to hire an outside contractor to be responsible?

Tom K.: The proposal to use a service provider are corporate registered agent other option are to use a member from our ranks. Do you want to know what a registered agent is? (Has been done) "The Texas Business Organization Code requires every domestic or foreign file entity to maintain a registered agent and office in Texas. The BOC also permits the filing of an appointment of agent for service of process by an unincorporated non-profit associate." Then it gets on to "An entity registered as an agent of the entity of whom may be served any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served on the entity." Then it goes into all the Codes. "The registered office

and entities registered office must be a physical address in Texas where the registered agent can be served with process during business hours. A registered office is also where the Office of the Secretary of State will mail correspondence. A registered office is a business office address of the registered agent and may be the same as the entity place of business. They cannot, however, be a post office box that is part of a commercial mail or message service unless that commercial enterprise is a registered agent." That's kind of new to the law because it the past, we had our post office box as a registered agent. Can't do that anymore.

Kent: I'm in favor of having paying somebody as a registered agent service — I believe he said \$35 per year. The benefits of this is number 1, they ----24-7 or whatever business hours they can be served. It doesn't require one of us to put our name on that or our social security number or whatever. The other thing is we rotate so much it's hard enough for us to get together and get signers on this checking account half the time. And/or my experience like my own area, where somebody forgot to file this end-of-the-year report time and time again, believe me, these people stay on top of this, you can have a registered agent that could move out of our state — they could match and no longer be able to serve us in that capacity, etcthis person is not going to happen. There's just too many positives in my opinion.

Michael C.: Any other discussion on this topic? Based on Tom's presentation, I heard a question with 2 possible answers - not a clear proposal. Based on Kent's input, I hear a recommendation toward one using an outside facility. Do we have a clear proposal?

Tom K.: Proposal: Use a service provider as our corporate registered agent.

Michael C: Everybody understand the proposal? We're gonna hire somebody to be our agent in this 501c3 corporate matter dealing with the government?

Randie: Could we find out the cost of that before we decide? The secretary of our region.

Tom K: The one I found was \$35 a year. What was your limit?

Michael C: Calling for conscience? Stand Asides? Objections? Any request to take this back? Let the record show that we are going to hire an agent to represent us in this corporate matter. **Cosensus Susen:** I've been posting on the Chat that I have a question under Old Business. 3 months ago at the regional committee meeting there was a discussion about something that had happened with the PR chair — that the PR chair was going to go to the Rio Grande Valley Area and make a public apology to that area and to the person who was involved in this incident. I'd like to know was that taken care of? **Michael C:** The PR chair is not on line to answer your question.

Susen: OK, as soon as he comes back, I'd like that answered please.

Michael C: Yes. Somebody needs to help me watch his little face on this thing again instead of just his background. Out of the Service Pool Report, they were requesting a budget of \$150. There's Paul. Paul, I have a question for you, sir.

Paul S: Yes, I heard it while I was making a bacon sandwich. I was told by one of the members that if I made that apology, it wouldn't read a grievance. They read the grievance anyway and I decided, I spoke with my sponsor about this that I did not need to it a public apology. So, I'm not going to make it public apology for something I really did not do or create. I was just trying to be nice at that moment when that person confronted me about that and I was about to take full ownership of whatever they perceived as a grievance but after they read that grievance at region and I spoke with my sponsor, we decided you don't need to say anything and stay this thing the heck out of it.

Susen: Rio Grande Valley Area requested that you come down and make a public apology to their Area and to the person that was involved in the incident.

Paul S: Why would I...No. I'm not going to. It doesn't make any sense.

Susen: I would have to ask you to step down from your position because you will not be able to serve every Area in our region.

Chris C: Is this something that should be taken up between the Rio Grande Valley and Paul?

Susen: It was at last region. It was at last region. He was supposed to come down and make a public apology to them.

Paul S: I wasn't supposed to come down to make---I was just to come down and apologize. Nobody said to make a public apology at their area. There was one person involved and that person was incorrect in her assumptions.

Susen: That is your perception.

Chris H: Since this is procedural, *c*an we ask Esteban to remind us did we not make a consensus that something would be done? I may remember that wrong, but if we had a consensus that an action would be taken, then it should be taken.

Susen: That is why the PR chair from that area is not here.

Chris H: If we directed Paul to do something, he should do it. If we did not, well, that's different.

???? blurted out: What does the record say?

Chris H: That's what I'm asking. Sorry, Michael, I'm not trying to step in on you.

Esteban: I can look at the Record. I'm afraid if I change screens, I might lose the zoom meeting here. I do believe that the Record stated that our PR Facilitator would make amends to that party.

Susen: And to that Area.

Michael S: I think it's just to the party.

Chris H: Did we not have a question?

Susen: That PR Chair is not here today because no apology has been made and she still feels very uncomfortable being around him.

Herb: As I recall what happened last time was the person that came I thought was very vague about what happened but since then, some information has come in and to me I wish I would have had when she came to this body and I think if I recall I don't know if we directed Paul or he volunteered but now he's saying he's changing his mind, I mean I don't know how you can direct somebody to work personal recovery, you know what I'm saying? Like in order for you to be of service to this body, you have to but I think it's a great idea but at the same time if his presence is keeping other people away then that's a problem. I don't know how to address all these things, I'm not accusing anybody of anything, I'm just saying that when that person came it was very vague about what the wrong was so we kinda like I'm not saying we didn't take it seriously, but we didn't have all the information.

Michael S: I'm looking over our minutes right now and I'll get back with you in a minute or two. **Esteban:** I've got my hand raised up. The person that filed the Concept Ten is not here to answer questions.

Michael S: It says right here "Clarification requested, In order to avoid causing any extra harm and any extra pain to the parties, there has been an agreement that they would make amends to this person. Our PR Chair directly and that they're ready to take responsibility for the actions that occurred but our area still feels as though some predatory behavior or some bad behaviors could be badly exemplified in our area or the conventions if this situation is not"....it does say that they would make amends to this person.

Susen: It doesn't say how.

Michael S: It doesn't say how. Right

Susen: I know, I'm just clarifying that it doesn't say how but that it would be.

Michael S: And it's to that person.

Susen: Were amends made to this person?

Long pause....Michael C.: So, where are we going with this?

Long pause.....Susen: I believe that if the PR Chair is unwilling to make amends, or the PR Facilitator, excuse me, is unwilling to make amends to a PR Chair in an Area, and that area which is a small area which is struggling the most, and he's not willing, then, I'd like for him to just step down so that we can get a PR Facilitator that can service any one of our areas.

Michael S: I kinda agree with you there, but, it wasn't the PR Chair that was offended. It was a woman, a person. And so, the person comes first and not the title.

Susen: That's the PR Chair from Rio Grande Valley Area.

Michael S: It just so happens to be that way, yes. So, we're making amends to a person, not a PR Chair. *Herb:* I think the distinction may be, correct me if I'm wrong, that the – whatever happened, happened when Paul was wearing his PI Facilitator hat – I think. I'm asking that question because I recall I think that's what happened so if he was representing region and that happened, then I guess it could be considered a regional issue, I mean, I don't know.

Michael S: That would be correct if he was acting as PR Facilitator but he wasn't.

Herb: Well, how do we know that though?

Paul S: I wasn't the PR Chair at that convention that she's accusing me of.

Long pause.....

Herb: Yeah, this is a dilemma. Uhhhh, I'm going to listen.

Michael S: Well, it says in the minutes that PR Chair or Paul, excuse me, would be making amends. **Paul S:** I was willing to ...I was willing to fall upon the sword and tell her I'm sorry for what I said but she has since accused me of other things that is not true even though I have witnesses that were with us the whole time and this has been blown out of proportion so much that I see no point in admitting to something I did not do say or what I said after that grievance was read after I was told there at that meeting that the grievance would not be read and I thought about it and I'm not going to take ownership of something that I did not do or intend to do. People know me that I don't do those things she's accusing me of. People who really know me.

Chris C: I may need to own an amends later for this, no, actually I retract that statement, I won't own some amends for this. I am staying out of this hula hoop because this hula hoop is not mine, it's not my circus, it's not my monkeys, if it's two people – if it was a PR person acting inappropriately during a PR thing, that's one thing and I think that needs to be dealt with; however, if this is a one addict perception and another addict's perception. I am not going to dictate how and when they do either their Eighth Step, Nine Step work or Tenth Step. It is not my—I'm not going to dictate that. It's not my recovery, it's not my side of the street. I just think that the only solution I can offer to this have people and a neutral party involved in litigation. I just think that I think that part of this meeting is trying to micromanage things and that just gets frustrating and irritating and all of that nonsense that I'm having a problem with when it comes to micromanaging things I don't know but I don't dictate how anybody does their recovery or who I or tell them you owe an amends because I am not there and when other people have felt amends need to be made it is not taken out in a public forum such as this. That's all I have.

Susen: Paul, how are you going to be able to fulfill your service commitment with the Rio Grand

Valley Area when the person that was involved with this is the PR Chair down there? How can you do a work around...

Paul S: I can work as much down there as much as possible. I'm the one with the big issue here, I'm not the one that feels uncomfortable for nothing. I can still fulfill my job. The animosity or the grievance that she has is unfounded. I'm not going to facilitate

Susen: Unfounded to you not to her.

Paul S: Everybody else that was with us.

Susen: Other people were complicit. I don't want to get into the details of it because that's nobody's business.

Pauls S: You're going by what they told you.

Susen: She left the convention because of it. What I'm asking you is how are you going to fulfill your duties in that area? Who can you take with you to fulfill your duties down in that area to where she doesn't feel uncomfortable? Is there somebody you can take with you so you can still do your job properly down there because that's the one area in our region that needs it the most? Is there somebody that you can take with you?

Paul S: I can probably take somebody.

Susen: I would be totally OK with that because this area has the least amount of members, they are struggling the most, and they're one of the people that can benefit the most from what you have to offer If there is a woman, if there is a woman that you can take with you I would be totally OK with that and not asking you to step down because I think that this area needs you the most right now.

Paul S: And I Love that area because I'm from McAllen. I'll take a chaperon with me.

Susen: So, can you please come up with a woman that can go down with you to help facilitate their needs?

Paul S: Yes, I can find a woman.

Susen: Thank you, then I withdraw asking you to step down. I appreciate that. Thank you.

Esteban: Just for the Record, the Concept Ten grievance was filed by the Area Chair. The actual alleged charges or situations were not read as written by that lady. Just the Concept Ten. She didn't go into details, so it's on the Record. Thank you.

Michael S: I just want to piggy-back on what Chris had said and of course to the Minutes talking about this person making an amends because he got a duty to do so and that's what we agreed to in our minutes. With regards to a person not being present to speak of the Tenth Concept, that's kinda weird. She wasn't present. Unfortunately, she wasn't present. We probably would have taken it more serious and it probably would not have gotten out of hand like it did if she was present.

Long pause....

Michael C: In case nobody noticed, I am really strugg.ling with all these personality discussions on multiple issues in this forum. I am really struggling. We've had to hesitate and pause a minute here and there. Once again, I don't have a clue what to do with it — Susen says she's retracting her request for removal and everybody knows everybody's opinion on this, their position on this, can we move on. I think we had a great discussion on nothing. Sorry, I'm not supposed to give my opinion.

In the Service Pool Budget, Service Pool representation, we've had a request for \$150. Do we want to address it now or after 2 other proposals? The request for \$150, do we need to take it back to Area? Anybody? No? Stand Asides? 0

Question: Is it quarterly? Yes....and this would be a policy change? Yess. Does this not also mean service body a budgetary allowances for travel kick would in? Just reminding us that it's not the \$100 budget, it's also the – puts him in the service body. Yes... Looking up in Policy and it doesn't show any money for this position.

Michael C: At the last region, he was requested to bring back a formal budget and in his presentation this is what he requested.

Kent: So are we going the \$150 plus the \$300? Are we just going to say it's going to be \$300 like the rest?

Michael S: Well if it's already \$300, I'll settle with that.

Megan: So right now the \$300 is subcommittee members' basic travel to regional service meetings. That would include Service Pool.

Discussion: Travel to other places, areas, that are not region to present stuff. Policy's understanding is that that would be on top of the \$300. In the section where we list the quarterly budget separately. Treasurer was mistaken. Service Pool has to travel in between RSCs.

Michael C: Is everyone clear on this now? Do we have consensus? Let the record show we have consensus that his request for \$150 beyond RSC has been approved. Shouldn't go up as a line item in Policy.

There is a request for a Convention PR workshops like H&I workshops. I don't know if that is under our stuff or under Convention Policy.

Discussion: This falls under the convention's Programming. All this done by them. It's a good idea. A PR workshop, not an H&I workshop like it's been done for years and years. Nothing in policy.

Michael C: Based on this discussion, this should have been directed to the convention policy.

Let the Record show that this has been directed to the Convention Policy.

Proposal to addresscan't read my own notes here...WSO....to areas....anybody know what we were talking about then?

Lynn: I know what it is. That whenever there's a proposal for the CAR, that it has to be taken back to the Areas.

Michael C: We have a motion (proposal) that is specific to World Services and the CAR directing what the RD's do in the future-- such stuff has to go back to the Areas before Region can pursue it through the RD's.

Kent: Making a "friendly proposal amendment" if at all possible, it goes back, because last time there was a time restraint.

Paulina: Are we taking it back to the Areas or to the Groups? The problem is that for a lot of — for myself, I know I'm not RCM1 and maybe he will understand this more but I feel like I don't feel educated on the subject to even take it to Area to start to explain so then the GSRs can go and take it to the groups so they can explain to them and make an educated decision to say aye or nay. Is there going to be something in writing so we can take back so we could — like I'm not stupid, but when it comes to the subject, I feel like I am back in Germany and just learning how to speak German. I have no idea what's going on and I am trying to listen and absorb but to be quite honest, I have no idea. Is there going to be some kind of explanation of what's needed, what the decision that wants to be made so that we can kind of go by some kind of list of things we could explain or we're just going to hey, this is the problem, take it back to Area, and I feel I'm not going to — I'm wondering if there's going to be enough information — I guess that's what I'm wondering. I'm sorry.

Michael C: Anybody have an answer to that question?

Tom K: Oh yeah. She'll be fine. She'll figure it out.

Ruben: Whoa..whoa..whoa..whoa.. hey man, you guys are just keep chiming in here. You guys just keep butting in. Michael, Kent,

Michael S: Ohhh, we're going to start saying names now? OK.

Ruben: But you guys keep doing it.

Chris H: Michael just asked a question "Does anybody have an answer?"

Ruben: I understand. If we raise our hands, this would be a much better way of doing this man. We gotta remember what we're trying to do here guys. Pleasee man. **Inaudible...(You mean like this?)** Whatever, get your turn, don't start blurting out shit man. It's not OK man, I mean, c'mon.

Silence....

Michael C: So in the little corner first hand I see up is Ruben.....Well, I guess Ruben disappeared.... First hand up I see is Ms Lynn.

Lynn: Just to respond to Paulina – with regard to what we were talking about, I might have jumped in too quickly because I know that Herb was talking about this proposal but I think he wanted to get with Megan to flush it out more with regard to bringing up CAR proposals back to the areas. There's always going to be the proposal written out in the minutes so you'll have it to bring back to the areas especially with the CAR proposal there's definitely going to be time. There was time for Steven to send out emails as he was re-writing the proposal so there's definitely going to be time to bring back things back to your areas. Then, it's up to your areas to send it back to the groups. But there's definitely going to be time with this particular proposal that we're talking about. I think, If I'm correct, I think Herb wanted to get with Megan to talk about this particular proposal and flush it out more. Thanks

Michael C: Thank you.

Tom K: Is that true or do I still comment? Is it a proposal? Oh, OK. (Herb doesn't have his hand up next) OK, let me continue with – let me address the friendly proposal. I thinking that if it's a WSC proposal and is brought here in a timely fashion, it should go. I don't think it should knee jerk like

somebody's got an idea and we're gonna put it in the CAT or the CAR. So it's just a comment within reason, it should go back, no matter what.

Paulina: No disrespect, maybe just a little bit, but not a lot. When we take it back to the group level, I think, you guys have very proper in your language, and I love that, I find it very appealing, I'm interested, I love it. I feel that, I hope that we don't forget or that when we take it back to the groups, a lot of the people on the group level that are going to make the decision – a lot of them are people that are very simple, and I just hope that we remember to make sure that they understand some of the big language that you guys use in different ways. You guys have been doing it for a hot minute and you guys understand what you guys are talking about but for maybe at the area level maybe those people have been doing it for a minute so they understand, but at a level of group, the small people that make up this whole thing, a lot of those people needed to be very simple and direct without any big language or confusion because then they become uninterested in looking at it and I found that that's a problem a lot is that we get like these things coming from regional that we need to share with area and we email it to the GSRs and people at the group level get lost. They have no idea what's happening even if they read the material they still don't understand what they are voting for or agreeing with. They just don't do it. Without any clear direction, OK, like no one really read it because nobody can understand it so I hope that maybe when the proposals come down the pipeline or whatever, the things are that maybe – not saying make it dumb, but make it so when you first came into the program and you have a year and you are not involved you can understand what's really happening. Thank you.

Chris H: So directly to Paulina's question – because this is golden question. This is some good stuff because dis-service is made to a new RCM if they're not given enough information on this process – especially consensus. The best things you have in your favor is that discussion should be about clarity of the proposal. It is our gig to make sure you leave here with clarity so when we say are there questions, that is very important and yes, a proposal has to be written and give you enough information and I mean the proposer, the person who proposes that you have enough information that you go with clarity and if you don't have clarity, you may ask for more as long as it takes and that way, you can take back what you understand and then it's on that GSR for you to communicate with them and it's on them to communicate with the members. You have the right to seek clarity until you have it. I hope that helps *Herb:* Tom, maybe you and me can get on the phone because, yeah, I think that's a good motion to have anything that goes on the CAR report from the RD's automatically goes back to the groups and also you might want to like Paulina said, a lot of stuff is sometimes hard to understand and sometimes we don't see how much it affects other things, you know, so even maybe requiring a workshop, I don't know, you know, it's something we may want to talk about and we need to look at the current policy and see where those policy changes would go, then we could submit it at next region. I mean, it's not like an emergency right now, you know, that we have to do this moment, so maybe we can take our time right and correct it, something that makes sense and bring it to the body for consensus.

Ruben: I want to address the question that Paulina had and that is that this is what we are challenged to do as the delegates of this region that we would help you in any way possible to disseminate any information that comes from the RSC or in policies, or anything like that. So, you can tap any one of us. Please get our information so that you can call us and we'll answer any questions. We also have money in our budget to come down and do work shops in anything like that that you want us to do and we've spent a lot of time not doing nothing – to tell you the truth – I would love to drive down there to SETANA and go see what it's like down there and speak to these things and help with any way possible and that goes a long to any area that's in our region. We must do that. I think it's important that we do go through policy. I would never create a motion without bringing it to the region – that's on my personal level. If I had an idea that I think might work or that needed to be addressed, I would bring it to the region first and see if you all thought it was a good idea or not.

Tom M: I 100% agree with Herb totally. When I was first doing this deal, what you all were speaking was %\$#@?? Chinese and a year clean, I mean, I didn't have an understanding and at the same time I

had a sponsor that could clarify someand even in that motion in the same token, whenever I take motions back to my area, and try to get participation, at the end of the day, I may get half of the groups in my area to even acknowledge that they even read over it. I mean I've offered to come to their group conscience to explain it and it's like no interest. It's sad how these motions affect us. I don't know if a workshop, I don't know of a way I say to get more interest or more participation because without participation of the groups, we're the ones that makes the decisions, look to us to make the decisions because they think we have a better understanding of it. But in terms we really understood what we're talking about, they would be one to make the decision.

Paulina: OK, I promise this is the last thing I'm going to say: I know nobody asked for my opinion. My only observation today is this has been the second time only that I actually participate on the whole duration of this. I've noticed that there...you know my sponsor has taught me about unity, about personalities, principles before personalities, I've noticed there's a lot of even unintentional jabbing at each other for things that we don't agree with so I understand when you say that I could come to anybody and ask but I feel I would not get a unanimous same answer and everybody would answer on their own idea of right or wrong or where they feel their perspective on the question would be and that's a problem – for me anyway because I'm looking to understand this overall – Somebody said earlier our job is to do what the group asks, nothing more, nothing less, same thing with regional – what they say that's what we're going to do no matter how you feel about it and I think at the end of the day that even if there's proposals that maybe we don't #@\$\%?! agree with and it is like #@\%?! that it sucks, nobody brought it or whatever, I think that when we come to ask a question and have no idea of what's going on that it would be a great idea to give the answers as they might be in the minutes even though we don't agree because I notice there's a lot of that here today and that's kind of unfortunate – being mean to each other – when we have the same goal. I don't have nothing else and I won't have nothing else for the remainder of the meeting. Thank you so much. I appreciate you guys.

Michael C: Based on all this discussion, and it's not a pertinent matter, I'm going to suggest that we push this concept of a proposal whenever we take it back to areas in relationship to RD-type proposals for World, to the next quarter in Old Business so those that are interested in this matter that they get their heads together and come up with a coherent proposal and can go back to the groups with an intent clause for better comprehension for all. Thank you.

New Business:

Proposal 1: Subcommittees are to submit their annual budget for approval at the August RSC. Budget amounts will be recorded by the Treasurer and compared to funds requested.

Discussion: Thought it was at the February RSC. Any insight on this proposal that was made as a Policy change with funds? To get hard numbers out of the policy. On subcommittees budgets. On what they think it would cost them during their terms. We keep that with the treasurer so the treasurer knows what's going on. More transparency. **End of discussion as another proposal is being submitted.**

Tom K: Proposal 2: The Administrative Committee is to submit their annual budget for approval at the February RSC. Each servant will report their cost anticipated throughout the year. The budget amount will be recorded by the treasurer and compared to fund request.

Discussion: That's going to include everything – insurance payments and everything like that. It's separate from the Policy and the Policy Facilitator will find a line that was approved back in 2015 and probably doesn't apply anymore. It will be more transparent, far more flexible and workable.

Intent: To remove hard budget numbers from the regional policy for flexibility provide a running tractable budgetary methodology for all budgetary concerns.

Discussion: Clarity asked for. Clarity given. Discussion back and forth and at this time this recorder hears Tom K say: We take it back. Was proposal withdrawn? No consensus?

Michael C: But for my clarity, policy still needs to clearly direct certain bodies to present a budget. *Tom K:* Correct.

And you propose time frames? Yes. It is the facilitator's request is where does that show up in policy? And we'll make it right...It's really going to succeed.

Michael S: CAC is proposing \$1500 for the contract for TBRCNA 25 in Houston.

Discussion: What if it's more? No need for this since the prudent reserve was increased to cover things that come up like this. Proposal withdrawn.

Kent: Working balance of \$8,143.48 after \$7500 Prudent Reserve. 20% to NAWS \$1628.70. Leaves \$6,514.78. *Proposal* by Central Texas to increase donation to NAWS 20% more.

Discussion: On IRS pending. Convention money coming in. \$1302.96 = \$2931.66 Total to NAWS Leaves \$5211.82 Working Balance. Consensus

Next RSC will be hybrid in Rio Grande Valley Area on May 13. IT type folks need to have their stuff a little bit together and tested like they were supposed to like this one which got put off.

We beginned a let at the SZE. March 11 is the Province Assembly in Victoria. May 1 in Service.

We learned a lot at the SZF. March 11 is the Regional Assembly in Victoria. May 1 is Service Appreciation Day. Suggestion on giving new RCMs an orientation on how we conduct regional level business. In addition to that, before we send anything back or even if there's any discussion, we ask the body if everything is clear because sometimes the wheels are running and like Paulina said, we can be kind of like another language kind of stuff. Tom thought we were speaking Chinese – and it's not true, it was laughable. In addition to that, maybe a little training session – a little training method, to make sure everyone is clear before we move on. Say, "Is everybody clear on this proposal. Don't be shy. Some of us know. RCM not really knowing what the responsibility of the area's RCM is. Experience of previous RCMs shared. Chris H. knows who the responsibility of doing this falls on.

To have PR train other PR chairs that need help. Funds that regional PR has can be used to travel to other areas to do mentoring and not to conventions. Have a training at the regional assembly? If time allows. Come up with an outline on how to proceed with RCM orientation (cover this, cover this), we don't need a proposal at this time. Consensus-based-decision-making-process that kind of stuff. Chris H will be a half hour early at the next RSC to answer questions and we'll go from there. Difference between regional assembly and the RSC.

It was suggested that a proposal be made as to how to submit an RCM report form to region. Michael C and Tom will get together to come up with a form.

QR code for service pool discussed. Do not use it because right now it's not working. Attend the Regional Assembly! Encourage the GSRs and RCMs. Flyers to be posted. Have someone monitor the Chat. Point duly noted.

Final comment Michael C: Out of everything that has transpired today, Paulina's comment has meant the most to me because they are the most real about how our illustrious selves tend to business in the service of or lack thereof. It's critical that she spoke up like that. It's awesome. I'm as guilty as anybody else. I have an opinion, I'm very opinionated in service and what's best for NA and I had a hard time keeping myself out of being facilitator and technically not supposed to have an opinion and it's been very complicated in keeping things running smoothly. My sponsor said my job is unity. With that said, can we have a motion **proposal, that other word.** Someone looked forward to the next RSC.......

Adjourned after 6 hours and 59 minutes (minus lunch break and after RSC chat)

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