

Volunteer Regional Service Meeting  
October 2,2011

Meeting opened at 9:30 with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Reading of the 12 Concepts.

Reading of the purpose of an RSC (ARTICLE III).

All visitors and new members were welcomed and recognized.

ROLL CALL and Establishment of a quorum.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Chair	Present
Vice-Chair	Vacant
Secretary	Present
Alt-Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Present
Alt-Treasurer	Absent
Regional Delegate	Absent
Alt-Regional Delegate	Present

SUBCOMMITTEES: Present/Absent

Hospitals & Institutions	Present
Policy & Procedures	Present
VRC Oversight	Vacant
Financial Legal Adhoc	Present
Exploration Adhoc	Vacant
VRC 29	Present

AREAS:

Chattanooga	Present/Absent
Greater Nashville	Present
Greater Smokey Mountain	Present
Knoxville Area	Absent
Mid-West Tennessee	Present
Middle Tennessee	Absent
Middle Tennessee	Present
Stones River	Has Dissolved
Southern Middle	Present
West Tennessee	Present

Quorum - Is established

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

Motion to accept amended minutes from last VRSC was accepted.

I have not received the bank card yet. Callie and I went to the bank and got my name on the account and a card issued in my name. After three weeks I still had not received a card so I went to the bank, canceled the one that had been issued, and ordered another card. That card has not been received yet, when I call they cannot verify me on the account and tell to go to the bank that I issued the card from. I have had a lot of events going on in my life the past few weeks and have not had time to make it to the bank. I plan to go this week.

I have set up a new email account for the secretary position. The address is [vrscsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:vrscsecretary@yahoo.com). All the account information will be passed on to the next secretary and so on. The intent of a new address is to both help consistency of the secretary position and to also help to archive the minutes of the VRSC electronically. All email concerning VRSC business need to go this address from now on. I also encourage all RCMs to take this address back to their areas and let members of the fellowship know that if they email the address they will be added to the mailing list and receive all information from the region.

Finally, I am going to use the money from my budget to purchase an external hard drive to backup all information at the region. This will provide a location for all electronic data to be archived that is not on any one person's computer.

ILS,

Luke H

Report was accepted

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Issues with computer and printer. Available amount is \$12,778.32  
World did receive donation.  
Storage unit is now in Murfreesboro.

Report was accepted

**AREA REPORTS**

**Chattanooga Area:** CASCNA met 9-18-11

RD/RDA & CAR/CAT workshops

CASCNA feels it's best to go ahead and get the first available CAR workshop so we can get working on that info & then get the CAT info when it comes available. If the RDA feels like she needs to go to a CAT workshop to understand the material we support her travel, although the Maine workshop seems least attractive of all options.

Outreach is working on a map of the CASCNA geographical region. It will show the location of all home groups, where they meet and when. For now the map is for internal use to plan Outreach activities. In the future it may be available online as an interactive map on our Area website. Outreach will be offering

a GSR workshop at the Surrender Under the Stars campout (altho at the time of this meeting it will have past).

CASCNA would like to know if the Region would entertain the idea of getting a liability insurance policy that would blanket all home groups in the state, and if the Region budget would support that. There was some discussion about making the cost proportional to an Area's populations size.

CASCNA has a new Activities Chair, Dustin L.

Donation to Region: \$146.01

Announcements: the 805 group has started a women's meeting, Sundays at 9am at Parkridge Hosptial.

The RCM is going to look into an insurance policy for the Region. Approx 115 meetings. Might want to look at how many times a week groups meet.

**Greater Nashville Area:** One of home groups is requesting information about the US Assembly.

Our Outreach chair was suspended last month and sent his resignation letter at our last ACM. Nothing has been going on with the service committee for several months now. Our area vice chair has assumed responsibilities for the committee for the time being.

PI is switching providers to allow for more male and female volunteers on the helpline and to save money. This past Wednesday a phone line orientation was held in Nashville and saw 11 addicts in attendance.

Activities has a new vice chair in place now. The chair position is long over-due for rotation and participation is increasing. Halloween dance Oct. 29th

The Unification ad-hoc is currently adding the review and input from the 4 groups, to the merged guidelines, to be sent back out to the groups soon.

We have no P&P or Newsletter and our Literature committee some disbanded last year due to lack of participation and H7I is doing well.

**Knoxville Area:** There are several new things going on in the Knoxville Area. The area has decided to hold the KANA Convention Annually. From this year's convention we were able Create a literature committee for the area, creating our own website, created a P.I. sub-committee, and we are putting on a free function for those who supported our convention. Our area was able to put some money into a convention account, increase our prudent reserve, and make a \$100.00 donation with a motion to donate more next VRSC meeting. Sorry, no motions for Regional Business were voted on due to them not being in the area minutes. Unfortunately we will have to obtain for all motions. In loving service Charley S.

**Middle Tennessee Area:** MTA is making every effort to fill all open positions. Our Area recently elected Justin G. as our Area Outreach Chair. Because of his experience in that sub-committee, we are expecting the sub-committee to be fully operational in the immediate future. The Policies and Procedure sub-committee is soon to have a chairperson when votes come back from the groups. We are making every attempt to fill needed participation from our Area members on all shared sub-committees with GNA.

Unity 10 had some major setbacks with this year's convention. The first problem was with our merchandise vendor who did not fulfill the job he was paid to do. The second problem was our failure to

not meet the hotel's room block. Even with the setbacks we were able to finish in the black. The lessons learned this year will be used to make future conventions more successful.

Our Area has chosen Bryan O. as our representative for the workshop speaker during VRC 29.

Although our Area is not where we would like to be financially, we are still making a donation to the Region in the amount of \$1,000.

**Southern Middle:** Chair: Adam G 9313068254. Vice: Vacant. Secretary: Vacant. Treasurer: Gary E 9316375818. H&I: Katie D.

3 groups remain in our area, without a secretary we are struggling to even receive minutes from our area meetings. Our groups that remain are doing well.

I was able to attend World last month. I strongly recommend anyone who wants to attend next year in Pennsylvania. I brought some lit. from San Diego.

We have no funds to donate to region.

Lewisburg Celebrating 25 yrs on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.

**West Tennessee Area:** Hi family,

Greetings from the West Tennessee Area of Narcotics Anonymous. Our Area is functioning with approximate 70 meetings per week occurring. All Area Subcommittees are chaired and we are still seeking an ASC Vice-Chair and a Treasurer to complete our Administrative Committee positions.

I was elected to serve a full term as RCM at our last ASC, and we are seeking an Alternate. We once again have a functioning Policy Subcommittee, which is in the process of reviewing our Area Guidelines. H and I commitments are being met. Next year's NA in May is chaired and is already meeting and holding fundraisers. Activities is holding events regularly, and H and I hosted a free dance/speaker function just last night. Our Area chose Brad H. as our Area's speaker for VRC.

We are in some financial chaos, primarily due to large lit orders required to implement our subsidized Basic Text sales, and also due to some old discrepancies discovered by our Alt. Treasurer from before he began serving his term. We believe these issues to be minor and temporary, with hopes that we will be solvent within a month or two. Until then, we are paying only required bills, with no regional or world donations.

More will be revealed.

We got some input on the CAR/CAT workshops, with most feeling that the three workshops in the three areas of the state were sufficient. Also, most members seemed to be okay with dropping the Saturday banquet at VRC 30.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

In loving service,

Chris M.

Regional Delegate-Alternate Report:

Hello family,

I apologize for sending this out late. I have no excuse other than not communicating with Pete earlier.

Pete, myself and Tom worked on the VRC survey and this is what we've come up with so far: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DKM5W23>

We talked about making it available online and also, of course, having copies to hand out at VRC. We also discussed making it available before VRC, but thoughts were folks might be confused and think that changes would be implemented this upcoming VRC. Please look over the survey on survey monkey and tell us what you think.

After the last region the Conference Participants received a packet of material from NAWS. The items that are also on the NAWS website I'll copy the link, the ones that aren't I'll send as an attachment.

Before Region Sunday I will also compile the feedback received about the Social Media Service Pamphlet that I will forward to NAWS and also ask to be included in the October Minutes.

Please read the Cover letter from NAWS which is attached. It briefly explains what was in the mailing.

August 2011 NAWS

News: [http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/nawsnews/en/NAWS\\_News\\_Aug11.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/nawsnews/en/NAWS_News_Aug11.pdf)

July 2011 Product News

Flash: [http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/catalogs/ProductNewsFlash\\_Jul11.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/catalogs/ProductNewsFlash_Jul11.pdf)

Although I passed on the Social Media draft, I'm resending it you guys. The deadline for feedback is October 31.

Also, interesting and informative was a document titled "History of Board-Approval Track (including Service Pamphlets), which is attached.

You may have already gotten this information since its dated May 2011. It's the information about this cycle's Issue Discussion Topics, which are on the recently approved Vision for NA Service, the new "money" pamphlets and the newly revised In Times of Illness. This is also attached and includes session profiles to help these be work-shopped.

And finally in the packet, an update that includes Zones and information about literature distribution for the Service System proposal was included.

[http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servsys/Zones\\_for\\_third-draft\\_proposals.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servsys/Zones_for_third-draft_proposals.pdf)

[http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servsys/Appendix\\_4-](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servsys/Appendix_4-)

[Literature\\_Distribution\\_and\\_Fund\\_Flow.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servsys/Appendix_4-Literature_Distribution_and_Fund_Flow.pdf)

Lastly, it was brought to mine and Pete's attention this past weekend that our budgets should have gone back to groups for a vote. I believe it's a matter of guideline interpretation and I'm sure we will be discussing that at the admin/policy subcommittee meetings on Saturday! And of course, if they should have gone back, they will be sent back with this region's minutes.

I also heard concerns from a member about how high the RD/AD budgets are, and also questioning the necessity for Pete and myself to both go to the forums. I relayed to the concerned member that this was discussed at the VRSC in August and it seemed to be the consensus of the RCMs present that they want us both to attend at least the next forum, last weekend in October in Lexington KY.

See you Sunday!

Lucy O

Asked if travel expenses need to be in budget. Answer no.

Point was made that many felt the info at SZF was not presented well. Discussion about going to the next SZF happened. The overall feeling is that it is beneficial for RD and RDA to develop relationships.

CAR\CAT workshops will be conducted as three separate workshops.

Decision was made to purchase one CAT for each area.

**H&I:**

Hello Family,

This will be my last report relating to the H&I Regional sub-committee. Because of motivations from the area to form a committee, I am stepping down.

This is my first time not completing a full term of service and hoping this will not damage my NA resume.

Each time I showed up for a sub-committee meeting Region paid for gas and hotel but service was to no avail for this chair.

So again, I'm stepping down to be able to serve this Region where I am needed.

Thanks for your support. Sherree F.

**Policy and Procedure:**

We met yesterday with four addicts in attendance. There were no motions to discuss at this meeting. We did however discuss the upcoming Regional Inventory and how to proceed with it. More will be revealed.

ILS,  
Melvin S.

**VRC Guideline Revision/Oversight: Vacant**

Financial AdHoc: Get report

**VRC 29 Report:** Our account balance as of August 29, 2011 is \$3,776.57 This balance does not reflect the purchase of air fare for the three main speakers. At the moment, I am unsure of the cost of the air fare. However, a Riverboat cruise will generate approximately \$750.00. I am unsure if we are still to receive the \$2,000 allotted for VRC from the Regional meeting in June. Please let me know.

The Hotel Liaison and myself are meeting with the hotel on Tuesday to finalize all the room set ups for the workshops, speakers, etc. Our room block of 250 rooms should be just fine. We have 26 rooms booked for the event so far. As history repeats itself, most wait until the last minute to book their room.

Merchandise committee will have their pre-convention shirts for sale in the immediate area as of Tuesday. They are only \$10 each. This should generate some interest in the convention even more. They have ordered 150 event t-shirts, 30 hooded pullovers, 20 embroidered ball caps, 30 embroidered beanies, and 216 coffee mugs for the event.

Registration has ordered 700 registration packets, along with the "goodies" to be placed in them. Registration will be setting up at meetings and any other events around to hustle up registrations. The convention is being announced at all meetings attended by our members. Registrations received so far, 27. I have registered, HAVE YOU????

Program has secured all main speakers and continually works on workshop speakers and chairpersons. They have planned mid-day speakers for Friday and Saturday. There will be a midnight speaker on Friday and Saturday night.

Hospitality is finalizing items which need to be purchased for the event.

Web site address is [www.vrcna.org](http://www.vrcna.org)

The next VRC committee meetings will be 10/9 and 10/23, 2pm, Marriott. Of course in November, we will be meeting every Sunday at 2pm.

In service to the members of NA  
Maarja F.

### **Exploration Adhoc Report: Vacant**

Chair Report: Get report

### **Vice Chair Report: Vacant**

OLD BUSINESS:

#### **Motion #1-8-7-11**

#### **Hold VRC 30 at Chattanooga Choo-Choo**

Made by Chattanooga Seconded by Knoxville

Chattanooga	6 yes
Greater Nashville	17 yes 2 no 1 ab
Knoxville Area	1 yes
Mid-West Tennessee	6 yes
Middle Tennessee	10 yes
Southern Middle	3 yes
West Tennessee	16 yes 1 no

#### **Motion Passes**

#### **Nominations: Sherree F. for VRC 30 chair**

Made by Chattanooga Seconded by Knoxville

Chattanooga	5 yes 2 ab
Greater Nashville	10 yes 1 no 2 ab
Knoxville Area	1 yes
Mid-West Tennessee	6 yes
Middle Tennessee	10 yes
Southern Middle	3 yes
West Tennessee	17 yes

#### **Motion Passes**

**Nominations and Elections:**

Nomination 1: Christina W for Alt Sec (resume attached)

**New Business:**

Suggestion for RCMs to go back to areas and ask GSRs how many want copies of CAR.

Stone's river area has closed.

USSC/USFA. RCM was asked to come to region and ask the body to gather information. There are multiple factions out there so there is no official group. Question about whether or not to have someone come present information concerning topic. Decision was made to have them come in Dec and present after the meeting.

**Motion 1-10-2-11**

**Motion by: RDA**

**Second by: West TN Area**

The Motion reads as follows: To approve the Regional Delegate budget submitted in August.  
Intent: To follow proper procedure

Chattanooga	yes
Greater Nashville	no
Knoxville Area	yes
Mid-West Tennessee	yes
Middle Tennessee	yes
Southern Middle	yes
West Tennessee	yes

Voted on the floor. Motion Passes

**Motion 2-10-2-11**

**Motion by: RDA**

**Second by: West TN Area**

The Motion reads as follows: To approve the Alternate Delegate budget submitted in August.  
Intent: To follow proper procedure.

Chattanooga	yes
Greater Nashville	no
Knoxville Area	yes
Mid-West Tennessee	yes
Middle Tennessee	yes
Southern Middle	yes
West Tennessee	yes

Voted on the floor. Motion Passes

**Motion 3-10-2-11**

**Motion by: RCM West TN**

**Second by: RCM Middle TN Area**

The Motion reads as follows: To order 125 copies of the CAR, which is 25 over the 100 already approved.

Intent: To provide each Home Group and RCM in the Region with the valuable information in the CAR

Chattanooga	yes
Greater Nashville	yes

Knoxville Area	yes
Mid-West Tennessee	yes
Middle Tennessee	yes
Southern Middle	yes
West Tennessee	yes

Voted on the floor. Motion Passes

**Motion 4-10-2-11**

**Motion by: Policy & Procedure**

**Second by: MTA**

The Motion reads as follows: To send our Chair to the non-profit boot camp at the cost of \$99.

Intent: So our Chair can gain more knowledge of our non-profit status.

Chattanooga	yes
Greater Nashville	yes
Knoxville Area	yes
Mid-West Tennessee	yes
Middle Tennessee	yes
Southern Middle	yes
West Tennessee	yes

Voted on the floor. Motion passes.

**Motion 5-10-2-11**

**Motion by: SMTANA RCM**

**Second by: Knoxville Area**

The Motion reads as follows: We request 4 basic texts (paperback) for Giles County, Marshall County, Lewis County jails. Total 12 books. We thank you so much. Total \$132 plus S&H.

Intent: To carry a message of Recovery to addicts who are incarcerated.

Chattanooga	yes
Greater Nashville	yes
Knoxville Area	yes
Mid-West Tennessee	yes
Middle Tennessee	yes
Southern Middle	yes
West Tennessee	yes

Voted on the floor. Motion Passes.

Announcements: Vice-chair, Information Technology Communication Coordinator chair, Exploration ADHOC chair, H&I, and Oversight committee are vacant.

RDA is going to pay the website for the next two months and be reimbursed.

Dec 3 starting at 5pm sub committee meetings.

Dec 4 at 9:30 am is next VRSC.

Final Treasurer's Report: ending \$11,120.96

Review of Day's business

Motion to close, seconded, passed  
In loving service, Luke