

Volunteer Regional Service Meeting August 1, 2010

Meeting opened at 9:55 with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Reading of the 12 Concepts by the Vice-Chair.

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

All visitors and new members were welcomed and recognized.

Welcome to Karen from the Knoxville Area attending her first regional meeting!

ROLL CALL and Establishment of a quorum.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Chair	present
Vice-Chair	present
Secretary	present
Alt-Secretary	vacant
Treasurer	vacant
Alt-Treasurer	vacant
Regional Delegate	absent
Alt-Regional Delegate	present

SUBCOMMITTEES:

	Present/Absent
Activities	present
Hospitals & Institutions	vacant
Outreach	absent
Policy & Procedures	present
Public Relations	vacant
VRC XXVIII	present
Financial Legal Adhoc	present
Quarterly Meeting Adhoc	present

Represented by:
Vice Chair

AREAS:

	Present/Absent
Chattanooga	present (pre June/April)
Greater Nashville	present (pre June/April)
Greater Smokey Mountain	absent (pre June/April)
Knoxville Area	present (abs June, pre April)
Mid West Tennessee	present (pre June/April)
Middle Tennessee	present (pre June/April)
Stones River	absent (pre June/April)
West Tennessee	present (pre June/April)

Represented by:

Alex C, MWTA PI Chair

Areas that have missed 2 or more Regional Meetings
Mountain, Southern Middle Tennessee, Twin Lakes, Upper Cumberland

Quorum established

RDA made a motion to change order of the day to request to read quarterly adhoc report and RDA report early. He had to catch a plane and couldn't stay for the whole meeting.

Greater Nashville seconded the motion.

6 yes

Unanimous - Passes

Regional Delegate-Alternate Report:

Not a lot to report. Wanda is in Gainesville TX at the SZF. In the interest of funds we thought it better to just have one of us attend that meeting. We will be doing a lot of work on the Service System and encourage all to participate as you can. All this information is available on NA.org

I have just received the update on the Service System as to where the workshops will be.

We have secured dates and locations for the five United States workshops to talk about the service system proposals. We have worked hard to find reasonably priced rooms and workshop space in five densely populated parts of the US. We hope that areas and regions will consider funding current and past trusted servants and that other interested members will attend as well. All room rates are under \$100 if you mention that you are making the reservation for a NAWS Workshop. To help us plan effectively and control costs, please act quickly to contact the appropriate hotel to make your room reservations, and register for the workshop online at www.na.org/servicesystem

Workshop Dates and Locations

17–19 September: Detroit, Michigan (Doubletree Hotel Dearborn, 1-800-222-TREE)

\$95 Room rate—Rooms must be reserved by 17 August

24–26 September: Grapevine, Texas (Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center, 1-800- HILTONS)

\$99 Room rate—Rooms must be reserved by 2 September

15–17 October: Oakland, California (Hilton Oakland Airport, 1-800- HILTONS)

\$82 Room rate—Rooms must be reserved by 21 September

29-31 October: Baltimore, Maryland (Holiday Inn Baltimore Harbor, 1-888-HOLIDAY)

\$99 Room rate—Rooms must be reserved by 7 October

29-31 October: Orlando, Florida (Sheraton Orlando Downtown, 1-800-325-3535)

\$80 Room rate—Rooms must be reserved by 7 October

The workshops will focus exclusively on the service system proposals and will run from Friday evening through Sunday around 1:00 pm. There will be a recovery meeting on Saturday night.

Copies of the workshop flier, links to register for a workshop, and all other information about the project, including a link to the project discussion board, are available on the service system webpage:

www.na.org/servicesystem. Even if you cannot attend a workshop, we hope you will visit the webpage and familiarize yourself with the proposals. If you're considering holding a local workshop, session outlines and other workshop materials will be posted online as well.

We will also have a form posted online that can be used to give input to the project. All of these materials will be available soon from the main project page. Input on these “first draft” proposals is due by the end of the year so that we can revise them and release second draft proposals for further discussion before the 2012 conference.

If you have any questions about the project or anything else related to world services, please email the World Board: worldboard@na.org

Please participate

Thank You for allowing me to serve.

Pete F

Question: With Wanda being in TX, with Southern Zonal Forum rotation, there's a possibility that Wanda might need the info about the forum now that Julius has.

Answer: Pete thinks wanda/pete can handle it.

Question: Since Wanda isn't here.... Did she get replies to some of the questions from last region?

Answer: Pete will make sure he gets answers.

Quarterly Meeting AdHoc:

7/31/2010

We have gone over the policies and think we have got all the spots where they would need changing. We feel that the change although scary can be transitioned very easy. We also feel they are necessary to both be prudent with our funds and also give our Areas that we serve more time to bring back their decisions. Something needs to be done and this may be the start. This will help immediately with our funds by taking two cycles out of the budget.

Thanks for allowing me to serve, Pete F

SECRETARY REPORT:

No report.

Motion to accept June minutes by MTA, GNA seconded. 6 yes, unanimous Passes

TREASURER REPORT:

See attachment: VRSC August 10 Treasurers Report..pdf

We have no Treasurer, which makes Craig (as Vice Chair) acting Treasurer. Callie will give report.

Question about Area donations? Answer: "other" amount is from Central Tennessee

Question about last page/balance sheet? Answer: Today we have 5833.32 in bank.

Question about Fiscal year end being -12,739.28? Answer: means we paid out more than we brought in.

Right now we have \$600 to deposit. \$496.73 check from GNA is endorsed so needs to be rewritten.

Question: What do we have and what do we need. 906.78 paid out... leaves \$4821.81. (Doesn't include phone bill, storage unit, or PO Box. - doesn't include the GNA check either)

Request: Report to go with spread sheet in the future.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Chattanooga, Seconded by Midwest Area.

6 yes, unanimous Passes

Request: At end of meeting can we have a breakdown at end of what we actually have.

Reply: Won't be totally accurate - few bills pending - don't know exact amount.

Question: Motion that went out last time about checks coming in - will it take in to affect today if passes?

Answer: yes

AREA REPORTS

Chattanooga Area:

Hello Family,

Nice to see you all. Chattanooga is moving along.

Our **H&I** committee is still trying to contact the McMinn County Jail and set up an H&I presentation. As well they are trying to contact Silverdale Correctional Facility and resolve consistent issues with meeting locations and meeting announcements.

PI: Our phonenumber has received about 200 calls over the last two months and we have spoken directly to about 30 people. We have placed our Area phonenumber in the white pages and yellow pages of AT&T which will come out in September. We held a presentation orientation with 6 in attendance. The committee is looking for a website coordinator.

The **Activities and Surrender Under the Stars Planning Committee** hosted a wonderful Speaker Jam on July 17th. The attendance ranged from 35 – 45 all day and was at about 60 – 70 for main speaker. We had 5 groups register pots of chili and the Never Alone group won the Chili Cook-off by a small margin it was fun. The event raised \$348 and was split 50/50 between the ASC and the Surrender Under the Stars Campout. We will be purchasing a sign to adorn a Carta Bus. **A member wrote a letter to the area in concern of area unity surrounding fundraising and a plea to unify around this aspect of service. A copy of the letter will be attached to my report for the minutes. (See attachment ConcernedLetter2Chattanooga.pdf)**

Surrender Under the Stars will be held September 24-26. I hope you all have marked it on your calendars!!! Flyers are on our website.

The **Outreach** committee has continued to carpool to meetings and will be facilitating a Group Booklet learning day for the New Horizons Group on August 28.

At our last meeting I did my best to report on the WSC and the GSR's seemed to be very interested in the Service System Discussion. I hope that they continue.

We have once again met our prudent reserve and are able to donate \$250 to this committee. We have votes to bring back on the motions. And we have sold 14 VRC journals in our area and hope to sell more. I will bring the proceeds to this meeting in October.

Love you guys,
Zach A.

Question: about bus signs
Answer: \$125 a month

Greater Nashville Area:

RCM Report to Region

Laura C., Nashville RCM

▪ **Home Group concerns addressed:**

Concerns about RD: A home group expressed concerns regarding the knowledge of our RD and RDA. Worried about the prudent use of funds for training of the RD & RDA when they were not able to answer any questions regarding CAR and CAT. They are suggesting that region consider more trusted servant training for those who do service at the region.

Concerns about prudent reserve: One member, a former RCM says that our guidelines were changed to read that the prudent reserve was composed of 2 cycles of expenses rather than as it states in our guidelines. There is no record of this.

Concerns about behavior at VSRC: Members expressed concerns that Regional Trusted Servants might be carrying personal opinions rather than their area's conscience. It was felt that this could lead to disunity & create barriers to the smooth flow of conducting business. It was their hope that all regional trusted servants would re-evaluate their service efforts and behavior from this perspective.

- **Activities** is planning the following: White water rafting, August 7th and 8th, Labor Day Sept 6th at Edwin Warner Park, October 31st Halloween Speaker meeting and dance, November Cumberland Caverns Camping trip, December, News Years Eve Speaker meeting and Dance.
 - **Multi Area Hospitals and Institutions:** Currently 6 facilities need panel coordinators.
 - **Outreach:** is functioning well and still visiting the designated meeting for each week.
 - **KISS Kampout:** looking at different facilities for next year; wondered if there was an official limit on fundraisers.
 - **Policy and Procedures:** has no official officers but is continuing with volunteers.
 - **Public Relations: has created a new website.** It looks great, is current & has much more information on it. (see **NA Website Flyer.pdf**)
 - **Literature:** has disbanded
 - **Election of Officers:**
Marvin S. was elected Chair, Beth S. was elected secretary, Mike W. is Kiss Kampout Chair, Laura C was elected for another term as RCM ,
Michelle W has become our treasurer
- Open positions:* Vice Chair, Alt. Treasurer, Alt. Secretary, Alternate Treasurer, Newsletter Chair, Policy & Procedure Chair, Alt RCM; Activities-Vice chair, Alt Treasure and Child Care coordinator.

▪ **Votes:**

Motion: Passed

Bob MCD: Yes

Callie G.: Yes

Question: Contact info for TS who made GNA new webpage?

Reply: no

Questions: lit disbanded?

Reply: they don't sell lit

Question: about the comment about personal opinions rather than group conscience?

Was the person who made comment actually at meeting?

Reply: don't know.

Comment about report: region is entitled to 2 fundraisers per year to maintain non profit status...

VRC and VRC fundraiser. Areas don't count in Non profit status. Areas should be responsible for their own business, in regards to taxes/fundraisers. Any area function - an area function - not vrc fundraiser.

Knoxville Area:

The Knoxville Area is doing well and we are continuing to grow. We are happy to announce that we have voted to have an Area Convention in 2011... we are still in the early planning stages; more will be revealed. Our H&I Subcommittee is thriving, we are carrying the message of recovery into 2 facilities at this time and working on getting a meeting started in the Knox County Women's jail. We have discussed the possibility of creating a website and helpline; an ad-hoc subcommittee was formed to pursue this and will have updates on the progress at our next Area meeting.

The Knoxville Area is bringing forth a nomination for VRC 29 Chair (Maarja F.) along with hotel bids and a recommendation for the host hotel.

We have no donation at this time. We are under our Prudent Reserve but with the recent addition of 4 groups that joined our Area hopefully that will change soon. All Regional motions and nominations passed. Thanks for allowing me to serve, Karen T., KANA RCM

Midwest Tennessee Area:

All motions from VRSC that went to the group to vote passed. Still need to fill several service positions: H&I Chair, Outreach Chair, RCM, and all alternate positions for these, as well as Alt Secretary and Alt Treasurer. Still going over Area Guidelines and also trying to think of ways that we can get people into service and trying to find better or more effective way to be of service.

H&I: Kenny S. has resigned from H&I Chair. We are now going into Selmer McNairy Co. twice a week. We are still going into Jacoa-Aspell Treatment Centers. And we also decided to hold off on Henry Co. jails until we are sure we can keep that commitment.

PI: Lindsey was nominated for Activities Chair. 25th Annual NA on the Lake, August 21st, 10am- 9pm.

And there are no Area donations.

Alex C, Interim RCM

Middle Tennessee Area:

Verbal Report

Melvin read a letter concerning taxes owed by the MTA. See **attachment: MTANA_Taxes.pdf**

Comments from MTA: The area is supposed to be following up. Adhoc formed, then dissolved when chair got sick. There is a communication issue. Will take info to Area again. Been bringing concerns to Area. They got info 2 areas ago when. Treasurer has secured new CPA. Check has been sent for \$400, but will double check.

Comment: If quarterly it would have made even longer before letter was read

Reply: Letter could have been forwarded

Comment: CPA was free?

Reply: only 1 page report. Changing of guard, plus some personality issues. RCM requested to be emailed if anything else comes up.

Reply: special workers can charge what they want. Find out what happened, get info back to groups.

Question: state has ability to come to MTA and Region and hold both accountable. Does MTA have procedures in place to make sure this doesn't happen again.

Reply: Letter written by someone who doesn't know the \$400 was paid. RCM will go back to treasurer and Exec committee and give them the info. Everything in place now to insure this doesn't happen again.

West Tennessee Area:

Hello all,

Not a lot to report from Memphis. There have been some issues with the NA in May subcommittee, so unfortunately we don't have a donation from the event. It should be coming soon! Our area is making a donation of \$233.55 this month and the home group The Attic is making a \$20.00 donation.

There has been much discussion in our area about reducing the number of VRSC Meetings from six to four times a year. We are looking forward to having this motion come back to home groups finally.

Our area also discussed the option of the VRSC establishing a conference call number that all regional members can call in to hear and participate in VRSC and regional subcommittee meetings. The intent would be to allow area and group members to listen to the meetings and increase participation. While it would possibly involve some initial cost for set up, it would be a more prudent use of NA funds and would reduce travel expenses and lodging. This would require a cell or landline and a conference calling service (Skype, dimdim, or other). The world is moving in a digital direction and the technology is available to connect people across the state without spending thousands every year for travel. Being able to conduct service committee meetings via conference call would likely increase participation in the Regional service level at minimum cost. Our area is not presenting this as a motion at this time but would like the VRSC to explore this option.

This will be my last month to serve as RCM for the West Tennessee Area. It has been a learning experience and I thank each of you for putting up with me the past year and a half!

In loving service,
Jennifer B.

Comment: Good idea about conference call capabilities.

Question: How will the idea about conference call get followed up on?

Answer: Someone will need to bring it as a motion

Comment: Maybe quarterly meeting adhoc can add onto their duties, to look into this. Zach will keep discussion alive.

Reply: quarterly meeting adhoc chair not here.

Comment: Good ideas come out in reports. When ideas come up, it would be good to have a way to keep up with them.

Delegate Report:

Emailed ahead of time. RD was at the Southern Zonal Forum.
I am attending the Southern Zonal Forum this weekend.

We will be discussing the service system.

What's happening in NA World Services:
New Items – In Times of Illness and Money Matters was available in July.

There will be session profiles for workshops on our new Vision statement, self support in NA, and In times of Illness to encourage fellowship discussion.

NA Way, you will need to sign up by October to continue to receive the NA Way at www.na.org/subscribe

More information about these plans will be in upcoming issues of The NA Way and NAWs news.

Changes to the automatic distribution of the magazine will not happen until late 2010.

Pre-registration for WCNA 34 in San Diego is scheduled to go on sale late 2010.

PR news : Updated versions of the membership survey, NA: A Resource in your community and information about NA are available. To help with your service efforts, we also have a revised Basic H & I Guide available, the brand new PR Basics, and other PR tools: you can find all of these resources and other information about PR at www.org/?ID=PR-index.

Living Clean: The third and final review and input period for Chapters Six and Seven, and the introduction Of: Living Clean," is planned to be October 1st, through December 31st 2010. You can help contribute sourced material for the remaining chapters by sharing your experience with any of the topics in the outline, online at www.naws.org/lc/, or by simply emailing your ideas based on the outline.

Service System – the service system webpage is now online and includes all of the material distributed at the conference as well as background reports and a current update. There is a link to a bulletin board for the project there as well. We plan to hold a series of five US workshops, mid-August through mid-November, to discuss and gather input on the structural model proposals. Updates will be posted on line as they are available: www.na.org/?ID=servsys.

Our hope is that the new IP's #24 Money Matters: self-support in NA, and IP#28, Funding NA Services, will continue to raise awareness throughout the fellowship about the importance of self-support. All of us working together can do a better job of paying for the services that help us reach still-suffering addicts.

This is not issue that only affects NAWs. Issues about lack of financial support and a lack of financial accountability were some of the most frequently reported challenges from region this conference. We have a difficult time in NA talking about these issues in a way that engages out members and that is not met by the reaction that all we care about is money. The ideas we heard were the need for communication and education. We seem to have a culture in N we rely on events, literature, and fundraisers, instead of a sense of responsibility to fund our services by contributions.

I will cover the main points and the rest will be in my report.

The other topic this cycle is the service system.

This conference marked the beginning of what will become a fellowshipwide discussion on alternative models for service system delivery. Several sessions of the conference were devoted to presenting and gathering input on proposals the board is offering for new service delivery structural models. We heard a lot from delegates ranging from excitement about a system that focuses more clearly on the needs of the group to generalized anxiety about change. First, we launched a webpage devoted to the project at www.na.org/?ID=servsys. The first three links on that page are a good “starter kit” for anyone trying to get caught up with the project. There is a link to a two-page essay giving the background of the project and explaining why it was undertaken. There is a one-page update about current work, and there is a \ formatted version of A Vision for NA Service, adopted at WSC 2010. Along with those pieces, the page has links to a discussion board for the project, as well as downloadable copies of the material distributed for WSC 2010 and material on the project published in previous reports.

The other thing we are starting to plan that will help is a series of United States workshops. We are planning five workshops in the US between mid-August and mid-November at places with concentrated fellowship density. Right now we are thinking of New York, Florida, California, Texas, and a Midwest city like Chicago or Detroit. These workshops will give us a forum where we can talk with members about the ideas presented at the WSC, answer questions, and get input. We will have a revised report, session outlines, and Flash and PowerPoint presentations for delegates and others to use locally to further the discussion. We also want to devise some sort of tool or template to help you provide input more easily.

Living Clean: The Journey Continues

This remains the working title for a book covering a collection of issues that we deal with in recovery. In this cycle, the final chapters will be released for review and input by the fellowship. The approval draft will be available April 2011.

New Items available

Public Relations:

PR bags- Package of 25 for \$50.

PR pens – Package of 25 for \$17.00

NA: A Resource in your community \$.32

Membership survey – \$.25

Information about NA - \$.25

Essentials of the PR handbook - \$1.50

Reaching Out – 20-copy bulk subscriptions

For a modest \$31 per year

In Times of Illness - \$2.75

Coming soon!

It Works: How and Why Gift edition

Featuring an iridescent green and gold Cover.

Basic Text, Large print

Thanks for allowing me to service.

Wanda McD

Sub-Committee Reports:

Activities:

Activities given by activities vice chair, Allison A.

Hello Family,

We had a good meeting yesterday. We had 8 in attendance. I am taking Sherree's place today.

We talked about 3 issues. The first one was that we create a list of all Area Activity Chairs, names and contact information so we can remind and encourage them to come to the subcommittee meetings. I've asked that RCMs please take this back to your Area's Activity Chairs to please contact us with their information.

We also talked about creating a calendar of events and activities. Area Activity Committee chairs please contact us of all upcoming activities and we will put them on this calendar and there will be an email address for everyone to view.

Most importantly at the last subcommittee meeting in June the Parish Free Spirit Group in the MWTA came to our Subcommittee for help with an Activity. They have been putting on Annual event for 25 yrs called NA on the Lake. It's an all day activity at Paris Landing State Park on Saturday, August 21st. There are flyers out and it will be attached to the minutes. That was the first thing they asked was to get more people there by getting the flyer out to all areas. This Area does not have an Activity Subcommittee. We are making a motion today for \$50 to take with us to use if needed that day for supplies not brought. They are stating that they probably won't need it and we will return it at the next meeting on Oct. 3rd. Their Area has no funds to help them with this event and they have spent all their funds on rent, meat and buns. Our intent is to help the Area put on a successful event as stated in our purpose and function. Our committee will attend and help with this Activity. We did return \$94.00 that was in our budget that was not used and we are hoping that the region has the funds available for this event. They are here today to answer questions and concerns. Thanks for allowing me to serve, Allison A.

Next meeting is set for Oct. 2nd, 2:00 pm

Comment to give committee activities to put on yahoo calendar.

Policy and Procedure:

Regional Policy and Procedures Subcommittee Meeting

DATE: July 31, 2010

Attendees: Lucy, Melvin, Craig, Pete, Alex and Chris

▫ Serenity Prayer

▫ Motions:

Motion upcoming by quarterly ad hoc committee. Is it appropriate to discuss this now? Regional Chair asks the questions about following the guidelines and refer the motions back to subcommittee. Much disagreement on this. Continued into administrative committee meeting. No agreement yet.

We also discussed what might actually be wrong and could be causing a lack of involvement in the region. Meeting ended and continued into administrative committee meeting.

▫ Old Business

1. *Follow up to regional inventory task groups: wrote the questionnaires during administrative committee meeting. Craig will facilitate.*
 - *Policy & Procedure Guidelines? postponed*
 - *Rules of decorum? postponed*
 - *Revising guidelines? postponed*

▫ New Business:

1. *USA regions chart and summary in preparation for quarterly meeting &/or human resource pool motion. Introduced during discussion of quarterly meeting motion. You have a copy of the information so far & the chart delineating how other regions structure their region. Most regions*

that meet quarterly meet for 2 to 2 ½ days. Some include the subcommittee meetings within this; some do not. I intend to finish this in the next week so that, hopefully you will have this information before your area meets.

Plans for Next Meeting: October 2nd and 3rd at 12 noon

Move for Adjournment: meeting continued into administrative committee meeting. Closed after that with the 3rd step quote.

Questions/Comments about report: Did you discuss why people aren't participating?

Reply: we can't read minds, we'll need to ask - hence upcoming questionnaire

Question: was info in p/p shared with adhoc committee?

Reply: only finished day before subcommittee meetings.... Yes yesterday.

How long as adhoc been going on? Answer: 6 months.

Is it good to put opinion in the policy? Answer: Opinions shouldn't be in reports.

Comments: Policy subcommittee should send back their recommendation.

But it shouldn't say 'my opinion'. Last line in report also mentions 'my opinion'

Comment: thanks for chart

VRC XXVII:

All is going well with the committee. Our fund raiser was a big success. \$ 2402.00 raised. We are now 90+ days out and our push is on. We have 100+registrants.

Motion for TCC new position will be resubmitted after the responsibilities and qualifications are added to motion. **Need all RCMs to bring speakers for VRC to October meeting. RCMs also requested to donate a Basic Text.** Registration is \$15 thru today, after that it's \$25.

Chuck P, VRC Chair

Question: fine job... what was read earlier from previous special worker. Allowed 2 fundraisers. What about journal? (reply- preconvention merchandise) flyers should have a notice about dances etc are not tax deductible. If not on there, sign needs to be posted. Reply-vrc will post sign and put on website. What about basic text request? Given out at main meeting to newcomers.

Financial AdHoc:

We have completed 3 of our 4 purposes as a subcommittee. The only purpose we have left is to communicate with our CPA and the State of TN to get a specific listing of what we can and can not do as a fellowship regarding the tax issue. We will have to meet with our CPA and begin this process which might have a cost associated with it. We have attaned a copy of our corporate charter and will give this information to oru CPA, as well as, make it available for our member.s

Craig G., Financial Ad-Hoc Chair

Question: Can the bylaws get posted in the minutes. Reply: yes

Comment: Grant adhoc permission to give them money.

Comment: Problem about blank check... need to know how much. Is it 500 or 1000?

Reply: \$110 per hour. Already has some info. Robert Hart is cpa. Already hired since last meeting.

Zach will put motion on floor for committee to pay bill, MTA will 2nd . (See new business)

Part of treasurer responsibility to pay bill for being CPA.

This is about us needing letter from State of Tennessee about tax stuff, will require meeting with CPA, for this we will be billed.

Comment: Might be some info in archives from State of Tennessee.

Reply: We have that. We want a letter from state of Tennessee saying what we can/can't do. Not individual's interpretations.

VRC 29 preliminary Report:

Three members went to the Crowne Plaza, Holiday Inn and Marriott of Knoxville. We obtained the attached three bids. The committee recommends the Marriott. Motion submitted. The Marriott meets all our requirements and needs. Maarja Fox, 865-363-0605

Chair Report:

Minutes from Saturday, July 31, Admin committee meeting were read.

Present: Melvin, Craig, Pete, Alex, Chris, Laura, Lucy

Moved into Admin committee meeting from policy and procedure committee...

Much discussion around Quarterly Meeting motion.

Melvin asked those present about sending motion to subcommittees to review before going to groups.

Discussion moved into the idea that something's not working... we need to look at solutions.

Need solution to funding issue (do funding inventory... look at what money is being spent on) idea... Comment made about an Auditing Committee take a look at this. The idea of an auditing committee is already in our guidelines... In **Section 10: VRSC Auditing Committee it states:** The VRSC shall have an auditing committee consisting of the RSC Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, recording Secretary and a CPA contracted and paid for this purpose. One representative selected by each Area may participate on this committee.

Discussed attendance and travel

Discussed possibility of rotating meetings. Discussed the traditional yearly VRSC meeting being held in the VRC host city. This isn't in guidelines and maybe it should be.

Welcoming and accepting new members encourages them to come back.

How can we get this concept back to groups?

One way to re-energize subcommittees – assign tasks. Might draw more people if they know there's a purpose.

One problem mentioned is there are too many service positions to fill. We need oldtimers to stay involved.... Bring a balance.

Talking about service more positively would make a big difference in folks wanting to be involved.

Different approach to inventory/questionnaire/survey.... Each of us ask one on one the question(s), at least get GSR's to answer question – rather get every addict in area to fill it out.

Craig requested us to brainstorm questions for survey/questionnaire.

Ideas....

State purpose and ask question? Do you feel that the VRSC serves its purpose?

Are you or are you not participating in service? Please elaborate.
In what ways do you think the VRSC could better serve the groups?
What would it take to get you involved in regional service or any other level of service?
Do you understand what the service structure is and the impact it has?
Have you had a good/bad experience in service? Please elaborate.
How do you feel our region does at serving you?
What do you feel the region could do to better serve you and what can you do to serve NA?
How has the region served you?
Where does service stop? At what level?
Does personality (yours/theirs) prevent you from being of service?
Are you familiar with how the Concepts apply to service?
What level service are you involved in?
Is there something you really dislike about the regional meeting?

Laura read these questions that came up at the Inventory.
Is regional service distasteful? Why/why not?
What do you think the purpose of Region is?
Tell them the purpose...
Do you feel the region is serving its purpose.
Do you think we should eliminate the regional subcommittees? Why/why not?

At the bottom of each set of survey questions, ask... Do you have suggestions that might improve regional services.
Start with 2-3 questions... (rather than 1)
Meeting ended.

ViceChair Report:

Verbal Report
Comment about questionnaire: Also can go online to message board to answer questions.
Zach will contact upper Cumberland area.
Questionnaire attached: VRSCSurveyQuestionnaire.pdf

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion #2-4-11-10 was made by VRSC Secretary and seconded by Greater Nashville Area and reads as follows.

To change Article VIII, Section 2, E, 2c, by adding to the end "... with all income received at the VRSC meeting to be included in the following cycle's Treasurer's report."

Intent: To clarify when income (especially checks) will be accounted for.

Note: This changes guidelines. It will need a 2/3 majority of yes votes for it to pass.

Y	Chattanooga	N	Middle TN
Y	Greater Nashville	Y	Midwest
Y	Knoxville	Y	West TN

5 Yes, 1 No

This motion passes.

Nominations and Elections:

WITHDRAWN Nomination #1-6-6-10 Bob McD, for Treasurer
Nominated by Chattanooga RCM, Seconded by W TN RCM alt.

Question: about zonal forum, when will it be discussed
Reply: old business.

Nomination #2-6-6-10 Callie G for Alt. Treasurer
Nominated by GNA, seconded by MTA.

Y	Chattanooga	Y	Middle TN
Y	Greater Nashville	Y	Midwest
Y	Knoxville	Y	West TN

6 yes

This nomination passes.

Nomination #1-8/1/10 Maarja F for VRC 29 Chair
Nominated by Knoxville Area, Seconded by GNA
Clean Date: 9/13/93

Group, area, regional and world service positions held within past 5 years and approximate dates for each period of service: VRC 12 Merchandise Secretary, VRC 15 Hotel Liaison, VRC 18 Vice Chair, VRC 21 Chair, VRC 25 Program, ROR 1 Registration Chair, ROR 2 Chair, ROR 3 Program Chair, ROR 14 Trasurer, ROR 15 Chair, ROR 16 Treasurer, Home group Lit chair, Treasurer, Secretary.

If you haven't completed a term as a TS or have been removed from a service positioning the past 5 years, please explain: N/A

What resources and experience (school, work, volunteer, etc) do you believe you can bring to the position for which you have been nominated: Full time career medical field dealing with money. BS degree in Psychology dealing with people.

Please include any other info which you consider relevant to your nomination: In service work since 45 days clean. All levels from group to region. Knowledge of traditions, concepts and RROR.

Take to groups and vote on Maarja F for VRC 29 Chair

Nomination #2-8/1/10 Callie for Treasurer

Nomimated by GNA, Seconded by MTA

Please list all group, area, regional and world service positions you have held within the past five years and approximate dates for each period of service: VRSC Alt Treasurer currently. Nite Owls mtg sec. 05-07. Nite Owls Treasurer 06-07, Nite Owls Alt. Treasurer 06, Panel coordinator H&I 07, H&I Literature Chair 06-07, By the Book Treasurer, Oct 08-09, Group Sec 10-present. Mtg chair person multiple months, activities subcommittee GNA 06-08, GNA Treasurer 08-June 10.

If you have not completed a term as a trusted servant or have been removed from a service position in the past five years, please explain: Didn't finish mtg. secretary position because I moved dto Clarksville 06.

What resources and experience (school, work volunteer, etc) do you believe you can bring to the position for which you have been nominated: I was a store manager for McDonald's Corp for 5 yrs. Was held accountable for 2.5 million annually. Knowledgeable about profit and loss reports, reconciling.

Please include any other information you consider relevant to your nomination: I study traditions and concepts. I have never misappropriated NA funds. I work steps with my NA sponsor.

Take to groups and vote on Callie G for Treasurer

Question: do you have willingness?

Answer: yes

Question: do we want to send motion back, or just let her be treasurer?

Comment: might be easier to get alternate than treasurer

Q: does she automatically be treasurer since we don't have one?

A: no but will perform duties

Southern Zonal Forum meeting proposal (not to be voted on here... up to zonal forum)

Question: what about Wtones River?

A: not up to us.... Up to zonal forum.

See attachment SouthernZonalForumProposal.pdf

New Business:

#2-8/1/10

The motion reads as follows: That the VRSC provide \$50 for backup on supplies not brought that day.

This money may not be needed and will be returned at the next VRSC meeting on Oct. 3rd, 2010.

Intent is to provide support to this Area who has no active Activity Subcommittee.

Q: will we have enough money

A: we will be into our prudent reserve

Pro: give it to them, even though they probably wont need it

Pro: they did follow normal procedures - went to area, came and asked for help. Part of activities guidelines are to help areas that don't have subcommittee.

N	Chattanooga	Y	Middle TN
Y	Greater Nashville	Y	Midwest
Y	Knoxville	Y	West TN

Motion #2-8/1/10 passes.

#3-8/1/10

Made by: Pete F Ad-hoc Chair

Second By: WTA

The motion reads as follows:

To change the VRSC meetings to Quarterly with meetings held in January, April, July, and October. (If this motion were to pass it would be started after two full cycles)

Intent:

To better serve the Volunteer Region. In following our Concepts of service we need to be prudent with our funds and give our areas time more time to make decisions.

The Logistics of Moving RSC Meetings to Quarterly

Current

Feb: VRC Annual Report

Mar: Annual Regional Assembly

Apr: Nominations for Administrative Committee, RD & RDA nominations in odd years.

June: Elections for Administrative Committee, RD & RDA nominations in odd years.

Aug: VRC Chair nominations and bid submitted.

Oct: Nominations for Sub-Committees. VRC Chair elected and location chosen.

Dec: Elections for Sub-Committee's VRC left over merchandise turned in and distributed.

New

Jan: VRC Annual Report. Final report from VRC all merchandise to be inventoried and split amongst areas with proper accounting given to regional treasure. Nominations for Administrative Committee, RD & RDA nominations in odd years.

Apr: Elections for Administrative committee. Car motions in even years.

July: Nominations for all Sub Committees and submitting of VRC bid.

Oct: Elections for all Sub-Committees. VRC location chosen. .

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP OF THE VRSC

Section 2: Committee Members, Meeting Schedules, and Place

The VRSC is a committee made up of Regional Committee Members (RCM's) from all the areas within the Volunteer Region, which meets (bi-monthly) for the express purpose of serving the specific needs of its member areas. The VRSC holds its meetings regularly and consistently in the Volunteer Region.

Change to (quarterly)

ARTICLE VI: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE VRSC

Section 2: Nominations

G. Nominations shall be closed at the regularly scheduled VRSC meeting (two months) prior to election.

Change to (three months)

Section 3: Election Dates and Terms of Office

A. In order to assure the fellowship of a smooth and orderly transition of Trusted Servants, the VRSC shall elect its Trusted Servants by having two annual elections, in the following manner:

1. All chairs of standing subcommittees, excluding convention chair for VRSC, shall be elected at the regular scheduled VRSC meeting in the month of (December).

Change to (October) and strike out excluding convention chair for VRSC,

2. VRSC Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Alternate, Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer) shall be elected at the regularly scheduled meeting in the month of (June).

Change to (April)

3. VRC Chair be nominated in (August) and elected in October as bid proposal is presented, if possible. Prospective chair must be present and already have been elected by planning committee. They also must meet all the requirements.

Change to (July)

B. Officers or Subcommittee Chairs, newly elected, shall start their term of office at the start of the regularly scheduled VRSC meeting following the meeting at which they were elected (i.e.: February and August). With the exception of the convention chair for VRC, who will start their term of office upon their election to their position.

Change to (i.e.: January & July)

ARTICLE VIII: QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VRSC OFFICERS

Section 2: Specific Qualifications and Responsibilities

A. Chairperson

w. Will recommend the meeting place for the (bi- monthly) VRSC meeting to be approved by the Regional Committee Members.

Change to (quarterly)

E. Treasurer

H. At the VRSC meeting held in (December), will distribute the remainder of VRC merchandise to the RCM's, sale price to be determined, and have them sign for the quantity and type of merchandise, to be sold by the RCM's in their Areas. The RCM's are to return the monies raised by the sale of same merchandise and/or the merchandise to the VRSC meeting in February, to be turned over to the current VRC Chairperson.

Change to (January)

I. Subcommittee Chairpersons

a. Hold one (bi-monthly) scheduled meeting of that subcommittee Monthly for VRC.

Change to (quarterly)

ARTICLE IX: MEETING

Section 1: Time and Place

The regular meeting of the committee shall meet the first Sunday of (each even numbered month (February, April, June, ect...)). Unless otherwise ordered by this committee, the regular meeting of VRSC shall be held in the Volunteer Region. The VRSC shall consider for special needs and accessibility to make reasonable accommodations in regard to all VRSC meetings and functions.

Change to (January, April, July and October)

ARTICLE XI: FUNDING

Section 11: Volunteer Region Convention Auditing Committee

The Volunteer Region Convention committee's annual report shall be presented at the (February) RSC meeting following the convention. An audit committee will consist of the same members as described in Section 10 above.

Change to (January)

ARTICLE XII: STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 7: Property and Supplies

Any property and supplies procured by a subcommittee shall be owned by the VRSC for use within other regional Subcommittees and VRSC functions as needed. VRC merchandise, VRC Chair will bring all leftover merchandise that is not sold during the convention (VRC) to be turned over to the VRSC Treasurer as described in Article VIII, Section 2, E, Treasurer's responsibilities, at the (December) VRSC meeting.

Change to (January)

Going back to subcommittees for review, per guidelines

Question: can wording be changed... change to starting in January.

Reply: prudent to have 2 cycles, 2 cycles is 4 months. Particularly because of nominations we need transition time.

Motion #1-8/1/10

Made by WTA, 2nd by Chattanooga:

Overrule chair's decision to send back motion to subcommittees at the VRSC for one more cycle.

Intent: We have discussed this since December and the Adhoc committee has presented the motion to send back to homegroups.

N	Chattanooga	A	Middle TN
N	Greater Nashville	N	Midwest
A	Knoxville	Y	West TN

Motion #1-8/1/10 failed.

Next month at adhoc we will discuss how we transition... trusted servants will serve longer or shorter...
 Reply: shared paragraph from policy report..
 What is participation in subcommittees.
 Reply: good participation, 4 subcommittees. Yesterday outreach didn't meet..
 Question to vrc... have your committee discussed it.
 Reply: hasn't discussed it. Homegroups have ultimate say.
 Question of parliamentarian: since we have motion on floor to suspend guidelines... how does that affect the groups? Are we overriding our guidelines? How does that affect how we do business?
 Reply: read section about amending guidelines - about needing 2/3 majority
 Read another section about amending guidelines.
 Comment: with rror, she has made a motion to overrule decision to send to subcommittees.
 Article 14 read.
 Comment: we have followed guidelines. Procedure has been delayed. Don't understand why it has to go back again.
 Comment: Going back to all subcommittees, not just p&p

Pros/cons on
 P/p chair read a paragraph from her report.
 Con: sets precedent about overriding guidelines/not taking time to hear all points of view/against the hurry up part
 Pro: not hasty, we've been talking about it for 8 months. If we wait there will still be logistics to work out. Region is here to serve homegroups. Let the homegroups have their voices heard.
 Question: who has thoroughly discussed in areas. (3 raised hands)
 Pro: Talking about subcommittees that don't even meet. Most areas don't participate in subcommittees. Who's making decision for subcommittees. Homegroups should have say, not subcommittees. Why send to subcommittees and have them do all this work, when its up to the homegroups anyway.
 Con: once motion passes it goes in guidelines, and it needs to be thoroughly looked at.

On the original motion... what we are doing is deferring to all subcommittees, including admin committee. All interested show up at admin committee, adhoc, p/p committee.
 Question: is admin committee... pro or con?
 Answer: We will come back next time with a pro/con.
 Question: if subcommittees come back needing to change their guidelines, will that prolong the motion even longer... no.

Motion #4-8/1/10

Motion: To provide funding, within reasonable prudence, for the Financial AdHoc Committee to meet with our CPA and the State of TN t o fulfill the last of their four purposes.

Intent: To fund a necessary service.

If more than 2 hours, it might be cheaper for cpa to write report.

Probably mostly question/answers. He will read fipt and not charge us for this time.

Q: is it possible to get an estimate?

A: no

comment: he may be charging for hours that are not in the actual meeting.

Pros: something we have to do, postponing not a good idea

Pro: if other fellowship uses same guy, they trust him. All for it.

Cons: wording of motion a problem... needs to be under \$500

Cons: doesn't think its even necessary to have the motion. CPA will bill us. Whether we pass the motion or not.

Y Chattanooga

Y Middle TN

Y Greater Nashville

Y Midwest

A Knoxville

Y West TN

Motion #4-8/1/10 passes

Motion #5-8/1/10

The motion reads as follows: Accept the Knoxville Marriott as the VRC 29 host hotel.

Intent: Have event location

See attachment VRC29bid.pdf

Got 3 bids, will be included in minutes. Marriot meets needs.

When in Knoxville? - 07

Guaranteed meeting monthly meeting space

Q: if it comes up, will we be able to have region there in august, 2011

A: yes

Take to groups and vote on Hotel Bid for VRC 29.

Motion #6-8/1/10

The motion reads as follows: Chair appoint Zack A as chair of an ad hoc committee to consider ideas that could increase participation and revitalize our region. This committee would meet on Regional Sunday after the Regional meeting.

Intent: To increase fellowshioip participation in service.

Q: will others be able to attend.

A: Chair not willing to commit to after, sec would come early, same with alt treas, craig doesn't matter.

Point of information: not even needed to be a motion.... But wanted to get other's feedback.

Comment: need for it.

Comment: can possibly discuss on message board.

Comment: chair would like to know when it will end. And he can just appoint .

8:00 before regional meeting.

MOTION WITHDRAWN. Chair appointed Zach as chair of this Ad Hoc.

Motion #7-8/1/10

The motion reads as follows:

To add to Article VIII, section G. Regional Delegate, number 1, d. to be elected in odd years and To add to Article VIII, Section H. Regional Delegate Alternate, number 1, d. to be elected in odd years.

To add to Article VI, section 3: Election Dates and Terms of Office, Section A, 4. RD & RD-Alt shall be elected at the regularly scheduled meeting in the month of June in odd years.

Intent: Housekeeping for our guidelines. To clarify when these multi-year positions will be elected.

Question: if going to quarterly, will it be in July? Yes and this is

Comment: not in guidelines, needs to be added.

DEFERRED TO Policy and Procedure

About meeting place... need to reserve dates for jaycees lodge.... Ask them to pencil in July.

We need to let them know if we don't need the space.

Announcements:

PREREGISTRATION \$15 FOR VRC THRU TODAY

GET QUESTIONNAIRE FLYERS

LAURA WILL FINISH REGIONAL STRUCTURE CHART& MAIL OUT

Final Treasurer's Report:

\$5833.32

\$88.25 cash

\$6921.57

Spent \$1024.68

Available \$4896.89

Checks - \$544.23 + 496... GNA check

(end of last month's meetings - need about \$3000 a cycle)

Day's business review

Motion to close.

In loving service, Lucy

Attachments

VRSC August 10 Treasurers Report..pdf

ConcernedLetter2Chattanooga.pdf

NA Website Flyer.pdf

MTANA_Taxes.pdf

naway.pdf

PPNARegionalWebsites.pdf

PPRegionsChart.pdf

SouthernZonalForumProposal.pdf

VRSCSurveyQuestionnaire.pdf

VRC29bid.pdf

LaborDay2010.pdf

contactlist.pdf