

Volunteer Regional Service Meeting

June 6, 2010

The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at 9:30AM..
The 12 Concepts and VRSC Purpose were read.
Regional Chair welcomed and recognized visitors.
Lucy O. called roll.

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Chair	Present
Vice-Chair	Vacant
Secretary	Present
Alternate Secretary	Present
Treasurer	Present
Alternate Treasurer	Vacant

REPRESENTATIVES:

Regional Delegate	Present
Regional Delegate Alt.	Present

SUBCOMMITTEES:

Activities	Present
H & I Chair	Vacant
Literature	Vacant
PR	Vacant
Policy & Procedures	Absent
Outreach	Present
VRC XXVIII	Present

AREAS:

Central Tennessee	Present (Absent Feb/Apr)
Chattanooga	Present (Present Feb/Apr)
Greater Nashville	Present (represented by Callie G, GNANA Exec Com Member) (Present Feb/Apr)
Greater Smokey Mountain	Present (Present Feb/Apr)
Knoxville Area	Absent (Absent Feb, present Apr)
Middle Tennessee	Present (Present Feb/Apr)
Midwest Tennessee	Present (represented by Alex C, MWTA PI Chair) (Present Feb/Apr)
Mountain	Absent (Present Feb, Absent Apr)
Southern Middle Tennessee	Absent (Absent Feb/Apr)
Stones River	Present (represented by Joey O SRANA Chair) (Present Feb/Apr)
Twin Lakes	Absent (Absent Feb/Apr)
Upper Cumberland	Absent (Absent Feb/Apr)
West Tennessee Area	Present (Present Feb/Apr)

Number of Active Areas: 8. 8 areas present. QUORUM ESTABLISHED

* Highlighted Areas are not current members of the VRSC and do not affect the quorum.

Guidelines state: If an area is not represented at two consecutive meetings, it shall lose its privilege to vote. An area shall regain its status as an active voting participant after following the new area procedure.

Announcements by Chair.

Please limit comments because this will be an extra long meeting.

Remember to raise your hand to be called on by the chair.

Turn your motions into the chair

SECRETARY REPORT:

Sign in sheet is passed around.

Motion to accept Secretary's report was made by the RD and seconded by the Chattanooga Area.

Approved unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT:

See Attached VRSC June 10 Treasurer's Report

Discussion regarding Treasurer's Report:

Q: If we have around 7000, if we get \$0 before November, we have 7000 to spend until November. Will that cover our payments? Are we routinely spending \$4000 every 2 months?

A: We are spending closer to \$3000 – which is an estimate

C: Travel/lodging amount seems frivolous.

A: It was for 2 workshops (CAR/CAT & Regional Inventory, 1 RSC meeting and the WSC travel.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report was made by the RD and seconded by the Chattanooga.

Approved unanimously.

AREA REPORTS

Central Tennessee Area:

It's with great sadness that I must inform this body that as of Feb. 14, 2010, CTA has disbanded. After much soul searching, CTA decided they no longer could function as an area. I'm returning \$527.00 and some Lit along with a poster presentation board.

Ricardo J., RCM

Chattanooga Area:

Hello Family,

Nice to see you all. Chattanooga is moving along.

Our **H&I** committee orientated 9 new volunteers in April. We have had healthy rotation for two of our facilities' panel coordinator positions and orientated 22 addicts for our meeting at Silverdale Correctional Facility. As well, the committee will be sending a letter to the McMinn County Jail this month and trying to set up an H&I presentation.

PI is keeping all our information up-to-date. They have switched to printing our meeting schedules bi-monthly. This will save \$40 a month and should serve the Area well. The committee will be holding a “presentation orientation” this month in an effort to train presentation volunteers. The hope is to begin to actively present NA to professional communities in Chattanooga. Additionally, the committee is talking about creating little “political” style signs and “advertising” on the CARTA bus system. Both of these are hoped to be cheap and effective. The area phone-line has received 138 calls over the last two months and addicts have spoken with about 50 members, potential members, or friends or family members of addicts.

The **Activities** committee held a “Banner Day” in April. The event was held in North Georgia and had about 20 in attendance. About 7 groups created banners to participate in Outreach’s “Capture the Banner” game. The committee will be helping to host Surrender Under the Stars’ annual “Speaker Jam.” The funds generated by the event will be split 50/50 to fund Surrender expenses and Area expenses. An event that was planned by a group and voted on to be funded by the ASC was cancelled. Activities will also help to host an Area Inventory in August.

Outreach carpoled to four groups over the last two months and facilitated two group visitations. They were scheduled to facilitate a group inventory but the group could not find a location to host the event. They also facilitated a Group Booklet learning day for the More Will Be Revealed group in Dayton, TN. The event was a huge success and they will most likely perform a second learning day for the same group.

The **Surrender Under the Stars** theme has been chosen. It is “From Rude Awakenings to Spiritual Awakenings.” Additionally the artwork has been chosen and the Speaker Jam will be July 17th @ First Christian Church. If you all know good speakers for that event please let me know. We would like to have a good representation of flavors for the event.

We have once again met our prudent reserve and were able to donate \$9.02 to this committee last month. We have votes to bring back on the motions and we also have a nomination for Bob McD. as VRSC Treasurer that will need a second.
Love you guys, Zach A.

Greater Nashville Area:

OPEN FORUM/ HOME GROUP CONCERNS

- The problem between two competing home groups was resolved when one group gave in and left the facility.
- There have been concerns about the area secretary who had missed a few meetings in a row. This situation was resolved when he resigned.
- Another HG had a break-in with money and literature stolen.

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE QUARTERLY AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE (*Pro and con to RSC meeting 4 times a year vs. 6 times a year*)

- **Con**Hard to keep up with when we meet it is already hard enough to keep up with every month vs. every 3 months
- **Con**..... changing the meeting to 4 times a year will hurt communication further between the region and the areas
- **Pro**..... It would save some money
- **Pro**..... would be easier to go 4 times a year vs. 6

GNANA NOMINATIONS

- Marvin S GNANA chair, Beth S GNANA area sec., Mike W Kiss Kamp out subcommittee chair

REGIONAL MOTIONS RESULTS

- Activities guidelinesPass
- Motion to fund RD travelingPass
- Regional actives budgetPass
- Melvin S VRSC chair.....Pass
- Craig G VRSC vice chai.....Pass
- Lucy O regional sec.Pass

NOMINATION TO TAKE TO REGION

Callie G VRSC treasurer

ACTIVITIES

- Open Positions: Alt. Treasurer and Child Care Coordinator
- Need Ocoee registrations in as soon as possible. Tentative deadline is June 30, 2010. \$45 total; can make payments if necessary.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS (H&I)

- Is functioning well and has panel coordinators for each designated facility.

LITERATURE

- Is reviewing *living clean* chapters 6 (is Living Spiritually) and 7 [The Journey Continues].

NEWSLETTER

- Is now dissolved. We lost one volunteer and there were not enough people to get the work done.

OUTREACH

- Needs a vice chair. Is continuing to visit meetings on a scheduled basis. 2 out of the 4 previous 'meetings of the week' have seen an increase in attendance.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Chair and Vice-Chair positions are open!! Volunteers have kept this subcommittee running and revised their guidelines which were submitted to HGs for a vote.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Helpline continues to receive calls from out of state and is trying to locate where the Nashville number is posted.
- 700 meeting lists were recently printed for distribution to HGs.
- The issue of personal anonymity on the website was discussed and anyone whose name or phone number is on a flyer can request it to be removed.

AREA CHAIR REPORT

- A Learning day scheduled for June 19, from 9am-11am-ish.

Greater Smoky Mountain Area:

Verbal Report

Middle Tennessee Area:

Middle Tennessee Area Report June 2010

Narcotics Anonymous along with the Middle Tennessee Area (MTA) has lost a devoted member since our last Regional meeting. Our MTA Chair, Andre F., passed during the month of April. His untiring service to our Area and NA will be greatly missed. Even during his fight to live against all odds, he continued to carry the message. He did not use and touched us all with his strong resolve.

With that said, the Middle Tennessee Area continues the struggle to get letter in our purpose of carrying the message. Nominations have gone out for election for a new slate of Administrative officers. Elections will be held this month with those elected to assume their service commitments in July, 2010/

There is still a need for more participation on sub-committees shared with Greater Nashville Area. Our Outreach Sub-committee is without a chair and for all practical purposes is not functional. All other sub-committees are functional. Our Unity Sub-committee chair is encouraging all members to actively participate in VRC activities. She informed the Area that the VRC Chair has made an attempt to bridge the two Areas (MTA and GNA) so that we truly have "one message and one HP".

Our finances are still an area of concern with not enough income each month to cover expenses. With a Treasurer coming into service in July, it is hoped that the Ad Hoc Budget and Finance Sub-committee will give us some direction as to alleviating our financial woes.

As I stated earlier, elections will be held this month with a changing of the guard so to speak of my service position. It has truly been a wonderful experience to serve in this body. The trusted servants past and present have truly enhanced my recovery and I will always be grateful to the positive effect it has had in my life. Thanks!

Yours in Loving Service

Julius H.- RCM Middle Tennessee Area

Midwest Tennessee Area:

All motions that were carried back to be voted on passed. Working on Area Guidelines. Had discussion on proper ways to fund Activities.

Elections: Jesse J. Chair, Melvin Vice Chair, Christi A Secretary, Jason R. Treasurer, Alex C (PI Chair, Kenny S H&I Chair.

H&I has been going into Selmer (McNairy Co.) weekly and has decided to scale that down to every two weeks for lack of manpower. We are still going to Jacoa and Aspell. H&I Committee has also held a presentation to Henry Co. Jail. Response still pending.

Need more support in all "Area Service Positions." Vacant positions: All Alt. positions except Vice Chair. Also RCM, Outreach and Activities Chairs.

Activities:

MWTA Floating the Buffalo, June 4-6 at the Crazy Horse Camp Ground in Linden TN. Launch 11 AM on the 5th.

Lexinton Survivors: Recovery by the Lake, June 12, at Piney Lake to celebrate their 5th Anniversary.

Paris Free Spirit Group is having their 25th Annual NA on the Lake at Paris Landing State Park August 21st.

We have no donation.

Report presented by Alex S. Czenk

Stones River Area:

All Groups are doing well. Activities is our most active subcommittee having had a Waffle Breakfast and Meditation Meeting on May 16. 15 in attendance. Next activity Game Night for June (details will come later). H&I continues to go to the Rutherford Co. Workhouse and has hopes to start a meeting at Rutherford Co. Juvenile Facility. Still need women for Rutherford Co. Workhouse. No donation. We are about to reach our prudent reserve of \$500. After that we will be making a donation.

Report presented by Joey M., SRANA Chair

West Tennessee Area:

Hello Everyone, Overall WT Area is doing well! NA in May event was successful despite the weather. However, there are some issues retrieving the money ☹ Our Outreach Addicts on Asphalt has also been successful!! We have a \$78.33 donation today. ILS, Hannah, RCM Alt.

Delegate Report:

Handed out adopted motions (see attached WSC_2010_Summary_of_Decisions_post_WSC.pdf)

Question: Brief understanding about what leadership orientation material is?

Comment: Not sure. (FYI see p. 42 in the CAT and June NAWS News)

Q: p 10 Why would there be session profiles on lit already approved?

A: Giving example by listing those IDT's (see June NAWS News for more info)

Q: p 18 re removing IP 27, What happens to motions that don't make it to the floor

A: they die

Q: p. 12 motion 10 & 13. What's the difference in standing and voice vote. They give a card with number, and you stand up for votes if someone requests it. Why on motion 10 did they list result of standing and not voice?

A: No way to count voice vote.

Q: p 11, motion 17, talking about CBDM procedures – that would take voting out of decision making process.... Is that practical?

A: Hope they can get to that.

Q: How can we submit ideas?

A: On discussion boards

Q: Are the RD's informed enough to discuss motions?

A: Yes – day of discussion on each motion.

Q: motion 45, p 6 – carried to strike the line from approval process.... As long as they put out 90 days before conference then its ok? Motions sounds like its not going to be out for a year to r/i. example – living clean. Releasing review/input – we have 90 days now.

A: Time its out will be longer now, not less.

Comment: Sounds like we will be getting less time, not more.

Q Will RD contact NAWS to find out?

A: yes

Comment: RD will be sending out info about chapters 6 and 7 of living clean.

RDA read section of report about number of internet hits, etc.

Comment: Disappointment in RD and RDa's position. Also questions not answered by RD/RDa. Members homegroup voted no for both positions. No communication.

RD read more of her report. Passed around info to include with her report.

Regional Delegate-Alternate Report:

Map of US on screen.

If RDa team is not serving the way we want them to serve, let them know. RDa funded by region.

Service system handout. (see attachment Service System Handout.pdf)

<http://disc.na.org/servsys/index.php>

Q: when looking at charts, options, examples, models – everything has at least 2 other places for service – if having a hard time getting people here, how will adding more service structure components work? In order to get voice heard, how do we communicate concerns?

A: Thru RD/RDa and online. Might put couple extra layers of service in there, but it might relieve some of the demands. Want to find out what works better. Looking at how AA works with central office etc. They want to work on this for 2 years and find out what we want... bring to next conference... come up with something new in 2014.

Question: In order for voice to be heard, sounds like it's more important to hear comments from RD team.

Answer: Each RD has their own World Board member they can use to pass on info.

Comment: service system should be topic along with literature development process at next regional assembly.

RDa continued

Importance of Scanning. (see attachment: The Importance of Scanning.pdf)

Question: For regional minutes, is there a bulleted presentation? Will be in minutes

Question: Does NAWS look at 'old' resources?

Answer: Yes, NAWS has a lot of resources and they use any and everything when a question comes up.

Example – they have a traditions workbook and they will use those resources when developing the project plan.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Activities:

REGIONAL ACTIVITY REPORT JUNE 6, 2010

REGIONAL INVENTORY REPORT MAY 1st and 2nd

ACTIVITY REPORT

Budget \$300.00; Event total cost \$204.71; Money returned \$95.29

Coffee Pot \$42.88, 40 cup pot for activity committee to reuse.

Food and supplies \$161.83 (spent \$4.00 on re-useable serving trays and bowls. All left over supplies are in storage box. Allison A and Julie S from Chattanooga facilitated the activity position of this event. We supplied coffee, donuts, fruit and candy both days all day. Saturday lunch consisted of sub sandwich's' chips, pickles and salad. We served all the leftovers on Sunday lunch before everyone traveled home. This event went good considering the weather.

This chair have one concern. The vice chair would like to attend Saturday committee meeting but because of funds, it is stated that she can not afford to drive to the committee meeting and return home. Bringing this concern to the regional hoping for a solution.

Free-Spirit group in Middle West Tennessee is putting on NA On The Lake at Paris Landing State Park August 21st. There will be two speakers and workshop.

Volley ball

Horse shoes

This committee was asked to help with this event

MORE WILL BE REVEALED

If you need this committee to help with any service or event please contact me

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Thank you for serving

Sherree F

Activity chair

Outreach:

Verbal Report

(wants to take material in the trunk – lit, manuals, etc. for their activities)

Q: Is it possible to change date of Learning Day?

A: No

Policy and Procedure:

Regional Policy and Procedure Subcommittee Meeting

DATE: April 10, 2010 Agenda Topics/Report

Old Business:

- **Motion #1-4-11-10** was made by VRC Chair and seconded by Greater Smokey Mountain Area and reads as follows:

To create a new VRC subcommittee named Technical and Communications and write the qualifications and write the responsibilities.

Intent: To have a position that will be able to keep up with the technical and communication changes that are associated with new VRC activities like the website and email.

Action taken: Deferred to Policy and Procedures.

- *Nothing in guidelines preventing or supporting this idea.*
- *Concept 8. Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.*
- *Tradition 9. NA, as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.*

- **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.

Action taken: Deferred to Policy and Procedures

- *Nothing in guidelines to prevent or support this idea.*
- *Concept 11. NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly.*
- *Tradition 1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on NA unity.*

▪ **VRSC Inventory Task Groups:**

Tasks: Melvin & Craig

- Melvin-chair announces, "Speak only when recognized by the chair" at the beginning of the June meeting & stops anyone who interrupts. Melvin S
- Craig-Vice Chair creates a questionnaire assessing this behavior change to hand out after 2 months [August], ask all regional participants and compiles report to give during vice chair's report. Craig G

Tasks: Laura, Becky, Lucy, Holly, Jeremy, Joey

Laura, Becky, Lucy, Holly, Jeremy, Joey will:

1. Go thru the guidelines & pull out any rules before June Meeting [call it current rules of decorum as stated in our guidelines]. [✓DONE]
2. Meet to finalize 1st stage at P&P meeting.
3. Laura adds this to her P & P Report to June Regional Meeting

Tasks: Becky, Lucy & Laura

- Becky presents questions from survey one question at each regional meeting & keep track of answers. Becki C [NOT DUE TIL AUGUST MTG.]
- Lucy to get the regional message board up to date & post the question of the meeting for regional discussion. Lucy O [✓DONE]
- Laura to prepare inventory review session in 6 months [October-November]

Inventory task group -Holly, Becky, Jeremy, Joey, Lucy, Allison, Laura, Melvin

- The inventory task group will attend the guideline writing subcommittee meeting.- Regional Saturday. 12:30-1:30 PM
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the meeting time in June & might need to change it.

Tasks: Laura

- Laura to prepare report on inventory to give at next region
- Laura to prepare a chart to give to each person & task group that volunteered to implement the changes recommended. [✓Done]

Regional Inventory Report

This inventory was a fantastic success. In spite of the other activities going on that weekend and the terrible weather with flooding, there were 9 people in attendance both days. We were a real working group and went through the PowerPoint discussing everything.

You can access the PowerPoint at this URL:

http://www.natennessee.org/files/Regional_Inventory.ppt

You can also participate in this process using the Regional Bulletin Forum: <http://natennessee.org/forum/>

The sincerity of the people attending was impressive. We shared ideas, listened carefully with one another, disagreed in a constructive manner and carefully attended to the minority viewpoint.

We discussed planning and how planning helps us function better as a region. We covered the 6 basic planning steps and the importance of a single point of accountability and follow through:

1. Identify and prioritize issues
2. Brainstorm and prioritize solutions
3. Develop an action plan for these solutions – the “who”, the “what”, the “when” & “how”
4. Maintain the plan
5. Newly elected administrative committee reviews the plan at the beginning of their term
6. Return to the planning cycle

The issues we discussed came from (1) questionnaire responses, (2) the previous regional inventory & (3) issues brought up in regional meetings. These discussions led to our regions stated purpose and 3 basic tasks as well as the issue of a lack of consensus in our region. We also reviewed problems that seem to result from a lack of consensus or agreement within the region. We made a list of reasons for these issues and prioritized them. Then we listed actions that could be taken for the top three. From there we made action plans that were specific and objective.

These action plans are listed on the PowerPoint and in the list of task groups with responsible parties.

Because we were so detailed in our planning, we were not able to complete our task of 3 action plans for each of 3 issues. We decided to choose the top priority and plan that one with a review to be scheduled for 6 months from now.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.
Laura C.

VRC XXVII:

All committees have chairs and doing great. We have registration forms and are submitting them electronically to the fellowship. Our fund-raiser will be 6/19 and is a family fun day with music. Pre-convention journals are available for RCM's. Asking all RCM's for workshop topics. Submit to me or email to program@vrcna.org. Website is up and running [www.vrcna.org](http://www.vrcna.org/net/com) /net /com. Please look over this site is interactive and we encourage comments.

Report presented by Lee M

Journals available to hand out today, need to sign sheet saying you are responsible

Flyers available

Comment by RD: never got flyers from chair to take to conference.

Comment: Speakers for convention – areas, start working on getting 2 speakers for VRC.

Financial AdHoc:

There were 8 in attendance. We began the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. We then went over the purpose of the Financial Ad-hoc Subcommittee. The previous information was read and then we began discussing Purpose number one – regarding whether or not to hire a CPA/Tax Attorney.

It was agreed up unanimously that because we still have a 501(c)3 Corporation and have a current convention under way, it was in our best interest to hire a CPA for at least the remainder of this year. It was also discussed and agreed upon unanimously that because we have no issues present that would involve the need of a tax attorney, we see no reason at this time to concern ourselves with a tax attorney. We also determined, according to our guidelines, that it is the VRSC Treasurer's responsibility to hire a CPA. Therefore, we recommended that the Treasurer hire Robert Hart as our CPA.

We then began discussing the next two purposes of the subcommittee simultaneously because both points are directly related to each other. If we are not a “not for profit” organization, then we would be required to pay taxes on all of our income, which includes group and Area donations, as well as all the money received from the VRC. Being a corporation takes the responsibility of the contract for the Convention hotel off the Hotel Liaison and places it on the

Corporation. It was also discussed and agreed upon unanimously that it is in our best interest to remain a 501(c)3 Corporation.

The last purpose for this subcommittee is to clarify the sales tax situation at the group, area, and regional levels. We believe it would be in our best interest to give Robert Hart a month or two to get familiar with our paperwork and with the FIPT and then seek his guidance regarding communication with the State of Tn. Audit Division. We agreed that we will follow this through until we receive a letter from the State of Tn. telling us exactly what we can and cannot do as it pertains to the tax laws and our fellowship. We are going to be sure that we no longer have to concern ourselves with “interpretations” of what we can and cannot do. In conclusion, although this subcommittee has completed the first 3 tasks of what we were created to do, we are unable at this point to complete the 4th task, which means we are still functioning as a subcommittee of this Region.

Thanks for allowing us to serve,
The Financial Ad-hoc Subcommittee.

Question: Hiring the Hart guy?

Answer: yes

Question: Why are we incorporated?

Answer: Protect assets generated from convention and donations. It's recommended if you have more than \$5000 in income, we have some sort of corporation set up, for a non profit. Allows us to keep funds flowing without being taxed.

Question: When we talk to CPA, doesn't every area have a tax id? Do we have insurance?

Answer: Yes we have insurance for convention each year – short term policy. No insurance for the region. As far as assets, we don't really own any.

Quarterly Meeting AdHoc:

Adhoc Report

6/12/2010

We continue to work on all the policy that would change if we were to change to quarterly meetings.

We discussed some of the pros and cons. This would be a change and would slow down some of the decisions and also allow more time at the Areas to discuss and understand what is going on. Another con was the lack of time for training to have someone comfortable with their position. It was discussed that something needs to change but we are not sure what that needs to be.

This committee will follow through with the task it has been asked to do. This is to look at the feasibility of changing to quarterly meetings at the Region.

Our next meeting is on July 31st @ 3 PM

Thanks for allowing me to serve

Pete F

Comment: Thank you for time in planning and preparing.

Question: Can we take a straw poll to see how regions feel about this?

Answer: Chair would like to wait after RCM's take back to homegroups.

Comment: Expect motion in august

Chair Report:

Administrative Committee Meeting minutes from June 5 read by Lucy O.

The first half of the meeting was spent going over the VRSC guidelines for future revision recommendations. (The guideline revision process began halfway thru the Policy and Procedure Committee meeting.)

The regularly scheduled Admin Meeting opened at 1:30.

Admin Members present: Melvin (Chair), Lucy (Alt. Secretary), Craig (Secretary), Wanda (RD), Pete (RDa), Kevin (Outreach Chair), Kevin (Treasurer)

Eight others in attendance.

Concerns and comments by Admin members

Comment by Kevin, Outreach Chair: He will be including the Outreach Chair's responsibilities in his report, someone will need to step up in a few months. There is a lot of drive in the committee; they're staying busy. They are helping with an area inventory in the Twin Lakes Area on June 26.

Comment by Wanda, RD: Are we ready for this long report tomorrow???

No one else had anything else to bring up or discuss.

Meeting ended.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion #1-2-7-10

Remove Article XI: Funding; Section 13 Presently approved funding/approved budgets, B, 1.

Add the following words:

A. A yearly RD budget of Travel and expenses shall be prepared by the RD by the next Regional meeting following election.

B. No more than one workshop, meeting, conference, or forum on the same topic will be funded.

C. The outgoing RD will provide the previous year's budget to the incoming RD for guidance and information.

Roll Call Vote

Y	Chattanooga	Y	Midwest
Y	Greater Nashville	Y	Stones River
Y	Middle TN	N	West TN

5 Yes, 1 No.

This motion passes.

Motion #4-2-7-10

To accept Regional Activities Subcommittee guidelines.

Roll Call Vote

Y	Chattanooga	Y	Midwest
Y	Greater Nashville	Y	Stones River
A	Middle TN	Y	West TN

5 Yes, 1 Abstain.

This motion passes.

Motion #3-4-11-10 was made by Greater Nashville Area and seconded by Middle Tennessee Area and reads as follows.

To accept Activities Budget

Intent: To provide for the functioning of activities subcommittee.

Roll Call Vote

Y	Chattanooga	Y	Midwest
Y	Greater Nashville	A	Stones River
A	Middle TN	Y	West TN

5 Yes, 1 Abstain.

This motion passes.

Nomination #1-4-11-10 Lucy O for Secretary passed

Roll Call Vote

Y	Chattanooga	Y	Midwest
Y	Greater Nashville	Y	Stones River
Y	Middle TN	Y	West TN

6 Yes

This nomination passes.

Nomination #2-4-11-10 Craig G for Vice chair passed

Roll Call Vote

Y	Chattanooga	Y	Midwest
Y	Greater Nashville	N	Stones River
Y	Middle TN	Y	West TN

5 Yes, 1 No

This nomination passes.

Nomination #3-4-11-10 Chair passed

Roll Call Vote

Y	Chattanooga	Y	Midwest
Y	Greater Nashville	Y	Stones River
Y	Middle TN	Y	West TN

6 Yes

This nomination passes.

New Business:

Motion #1-4-11-10 was made by VRC Chair and seconded by Greater Smokey Mountain Area and reads as follows:

To create a new VRC subcommittee named Technical and Communications and write the qualifications and write the responsibilities.

Intent: To have a position that will be able to keep up with the technical and communication changes that are associated with new VRC activities like the website and email.

Question: New subcommittee under VRC? Who's doing it? Volunteer on committee

Action taken:

Motion made to table until convention committee is here to answer questions.

Seconded by West Tennessee

Unanimous

(Technically dead unless someone brings it back up at next meeting)

Motion #1-6-6-10 Made by MTA RCM, Seconded by Callie G, GNA

To have the Southern Zonal Forum in Nashville.

Intent: To make it convenient for those traveling to the Volunteer Region for the Forum. Also to expose as many NA groups and members to the zonal process of service.

Speaking to motion: Some folks fly in, hotels in Nashville convenient to airport, like to expose as many members as possible to szf.

Room rate? Not yet

Consider?

Action taken:

Motion withdrawn

Motion #2-6-6-10 was made by Stones River Area, Seconded by Chattanooga

Motion: For Stones River Area to host Southern Zonal Forum for Jan. 2011. (The area has contacted Embassy Suites. Non-group rates are estimated at \$139.00 before taxes. The rates may change depending on group rates and negotiation, shuttle services are available from Nashville airport. Several meeting rooms are available, prices depending on size. Wifi available). Stones River has committed to provide functions and hospitality services.

Intent: To provide a host area for SZF.

Speaking to motion: Embassy Suites – shuttle services to hotel, meeting area in hotel, along with providing food, wi fi, printers, faxes, room rate - \$139... up for negotiation... not sure what needed for room size for meeting so no quote on rooms. Will provide a function... list of members in area in case rides, etc needed.

Comment: need block of 10 rooms; 50-75 people for meeting rooms.

Question: how will we decide?

Answer: vote now. If RCM's feel it needs to go back to groups, it can.

Comment: Suggestion – maybe bid needs to be brought between the 2, and let SZF decide where? Find something \$100 or less with meeting space available.

Comment: RD will call chair to ask what they are looking for?

Question: When is it?

Answer: not sure, but not til next year – maybe january. But next meeting should be fine to bring bids.

Comment: 2 areas can be in touch with SZF, find out more details, get with RD/RDa, get logistics...

Chair: is it ok to defer til next meeting?

Comment – Stones River will help if it goes to GNA.

Comment: RDa will get info, maybe the 2 areas can work together.

Will makers of motions withdraw motion now? Yes

Action taken:

Motion withdrawn

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.

Vote to consider...6 yes, to consider

No Pros/Cons – self explanatory.

Action taken: GROUPS NEED TO VOTE ON THIS

Nominations and Elections:

Nomination #1-6-6-10 Bob McD, for Treasurer

Nominated by Chattanooga RCM, Seconded by W TN RCM alt.

Home Group - No Matter What, Chattanooga, TN; Clean Date - 3/7/79

Current Positions: World Board - Business Plan Group (2006 to present); World Board - Audit Committee (2008 to present); Treasurer - No Matter What Group; Chairperson - Surrender Campout

Group Service: GSR 1983, 1985, 1987 and 1988; Secretary/Treasurer 1979, 1981, 1982 and 1987; Treasurer 1993, 1995, 2008, 2010

Area Service: ASC Chair 1983; Treasurer 1985; H&I Chair 1986; Literature Chair 1987 & 1997;

Convention Treasurer 2001; RCM 2009; Program Chair - Surrender Campout; Vice Chair - Surrender Campout

Regional Service: Treasurer 1986-1987; H&I Chair 1986-1987 & 1988-1989; H&I Vice-Chair 1984; Treasurer - Volunteer Regional Convention 2008

World Service: WSO Board of Directors 1987-1992 & 1994-1996 (Board Treasurer, Chair, Vice-Chair);

JAC Tape Review 1989-1990 & 1994-1995; Non-voting Member WSC H&I 1987-1988; Business Planning Group 2006 to Present; NAWS Audit Committee 2008 to Present

World Service Office: Controller 1992-1994

H&I Panels: Oregon State Penitentiary; Idaho State Penitentiary; Coffield Unit, Texas Department of Corrections; Ft. Worth Federal Penitentiary; Lane County Jail (4 years); Walker State Prison

Have the willingness, time, resources and skills necessary to complete the service position.

Misappropriated na funds? No; Ever not completed commitment? Maybe once when moved years ago.

Take to groups and vote on Bob McD for Treasurer

Nomination #2-6-6-10 Callie G for Treasurer **(AMENDED to read CALLIE G for ALT TREASURER)**

Nominated by GNA, seconded by MTA; Clean Date 2-1-05.

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: 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 to 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.

Questions:

Misappropriated na funds? No; Familiar with software? Yes;

Ever not completed? Yes in 06 – moved to Clarksville.

Able to manage own checkbook? Yes never bounced check

Comment: Craig would not be check signer because he and Callie are husband/wife and they would both be on the admin committee.

Comment: Great to have treasurer and alternate.... It would be great if the one who didn't get it, the other might consider being alt. Callie would be willing; Bob – willing for 1 year, Coming with Wanda anyway.

Note: (originally Bob and Callie were both nominated for Treasurer... at this point Callie's nomination was changed to Alt Treasurer.)

Question: will maker for Callie as treasurer amend motion and re-nominate as alt. treasurer. Answer: yes.

Take to groups and vote on Callie G for Alt. Treasurer

Question: Is it possible to have alt treasurer as a check signer? Answer: Not necessary to decide now.

Announcements:

THE AUGUST MEETING WILL BE IN MUFREESBORO – VRC 28 was not able to book the convention hotel for the meeting.

AUGUST is also time for Bids for 2011 VRC - CHAIR and CONVENTION bids.

Final Treasurer's report

No donation to world – under what we need on hand for operating expenses

Have a little over 4662.57... (need about 3000 a cycle)

How many donations today? About 600; spent about 3000.

NEXT MEETING:

The next VRSC meeting will be Sunday August 1 at 9:30am to 5:00pm. The VRSC Subcommittees will meet on Saturday July 31, the times are as follows:

Outreach – 11 am

Policy and Procedures – noon

Administrative Committee – 1 pm

Activities – 2pm

Adhocs – tba

The VRSC Chair will send out the VRSC Agenda prior to the weekend. The location of the meeting will be at the Murfreesboro Jaycees building located at 403 Hickerson Drive. Murfreesboro, Tn. 37130.

Motion to close was made and seconded.

ATTACHMENTS:

VRSC June 10 Treasurer's Report.pdf

WSC_2010_Summary_of_Decisions_post_WSC.pdf

Service System Handout.pdf

The Importance of Scanning.pdf

Twin Lakes Picnic Flyer.pdf