

Volunteer Regional Service Meeting October 3, 2010

Meeting opened at 9:30 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.

ROLL CALL and Establishment of a quorum.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Chair	P
Vice-Chair	P
Secretary	P
Alt-Secretary	V
Treasurer	V
Alt-Treasurer	P
Regional Delegate	P
Alt-Regional Delegate	P

SUBCOMMITTEES:

	Present/Absent	Represented by:
Activities	P	
Hospitals & Institutions	vacant	
Outreach	P	
Policy & Procedures	vacant	
Public Relations	vacant	
VRC XXVIII	P	
Financial Legal Adhoc	P	
Quarterly Meeting Adhoc	P	
New Adhoc	A	

AREAS:

	Present/Absent	Represented by:
Chattanooga	P (pre Aug, June)	
Greater Nashville	P (pre Aug, June)	
Greater Smokey Mountain	P (abs Aug, pre June)	
Knoxville Area	P (pre Aug, abs June)	
Mid West Tennessee	P (pre Aug, June)	Alex
Middle Tennessee	A (pre Aug, June)	
Stones River	P (abs Aug, pre June)	
West Tennessee	P (pre Aug, June)	

Quorum - established

SECRETARY REPORT:

We noticed yesterday at the Admin Committee meeting as we were going thru the guidelines that New Areas should "register". We had no Registration Form. So we created a Registration Form. **Please fill this out now if you know the info, if not please fill it out and bring it to next VRSC meeting.**
See attachment: **VRSC REGISTRATION FORM FOR AREAS.pdf**

Motion to accept August minutes by RD, WTA seconded. 6 yes. Passes

TREASURER REPORT:

Attachment: **Oct. 2010 Treasurer's report.pdf**

Zonal forum check hasn't cleared that was written long time ago. Not cleared.

Available balance \$8113.90

Please include most recent bank statement in minutes.

Q: Does the available balance include the \$300 that hasn't cleared. A: yes

Motion to accept by WTA, 2nd by Stones River.

6 yes. Passes

AREA REPORTS

Chattanooga Area:

Report given by Bob McD (written by Zach A.)

Good morning VRSC,

Chattanooga has been doing some work.

Our **H&I** committee will be hosting their quarterly orientation on October 17 and are looking for 2 panel coordinators. We have 6 H&I meetings in five facilities.

Last month our **PI** committee went from no official trusted servants to electing a secretary and a phonline coordinator. The committee will be using money raised from the Chattanooga's Speaker Jam to post a sign on Chattanooga CARTA bus system. Our phonline was down for one day because the bill was not paid on time.

Our **Activities** committee hosted "Buns in the Sun," a lakeside activity on Labor Day weekend. There were 40-50 people in attendance and all had a great day. There were addicts, dogs, babies, teenagers, and a squirrel all having a good time playing volley ball, fellowshiping, swimming, and eating. Donna V from Knoxville spoke on relationships. By selling inexpensive food, the event brought in \$241.31 and cost \$183.82. Therefore it generated \$120.59. The committee is thinking about setting up a \$100 reserve fund and is thinking through the pros and cons (i.e. pro - more freedom, con - have to put forth more effort to be accountable to groups). **Do any areas have experience with this?** The committee will be hosting a Halloween Event with Outreach on Oct. 30.

Outreach hosted a carpool to the Last House on the Block Group on August 26. 5 addicts traveled to Lafayette, GA. It was a good meeting, and fun times. There next carpool is October 4 to the new "Someone Believes in Me" Group which meets at the E. Brainerd Club.

On Saturday August 28 the committee facilitated a Group Booklet Learning Day at New Horizons Group. The entire Group Booklet read, discussed and reviewed with 15-20 addicts in attendance all day. It was a good day of fun, learning, and fellowship.

On Sunday September 5 Outreach helped facilitate the "Survivors" Group Inventory and the committee thanked the Group for their open mindedness and trust in our subcommittee. It was a success.

The committee will host “Monster Madness” with the Activities committee on Oct. 30 – the Saturday before Halloween. See attachment: **MonsterMadness.pdf**

The schedule is as follows:

4:30 Greetings
5:00 Tradition One workshop (Readings, discussion, Q & A)
7:15 Potluck, dinner, stew, pizza
7:30 Speaker
8:30 Break
9:00 Costume contest, haunted house, IPOD jam

The event hopes to be unifying to the area, fun, and informative. It will cost \$100 to put the event on and donations will be collected to give back to the area. It is not a fundraiser and there are no fees or dues. The aim is to break even. I have emailed a flyer to the Region list-serve.

Surrender Under the Stars was held on the weekend of September 24th. I will report on the event after hearing from the committee next month.

We elected a new **Treasurer** last month and are excited to have her on board. The groups are all doing well; however, the “More Will Be Revealed” Group in Dayton is struggling. Belinda H. will be facilitating our Area Inventory on October 16 using the “Area Planning Tool”. Lastly, we have votes for the motions this month, surveys to return to the administrative committee, a \$338.34 donation, money to give to VRC and we are glad to be here.

Love, Zach A. (423-227-3288)

Questions/Comments?

Turning over \$1000 to VRC from Surrender Under the Stars

Q: Are there 2 events for Halloween? A: It's a combined event... all day thing.

Greater Nashville Area:

Report given by Hanz, RCM alt.

Kiss Kampout - 1st Annual Golf Tournament Oct. 9. \$45 per person, \$5 mulligans.

Outreach - no report. Motion going to homegroups to mege with MTA

PI - Booth setup last month at an event put on by A&D council.

H&I - In need of female volunteers

P&P - No chairperson. Discussed 2 motions that are now going back to homegroups.

Activities - 150 addicts attended Labor Day Picnic. Oct. 30 will be Halloween Dance, where is TBA.

Newsletter - no committee

Literature - no committee

Every standing subcommittee is in need of a vice-chair and also has other open positions.

The are is also in need of a vice-chair, alt. secretary and alt. treasurer. Also have 2 new groups.

Greater Smokey Mountain Area:

No report

Knoxville Area:

Report given by Karen T.

Things are looking up for our Area. Our plans for the Knoxville Area Convention - KACNA #1 - are coming along. The host hotel - Crowne Plaza - has been booked and the dates of the convention are April 22-24. I have information flyers available to distribute today and we will have registration forms available

soon. (see attachment: **Knoxville convention flyer.pdf**) We are having success getting our ASC positions filled and with good rotation. The H&I subcommittee is still working on getting a meeting into the Knox County Women's Jail and the panel leaders at all facilities report that things are going well. The Activities subcommittee is planning an Area Homegroup Speaker Jam Nov. 19 and a Traditions Play Nov. 20. Halloween Eat, Speak and Dance Oct. 30.

We would like to thank the members of the VRSC who have expressed their willingness to speak at the Saturday Night Live meeting which has asked for help finding speakers for their meeting. We would appreciate any assistance from the Outreach subcommittee or anyone else that could help this group.

We have no donation at this time except for 2 Basic Texts for vRC. The motion for the VRC 29 host hotel and both nominations were passed. Thanks for allowing me to server, Karent T. RCM

Questions?

Q: What about group that needs help from Outreach? A: Saturday night Alive wants out of town speakers.

Midwest Tennessee Area:

All motions that were carried back to be voted on passed.

Elections: Jerry C was elected to be our RCM

H&I is still going into Selmer (McNairy Co.) every two weeks. We are still going into Jacoa and Aspell.

Also PI is still updating the website and reading over PI Handbook.

Activities: 2nd Annual Fall Into Recovery Campout is Oct. 1, 2, 3 at Natchez Trace State Park on Cub Lake. Also Oct. 30 MWTA is having a Halloween dance at Town Central in Jackson. Times and Activities are still pending.

We have no Area Donation

We also brought back VRSC survey/questionnaire answers.

Jerry Carter

Middle Tennessee Area:

Absent

Stones River Area:

Verbal Report given by Becky

West Tennessee Area:

NA in May money has been turned in, with a total donation of \$ 960. The event has also moved to the 3rd weekend in May, instead of the 1st. The sub-committee is also getting going with a game night October 23rd. The out-reach committee is continuing addicts on asphalt to support local meetings. The activities committee is having a Halloween event on October 30th. Our area created a committee to investigate our area's literature sales, as of now no solution has been reached. ILS, Hannah M.

Delegate Report:

At the last Southern Zonal Forum we were supposed to look at the new service structure, but a motion came up to re-do our guidelines and to talk about what we want the Forum to be about. I was on the sub-committee that worked on the guidelines, I am attaching a copy of them for your information.

(attachment: **revised SZF guidelines for review.pdf**)

Living Clean – Chapters Six and Seven are now out for review and input. The deadline for input is December 31, 2010.

I am attaching the cover memo that will provide some background about the project and a set of questions to guide your discussions as you review the draft material. (attachment: **Living clean cover memo.pdf**)

The session profile for development of input for the project is posted at [http://www.na.org/?ID=Living Clean project](http://www.na.org/?ID=LivingCleanproject).

So that members in local NA communities can have their own input sessions to assist in creating some of the material.

There is also an online discussion board open to all members of the fellowship. The link is <http://naws.org/lc/index.php>

Registration is required to keep spammers off the board. Upon registering you have the option to hide your email address and develop a screen name of your choosing. The discussion board is divided up by chapters, and the topic outline is posted there for easy reference.

Members can also send input to : LivingClean@na.org

Or to the regular mailing address. Attention living clean

Provide specific input to the review draft of Chapter six, Chapter seven, and the preface at:

[http://questionnaire .disc.na.org](http://questionnaire.disc.na.org) or by mail or email.

We would like some direction on what the Region would like us to do for the next SZF and the NAWS workshop, they are both the same weekend Oct 29-31.

SZF is being held in Clarksburg MS

Hotel – is \$60 per night plus taxes

Miles – 385

NAWS workshop on the new Service Structure

Hotel - \$80 per night plus taxes

Miles – 554

ILS, Wanda McD

Questions

Q: Guidelines for SZF? A: Yes

Q: Are they on website? A: Probably, not sure.

Q: Did admin discuss the 2 events?

Wanda suggests Pete goes to Service System workshop, and she will go to Forum.

Comment: July is TN's rotation for Zonal forum.

Melvin suggests a motion for Pete to go to Service System workshop.

Comment: Doesn't look like we need a motion - See Article 11, S 13, B. (if funds permit....)

Q: How will Rd/RDA get info back to the region for us to workshop the service system before the end of the year.

A: December region possibly?

Q: Isn't SZF already in budget? A: Yes but it's if we have funds.

Comment: Orlando - around \$450

Q: Are funds available? A: Not sure yet.

Suggestion that we address in new business.

Regional Delegate-Alternate Report:

**Attachments: Service_System_Proposals_Report_August2010.pdf
And Service system input template revised to add more space.pdf**

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

We are working on the Service System Project which will be important to us all. I am passing out copies of the latest information on the project. All this is on the web at NA.org and they have a form for input please participate this is your Service System.

This is all in the discussion phase and it is important that we participate to have our thoughts and input matter. We have a World workshop in Orlando the end of October that I am asking for funds to attend.

Thank You
In loving service
Pete F

Q: when sent out? A: August.

Q: We only have 3 months to give feedback? A: For this phase.

Comment: Seems like a lot - deadline for living clean is also the 31st.

Comment: Service system board been up since past WSC. They made a few changes to what was sent out after WSC and asking for feedback.

Q: If they don't complete living clean within deadline time, we've given naws more time, its possible we could end up with 6 months? A: No, that's not true for this project.

Comment: Very overwhelming - stacks of paper - Living Clean/Service system. Ask NAWS to please slow down.

Comment: Repeated comment on our VRSC survey- no information about what's going on at regional level. - too lengthy.

Q: If only one more time meeting after workshop? When will we discuss?

Q: whoever goes to service system workshop, can we have a workshop at VRC.

Q: if folks don't show up at VRC, will folks not get any info about or chance to discuss.

A: Yes we can discuss it in December. Info is online and will be in minutes. Get info to groups now.

Comment about literature survey: if we think things should be slow down go and fill out literature survey.

Q: can we do a workshop on living clean? A: Yes we can do it, if someone willing to do it.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Activities:

Activity attended the event NA on the Lake in Paris TN. Regional write this committee a check for \$50.00. Because that event did not need financial support this chair is returning the check to regional. The event was a big success.

Again this committee is here for support for any activity you are planning. My contact number is 423-322-3241 and my email is lace1959@comcast.net. If I don't answer please leave me a message and I will return your phone call. My term is all most up but I will always be available for service. I enjoyed serving this position because it gave me the opportunity to meet some wonderful people in recovery.

Thanks for letting me serve. Sherree F.

Policy and Procedure:

Chair resigned. Melvin read letter from Laura

Comment: the committee is still meeting the Saturday before, even though there is no chair.

We discussed the motions that were deferred to P&P.

VRC XXVII:

Report given by Chuck P

Vice Chair: Lee W.

Convention next month and numbers are low as usual however we are confident that VRCXXVIII will be a success. Any one wishing to help please contact me by email or phone. Funds from outside fund-raisers are low or nonexistent. It is this chair's observation that this convention may need to look into making some changes in the years to come.

Suggestions:

- 1) Shorten the convention from 5 days to 3 days.
- 2) Change the attitude from must make a profit to celebration of recovery. Eliminate area fund raisers.
- 3) Attract speakers from surrounding states who carry a good message and wish to donate their time and recovery.
- 4) Distribute profits after seed monies to host area if needed then to any other area in financial need and finally to region.
- 5) Create a convention that is current with the local atmosphere of recovery and events.

These are just observations and suggestions from a trusted servant of NA.

Need names of area speakers! Please bring any left over journals to VRC.

Questions

Comment: surprised none of the main speakers can be from within the state. If Friday night speaker could be from within state, we could save money.

Q: Does region really depend on convention to survive? A: Usually contribution or majority of it goes to world.

Q: Could it be possible to look and see if area needs money, could it be changed to 50/50? 50% to area that hosts, 50% to region?

A: It would take a lot of discussion before we could make that change. New adhoc can look into ideas in Chuck's report.

Comment: 7th tradition says fully self supporting. If we start financially supporting areas, that's a slippery slope. We should do what we can do to help areas. No conventions are making as much money as in past, neither are 7th traditions. Nothing wrong with fundraisers.

Comment: Chattanooga discussion to make surrender 50% to vrc and 50% to area.... Biggest con is that event that the event is supported largely by folks outside Chattanooga area, and are coming largely because it IS a VRC fundraiser.

Q: Suggestions about changes for VRC? They are in report.

Comment: Listen to minority opinion about fundraiser issue.

Comment: Long email to world about fundraisers. Suggested areas do get away from fundraisers. Look at new IP that came out about self support.

Comment: Not getting much new blood coming in.

Q: What's the seed money now? A: \$4000 (and it's plenty to keep convention going).

Q: What is VRC balance right now. A: \$6000 something. The fundraising makes VRC numbers look better but it's not entirely necessary.

Q: Do we need another adhoc committee guideline for VRC to make the changes? A: Goes to P&P and back to homegroup.

Q: How much does it cost to put on? A: According to where it's at. We make a profit, but we spend a lot of money to make that profit.

Q: If we are spending more money than taking in..... what about every other year?

A: We always show profit, always cover expenses, never went in hole. If we make 29,000, probably half of that comes from fundraisers.

Q: Motion made, voted on, about making continuous checking account. Any answers about how this is going to happen?

A: Requested info from treasurer. Pressed her again for answer. Now saying maybe it's not in the best interest to do this. May not prudent to do this.

Q: Why can't motion be made today to rescind the motion for one revolving VRC checking account?

Quarterly Meeting AdHoc:

Report given by Pete

Financial AdHoc:

Report given by Craig: Meeting oct 28 with cpa

Outreach Report:

Report given by Kevin

Our subcommittee met yesterday (Oct. 2) with 6 addicts in attendance.

The time that I have been in the Outreach Chair position I have no operated with the integrity, fidelity and dedication that I have been trusted with. There is no excuse for the apathy and procrastination that has been apparent in my life. I have been wrong. I will assure you that I am taking the necessary steps to improve.

Past events - On Aut 21st we were asked to do a one hour workshop for a group in the Mid West Area in conjunction with an activity, however no committee members were available. Also there was a concen about the travel expenses, amongst the committee for only staying for one hour.

Upcoming events - The next couple of months we will be visiting the groups that use to be in the CTA and asking if there is anything we can do to help. We also plan to research on a practical way to compile a regional meeting list. The areas that are not involved in the region we will contact, ask questions, and report back.

Also we plan to have a workshop exclusively on outreach during the VRC. The day of that will be Sat.

Forward a letter from an inmate in Mountain City to the appropriate channel.

What we have in Literature

28 A Resource in your Community \$8.40

1 Institutional Group Guide \$3.70

6 PR Handbooks \$51.00

20 IP#15 PI and the NA Member \$3.80

40 White booklets \$14.00

8 Concept Booklets \$14.00

22 Group Booklets \$15.30

6 Guide to Local Service \$36.60

3 It Works How and Why soft back \$21.75

2 Just for Today meditations \$15.40

Reimbursement - Mileage to regional meeting. 292 miles. \$73.00

Also my term is up in December so I am attaching the qualifications and responsibilities of Outreach Chair.

1) Is elected by the group conscience of the RSC as per its guidelines

2) Mediates all meetings of the subcommittee with a general understanding of parliamentary procedure.

- 3) Prepares a report for each RSC meeting.
- 4) Coordinates and is responsible for all work done by the subcommittee.
- 5) Is available to answer questions from the Area Outreach subcommittees
- 6) Maintains communication with related WSC committees
- 7) Prepares a budget with the subcommittee to be submitted for the approval of the RSC for the upcoming year.
- 8) If necessary may be removed by the RSC as outlined in its guidelines.

VRC 29 preliminary Report:

No Report

Chair Report:

No Report

Vice Chair Report:

Verbal Report please get survey filled out: **VRSCSurveyQuestionnaire.pdf**)

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion #5-8/1/10 Passed

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

Intent: Have event location

- Y Chattanooga
- Y Greater Nashville
- Y Greater Smokey Mountain
- Y Knoxville
- Y Midwest
- Y Stones River
- Y West TN

Nominations and Elections:

Nomination #1-8/1/10 Maarja F for VRC 29 Chair Passed

Nominated by Knoxville Area, Seconded by GNA

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| Y Chattanooga | Y Midwest |
| Y Greater Nashville | Y Stones River |
| Y Greater Smokey Mountain | Y West TN |
| Y Knoxville | |

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

Nomimated by GNA, Seconded by MTA

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| Y Chattanooga | Y Midwest |
| Y Greater Nashville | Y Stones River |
| Y Greater Smokey Mountain | Y West TN |
| Y Knoxville | |

ANY NOMINATIONS FOR SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS?

Nomination #1-10/3/10 Sherree F for Regional H&I Chair

Nominated by Craig Vice Chair, 2nd by Jerry MidWest

Clean Date: 7-21.96

Group, area, regional and world service positions held within past **FIVE years** and approximate dates for each period of service: Area Chair for Chattanooga Area (2006) VRC Registration Chair (2004) Chatt. Activities Chair (2007). VRC Vice Chair (2008) Surrender Under the Stars (Reg. chair twice/chair once) PI Regional vice chair (2004-2005), PI Chair (2006-2007) Activity chair (2008-active now. Now doing H&I in chatt. For 2 yrs.

If you haven't completed a term as a TS or have been removed from a service positioning the past 5 years, please explain: I've completed all service that I have been elected to serve.

What resources and experience (school, work, volunteer, etc) do you believe you can bring to the position for which you have been nominated: I'm active in H&I in Chattanooga. I go into Silverdale Work House. Please include any other info which you consider relevant to your nomination: I'm still willing to learn and be there for that addict that needs me. I love to be in the middle of the boat of recovery.

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS TO VOTE ON

TAKE TO GROUPS FOR WILLINGNESS FOR OPEN POSITIONS

Activities, Policy/Procedure, Outreach, Lit Review, PR, Alt Treasurer, Alt Secretary

Qualifications and responsibilities in VRSC guidelines attached with minutes:

VRSC_Guidelines_6.6.10.pdf

New Business:

#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.

Questions/comments:

The Chair called on each trusted servant of the vrsc and the observers to comment on how this motion would affect their position.

Vice Chair: doesn't affect vice chair

Secretary: will save region about \$300 and lots of time.

Alt. Treasurer: won't affect

RD: won't affect her position other than time/resources.

Since a lot of info comes between cycles, will this limit info getting out in timely manner?

Possible answer: additional meeting/workshop. Info on website already. Use email

RDA: will save money. Doesn't affect RDA. If a workshop is needed between times we can do it.. something is wrong - only 5 folks showed up for regional workshop. We're meeting 6 times a year, don't see how changing to 4 times year can cause any problems. if it doesn't work out, we can change back. He will come 6 times a year, but prefers 4 times a year. Don't see how it affects how we do business. If show

me, dallas/fort worth, Georgia can do it, why can't we? Some things will need to be done different, but different/change isn't a bad thing.

Question/comment: resist computers. Is info already on internet/available by internet? We are going more towards internet. Yes.

Activities: won't affect her showing up. It will affect communication - events in between. Region is the only time they have to come and ask for help. Events won't happen if we have to communicate thru internet. Will she have to drive 'here' to get a check? Are there emergency meeting funds? Voting thru the internet?

Outreach: doesn't feel right. Are we doing it to get more people involved or so we don't have to come here enough. What is intent?

Reply: speaking to intent: not just about money. Subcommittee meetings without many folks being involved. Try to get more support to the service structure in the region. Maybe if we do something different we will

Question: when you go to different meetings, you pay out of pocket. Would it hurt to have to wait to be reimbursed. Today its not an issue.

Question? Is the only way to get reimbursed to come here? Can it be mailed in?

Answer: problem with being involved is folks attitude.

VRC 28: its just change. Nice for VRC chair. He's required to be here and has to sit here for hours for only giving a 5 minute report. Find out if its going to work, if not we can always go back.

VRC 29: ditto on chuck's reply. She dreads coming cause she has to sit for hours to give a 5 minute report. Doesn't want to come 6 times a year.

Comment: its not in our guidelines to meet in host city. BUT it is in bid negotiation notebook

Chattanooga: very limited participation on subcommittee meetings on Saturday. Area chairs don't want to travel 6 times a year. Should move to more electronic means of communication rather than having to wait. Outreach doing most stuff between meetings. Get report at region. Meeting more/less often doesn't affect the report. Expense and time commitment - 4 times is easier than 6 times. Might get more folks willing. Anything that might make it more attractive is a plus

Comment about number of subcommittee chairs coming - doesn't think it matters whether we meet 4 or 6 times a year.

Greater Nashville: doesn't understand being new to position. Point of survey is to make us aware of things to get more folks involved. Doesn't understand why we are moving to 4 times a year before we get feedback from surveys. Doesn't think number of times we meet will make much difference.

Questions: is your area aware of this discussion? Answer: Doesn't think so.

Greater Smokey Mountains: general apathy towards service. On one hand: how it affects him personally - 4 trips as opposed to 6 isn't that big a deal. Understands it saves region money. Can see how it might attract more people. But thinks service attraction isn't going to be from a change made at area/regional level. Anything we do to change the attitude towards service is a plus. Logistics will need to be worked out to keep communication affective.

Knoxville: being new, with homegroup/area service, move will give her more time to learn and get the area's feedback.

Midwest: talked about it in area, what they gather is its easier to do something once a week than it is monthly, for some reason. For instance with service system project - will that make less time to go over

things? They need to discuss it more in homegroup. Here to learn. May ask some questions that make no sense. Laugh with him not at him.

Stones River: 4 different states, TN is the most negative place in regards to service she's ever lived. Travel is no big deal, even if she didn't live close. Why is everything about money? Doesn't think its here at region that will make the attitude change about service, but it has to start somewhere. Some things we want to stick to the policy by (in area), some we don't. who's going to replace folks who's terms are up? Not putting it off on VRSC for negative attitude, its on the individuals.
Questions:

West Tennessee: our area has email list to get out info. She was able to get the service system info because of 'area email' not because of coming to region to get it. We could have a regional communication tool to get most of the info out - email list. Everyone she's talked to in area think it's a good idea and excited about it. It's a good place to start making changes and maybe change attitude about service and how it helps in recovery. Show we are trying to be prudent, that we want to do what 'they (area)' want to do rather than doing what we want to do

Any observer comments? No

PROS:

- 1) Save lots of money and time.
- 2) Allows region to have a comparative that we don't have. We get to find out If number of meetings makes a difference.

CONS

- 1) Don't think it will improve communication. Stating it's a solution to a problem that we haven't even clarified what the problem is.
- 2) Don't see how it better serves the region.

Q: Is intent "better serve region" is that everyone in region or this body? A: yes

Comment: we will start discussing at next quarterly adhoc meeting how we transition.

Vote passed to consider.

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS

(see below all changes to guidelines if this motion passes)

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)

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.

Speaking to motion - no problem with P&P

Pro: good idea to be elected in june because there's more time for them.

Pro: more or less housekeeping

Q: does this affect all trusted servants. A: No, just rd/rda.

Vote passed to consider.

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS TO VOTE ON

Motion #1-10/3/10

Made by Chuck P, VRC 28 Chair, seconded by Hanz O, GNA

The motion reads as follows: To add a new committee to the VRC, TCC (Technology & Communications Coordinator) with proposed requirements, qualifications and duties.

Intent: Help committee with central point of contact in dealing with new means of communication with fellowship. Upkeep of website.

Technology and Communications Coordinator

Requirements:

1. At least three (3) years continuous abstinence from all drugs.
2. Minimum two (2) years active service involvement in NA.
3. Prior convention experience, being: Recovery on the Ridge, Unity Convention, Surrender Under the Stars, Memphis in May, and Kiss Kampout, or other comparable events.
4. Individual committee Qualifications will be listed with the position.
5. Must attend all VRC Committee meetings.
6. Must be fully available on the site during Convention or have responsible replacement approved by the Chairperson

Qualifications:

1. Must have access to a computer and the internet.
2. Previous computer experience necessary. Website design and/or maintenance (webmaster) experience extremely helpful.

Duties:

1. Maintain and keep current the www.vrcna.org website.
2. Forward all correspondence received through the website to the appropriate persons or committees.
3. Maintain separate email account for VRC committee business that allows multiple logins, such as gmail, so that Committee members do not have to use personal accounts and can maintain personal anonymity.
4. Implement and assist with available technologies that support the committee's vision and purpose.
5. Maintain communication with all Subcommittee Chairpersons, and provide technology help wherever necessary.
6. Keep current the calendar on the website, listing all VRC Committee meeting times and places, the dates of Fundraiser(s), and the dates of the Convention.
7. Provide archival copies of website data to the Alternate TCC Chairperson and to the vRC Chairperson. Be sure to include any applicable login information, usernames, passwords, hosting info, etc.

DEFERRED TO POLICY AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

Motion #2-10/3/10

Made by Karen T, Knoxville Area, seconded by (not written on motion)

The motion reads as follows: To start Regional meeting promptly at 9:30 am CST. If a quorum cannot be established for actual business, the meeting can proceed with group reports and other housekeeping readings. Voting would be conducting business and cannot be done without a quorum.

Intent: To start meeting on time and proceed with the Regional meeting.

Comment: Need to clarify what is 'business'. Reply: When P&P rewrites motion, it will then be considered whether to go back or not at next region.

DEFERRED TO POLICY AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

Discussion about single VRC bank account.
VRC 28 chair will bring in December how that is going to work.

Motion #3-10/3/10

Made by Hannah M. WTA RCM, seconded by Hanz, GNA
The motion reads as follows: To send RD to Orlando, FL for NAWS workshop instead of the SZF
Intent: To get the information that we need.

Q: Do we have the money? Balance - \$5353.46 - supposed to have \$7500. No money.
Q: Are we still using the formula Kevin created as treasurer to determine prudent reserve: yes
Q: Going to Clarksdale?
Suggestion: Don't go to SZF and go to Orlando
Comment: RCM's can make decision. Even though we are below prudent reserve, we can still send them.

Pro: service structure pretty important... we are limited on time.
Con: go to both

Q: Are they going to discuss living clean in SZF and Orlando?
Comment: Request to send note to SZF that its because of a lack of funds is why they aren't attending.
Q: how much? Orlando 550, SFZ 450.
Q: What about SFZ? A: No.

Passed

Y	Chattanooga	Y	Midwest
Y	Greater Nashville	Y	Stones River
Y	Greater Smokey Mountain	Y	West TN
Y	Knoxville		

Announcements:

Monster madness, Chattanooga, October 30, see flyer.
VRC - Register

LIVING CLEAN WORKSHOP - TBA
SERVICE SYSTEM WORKSHOP - TBA

Next subcommittees day before December Region
Outreach 11:00
P&P Noon
Admin 1:00 pm
Activities 2:00
Quarterly Adhoc 3:00
Financial Adhoc 4:00

Help clean up room.

Final Treasurer's Report:

\$5353.46

Reviewed Day's business

Please fill area registration form: See attachment: **VRSC REGISTRATION FORM FOR AREAS.pdf**

Nomination #1-8/1/10 Maarja F for VRC 29 Chair **Passed**

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

Nomination #1-10/3/10 Sherree F for Regional H&I Chair **TAKE BACK TO GROUPS**

OPEN POSITIONS: Activities, Policy/Procedure, Outreach, Lit Review, PR, Alt Treasurer,
Alt Secretary **TAKE TO GROUPS**

Motion #3-8/1/10 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)

TAKE TO GROUPS

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REGIONAL SERVICE WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED AT VRC

- **Service System Project-Workshop: Saturday 10:00 am - noon**
- **Living Clean - Workshop: Saturday 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**
- **Regional Outreach: Saturday 3:00 pm – 5:00**

Motion to close, seconded, passed

In loving service, Lucy

Attachments

VRSC REGISTRATION FORM FOR AREAS.pdf

Oct. 2010 Treasurer's report.pdf

revised SZF guidelines for review.pdf

Living clean cover memo.pdf

LC_Chap-6-7_and_preface_Sept10.pdf

Service_System_Proposals_Report_August2010.pdf

Service system input template revised to add more space.pdf

MonsterMadness.pdf

VRSCSurveyQuestionnaire.pdf

Knoxville convention flyer.pdf

Surrender by seashore.pdf

VRSC_Guidelines_6.6.10.pdf