

Northside Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes

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Meeting was hosted by Better Late than Never (Conroe).

Chair opened the meeting at 14:00 with the Serenity Prayer (Whole Group).

Twelve Traditions were read by Rhiannon.

Twelve Concepts of Service were read by Bob S.

Purpose of the Area Service Committee (ASC) and Unity Statement were read by Randy.

Service Prayer was read Don.

Roll Call

Trusted Servants for the 2015 Service Year are as follows

- Chair-**Drew** **Absent(Excused)**
- Vice Chair-**Randy** **Present**
- Secretary-**Rhiannon** **Present**
- Treasurer- **Billie S.** **Present**
- Co-Treasurer- **Open**
- H & I Chair- **Open**
- PR Chair- **Open**
- Activities Chair- **Stacy Jo.** **Absent(Excused)**
- RCM 1- **Scott** **Present**
- RCM 2- **Bob S** **Present**
- Literature Review Chair- **Open**
- Web Servant- **Bob T** **Absent**

Groups

- BAMN(Huntsville)- **Absent**
- Bonnie's House- **Present**
- Better Late Than Never (Conroe)- **Present**
- Hope without Dope (Kingwood)- **Absent**
- Happy, Joyous and Free (Woodlands)- **Present**
- It's About Time (Tomball)- **Present**
- Tomball New Attitudes (Tomball)- **Present**
- New Hope (New Caney)- **Present**
- Serenity Happens (Brenham)- **Absent**
- Serious Undertakings (Huntsville)- **Present**
- Walking the Walk (Conroe)- **Present**

Trusted Servant Reports

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Secretary's Report-(Rhiannon)

- Secretary's Report was read by Rhiannon.

Treasurer's Report-(Billie)

- Received a check in the mail for \$44.84 dated from November 2014. Will attempt to deposit.

ADD REPORT

RCM Report-(Scott)

NASCONA June 2015 ASC

RCM Report

Treasurer's Report

Balance \$18,420.88

\$4634.35 to NAWS

Prudent Reserve

Travel Costs to WSC

Ending Balance \$10,526.93

Treasurer made a proposal – Discussed in new business

Region needs a Co-Treasurer to train as Treasurer.

Come November, there will be no regional Treasurer.

Facilitator Petition for Redress of a personal grievance.

To: TBRNA:

From: George Hollahan

Re: Petition for redress of a personal grievance

In the spring of 2013 I was elected as the new RDA and I looked forward to building relationship with Gary, the RD, learning about the region and the RSCmembers. Unfortunately, Gary suffered a serious health crisis during the latter part of his term forcing him to resign. I was elected to fill his term although a new RDA wasn't elected until 2014. During the remainder of this term I attended several workshops, a CAR workshop, the WSC and a zonal forum. I believe I indicated my difficulty with written reports, the RDA appeared willing to submit written reports and materials, which she did, in addition to my verbal reports. At no time during my term did any member of the RSC indicate to me that they expected and or wanted written reports from me. I believe that when a service body elects a trusted servant it becomes a commitment between them based on mutual respect and honest communication. In that regard it is the responsibility of the RSC body to make clear their expectations and to give their trusted servants the opportunity to meet those expectations. If members of the RSC were dissatisfied with my performance it should have been made known to me well before the General Assembly. After leaving the General Assembly I felt that members were left with the insinuation that I had not fulfilled my duties. Additionally, the nomination and election process as outlined in the regional

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policy does not address the situation in which both myself and Heidi were elected. That is, we were both elected to fulfill vacancies and not elected in the odd years as stated by regional policy. Since I did not consider my term a full duly elected term I believed that I could stand for nomination for a full term. Additionally I thought the election was conducted in a clumsy and confusing manner furthering the notion that not only was I not a nominee but that I had not fulfilled my duties based on misleading information expressed during the Q&A before the second balloting. In 30 plus years of NA service I have served in many positions and always left those positions feeling & believing that I had fulfilled the obligations entrusted to me. I don't feel good or satisfied with how my position with the region ended. I am asking the RSC to address my grievances in the following 2 areas of the regional policy:

1. Vacancies

There are only 2 brief and vague mentions of vacancies. One is under Elections, the last paragraph states that vacant or unfilled positions can be filled on the floor of the RSC. And the second instance is in the RD & RDA section which states that either position, if vacated, can be filled by the RCMs at a regular RSC. There are no eligibility parameters for someone who has stepped in to a vacated position should they wish to stand for that position during a formal election process. And the election of a new RD rather arbitrarily states that only the RDA can be nominated and voted on for that position. It only becomes open should the candidate not receive a unanimous vote. Which brings us to the General Assembly.

2. General Assembly:

There are 2 items listed as cause for the assembly: issue discussion and RD & RDA elections. There are no parameters about how the meeting is to be conducted, who will conduct the meeting, who qualifies to vote, what constitutes a majority of voting members or recording of the voting. In fact the General Assembly has no guidelines whatsoever leaving it open to personal interpretation, confusion and possible discord.

Respectfully,

George Hollahan

RD/RDA

Southern Zonal Forum July 24-26 Lexington, KY

I have the flyer if anyone is interested.

Texas Unified Services Project – More in new business

H&I

No Area H&I chairs attended today. I need RCMs to let their Areas know that when the Area H&I chairs accept their position, they make a commitment to come to Region. If they can't come, they need to let me know AND email me a report. My health is poor and I'm having killer side effects from these tuberculosis meds but I'm here so why aren't they? I can't do my job unless they do theirs.

ILS,

Michelle H.

TBRNA H&I Chair

IT

Information Technology

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Thank you to the body for allowing me to have this position. I would like to apologize for not being present. My daughter is having a baby and I am flying to Augusta for the birth. Please

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pray that this surgery works out successful. Without my Na people, I would not be able to go. My assignment this month was to read the TOS for the Google Apps membership. I did find some of the information that we talked about. The terms of service are located at <http://www.google.com/intl/en/policies/terms/>. I did find this: Our automated systems analyze your content (including emails) to provide you personally relevant product features, such as customized search results, tailored advertising, and spam and malware detection. This analysis occurs as the content is sent, received, and when it is stored. The TOS refers us to the privacy policy for further information. The privacy policy talks about how they respect the privacy you desire. They do say: We may combine personal information from one service with information, including personal information, from other Google services– for example to make it easier to share things with people you know. We will not combine DoubleClick cookie information with personally identifiable information unless we have your opt-in consent. Another words you can turn off the ability to have your ads modified or not allow them to share your information. Google offers these tools to let you set your preferences. These are not just your normal privacy preferences but also the identifying markers used for ads and such. Use these links to adjust your settings.

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Visit your Google Account History for settings that allow you to control the collection of personal information from Google services, such as Search, YouTube and Location History.

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Review and control certain types of information tied to your Google Account by using Google Dashboard.

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View and edit your preferences about the Google ads shown to you on Google and across the web, such as which categories might interest you, using Ads Settings. You can also opt out of certain Google advertising services here.

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Adjust how the Profile associated with your Google Account appears to others.

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Control who you share information with through your Google Account.

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Take information associated with your Google Account out of many of our services.

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Choose whether your Profile name and Profile photo appear in shared endorsements that appear in ads. Different people have different choices on how they want to control their information. Still there is nothing in what I have read that shows they share anything more than what you want them to share. I suggest that the RSC take the tools, explore the adjustments on their own computers, and see if they feel safer to use Gmail and other applications owned by google.

ILS,

Katt

TBRCNA 16

Up and running. Website will be open for pre-registration soon. Looking at booking some pretty big names. Willie Nelson, Fabulous T-Birds.

CAC

Contract has been signed for TBRCNA 17

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Location – South Shore Harbor Resort, Clear Lake,
TX Feb 10-12 2017
Policy Facilitator

All policy changes have been made and are available. Let me know if you need a current copy of Regional Policy with changes. RSC needs to determine a percentage for CBDM.

Houston Area
Dealing with HASO - HASCONA report attached

Esperanza Area
EACNA II Jan 2016 San Antonio

Hill Country Area
ROAR

New Business
Texas Unified Services Project
One website/phone number to direct people in Texas where to find NA. Originated from TDC parolees TUSP has a working board, they are asking for: Support in principle Possible \$00 from each region They need trusted servants.
Report attached.

Regional Treasurer made a proposal regarding the surplus of cash on hand. His proposal suggests that TBRNA could purchase literature and distribute it to areas. Proposal was not well received. Another proposal arose from the discussion suggesting that TBRNA pay for our RD to attend WSC. Regional Treasurer's Proposal is included:

A Proposal for Consideration
Background information:

1. The Region policy requires that the Region shall send 20% of the operating capital, which is above and beyond the prudent reserves, to NAWS as a 7th Tradition Donation every quarter.

a. Serving as the Region Treasurer I do exactly this. I am glad to be allowed to be of service. It is a privilege and an honor. I try to serve as you would have me do.

The motion I want you to consider:

2. Rather than send the quarterly 7th Tradition donation to NAWS we can use that money to purchase literature from NAWS.

a. NAWS waives shipping and handling costs on orders \$500, and larger.

3. The Region Treasurer shall place the order, send the check, and receive the literature. The Treasurer shall bring the literature to the next RSC.

a. The literature will be evenly divided between each Area of the Region. The RCM's will be responsible for taking the literature back to their respective Area. We CANNOT take any such action today. If this is tried one time as a test then the Region will need the tacit approval from

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the Areas for us to not follow Region Policy. The RCM's must have time to take the matter back to the Areas. At the next RSC, in August, this item will appear under old business on the agenda. The Area's group consciences will be shared, and a Region group conscience will emerge.

Proposal from CTANA (Heidi M.):

To add the below sentence at the end of the 3rd paragraph under the heading Elections:

"Their term of office shall be for the remainder of the predecessor's term and conclude at the beginning of the next term."

And to add the following at the end of the paragraph regarding the RD Alternate:

"EXCEPTION: If the RDA was elected to fill an unexpected vacancy, BOTH RD positions will be open for nominations or volunteers at the next scheduled election."

Old Business

Banner proposals passed. TBRCNA 16 does not have prices for reprinting old banners yet. They are waiting on finished artwork, so they can get a price for all the banners at one time.

TSC support. This proposal was sent back to areas again. Three of the RCMs said they had no answer from their area. A little confused as this issue has been sent back to areas twice now. Shouldn't be a problem to get passed at next RSC. This report is from my notes. I will probably have more information when RSC minutes are published.

Scott C.

H & I Report-(Open)

PR Report-(Open)

Literature Review Report- (Open)

Activities Report-(Stacy Jo.)

Fellowship by the lake was a success and we had a great turn out. Thank you to everyone who showed up and was of service. We raised \$767.57 in t-shirt sales, meetings and donations.

- T-shirts sold – (24) \$485.00 We have 29 shirts left.
- Meetings - \$110.25
- Donation – 172.32

Area gave me a check for \$300 and I spent a total of \$283.48. Cash owed is \$16.52

- Banner - \$50.00
- Firewood - \$80.00
- Special Edition NA Text – 36.00
- Sam's - \$27.08
- Joe V's – 30.59

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- Walmart - \$59.81

We had 172 people accounted for in the sign-in book that was located at the welcome table. I'm sure there were others that did not sign in. Every time I looked up, there were people and families everywhere. I really enjoyed myself and I'm grateful for having the ability to share in this experience with fellow NA members.

We need to keep in mind that paying for the campsites in advance was very convenient. We will be able to pay for them 9 months in advance. There needs to be a discussion of the funds and a date for next year. Being proactive helps in the organizing of the event.

As of now we do not have any other events planned. The Houston Area Activities Chair request that I share an event with everyone in North Area. There is a Unity day hosted by HASCONA on June 14th at 9am -4pm. There will be a live broadcast of the world convention in Brazil. They will be serving hamburgers/hotdogs and drinks for suggested donation of \$5. A life size foosball table and additional filed day games for activities. For more information call Tom H. 901-305-3708. The address is listed below.

Cullen Park
190008 Saums Road
Houston, TX 77084

Thank you again to everyone for their support and I'm excited to be a part of Area Activities.

In Selfless Service

Stacy Jo

Web Servant Report-(Bob T.)

- The website is doing great.

Ad- Hoc Reports-(None)

Vice Chair Report-(Randy)

BREAK

7th Tradition Basket passed- Collected \$19. Better Late than Never donated it to the ASC.

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Group GSR Reports

BAMN-

Bonnie's House-

- No area donation
- Phone is working again.

Better Late Than Never-

- \$100 area donation, plus \$19 basket donation.
- No upcoming functions.

Tomball New Attitudes-

- No area donation.
- No upcoming events.

Hope without Dope- (Absent)

New Hope-

- No report

Happy, Joyous and Free-

- \$71 area donation.
- No upcoming events

Serenity Happens-(Absent)

It's About Time-

- No area donation.
- Change of location in July or August, losing their space.
- Northside Christian Church is a potential location.

Serious Undertakings-

- \$100 area donation.
- No upcoming events

Walking the Walk-

- \$41.64 area donation
- Attendance growing.

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Sharing-

- Scott- what area thinks about Texas Unified Service (a group of individuals committed to centralizing information for meetings and events within Texas). For more details, please review RCM report. This program is in its infancy. Basically, looking to see what groups feel about offering this type of service. Please discuss this with your group and bring it back to next.
- Discussion of Southern Zonal Forum—can Google more information on this group.

Unfinished Business-

- Tabled-Form an Ad-Hoc to make amendments to make policy changes.

Old Business-

- Passed Proposal- Stacy Jo needs \$300 for FBTL.
- Passed Proposal- Pay Lynn \$60 on-site for gas to do workshop at FBTL.
- Proposal- 90% persons must agree to have consensus on all proposals.
BLTN- wanted 70% for consensus
WtW-60% for consensus
HJF-Voted no on percentage
SU-Agreed to proposal, willing to compromise
TNA-meets next week
IAT-needs to bring it back to group
- Proposal- Only GSR's will have a voice at ASC on old business.
BLTN-Entire body
WtW- Entire body
HJF- Entire body
SU-Agreed to proposal
BH- Agreed to proposal
TNA-meets next week
IAT- needs to bring it back to group
- Proposal- GSR's and Service body members have a voice in all new business. (Already in policy, only meant for clarification)

New Business-

- Passed proposal- Give Scott a check for \$120 to begin a step study for the guys in the Bird Unit.
- Next month Montgomery County Jail will need some funds for literature.

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Elections-

- Rhiannon stepped down as ASC Secretary.
- Bob S. stepped down as RCM 2.
- Rhonda- voted in as ASC secretary
- Jess-voted in as Co-Treasurer

Announcements-

- The next ASC will be held on July 12, 2015, hosted by Happy, Joyous, and Free at Better Late than Never.