

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 a relationship with

Gary, the RD, learning about the region and the RSC members. 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 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 mention 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

May 16, 2015

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 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.

- 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.
- Review and control certain types of information tied to your Google Account by using Google Dashboard.
- 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.
- Adjust how the Profile associated with your Google Account appears to others.
- Control who you share information with through your Google Account.
- Take information associated with your Google Account out of many of our services.
- 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 then 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

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 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.