

Arkansas Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes
May 1, 2021 – Hosted by ARVANA

Opening Prayer

Read Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts, 1st 2 paragraphs of Tradition 2, Definition and Purpose of Regional Service Committee.

Roll Call by Chair: Quorum Met

RCMs or their Alternates

ARVANA	Jacob G./Denise	Present
AWOL	Eric B.	Present
CENTRAL	Chad/James	Present
CRANA	Jacob E./Ashley L.	Present
FUACNA	Dan M.	Present
NWAANA	Chuck B.	Present
ORACNA	Dennis B.	Absent

Administrative Committee Trusted Servants

Chair	Pat P.	Present
Vice Chair	Joseph	Present
Regional Delegate	Dyanne S.	Present
Regional Delegate Alt	Glynn W.	Present
Secretary	Zenia F.	Absent
Secretary-in-training	VACANT	
Treasurer	Alicia A.	Present
Treasurer-in-training	VACANT	

Standing Subcommittee Chairpersons

Policy and Procedures	Marc S.	Present
Public Relations/H&I	Eric B.	Present
Convention Committee Chair	Dyanne S.	Present
Ad Hoc: Guidelines Website Social Media	Alicia A.	Present
BMLT Coordinator	Jacob G.	Present
Literature	VACANT	
Outreach	VACANT	
Phonelines	VACANT	

Secretary Report - given by Dyanne S.

Treasurer's Report - none given (in transit)

RD/RDA Report - see attached report

Reports from Southern Zonal Forum - see attached report

RCMs or Alternate reports (Alphabetically)

ARVANA (Jacob G./Denise):

Hello family my name is Jacob, I'm an addict. Everything in ARVANA is going well. We are back to doing H&I. Mena might rejoin our Area. They meet Mon, Tues, Thurs at 7p at 108 Men St. ARVANA will start making a donation to NAWS directly. Our events are May ___ Russellville Fish Fry 12p-6p at 4060 N. Arkansas Hwy 7 Russellville. May 14th - 16th Freakout by Grateful Heads at Lake Tenkiller. May 22nd Easy Does It 6th Anniversary Speaker Jam 12p - 6pm at 4060 N Arkansas Russellville. May 29th SFG Unity Day Mulberry Dr. Aug 14th New Start Family Fun Day. We have a \$100 donation for Region. In loving service, Jacob G.

AWOL (Eric B.):

We currently have 8 weekly meetings with 2 additions on Thursday at 6pm and Saturday at 8pm. We have some H&I going on and we currently have a women's meeting going into the Rise Recovery Center in Harrison. Our annual

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Freedom Float was on the 16th - 18th on the Buffalo River and was well attended by many home groups.

CENTRAL (Chad/James):

Hello family from central Arkansas, we are continuing to get back into the swing of things for in person meetings and hybrid/zoom meetings. We are excited about the upcoming regional convention and have a check to donate at this moment and will have more donations to come either by check, cash or donations to the regional website. We are continuing to look for volunteers to assist with the hospitality room.

Thank you for letting me be of service.....Chad S

CRANA (Jacob E./Ashley L.):

CRANA is doing well. We are currently hosting 29 in person meetings per week. Meeting attendance is continuing to climb in all groups. No news on H&I except the NEARRC is now letting people come in and speak as long as they have a COVID vaccination. Upcoming events include Recovery on the Ridge on Mother's Day weekend, Primary Purpose 5 year celebration on June 16th, and Freedom Fest July 17th at Wakott.

In loving service, Jacob E.

FUACNA (Dan M.):

Dear Family,

FUACNA is beginning to get back into the swing of things. As for the Searcy meetings, Recovery Connection is having nightly, in person, meetings at 7:30. Ties that Bind meets Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 6PM both in person and via Zoom. Mucho Recovery is meeting live in the old IOP meeting room on the Mills Center campus on Sunday and Wednesday at 5:30pm. Recovery Warriors in Mountain View meets at The Meeting Place on Sunday at 5PM and Wednesday at 5:30 PM and at the Mountain View City Park on Tuesday at 5:30PM. Point of Freedom in Batesville is meeting at 175 N Central Sunday, Thursday and Saturday at 5pm and Tuesday at 7Pm. Point of Freedom will be hosting the 2nd annual Riverside Recovery Event at 1694-1696 Chaney Dr in Batesville on May 15 from 10AM-5PM, Food, Fun, and Fellowship including Horseshoes, Sack Races, Bouncy Houses and a Fishing Derby call Rich @ 870-834-1437 for more info. Foothills Area will be hosting Serenity on the Lake Campout XXV at Old Highway 25 Campground in Tumbling Shoals on May 28-31. Registration is \$30 and includes camping, Saturday and Sunday Feasts, and numerous speakers and workshops. We are happy to report that our H and I panel is able to bring meetings to Arisa Recovery at Mills via Zoom now. Thanks for letting us be a part of the Arkansas Region!

ILS, Dan M.

NWAANA (Alicia A.):

Our RCM was not able to be here today. Beaver Round Up is the last weekend of June and we are also hosting a fundraiser ice cream social for the convention on May 22nd in Rogers at Peaceful Dozen from 11am - 5pm.

ORACNA (Dennis B.): absent - no report submitted

Read Overview of Consensus section, Voting section, and Consensus Procedure section

Old Business

- Feedback from the Policy & Procedures discussion points
- Motion #1: change the mail forward to the treasurer instead of the secretary

PASSED

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Arkansas Regional Service Committee of NA
Motion Form

2/6/2021 020621-1 Author: Zenia F
Main Motion: Y/N # _____ Secoded By: Alisha
Primary Amendment: Y/N
Secondary Amendment: Y/N
Substitute Motion for Motion: # _____
Motion: Change Policy and Procedures to have all mail sent to the
treasure instead of the secretary, Change Policy and Procedures Manual, Page(21) under
Secretary-Administrative Committee, A. Duties, 6 & 7: responsible to handle all incoming
correspondence to the ARSCNA and responsible to handle all outgoing correspondence from
the ARSCNA as directed. Move these to Page(22) under Treasurer - Administrative Committee, Duties
Update Guidelines page(3) that state the UPS store will send mail to Secretary to(Treasurer.)
Intent: To ensure that the financial obligation on the RSC is addressed
the way we are doing it now is inefficient. The only time sensitive mail that ARSCNA currently
receives has been to the treasurer.

Nominations of Trusted Servants

Chair - Joseph C.
Treasurer - Alicia A.
Policy and Procedures - Marc S.
BMLT Coordinator - Jacob

Vice Chair - **NONE**
Secretary - **NONE**
Secretary-in-training - **NONE**
Treasurer-in-training - **NONE**
HIPR - **NONE**
Literature Review - **NONE**
Phoneline - **NONE**
Outreach - **NONE**

Subcommittees

Policy and Procedures (Marc S.): see attached report
Public Relations/H&I (Eric B.): no report given
Convention Committee Chair (Dyanne S.): see attached report
BMLT Coordinator (Jacob G.): no report given
Ad Hoc: Guidelines Website Social Media (Alicia A.): no report given
Ad Hoc: Strategic Planning (Marc S.): see attached report

Administrative Committee Report

Treasurer findings - policy and guidelines says we should be doing a 2 year budget because there are expenses that come out every 2 years even though it can be adjusted annually. Currently we have only been doing accrual with the RDA travel to WSC, but our policy and guidelines states that we should "setup and maintain an accrual account for any expenses that would be needed less often than every RSC". That would include RDA travel to WSC (paid out in May on even years), website (paid annually in February), and UPS box (paid annually in February) since they are all expenses that are paid out in one lump sum on a specific month every year. Accrual

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allows us to save a little bit each quarter to make sure that the money is available when the larger expenses are due. **After readjusting all the numbers for accruals and prudent, we will end up today with a working balance of -\$2984.17. (see updated budget below)**

Question: can we look at ways to collect donations directly or have addicts who want to donate directly and possibly make it recurring? Alicia will look into that and bring more info for that next RSC.

2021 Budget RSC

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		Budget 2021	Nov 2020 Actual Spent	Feb 2021 Actual Spent	May 2021 Actual Spent	Aug 2021 Actual Spent	TOTAL SPENT
2	Secretary	\$100.00					\$0.00
3	RD	\$500.00					\$0.00
4	Rent	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$300.00
5	S2F	\$2,500.00					\$0.00
6	HIPR	\$2,000.00					\$0.00
7	Phoneline (\$331.25)	\$2,250.00	\$348.57	\$360.00	\$330.00		\$1,038.67
8	MCI (\$232)		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00		\$600.00
9	Policy and Procedure	\$100.00		\$10.12			\$10.12
10	Treasurer	\$25.00		\$24.95			\$24.95
11	Mail Forwarding	\$356.00	\$13.76	\$28.33	\$11.84		\$53.93
12	Outreach	\$544.00					\$0.00
13	Literature	\$250.00					\$0.00
14	TOTALS	\$9,125.00	\$662.43	\$723.40	\$641.84	\$0.00	\$2,027.67
15	Prudent Reserve	\$2,281.25					
17	ANNUAL ACCRUALS						
19		Budget 2021 Totals	Nov 2020 Spent/ Added	Feb 2021 Spent/ Added	May 2021 Spent/ Added	Aug 2021 Spent/ Added	TOTAL BALANCES
20	RD Alt WSC Travel (dispersed May even years - budgeted annually) - \$375 quarterly	\$1,500.00	\$855.00	\$285.00	\$735.00		\$1,875.00
21	Website (Paid Feb RSC) - \$48.75 quarterly	\$195.00	\$194.95	-\$194.95	\$48.75		\$48.75
22	UPS Box rental (Paid Feb RSC) - \$36.00 quarterly	\$144.00	\$144.00	-\$144.00	\$36.00		\$36.00
23	TOTALS	\$1,839.00	\$1,193.95	-\$53.95	\$819.75	\$0.00	\$1,959.75
24	Quarterly Accrual	\$459.75					
27	RDA Travel Funds	Actual	Need to be	Difference			
28	May 2020	\$285.00	\$375.00	-\$90.00			
29	Aug 2020	\$285.00	\$375.00	-\$90.00			
30	Nov 2020	\$285.00	\$375.00	-\$90.00			
31	Feb 2021	\$285.00	\$375.00	-\$90.00			
32	TOTAL	\$1,140.00	\$1,500.00	-\$360.00			

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New Business - none

Announcements/Review of business to be taken back for group conscience:

- Feedback for Policy and Procedures items #10 - #17
- Survey still open to receive feedback - see link in attachment and on arscna.org
- Vote on Nominations
- Need nominations for Vice Chair, Secretary, Secretary-in-training, Treasurer-in-training, HIPR, Literature Review, Phonenumber, Outreach (must be present to be nominated)
- 2023 Regional Convention bids due by November 2021 RSC

Plans for next meeting - Saturday, August 7, 2021 at A.W.O.L. group in Harrison Arkansas, 9am Strategic Planning Workgroup, 10am Service Committee Meeting

Open Sharing

- Question about NA vendors posting merchandise for sale in NA homegroup FB groups and whether this should be allowed or how to handle it. There was a consensus that NA groups who allow one vendor to post then opens the door for others to do the same thing and that distracts from our primary purpose.
- The previous question led to a discussion about whether flyers for events should include vendor names if they are going to be set up at the event. There were differing opinions on whether this violated traditions or not; some felt that it was purely information and others felt it was endorsement and at most only the info that a vendor would be available should be included without the business name.
- Comment: We have to be careful about implied endorsement, but we can all agree that we should only let licensed NA vendors and not have any unlicensed vendors.
- Discussion: In the last 8-10 years service has been declining in our region. Maybe this is because the Areas are stronger and don't need as much support from the Region.

Region Delegate Report
5/1/21

Since the last ARSCNA, Conference Participants have met via Zoom webinar twice – 2/13/21 and 4/17/21.

We received sad news in February that Our World Board chair, Tali, passed away on Sunday, the day after she chaired the February 13 CP meeting.

“It is a mark of her spirit and dedication that she served this Fellowship until the very end. Tali had a gentle strength and a compassionate heart, and she was deeply loved by many around the world. She was small in stature, but she cast a long shadow. We are grateful for the time we had with her. Thank you to those of you who have reached out with condolences.”

At the February CP meeting, we broke off into small groups to discuss best practices for virtual NA meetings. You can find information about best practices for virtual NA meetings at www.na.org/toolbox. There is still much discussion on whether virtual meetings should be recognized as NA groups. *The Group Booklet* lists six points that identify an NA group. Do you believe virtual meetings meet the 6 criteria to be NA groups? You can email your input directly to NAWs or email it to me and I will include it in my RD report at the next CP webinar. You can complete the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/virtualNA>

How do we normalize contributing, in the way that tipping at the counter of a coffee shop in some places has become normalized when once it was not? Many of us are uncomfortable talking about money and contributions. Normalizing contributions is difficult when it often feels like a taboo or uncomfortable subject.

Our Seventh Tradition essay in the Basic Text says “We all have to pull together, and in pulling together we learn that we really are part of something greater than ourselves.” How do we reach out to members and begin to change the culture of giving in NA as a whole? The existing communication stream doesn’t always flow effectively. Most members get their messages from what they hear shared in meetings or from social media. Conference participants have been discussing what strategies can we employ to help members understand the need to support our services through contributions.

COVID has complicated both the NAWs financial situation and the logistics of planning the 2022 World Service Conference. The current legal requirements for social distancing would require doubling the number of delegate rooms and radically rethinking the space of the venue. We are communicating with the hotel to see what they suggest. There is no way to know for sure how the world will change by the Conference dates, and we will have to make a contractual decision long before then.

Revisions to the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* are posted to www.na.org/fipt for Fellowship review until the end of May. The 2020 World Service Conference passed a motion to begin the process of revision so that zonal delegates can be added to the *FIPT* as decision makers, in line with Conference decisions to make zonal delegates full Conference participants.

If the Fellowship approves the revisions to the *FIPT*, the Operational Rules will have to be changed to

reflect the changes in the *FIPT* instrument. The process to change the Operational Rules simply requires the agreement of the Conference. Another change to the Operational Rules that we will be suggesting is to make the decision-making thresholds match that of all Conference decisions aside from elections—which is two-thirds. We will report on the input and talk through any proposed changes to the Operational Rules with Conference participants after the review period.

We've heard from a number of members that anti-World Services and anti-*FIPT* social media campaigns have been stepped up in some corners. Bulletins #34 and #35, posted on www.na.org/fipt, spell out some of the history and the reasons why the *FIPT* exists, as well as World Services' role in preserving the integrity of NA literature. These bulletins may be a great resource for members with questions in your regions. There is posted video at www.na.org/fipt that explains what the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust is and why it's important.

Don't forget that you can download memes and resources from the new media page at www.na.org/media. It's easy to overwhelm people with information. Choosing one item a month or every couple of weeks or distribute can help keep people interested but not overwhelmed.

As for the World Convention, NAWS is working on rescheduling WCNA 38 in Melbourne for 2022 but hope to have more information soon. Contracts have not yet finalized, but it looks as though we will have the convention in Melbourne in November 2022. WCNA will take place in Washington, DC August 29 through 1 September, 2024

Sponsorship Day is December 1, 2021. This falls on World AIDS day and members are requesting Sponsorship Day be moved this year. You can email any feedback to wb@na.org.

The last set of spiritual principles have been posted for thoughts and writing at www.na.org/spad, where you'll also find the second-to-last batch of entries for review.

WE ALL ARE PR – June 6-12, 2021.

Southern Zonal Forum:

Winter SZF there was much discussion on the possibility of forming a US Zonal body.

The Vision/purpose Zonal work-group is ongoing. Ongoing discussion includes:

Do we need a name for the body?

Do we want a website for the US zonal body? This would be used as a central place for contact the body and then funnel info where it needs to go.

Do we want the US zone's to develop Issue Discussion Topics on Fellowship Development and some environmental scanning tools?

The Virtual work-group of zones came out of WSC. And a spin off of that was a meeting(s) of just US zones. Surveys went out and many members suggested website and PR/FD. Anyone can attend as an observer. There has been some discussion leaning towards a national website as well as a national meeting finder and a national phone-line/BMLT.

The US zonal work-group now meets quarterly. At every work-group/meeting – concern is always about transparency and communication.

The SZF Fellowship Development work-group has had some service opportunities. We participated in

the “International Women’s Event (French) Discussion”.

BMLT Service Based Project – Lee P. (Fellowship Development coordinator) is asking for help and guidance on a idea to start working through our BMLT and identifying areas, demographics where NA isn’t. After identifying the locations where we are not, the target would be licensed Treatment Center’s in and around those areas. Communications with the nearest PR Team in the corresponding area would of course be a priority. In the event that it (PR Team) doesn’t exist we would use our PR/FD Team to communicate. Please email Lee at leejster@gmail.com if you would like to participate with the SZF Fellowship Development.

FD work-group (Shane) - There has been a lot of collaboration with other zones, regions, and areas. We’re learning from and helping one another. We can use the BMLT database on a map to reach places where there are no meetings. We’ve been in conversation with Jane (PR at NAWS) and we are creating PR videos for professional use. We’ve made 4 short videos, 15 planned. None are longer than 3 minutes. Shane is doing the voice-overs and wants others to help out with this.

SZF - PR

The following regions have no PR Chairs, Show Me, Red River, Tejas Bluebonnet, and MS. Charmaine attended NAWS webinar in Dec. and reports there is much coordination H&I committees and PR since virtual meetings have been more used. Many PR committees are finding it easier to meet with public officials schedules virtually. And many countries are communicating with top government officials departments of health.

The Volunteer and Bluegrass Appalachian Regions have umbrella subcommittees that meet together and work as teams in project related processes.

The Volunteer Region has been invited to put on a PR presentation on at their State House.

Charmaine has a PR Zoom meeting for region PR point of contact to attend. She is available to support Region PR in whatever way requested as many regions had elections upcoming.

Charmaine is requesting that Regions have their PR point persons to reach out to her for a date they may be more inclined to attend for her next SZF PR Zoom.

TAKE BACK TO REGION for discussion:

- 1) do we want a zonal delegate alternate?
- 2) what name do we want US zonal body to be called?
- 3) do we want them to have a website?
- 4) Also do we want a Fellowship Development IDT so we would all be on the same page about Fellowship Development in the US?

There is no financial impact information on a website at this time.

SZF Facilitator

Bluegrass Region nominated Lindsey P. as SZF facilitator. Lindsey read her resume with her qualifications for the position.

SZF Delegate

Lone Star nominated Staci H as Zonal Delegate.

Kentuckiana nominated Mikey P as Zonal Delegate (discussion on whether Mikey can be RD and ZD at the same time – nothing in guidelines)

Mikey read his resume and gave his qualification.

Staci read her resume and gave her qualifications

(ALL resumes are included in SZF minutes)

SZF will vote on all positions in July.

SZF Guidelines task group was developed to update SZF guidelines.

This consists of Jim B., Caitlin F., Sharon S., Jennette F., Staci H., Lee P., Jackie, Linsey P. and Lucy O. Jim B. will be the point person for guideline revision committee.

SZF financial report:

\$6548.14 – balance is below Prudent Reserve.

In Loving Service

Dyanne S.

Arkansas RD

Statement of Financial Position
Consolidated
February 28, 2021
Assets

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Checking Accounts and Money Market	\$ 728,642
Reserve Accounts	1,014,190
Total Accessible Cash for Operations	\$ 1,742,831

Total Cash
53.9 Operating days

Cash in Iran	\$ 178,046
Reserve Accounts - EIDL & PPP	1,343,890

Add'l days with Loans
41.5 Operating days
95.4 Total oper day w/o Iran

Cash Total **\$ 3,264,767**

Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	\$ 549,979
Convention & Conference Clearing Accounts	0
Less Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(110,762)

Receivable Total **\$ 439,217**

Inventory	\$ 1,928,083
Prepaid Expenses and Sales Deposits	82,103
WCNA Deposits and Prepaid Expenses	50,463

Total Current Assets **\$ 5,764,633**

EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND IMPROVEMENTS

Equipment and Furniture	\$ 1,211,648
Leasehold Improvements	1,165,852
Intellectual and Software Property	3,334,121
Less Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	(4,864,646)

Total Equipment, Furniture and Improvements **\$ 846,975**

4,110,181

TOTAL ASSETS **\$6,611,608**

12.96 Current Ratio

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 100,930
Accrued Payroll Expense	216,110

Total Current Liabilities **\$317,041**

LONG TERM LIABILITIES*

Economic Injury Disaster Loan	\$ 150,000
Paycheck Protection Program	1,193,890

Total Long Term Liabilities **\$1,343,890**

DEFERRED INCOME

Conventions	\$ -
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Total Deferred Income **0**

NET ASSETS

Previous Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 4,998,738
Current Gain / (Loss) Unrestricted Net Assets	(48,060)

Total Net Assets **\$4,950,678**

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS **\$6,611,608**

*Some portion of these amounts will move to Current Liabilities prior to yearend.

April 16, 2021

To: Autonomy Zonal Forum
 Midwest Zonal Forum
 Northeast Zonal Forum
 Plains States Zonal Forum
 Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum
 Southeast Zonal Forum
 Southern Zonal Forum
 Western States Zonal Forum

From: The Collaboration of US Zones

Attached please find a **Vision and Purpose Statement** for the unified services that could be provided by a collaboration of the Zonal Forums of Narcotics Anonymous in the US. **We are asking US Zonal Forums to review these documents and asking Regional Delegates to share them with Regions and members of the fellowship.**

This endeavor is not to form or replace any existing service body but **to become a central hub to collect service requests and act as a portal** to communicate with the associated local community. Through this collaboration we hope to help support local NA communities. This support can be through training, mentoring, and working together, or, in coordination with local service bodies, fulfilling the service request.

The Purpose Statement indicates how a project-based, informal process could better gather information and respond to requests in a timely manner. **We hope this effort will allow us to harness underutilized resources** in a way that serves the fellowship and, ultimately, NA Groups' primary purpose of carrying the message to the addicts who still suffer.

If your Zone would like this informal collaboration to serve on a national level and agree with the Vision and Purpose Statements, **please direct your US Zonal Representatives to indicate the conscience of your zone at the next session of the Collaboration of US Zones on July 11, 2021**

These statements emerged after several months of discussion. The Zonal Forums within the US have been considering ways our fellowship could benefit from collaboration. Representatives from every Zonal Forum in the US participated at some point in the process for developing these statements. Many ideas have been considered and many members have found themselves excited about the possibilities. However, as with any Fellowship collaboration, we need our members. The **Vision and Purpose Statement** is the first step.

Thanks for your consideration!

In loving service,

The Collaboration of US Zones

Attachments

Collaboration of US Zones – Vision Statement

Through the collaborative efforts of the US Zones of NA, we are inspired in unity to coordinate services of which this collective is uniquely qualified. This collaboration seeks to provide a source of experience and inspiration to share with NA communities, as requested by the US Zones. This assistance will help communities grow critical services to fulfill our primary purpose that no addict seeking recovery from addiction need ever die.

To accomplish this, a collaboration of US Zones will strive to:

- Raise awareness of the zones in the US as positive, reliable, and valuable assets in achieving our primary purpose.
- Provide a national resource that brings consistency and accessibility to communications within the fellowship and with the public in the US.
- Provide internal services and training to US Zones and local NA communities in public relations, fellowship development, technology, and communications.
- Be strategic in its planning and offer project-based resources when requested.
- Energize and stimulate the growth of NA in the United States by enhancing cooperation, coordination, and information sharing.

A collaboration of US Zones will be directly accountable to the zones of the US. It will include the US Zones in its discussions and projects with both regular reporting and active listening. It will strive to be responsive to requests for help from any service body, and closely coordinate and collaborate with the US Zones. We will always remember who we serve and why.

Collaboration of US Zones – Purpose Statement

Zonal Statement

A collaboration of US Zones will strive to improve awareness of our zones as assets to our local service bodies. Identification and utilization of the untapped resources in our zones will come as we share knowledge and our service experience.

Communications Statement

A collaboration of US Zones will strive to act as a national communications hub to enable simple and accessible communications within NA and with the public. This will enable addicts and the public to connect to the recovery, service, and information source in their local community. Whenever people reach out to NA in the US, this collaboration will strive to connect them to an addict, service body, or NA information source.

Technology Statement

A collaboration of US Zones will strive to improve our service efforts through technology. The goal is to enable NA members to work together to leverage technology in creating systems and processes to enhance our ability to reach the addict that still suffers.

PR Statement

A collaboration of US Zones will strive to improve our PR efforts by galvanizing the unity of NA's message within the US. By supporting efforts to nationally interface with the public, we can have a national presence that will validate NA as a resource.

A national PR effort will strive to: (1) address the issues that only a US body can accomplish (2) provide a centralized point of contact, i.e., a website/phoneline to enable the public to better seek us out, (3) assist our fellowship in providing national PSA's (4) Communicate and coordinate information and attendance at national conferences.

Fellowship Development/Outreach Statement

A collaboration of US Zones will strive to improve our Fellowship Development/Outreach efforts by growing NA's presence in isolated communities. We will strive to offer project-based services and mentorship. We will strive to map where NA is not so we can identify where NA services are most needed across the US. All Fellowship Development/Outreach activities will be in collaboration with the local zone.

Accountability Statement

A collaboration of US Zones will be directly accountable to the zones of the US. It will include the US Zones in its discussions and projects with both regular reporting and active listening. It will strive to be responsive to requests for help from any service body, and closely coordinate and collaborate with the US Zones. We will always remember who we serve and why.

Arkansas Region Convention Report
5/1/21

The convention planning is moving along smoothly. ARVANA has most speakers and workshops in place.

The starburst art and graphics was decided at the last meeting.

Programming is nearly complete. We have 2 workshop topics that are needed. Speakers have been chosen. I am including the agenda with this report. As well as the convention timeline.

Entertainment – is below budget and requesting ideas for Friday and Saturday entertainment.

Hospitality is working on details.

Host City chair is now Janet W. She is asking for volunteers to assist with host committee.

NWA area is having an ice cream social on May 22 to raise funds for convention. Eureka Springs Coffee Pot group has donated \$100 to the convention.

Registration flier is attached with this report. Please print and distribute. Call the hotel to book your room – we need 50 rooms booked to meet the block for a free suite for hospitality.

With artwork and starburst graphics approved, ORACNA will begin soliciting bids for t-shirts and coffee cups.

On-line registration for the convention will be going live soon (ARSCNA.ORG)

Please make plans to attend the next convention meeting via zoom on June 5 at 10am.

Next 2021 NA Convention Committee Meeting will be June 5th, 2021 at 10:00AM

Zoom Meeting:

ID: 850 3020 9259

Password: ARSCNA

Strategic Plan

2021 Arkansas Region of Narcotics Anonymous

Marc S. - Adhoc Chair

01/05/2021

We had 50 people answer the survey questionnaire for various levels of clean time and service involvement. The input will be useful in preparing our next steps to improve the services we provide.

The next step will be to pull the issues noticed in the survey and then we will meet to prioritize them.

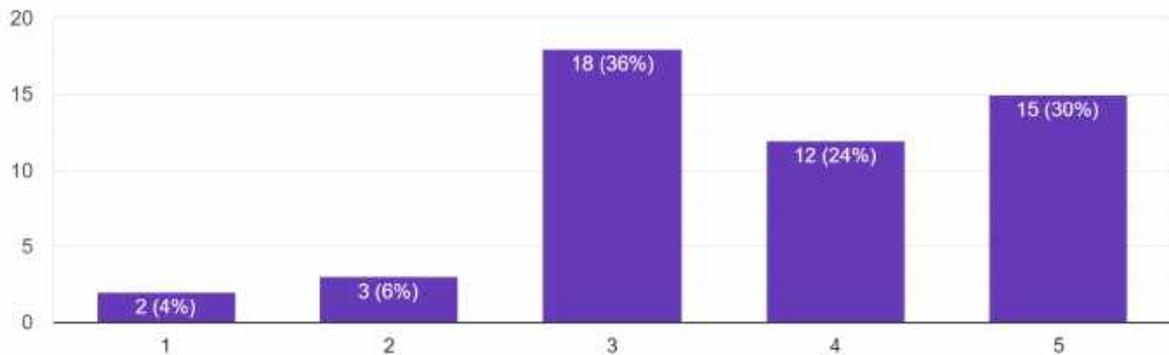
Here are some of the results so far:

We received input from members ranging from 2 months to 33 years clean time.

Almost 50% of the respondents do service first at their Home Group. The next two highest service involvements were not surprising: Area and H&I.

How well do you think the committee is meeting this purpose?

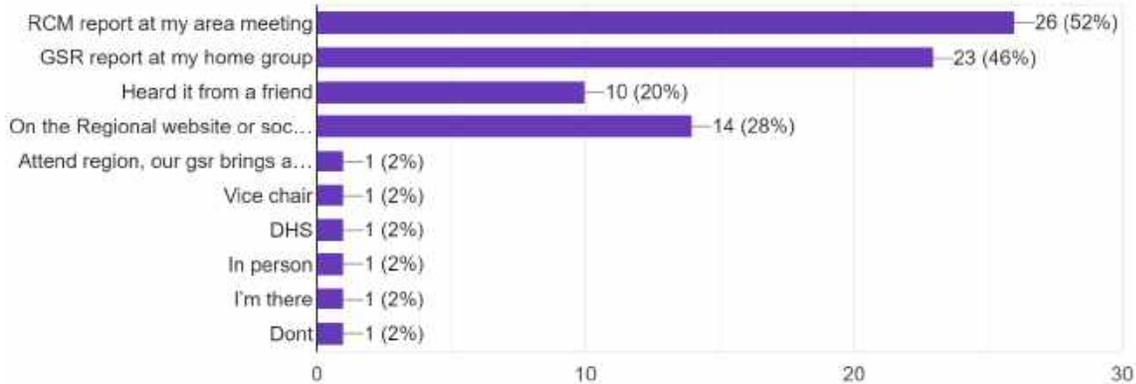
50 responses



Respondents felt that Offering experience with H&I is the most important thing Region can do to help the suffering addict. Not surprisingly, the second is PR.

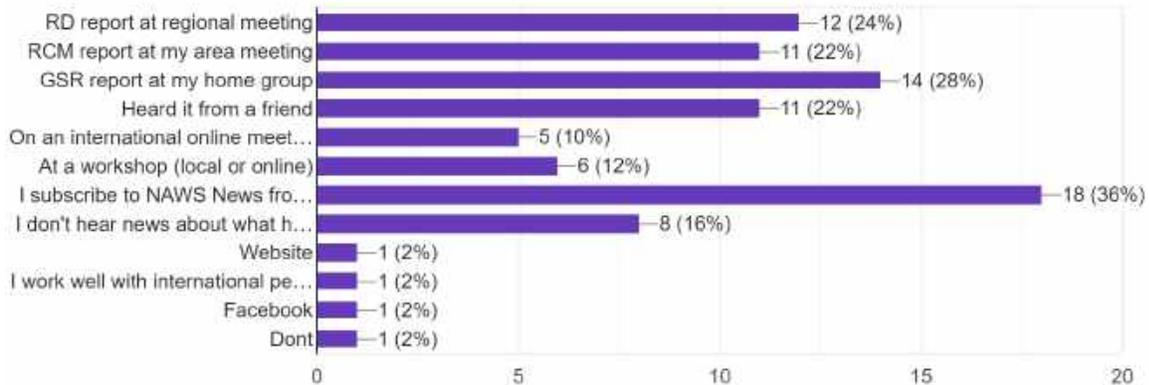
How do you get information about what happens at Region Committee meetings?

50 responses



How do you get your information about what happens in NA around the world?

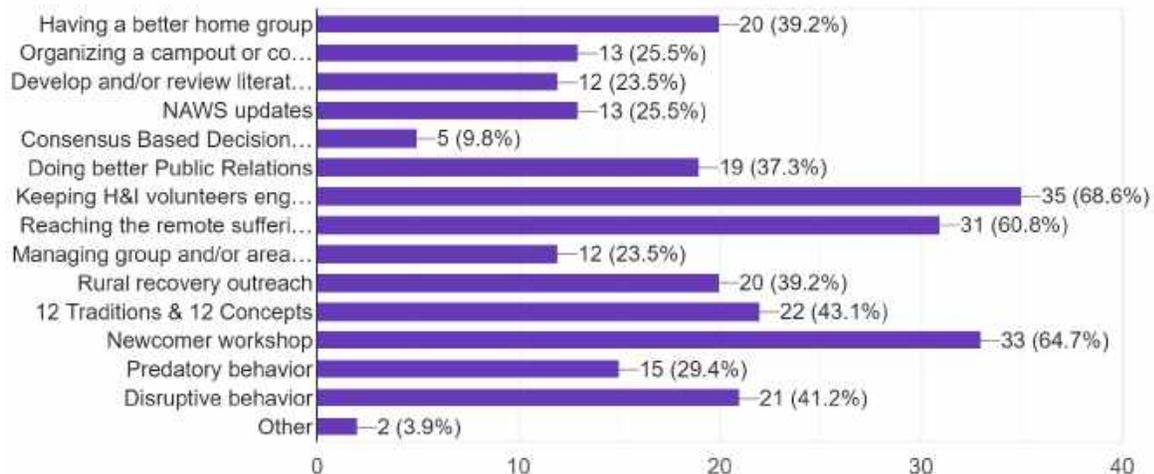
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The top first and second priority for Region by respondents is H&I with Convention and Fellowship Development tied for the next top priorities.

What workshops would you like to see Region host>

51 responses



Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey and to all of you who encouraged others to fill it out. More will be revealed in the next few months as more of the data is crunched and we move forward to the second step of the Strategic Plan which is to prioritize our goals.

Maybe in open discussion or new business we should discuss how we should best schedule our strategic planning meetings.

In the meantime, I encourage everyone to watch the little video I shared on social media about what strategic planning is and how it relates to NA Service. I think it's called the 12 Steps to Strategic Planning.

YILS,
Marc



G&P Report - Feb. 2021

Arkansas Regional Committee of Narcotics Anonymous - Feb. 6, 2021

Marc S. - Chairperson for G&P

Overview

The review of the Guidelines and Policies is complete. We still need to review the convention guidelines especially with the inconsistencies revealed in the last audit.

Some major insights or threads

1. Divisions between what is a Guideline and a Policy is not always clear. One way to determine that is to look at the codes in the index. Maybe we need to clearly separate it into sections and note it in the Guidelines that there is an associated Policy.
2. Some sections are not consistent with Consensus-Based Decision Making (CBDM). Can we just revise the wording without putting forth motions that will require Area Conscience since the spirit of the Area Conscience has already approved CBDM?
3. Currently, the G&P is required to update the G&P every quarter and bring new copies to this meeting every time a new Guideline or Policy is changed. Is this cost effective and efficient? May we propose another way of updating G&P's? Could we have an Appendix of updates that is then integrated into the full document every two years or annually? This would save on printing a whole new set every time we make changes to G&P.
4. We have some Guidelines that contradict where authority lies in our service structure. For example, our quorum statement says "Only duly elected Representatives are eligible for quorum" and that there are "No Proxy representatives". We believe this body can't tell Areas who they can send to represent their area. For example, in the absence of an RCM, an area may choose to send their Chairperson or Vice-Chair to represent them. Are we telling them they can't? There is also another section where we say that RCM's can't vote or participate until they've attended two consecutive meetings and if they've been absent for more than two meetings must attend two meetings before they can join again. This is contradictory to CBDM and maybe our Third Tradition which to us means "You're a member when you say you are." Furthermore, our 7th concept states that "All

members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes."

5. Although we've been asking new nominees for a Service Resume, this is not in our Guidelines & Policies.
6. We have another Guideline that states the "Relapse constitutes automatic and immediate removal in any office" but we do not elect RCM's here and this decision should be left to the Area's. Maybe it should read: "Relapse constitutes automatic and immediate removal of Regional Trusted Servants positions."
7. We have "Standing Committees" and Subcommittee chairs, but there are really only two "Standing Committee" and that is Convention and G&P. The other positions act more like Coordinators. Even the description of these "Standing Committee" state that their main role is to act as a resource for Areas and Loner Groups within the region. Being a coordinator or having a coordinator position doesn't prevent others from being involved like they would on a subcommittee. A good coordinator delegates many tasks to various people within the region to accomplish their mandate.
8. We should also rethink "Literature Review". In the absence of a trusted servant to do this position and the role that the RD and alt. RD play at requesting literature review might better serve us. In fact, any NA member can review Literature and give feedback to NAWS by visiting na.org "Projects and Surveys".
9. Renaming some positions to better reflect their role in our service structure and CBDM. For example, a chairperson is more of a facilitator now and Outreach acts more like Fellowship Development.
10. Some financial inconsistencies: We currently set a budget for the year and some of those expenses are higher than \$250 yet we have a Policy that states that "all" motions dealing with amounts over \$250" will be referred to Areas "except for RD and RDA travel". Since Areas already approved the budget, should this read: "All motions dealing with amounts over \$250 that are not already approved in the Budget will be referred to Areas".
11. We agreed to move to a one-day meeting for Region but much of the wording in some sections of the guidelines still refer to a two-day meeting. Since conscience has already approved a one-day meeting, do we need motions to revise these sections of the guidelines and policies or can we just update them without requiring another conscience vote?
12. Shouldn't the per diem for RD/RDA travel be based on the Guide to World Service rather than the GSA website? It's not really an endorsement of an outside enterprise but we do have a fellowship guide for per diem in the Guide to World Service.

13. We might want to reconsider rewording a section of our Voting Procedure which states: "Once an issue has been voted on, it shall not be brought up again for vote for at least 2 consecutive RSC meetings". Maybe we should add: "unless new information has come to light that has not been heard before. The Chairperson can rule if the information warrants reopening an issue. The Chairperson's decision can be challenged by a 2/3rd majority."
14. The Policy committee is tasked with reviewing all new motions at this table. Actually, it says that we are to review motions on Saturday for Sunday meeting, which is a change that needs to be made. But our question about this motion is more about which motions should be reviewed: all motions or just those that change guidelines and policies? Or is this subcommittee tasked to review all motions to see how they might affect G&P's? Currently, from our experience, this has not been our procedure.
15. We believe that no one's name should be recorded in our G&P's. For example, our policies state that we hire a certain person to do our website and that we pay them \$15. A true policy might read: The Website chairperson may hire an outside worker to maintain the website and advise the treasurer and the RSC of the costs during our budget deliberations. Furthermore, recording of payments and who is paid should be done in the Treasurer's report. No names or business names need be recorded in the G&P. This prevents us having to change the G&P if we change outside worker(s).
16. This brings us to our next point about some of the policies. In a few places we refer to addresses and people that we send funds to for Zone and/or mailings. These shouldn't be in our policies but rather we should have a "living" document that is updated by the secretary and shared with the executive committee. This document would have logins, passwords, addresses, who we mail funds to for Zonal donations, bank information, etc. This would be a password protected document and the password could be changed when Trusted Servants rotate. This serves two purposes: one, we don't need to update the policies everytime this changes, and two, we will have easier access to all pertinent information in one document.
17. We were also wondering why there are a few things missing from our G&P. These are mostly policies/procedures, best practices if you want, for some of the tasks we are asked to complete on a semi regular basis. Here is a quick list of Appendixes that we feel should be added to our Policies:
 - a. Communication Policy
 - b. Audit Policy
 - c. Archiving Policy



d. Convention Money management policy

What this all means?

You might be thinking, OMG, we are going to have a bunch of G&P motions to make all these changes, but that's not where we are at yet. We think this body might be better off if we have a discussion on these proposed changes and answers to some of our questions. We would like to know if this is your conscience; is this what you'd like to see reflected in our G&P's? Do you like some of the proposals but have suggestions for some of the other ones? Before we prepare a bunch of motions or a new document for approval, we might as well survey/straw poll the room to find out how to best proceed. We wouldn't want to prepare something that this body feels would only be rejected in the end because it's not what you believe ought to be in our G&P's. We are here to serve you. We brought our leadership and knowledge to reviewing these for you and now we are asking for your guidance.

We can decide in new business or open discussion on how we want to collect this guidance. We can choose to set some time aside and have the discussion or we can wait until the next meeting so everyone has a chance to review the suggestions and topics raised in this report.

YILS,

Marc S.



G&P Report - May. 2021

Arkansas Regional Committee of Narcotics Anonymous -May 1, 2021

Marc S. - Chairperson for G&P

Not much to report this time since the February report was so extensive and areas still need time to process everything and give us feedback. We are looking forward to your feedback today on the first 9 points made in our last report.

The only things we are investigating at this point is the social media guidelines suggested 6 months ago, a working archiving procedure, a communication procedure and an audit procedure.

Finally, we are also going to make clarifications to the guidelines as to when we require "Area" conscience. We are using the term Area conscience because when seeking conscience it should come from your area table. Whether or not your area chooses to seek input from your groups is up to your service body. Some matters may not be of any concern to groups, but it's up to your area to make those decisions.

YILS,

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AUGUST 7, 2021

**ARKANSAS REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE
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Harrison, AR, 72601 (behind TCBY)

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121 AR-43 East
Harrison, AR 72601
(870) 365-0505

\$134+tax/night

Quality Inn
1210, 65 N US-62
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Hotel Seville*
302 N Main St
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\$93 single queen
\$154 double queen
\$154 king suite
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May 1, 2020 Beginning Treasurer Report				
Beginning Actual		\$4,987.62		
Beginning Accrual		\$1,140.00		
Beginning Travel Fund		\$1,530.66		
Prudent Reserve		\$2,742.50		
Working Balance		-\$425.54		

Travel Fund	Starting	Used/Req'd	Added	Balance
Beginning Balance	\$1,530.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,530.66
Travel Fund Totals	\$1,530.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,530.66

Accruals	Starting	Used/Req'd	Added	Balance
RDA WSC Travel (dispersed May even years)	\$1,140.00	\$0.00	\$735.00	\$1,875.00
Website (Paid Feb RSC)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48.75	\$48.75
UPS Box Rental (Paid Feb RSC)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36.00	\$36.00
Accruals Totals	\$1,140.00	\$0.00	\$819.75	\$1,959.75

Prudent Reserve	Starting	Subtract	Added	Balance
Prudent Reserve	\$2,742.50	\$461.25	\$0.00	\$2,281.25
Prudent Reserve Total	\$2,742.50	\$461.25	\$0.00	\$2,281.25

Donations (INCOMING)	Check #	Check Date	Amount	Notes
ARVANA			\$100.00	
CAANA				
CRANA				
FUACNA				
ORACNA				
NWAANA			\$345.71	
AWOL				
OTHER				
MONEY RETURNED				
Donations (INCOMING) Total			\$445.71	

Expenses	Check #	Budget	Amount	Notes
Hosting (ARVANA)	1162	Rent	\$100.00	
YMC (autodraft)	A.D.	Phoneline	\$330.00	
Verizon (MCI)		Phoneline	\$200.00	
UPS Store		Mail Forwarding	\$11.84	
SZF Dyanne	1163	SZF	\$1,002.00	
SZF Glynn	1164	SZF	\$1,002.00	
Expenses Total			\$2,645.84	

Beginning Actual - Accruals - Travel - Prudent - Expenses + Donations (INCOMING) = Donations (OUTGOING)

Donations (OUTGOING)	Check #	Total
		-\$2,984.17
NAWS (50%)		\$0.00
SZF (40%)		\$0.00
Travel Fund (10%)		\$0.00
Donations (OUTGOING) Total		\$0.00

May 1, 2020 Final Treasurer Report			
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Ending Accrual		-	\$1,959.75
Ending Travel Fund		-	\$1,530.66
Prudent Reserve		-	\$2,281.25
Expenses Total		-	\$2,645.84
Donations (INCOMING) Total		-	\$445.71
Donations (OUTGOING) Total		-	\$0.00
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