Arkansas Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes
Day 1, November 7, 2026, Hosted by ARVANA

RSC meeting began, November 7, 2026 @ 9:12 a.m. with Serenity Prayer

The Twelve Traditions were read by David D., Twelve Concepts were read by Violet A., 1st 2 paragraphs of Tradition 2 were read by Angie F., the Definition was read by Laurie S., and the Purpose of the Regional Service Committee was read by Alicia A.

Roll Call: Quorum Met

RCMs or their Alternates		
ARVANA	Violet A./Amber E.	Present
AWOL	Debbie G./James W.	Present
CAASCNA	Chad M.	Present
CRANA	James C./Jason S.	Present
FUACNA	Angie F.	Present
NWAANA	Crystal W./Charles N.	Present
ORACNA	Aaron W./Robert W.	Present
Administrative Committee Trusted Servants		
Chair	Jennifer E.	Present
Vice Chair	David D.	Present
Regional Delegate	Alicia A.	Present
Alternate Delegate	Star M.	Present
Secretary	Angie F.	Present
Secretary-in-training		Vacant
Treasurer	Crystal S.	Present
Treasurer-in-training		Vacant
Standing Subcommittee Chairpersons		
Policy Coordinator	Violet A.	Present
Convention Committee Chair	Chuck B.	Present
Communications Coordinator	Jennifer B.	Present
Ad Hoc: Basic Text for Jails Project	Crystal S.	Present
Ad Hoc: Communications Policy	Jennifer E.	Present
Ad Hoc: Public Relations	Crystal S.	Present
Ad Hoc: Hybrid Meetings	Laurie S.	Present
Ad Hoc: RD Team	David D.	Present

Concept 10

Change to the Order of Business -

- Jennifer E. read from the Concept 10 Procedure from the RSC Policy.
- star m. presented a Concept 10 grievance letter
- Letter: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QaEAplZz0276FsTKN4oUH0-Gi6H-_WVm6psiouQohYQ/edit?usp=sharing
- An Ad-Hoc Committee was created to include: the Treasurer (Crystal S.), Secretary (Angie F.), RCMs from ORACNA (Robert W.), CRANA (James C.), and AWOL (Debbie G.) to bring feedback/solution to February RSC.

RSC REPORTS

Secretary Report - Angie F.

Old business, new business, open sharing, and elections from ARSCNA August 2026 Minutes were read. The information presented was supported.

Admin Report -

The Administrative Committee met to audit the regional books. Everything was well-organized and balanced to the penny. The only recommendation is for the treasurer (or trusted servants who deal with receipts) to take a photo or make a photocopy of any receipts, particularly those on thermal paper, as the paper fades. Thank you David for your service to the region.

Correspondence Report -	Crystal S.
September Bank Statement	
ORACNA Donation	
CAASCNA Donation	
What A Change Meeting Donation	

Beginning Treasurer's Report -	Crystal S.
Ending Balance Last RSC	($945.90)
Bills Paid	
(Cleared)	
• September Bank Fee	$10.00
• USPS Fellowship Development	$24.80
(Outstanding)	
• Anytime Mailbox	$22.00
• YMC	$143.00
• Anytime Mailbox	$109.99
Deposits	
(Cleared)	
• FUACNA	$96.20
• ARVANA DONATION#1002	$300.00
(Outstanding)	
• FUACNA	$96.20
• What a Change	$80.00
• CAASCNA	$90.83
• ORACNA	$435.00
Reconciled Bank Statement:	$6876.10
Prudent Reserve:	($2287.50)
Accruals:	($5957.56)
Travel Fund (Rolling total):	$306.24
Working Balance:	($1675.20)

RD Report - Alicia A.

See Below “Arkansas RD-AD Team Handout”

RDA Report - star m.

Hi Fam!

As I write this report, I find myself experiencing a dynamic tension. This body understandably wants to know the return on its investment in sending delegates to events, yet lengthy reports aren't held with the highest regard. Since our last RSC, I've participated in several workgroups, the Multi-Zonal Service Symposium (MZSS), and the Southern Zonal Forum (SZF) fall meeting. Rather than duplicate Alicia's report, I'd like to share a few reflections. One of my favorite MZSS workshops was From Conflict to Consensus. My key takeaways were:

● Consensus isn't about winning; it's about finding solutions together.
● Good facilitation makes room for every voice, not just the loudest.
● Understand the problem before rushing to a solution. Not every decision needs to happen today.
● Trust, preparation, listening, and our spiritual principles are essential to good decisions.

At our last Region, in the spirit of Concept Five, I proposed making the delegate team's responsibilities more explicit and transparent. I still believe that's important, but looking back, I'd approach the conversation differently. I wrote that proposal partly from a place of overwhelm - most of which was from not knowing what to expect and being hit with it after the commitment was made. I believe that feeling carried into the room. During the discussion, the workload was characterized as a "part-time job" that wasn't fair to ask of anyone, and the body formed an ad hoc committee to explore reducing it. If I had it to do over, I'd take more time to understand the problem before pursuing a solution. While the list of responsibilities is long, I no longer believe the workload is as demanding as it initially appeared. Knowing what I need to pay attention to in order to stay current vs side conversations and resource sharing is a learning curve. So is learning how to use the tools. To be clear, this is not a reflection on Alicia, but an ongoing gap in how we prepare incoming delegates. In addition to being clear about the responsibilities, a playbook would have helped me navigate the role with clarity and purpose, rather than overwhelm. I've started one and invited Alicia to help develop it. My hope is to make the path easier for whoever serves next. Lately I've been really passionate about figuring out 2 things:

1. The issues that make service, in general, unattractive and/or inaccessible, and how we might overcome them
    a. At our last Region, I brought several proposals aimed at reducing logistical barriers to service. But logistics aren't the only barriers, the way we treat each other also matters. I am passionate about finding creative solutions for both.
2. How the delegate team can be more of a resource for our Region
    a. It starts with a culture where trusted servants, and their positions, are valued, respected, and trusted.

The delegate team has access to a wealth of information, workshops, resources, and perspectives from around the world. There's far more value in that exposure than we can convey in a regional report. I am passionate about making the delegate position more than giving long reports. What if we brought some of those workshops, resources, and conversations directly to service bodies throughout our Region? Here's the irony, tying this back to my earlier reflection: If I had it to do over, I'd propose more work for the delegate team, not less. More meaningful opportunities to serve and more support in doing so. I think what I am really passionate about is Fellowship Development and the ways in which I can serve that end. Because of that, it's my intention to be a regular participant in the monthly SZF FD meetings. My hope is that we can put spiritual principles and the collective, creative action of our spirits to work, finding solutions that strengthen our service efforts.

AREA REPORTS

ARVANA - Violet A.

● Number of Meetings: 55/week

● Number of Groups: 10
● The last area was on Sunday,October 11th at 2:00 pm at Nunya Bidne/ss and the next ARVANA business meeting will be held on Stepping Stones Recovery business at 2pm in Hartman.
● H&I Meetings: We go to Lakepoint for both men and women weekly in Russellville. Gateway (women) and Harbor House (men)in Fort Smith are both once weekly and then we go into Lumina in Van Buren once per month and into Horizon in Booneville once per month also. We are going into Sebastian County Detention Center for men and working on women again soon with the new administration. We are currently unable to go into Crawford County Detention Center or Johnson County Detention Center due to a lack of available members. We have submitted applications for the Men
● Names of Trusted Servants: Chair - Terry B; Vice Chair - Benn T; Secretary - Dana G; Treasurer - Natalie M; RCM - Violet A; RCM A - Amber E; H&I/PR - Open with Benn T and Violet A covering currently. Please add Amber E to all distribution lists/group chats for RSC.
● PR Activity: Many literature racks are located at treatment centers, jails, probation and parole offices and DHS offices. They are currently struggling with keeping them full. There is a request for an additional rack at the Booneville Community Center.
● Other Activities: Our Hangin in the Fort convention was very successful in March. Women's and Men's retreats went well and had good participation. Freak Out is coming up on May 15-17 at Lake Tenkiller. RAW had their anniversary speaker jam on July 11th in Fort Smith. Friends for Freedom had their anniversary speaker jam on June 20th in Russellville. Cove Lake Campout, Let's Spend the Night Together was held in October with limited participation. We have had multiple fundraisers at the SFG group and they have had limited participation.
● Specific Problems or Situations: We are struggling with PR and HI activities and participation by area members. The online meeting schedule pamphlet for ARVANA is not updated and does not fully reflect the current meetings we host.
● Assets/Strengths: We have lots of meetings and activities coming up. We have updated the arscna website with these and are adding the Booneville meetings.
● Update to History of NA in your Area: Straight Forward, RAW and Yellow Frogs finally got moved to their new location 422 N Greenwood Avenue across from Sally Ann's this year. We are so grateful for that. This is great for the groups to finally have that uncertainty dealt with and be moving forward in the new house. However, we do not have running water in the bathroom. This is an ongoing need and concern. There are some concerns expressed for the safety of the upstairs area where RAW meets. We also have been discussing the possibility of splitting into a different region with two separate areas and a loaner group. This is an ongoing project with varying viewpoints.

Plans for the coming year: See activities listed above. The calendar is currently updated. Trusted servants started or restarted their new service positions in June 2026 and we are full on our service board currently.

ARVANA is hosting this weekend's ARSCNA at 3911 N O Street in Fort Smith, AR. We have a $300 donation check.

AWOL - Debbie G.

Hey Family,

- AWOL now has 14 meetings.
- Wednesday, 8:00, Birthday night is well attended.

- Freedom Float is April 23-25, 2027; Committee meeting is the first Sunday after the Freedom Float
- H&I and PR interest; need guidelines, and a committee needed for guidance
- Starting a weekly BINGO - 2 for Freedom Float, 2 for AWOL Group

CAASCNA - Chad M.

Hey family, greetings from Central Arkansas. We currently have 50 meetings a week, with 16 seated home groups and 5 loner groups. That's growth since our last report. We seated a new group, It Works How & Why, meeting Wednesday nights at Recovery Central, and The Women's Group is still getting established and has picked up two new members. Who We Are in Cabot had to move a meeting at their church's request, and then turned around and hosted a Unity Day that drew over 150 people from our area and from Foothills.

Our trusted servants are Victoria W. as Chair, JT R. as Vice Chair, Jennifer E. as Secretary, and Stephanie W. as Treasurer. I'm seated as RCM, and Zach G. has been nominated for RCM Alternate. Our Secretary and Activities seats are open with nominations still out.

Our H&I committee, chaired by Sarah E., is carrying panels into 15 facilities. We're looking for a panel leader at Serenity Park, where the current leader has carried it faithfully for five years and is ready to rotate out. H&I holds a workshop and committee meeting on the last Sunday of every month, and the standing need is the same as always, which is people willing to serve.

PR, with Joseph C. as chair, has set up the booth at four events since our last report, including Bridge the Gap, Natural State Overdose Awareness, Recovery Jam, and the Pulaski County Jail Fall Fest. Our area funded a 3-on-3 basketball tournament that will take place on November 14 specifically to raise money for better booth materials. PR is also looking at adding card payment for literature, since we're losing sales to a cashless world. Our literature committee, with Walter R., is carrying an inventory valued at just over $10,600.

Our 38th annual CAACNA was held in August with 195 registered. It brought in $14,185.70 after fees against roughly $12,500 in expenses, and planning for the 39th is underway under Tatjana B. Activities hosted Joy Is In The Journey with 69 registrations and 599 years of clean time in the room, and Ozark Mountain High ran at Petit Jean in early October. Our Outreach chair, David W., has been taking carloads of members to visit home groups across the area, and that has been good for our smaller groups.

What we need is the same thing most areas need, which is bodies. Our subcommittees are meeting faithfully on a regular schedule, but the same hands keep doing the work. A couple of our groups are also struggling to cover their own expenses out of the basket.

Last thing. Our area drew Entertainment for the 2027 Regional Convention in Eureka Springs, and I'm serving as our point of contact until we can get someone formally nominated. We're also hosting Region in February and look forward to having you all. Central Arkansas will be mailing a donation in the amount of $60.83.

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

CRANA - James C.

We have 33 meetings a week in our area. We have 6 groups. Primary Purpose dropped Monday and Wednesday meetings and added Sunday at 3:30. We are still going to the treatment center every Wednesday and the women are trying to get to go into the prison. We are having a New Year's Party on January 1 at Just Say No Group at 239 E. College St in Bono, AR. ILS, James C & Jason S

FUACNA - Angie F.

The Foothills Unity Area currently has 3 seated groups and 3 loner groups:

- Point of Freedom in Batesville (4 meetings)
- Vision of Hope in Batesville (2 meetings)
- Recovery Connection in Searcy (9 meetings)
- Ties That Bind (Hybrid - 2 meetings)
- Seeking Serenity (2 meetings)
- Active Change - asking for support; will be a seated group next week (Hybrid -1 meeting)
- 20 meetings in our geographical area

Area Service Committee:

- Facilitator: Laurie S
- Co-Facilitator: Angela M.
- Secretary: Dawn M.
- Treasurer: Sheran G.
- RCM: Angie F.
- Alt. RCM: Vacant

Subcommittees:

- Activities: Brooks C.
- HIPR: Danie M.
- Outreach: Tony B.

The Activities Committee continues working on planning our upcoming Winter Convention, January 15-17 located in Searcy. You can pre-register until December 15th for $50 which includes lodging and all meals for the weekend. After the 15th registration will be $60. The following fundraisers are going on for our Winter Convention: Soup cook off Nov 21st, 20 oz laser engraved tumblers 1 for $25 and 2 for $40 (deadline today), and raffle tickets for a free registration. 1 for $1 or 6 for $5. Flyers for all these will be in the minutes or see me for more information. It has been requested by an activities committee member to mention that functions are being scheduled on days other areas or groups have events scheduled on, and to please be mindful when scheduling events.

HIPR continues to carry the message by bringing a panel meeting to Arisa, a treatment center in Searcy, every Friday at 6:00 p.m. Our PR has been busy with distributing new racks across our area as well as reaching out to places to offer presentations. An adolescence treatment center and the Searcy drug court are both interested in having PR presentations. Outreach consistently visits all the groups in our Area. Overall, FUACNA is doing well and staying busy. ILS, Angie F

NWAANA - Crystal W.

Donations: NWA Area & Group Donation Total: $433.76 (ASC Check 1525: 379.63, New Beginnings Check 212: 54.13)

Meetings: 34 meetings a week; 9 seated groups; 3 loner groups; New Meeting in Rogers - Filling the Void Group

Trusted Servants: Chair - Glenn B, Vice Chair - Stephanie H., Treasurer - AJ D. Treasurer in Training: Open, Secretary - Misty H, RCM - Crystal W, RCMA - Charles N, Activities Chair - Nikki F., HIPPR - Megan E.
H&I Meetings: H&I - 1 local treatment center; Working on Washington County Jail and Benton County Jail
PR: IP Racks, Intro to NA for drug court bi-monthly, taking books into Washington County Detention Center
Activities: 2nd Friday of every month 8 PM-12 AM New Beginnings Game Night; November 21 No Fronts having a Chili Cook Off at Flagstone Church in Bentonville 5-8pm;
Problems or Situations - No Matter What, Therapeutic Value and Peaceful Dozen are experiencing many new comers and have requested help carrying the message
Assets/Strengths: Area is going great, all positions are currently filled; New members showing interest in service in the area
Returned votes to Region: M2026-08-05: (Virtual) - Abstain; Therapeutic Value Group - YES; No Fronts - YES; New Life - YES; Peaceful Dozen - NO; Livin' Clean - NO; New Beginnings - NO. M2026-08-08: (Per Diem) - NO; Therapeutic Value Group - NO; No Fronts - NO; New Life - YES; Peaceful Dozen - NO; Livin' Clean - No; New Beginnings - NO

ORACNA - Aaron W.
H&I Meetings: Harbor house coed Thursdays at 6
Names of Trusted Servants: RCM Aaron W., RCMA Robert W.
PR Activity: Discussions being had about forming a committee. Lots of opportunity for PR in the area
Specific Problems or Situations: Navigating problems from groups moving buildings. Unity is improving
Assets/Strengths: Growing in numbers and unity
Plans for the coming year: Grow in number and unity, form a PR committee

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Coordinator - Jennifer B.
Website: There is a link so that any group, campout, or service body can "submit an event" directly at www.arscna.org. Please use this link even if you don't have all the details or a flyer yet. It will help other Areas to show support by not scheduling several events on the same date when possible.
BMLT: All meetings have been updated that were received.
Phoneline: Updates to the NA Screens will be submitted to the answering service, to include the new members of the RSC. I will be facilitating a Phoneline Orientation for AWOL in Harrison, AR, on August 1, 2026 @ 10 AM. I will be adding trainees from today's training to the Patch List while making updates, pending they meet all the requirements. All phoneline volunteers must meet the 1-year clean-time requirement and have phoneline training every 2 years.
Calls per Area received: Below is a list of the calls received by the answering service, via email, as recorded.

- 5/07/26-Caller requesting to speak to someone in the Eureka Springs area. The caller was transferred to 5 different phoneline volunteers' numbers, one answered and stated they "knew nothing about that area" the call was then transferred to 4 different voicemails, before a volunteer responded and returned the call.

5/08/26-Caller is requesting information on starting new meetings in a couple of counties. Caller was patched through to a volunteer after receiving one person's voicemail.

- 5/12/26-Caller was looking for contact information for the Louisiana Region. Caller was transferred to the Communications Coordinator, but the caller hung up. The call returned and was transferred to a phoneline volunteer which was able to assist the caller.
  6/23/26-Caller requesting help with getting meeting attendance verification in virtual meetings. Caller was patched to Communications Coordinator which was able to assist the caller in this matter.
  7/06/26-Caller reports that the wrong number was given for ARVANA rep. The call center reported this matter to the Communications Coordinator and she followed up with the RSC member. The error was corrected with the answering service immediately.

Twilio: The ARSCNA debit card has been added to our Twilio account. Twilio sent the Communications Coordinator an email stating that they charged ARSCNA's card $10.13 on 6/18/26 to bring our balance back up to $30.00.

Social Media: I am including the links to our social media accounts.

https://www.facebook.com/arscna/

https://www.instagram.com/arkansasnarcoticsanonymous/

Thank you for entrusting in me,
Jennifer B.

Convention Committee Chair - Chuck B.

Hello Family! We met in September and October on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We have Host committee meetings on the 2nd Sunday. We have been having a host committee with subcommittee meetings each month on the 4 th Sunday via Teams (we are exploring options for Zoom but we have discussed that it should be a resource that is regularly available to this committee). We have discussed and are in consensus to work toward making this convention available for ALL whether you have 0 days clean or 50 years clean and regardless of your financial status. We envision a convention where the message will be carried and true NA fellowship will be available continuously across all activities to all members.Pre-registration is not available, yet. Pre-registration will be $40 and onsite registration will be $50. This is an increase based on registration rates at other regional conventions and our own financial statements from the 2025 convention. We are accepting submissions for Theme and Artwork. If you use AI just know that we will have a graphic design artist rework that design due to copyright issues. It is preferred that if you have a concept that you submit that and we can have a graphic design artist render that as opposed to using AI. Submissions are due by December 26, 2026 so that we can decide at the December 27th meeting.

We elected committee positions:

- Vice Chair: Janet W
- Area Host Liaison: Diana R
- Secretary: Lindsey N
- Co-Treasurer: Crystal W
- Co-Treasurer: Charles N
- Treasury – We elected co-treasurers, both meet requirements in current policy. We are working to get committee trusted servants on the bank account and determine our beginning balance which should be $12,000.00 per RSC policy. As a reminder the AREA/Loner groups' areas of responsibility are:

- Programming - ARVANA
- Entertainment - CAASCNA
- Registration - FUACNA
- Merchandising - ORACNA
- Hospitality - AWOL
- Serenity Keepers - CRANA
- Serenity Keeper's-CRANA

Nothing at this time. We still have vests from the previous convention that can be used. We just need volunteers!
Registration - FUACNA– FUACNA has attended both meetings with subcommittees. We are brainstorming items for the registration packets. Once again, the first 100 pre-registered get special SWAG!!! We are also looking at providing a Golden Ticket type thing in those first 100 pre-registration packets that are good for a free T-shirt.
Merchandise – ORACNA – Nothing at this time. We will need theme and artwork to get started on convention specific merchandise and are accepting bids for merchandise vendors.
Entertainment – CAASCNA – The entertainment committee has been in attendance and are exploring ideas for entertainment. (The Host committee has suggested against a comedian based on the lack of participation on that front in 2025).
Hospitality – AWOL – Nothing at this time.
Host Area - NWAANA – Host Liaison has been requested to ask our area for a donation and a fundraiser.
Programming – ARVANA – nothing at this time. We discussed whether or not we want to have 4 main speakers again or carry more workshops, consensus is still pending as is the Agenda. We have 4 speaker tapes already submitted for main speakers.
NOTES:
We are humbly requesting all areas of responsibility please host a fundraiser for the convention. We will assist with that in any way possible and committee members will attend. We also are welcome to suggestions/brainstorming. Anything that you have seen at other conventions or any ideas you have that you think would be cool to see, please let us know – we want to improve this convention each year and not just do something because it's "how we did it last time" or "how we've always done it".
NEXT MEETING: 2nd and 4th Sundays at 4pm.
If you are unable to attend the next scheduled meeting, please submit a report prior.
I'm looking forward to seeing everyone soon!
Thank you all for all of your efforts! We could not do this alone.

Policy Coordinator- Violet A.
I reviewed a proposal at the request of ARVANA membership for a proposal for new business at RSC for this month. I also received a request to review information and a report from the ad hoc committee for reviewing Hybrid/Virtual changes. We were able to get ARVANA to send out additional information to the Booneville group wanting to get started and get more support. They received their new group packet. Needing literature. Sent information to ARVANA.

I have been reviewing the Treasurer's Handbook for inconsistencies that Wendy, the previous chair, and I have found. We are hoping to get that updated soon.

Our goal is to make the handbook/procedures fully searchable by keywords.

I am currently very sick and not as available as I would like to be and would like to point out that I am available but text is the best way to get a hold of me.

In Loving Service,
Violet A

RSC stopped at 12:00 for lunch, 1:00 HIPR Workshop, and the RD Team to attend the Conference Participant Meeting (CPM). Restarted at 3:01

Basic Text for Jails Project Ad Hoc Crystal S.
Hi everyone! I wanted to give you all an update on the BTFJ project that we worked on this year. First off, thank you all for the participation, this is a "we" program and "we" really made some good things happen.

We did get **40 books** into jails! That is a REALLY BIG DEAL!
I gave the semi final report last weekend at the Regional Service Committee meeting and we have 23 books leftover from the project. The committee requested that we try to get a book in each Juvenile Detention Center.

All of this to say, "Who's with me?"!
If you would like to help out on this part of the project, please let me know.
I will then set up a Zoom meeting so we can discuss next steps.
Thanks again to everyone.
ILS,
Crystal S.

Communications Policy Ad Hoc- Jennifer E.
The convention policy has been reviewed. There will be a Zoom meeting on January 31, 2027, at 4pm to do a final review before we submit to the body for adoption at the February RSC. I will send out the draft and Zoom link to all members closer to time.

Public Relations Ad Hoc- Wendy B.
- $234 matchbooks+ $84 first time fees+60 shipping hazmat=$378 total
- Invoice submitted to treasurer
- #2000 total matchbooks/ 40 trays/ 50 books each
- Website: promotionalmatches.com Email: hello@promotionalmatches.com
- “We keep the proofs, setup fee for reorder is only $.20 vs. $.84
- Proof name = ARSCNA 84048
- Pricing decreases with volume, e.g. #5000 matchbooks = $637
- Suggestions for distribution locations include convenience stores, pawn shops, bars, laundromats etc. - places nonmember addicts may frequent

EXERPT FROM “PR BASICS”:
In It Works: How and Why, promotion is described as “fanfare, overblown claims, and celebrity endorsements.” In PR service, all we are charged with doing is informing the public that we are a credible program of recovery. We must be visible in order to be attractive. The still-suffering addict cannot hear our message if they don’t know where to find us.
ILS,
Wendy B.

Hybrid Meetings Ad Hoc- Laurie S.
This Ad Hoc Committee met on September 18, October 6, and October 28, 2026, as well as made final determinations via text to present its proposal to the Regional Service Committee

(RSC) during the November 7-8 RSC Meeting. The group discussed the logistics of the concept of hybrid RSC meetings with an experienced member from another region who has participated in hybrid service at several levels of services. We explored possible technological and financial responsibilities of the service body, and what needs would have to be addressed to accomplish this goal. The Policy Chair was included for consultation on October 27 as well. The committee has finalized a proposed plan, cost projections, and responsibilities added to trusted servants.
Proposed Plan: To test out the concept of hybrid RSC Meetings, this committee proposes that the duties necessary to execute hybrid participation are added to the duties of Communications Coordinator (CC.) The CC may enlist support for monitoring during the RSC meeting. This responsibility includes the use of the CC's computer until otherwise decided.These responsibilities could be reassigned to a new service position (possibly the Information Technology Communications Coordinator, or ITCC) at a later date, should the committee decide to implement this position.
Trusted Member Duties Added

- Communications Coordinator (or ITCC):
    - o Attend each RSC Meeting in person
    - o Bring IT equipment to each RSC Meeting and retain between meetings
    - o Arrive early at each RSC Meeting and set up equipment to be operational
    - o Operate equipment during each RSC Meeting
        - This includes monitoring the activity of virtual attendees to ensure access to appropriate representation alongside in-person attendees.
    - o Providing the Secretary with any hand-written reports should the Secretary attend virtually
- Facilitator:
    - o Maintain sequential conversation and participation by all, especially during the CBDM process.

Apart from the computer and any equipment that could be borrowed initially, we suggest purchasing the basic equipment needed to create a hybrid environment and add to or change later as needed.

Total Start-Up Cost Suggested: $554-738.99 plus tax

- $94.99 Speaker/Microphone combo
- $200-350 Projector (refurbished-new)
- $70.00 Projector Screen
- $50-75 Wide angle webcam or skip it for now and use laptop camera
- $149 Starlink

Total Recurring Cost Suggested: $170/yr + $110-$220 = $390-$500 annually •
$170.00 Annual Zoom subscription

- Total Internet Cost
    - o $55/month for 100GB of data. This can be paused when we don't use it at no cost or we go to standby mode

We foresee there may be challenges

• Travel Funding: It was discussed that the CC would need to be physically present during each meeting. The current Travel Fund is losing more money than has been added recently. The position could be funded, but no positions currently are funded. • CBDM: It was discussed that adding virtual attendees would require more work on the Facilitator to ensure all members are

represented. It was also questioned whether the equipment operator (CC or ITCC) would be able to easily participate in the CBDM process.
• General Communications: It is vital that in-person and virtual attendees be able to hear one another clearly. Speaking sequentially and minimizing side conversations is a must.
• Internet Connection: It was discussed that using a member's hot spot most likely would not produce the quality of A/V communication needed to conduct the meeting. We brought up the possibility of requesting that host sites provide internet access but determined that would add too much to hosting costs. We will need access to the internet when the hosting site does not have it. Depending on the outcome of the proposal to alternate virtual/in-person RSC, we would use it 2-4 X per year.

Support Needed to Implement

• The Policy Chair should be involved in determining how these duties and this change fits into existing policy.
• The Treasurer should be involved to determine how related expenses are handled and in the future if the body decides to consider funding the CC or ITCC position.

RD Team Ad Hoc- David D.

Hello family,
Let me start this report by saying that this project is likely going to take some time to get to the heart of the matter for which this Ad-hoc was created. Let me also preface this with the fact that this is my first time being on an Ad-hoc committee, let alone leading one, so I ask for grace during this process.
M2026-08-09: To create a task group to review the responsibilities and duties of the delegate team and determine what the local fellowship needs and wants of this team.
INTENT: To ensure the Region is using our resources responsibly to support our needs.
So, I started this journey with an email asking for some baseline information from you, our RCMs and the Delegate Team:
1) Do you (group or individual) know who makes up our RD Team?
2) Do you (group or individual) know the purpose of the RD Team?
3) What information do you receive from the RD Team at your area/group business meetings?
4) What do you WANT from this RD Team? What is most beneficial for you and your area/group?
5) What is your understanding of the responsibilities of the RD Team (including but not limited to travel, time commitments, monetary needs, etc)?

I got responses from most RCMs and feedback from the RD Team.
With the information gleaned from the responses, I scheduled 2 zoom meetings, one of which was not attended by anyone whereas the other one did have engagement. I also included Laurie as both an asset to this project and a link to others outside of our region who may have more insight. Laurie reported her feedback from speaking with 4 other regions similar in size to Arkansas, Mississippi being one of them. It seemed to be that they are experiencing the same issue as Arkansas with not much understanding of exactly what our RD/AD Team does. A discussion of the best way to engage members to present feedback ensued. And the consensus leaned more to, not an individual survey, but rather a group setting. Alicia suggested a GSR assembly in-person/virtual with an Information Discussion Table (IDT) style setting surrounding what the possibilities are and not just what we can do for you." Other questions that arose during our conversation included: How are we managing this part of our service structure?

How do we benefit the most from having the team do all these tasks? How do we best utilize the resources we have access to? Should we explore options for splitting up responsibilities/tasks?

I have not set up future zoom meetings for this committee because it was brought up by a member that maybe we would have more participation if you wanted to be a part of this committee and not assigned to be a participant. To that point, I would like everyone who wants to participate in this adhoc get with me before we are done this weekend and let me know the best way to contact you when we are scheduling the next round of meetings.
ILS,
David D

OLD BUSINESS

- M2026-08-05: To follow the example of the World Service Conference & Southern Zonal Forum (and potentially other service bodies) by holding some meetings fully virtual. Suggestion is to alternate Arkansas Regional Service Committee meetings between in-person/hybrid (if passed) and fully virtual meetings.
    - INTENT:
        - Improve stewardship of Regional resources.
        - Reduce travel expenses for both the Region and trusted servants.
        - Increase accessibility and participation.
        - Reduce barriers to Regional service.
    - Additional Context:
        - Virtual: February, August
        - In-person: May, November (Stick to current location rotation)
    - **NOT SUPPORTED**
- M2026-08-08: Change 11b in the Financial Policies section of the Policy Manual
    - From: “Food expenses should not exceed the per diem rate established in the Guide to World Service and must be accompanied with receipts.”
    - To: Personal expenses directly related to travel should not exceed the per diem rate established in the Guide to World Service and must be accompanied with receipts.
    - INTENT: To reduce financial barriers to service by allowing greater flexibility in how delegates use existing per diem reimbursements for travel-related personal expenses, while remaining within the budget and reimbursement limits already established in the Guide to World Service.
    - Policy & Procedure Changes:
        - 11b in the Financial Policies section of the Policy Manual
    - Additional Context:
        - Serving as a delegate is a significant commitment of time, energy, and personal resources. This proposal seeks to remove unnecessary barriers to participation by allowing delegates flexibility in how they use their allotted per diem funds for travel-related personal expenses.
        - This change does not increase the budget or reimbursement limits currently established by the Region or the Guide to World Service.

Rather, it allows delegates to use the same allotted funds in ways that best support their ability to serve.
    - For example, one delegate may spend most of their per diem on meals while traveling, while another may choose to spend less on food and use the remaining allowable amount toward necessary travel-related support expenses such as childcare or pet care. In either case, the total reimbursement remains within the same established per diem limit.
    - This proposal recognizes that trusted servants have differing personal responsibilities and financial circumstances, and that increased flexibility may help make service more accessible to a broader range of members willing to serve.
  - **NOT SUPPORTED**

ELECTIONS

- Communication Coordinator - Laurie S.
  - **SUPPORTED**

OPEN SHARING

Begin 4:42

- PR - What to do with the extra matches? Convention Committee asked for some
- Hybrid Meetings - Straw pole for who wants to have an RSC hybrid option. Some were for and some were not. Laurie - in adhoc meeting feedback received from outside region folks that they were surprised we did not offer hybrid
- *Comments and questions raised:* Who would attend and not attend? What if the technology person could not attend? Stipulation would be needed. Hybrid would allow for more accessibility and make it more affordable. Hybrid twice a year only. Trial first before we actually have a motion to change it. Technology equipment offered by star m. for a trial hybrid meeting at February RSC. Alicia suggested to try hybrid in May instead of February because we have NAWS Service Day event to serve as an hybrid event as well (i.e. GSR Assembly).
- Alicia -2 annual service type things NAWS recognizes - a Service Day (Crowley's Ridge) & PR Week (will explore ways we can participate)
- Laurie - Someone wants to start a meeting in South Arkansas (Chris B from Jonesboro sent a message to her) Do we know any in the Malvern area that would be interested? Aaron shared there is a meeting in Malvern (in the place owned by in a treatment center with the effort of bringing NA to them)

End 5:07

End of Day 1 - Closed with the Serenity Prayer @ 5:08 p.m.

Arkansas Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes
Day 2, November 8, 2026, Hosted by ARVANA

RSC meeting Resumed - November 8, 2026, @ 10:00 a.m. with Serenity Prayer

Roll Call: Quorum Met

RCMs or their Alternates		
ARVANA	Violet A./Amber E.	Present
AWOL	Debbie G./James W.	Present
CAASCNA	Chad M.	Present
CRANA	James C./Jason S.	Present
FUACNA	Angie F.	Present
NWAANA	Crystal W./Charles N.	Present
ORACNA	Aaron W./Robert W.	Present
Administrative Committee Trusted Servants		
Chair	Jennifer E.	Present
Vice Chair	David D.	Present
Regional Delegate	Alicia A.	Present
Alternate Delegate	Star M.	Present
Secretary	Angie F.	Present
Secretary-in-training		Vacant
Treasurer	Crystal S.	Present
Treasurer-in-training		Vacant
Standing Subcommittee Chairpersons		
Policy Coordinator	Violet A.	Present
Convention Committee Chair	Chuck B.	Present
Communications Coordinator	Laurie S..	Present
Ad Hoc: Basic Text for Jails Project	Crystal S.	Present
Ad Hoc: Communications Policy	Jennifer E.	Present
Ad Hoc: Public Relations	Crystal S.	Present
Ad Hoc: Hybrid Meetings	Laurie S.	Present
Ad Hoc: RD Team	David D.	Present

NOMINATIONS

- Regional Delegate: Nominations closed
  - star m. (FUACNA)
  - Alicia A. (NWAANA) **Withdrawn**
- Alternate Delegate: Nominations closed
  - Terry B. (ARVANA) **Withdrawn**
  - Alicia A. (NWAANA)
- Secretary-in-Training: Nominations remain open
- Treasurer-in-Training: Nominations remain open

SERVICE RESUMES

star m. (FUACNA) Regional Delegate

- Previous Service Commitments Completed: Interim AD, Area Co-Facilitator, Area Facilitator, HIPR Chair, Area Convention Vice Chair, Home group Secretary, Home Group Treasurer, RCM, H&I Panel Leader & Member, Area Convention Committee

- Other Current Service Commitments: Active Change meeting (chair & treasurer - this is a new meeting that I started after being inspired at WSC. It is small but consistent and meets 1x per week), AD (which will end when this election takes place)
- Service Positions Vacated By Resignation Or Impeachment (And Possibly Why): CAA RCM - vacated when I moved to a new area, Regional secretary in the 1900s - vacated - probably a relapse
- Experience in Area of Service for which Nominated: I have served as the Alternate Delegate for the past year, learning the responsibilities, relationships, and nuances of the role; I bring more than 25 years of experience working in consensus-based decision-making environments, where I've learned to remain objective, consider multiple viewpoints, and help groups move toward informed decisions; I am skilled at synthesizing ideas, finding common ground, and building bridges between perspectives that may initially seem to be in conflict; When discussions become stuck or begin circling the same points, I am often able to identify a path forward that helps the conversation progress. I was able to do this at 2026 WSC at least twice; I enjoy understanding complex issues and communicating them in ways that are accessible and meaningful to others; I am technically adept and comfortable managing the multiple, evolving technical components of this position; I am naturally and relentlessly curious and creative, and willing to challenge assumptions—including my own. I ask difficult questions, value diverse perspectives, and look for possibilities beyond the way things have always been done; I care deeply about inclusion, meaningful collaboration, and turning ideas into action; Most importantly, I have a deep love for the fellowship and a genuine desire to help our Region become stronger, more connected, and better equipped to carry the message.
- Clean Date: 5.22.12
- Why Nominee Can and Wants to Serve the Fellowship:
  Can: I have the clean time, skills & experience, aptitude, resources, and willingness
  Wants To: I have ideas for making this position more useful and accessible to our Region - some of which I have already started implementing it; I want to help strengthen and grow our Region; I have a vision and passion for making service more accessible, interesting, and engaging and I am excited to try; I bring a unique perspective - shaped by years of consensus-based decision-making, systems thinking, solution architecture (my job), and a passion for making complex ideas understandable - that I believe would serve both this position, and our Region, well; Narcotics Anonymous is my community and this type of work is of interest to me, needs done, and I am willing to do it; The confidence others have expressed in my ability to serve encouraged me to stand for this Position; Service has given me far more than I'll ever be able to give back, and I know this position would continue to challenge me, help me grow, and strengthen my recovery; I recognize that my curiosity, need to understand why, enthusiasm, strong convictions, and willingness to challenge assumptions can sometimes create discomfort—including for me. Knowing this, I strive to remain open-minded, listen with humility, and recognize when I need to reconsider my own perspective; I offer myself with enthusiasm and humility, trusting that whatever the outcome, the right person will be entrusted with this responsibility.

Alicia A. (NWAANA) Regional Delegate

- Previous Service Commitments Completed:
  - Homegroup – member, chair, secretary, activities, room opener, GSR, GSR Alt
  - Area – chair, vice chair, RCM, RCM Alt, secretary, treasurer, public relations chair, H&I chair, website coordinator, activities committee, policy committee,

HIPPR committee, activities committee, literature chair & committee member
    - Region – secretary, treasurer, convention chair, convention treasurer, HIPR chair, website/ phoneline/ BMLT (communications) coordinator, member-at-large
    - Ongoing – sponsorship
- Other Current Service Commitments: ASC webservant, BRU committee member, member of various SZF and US Collab workgroups (related to work within the Arkansas Region
- Service Positions Vacated By Resignation Or Impeachment (And Possibly Why): The only service position I have vacated was in early recovery after getting completely honest. I had less than 90 days clean and that was the requirement for the homegroup secretary position. I hadn't been honest about my clean date, but when I told my homegroup the truth and that I only had about 60 days clean they asked that I step down and I returned as the Secretary once I did have 90 days.
- Experience in the area of service for which I was nominated: I can relay information in an impartial way. I am in contact with the member Areas of the RSC and have a good line of communication with them to understand their needs. I am able to collect large amounts of information and relay that in a concise and easy-to-understand way. I'm able to work in groups to collaborate, brainstorm, and implement complex strategies. I have created presentations and facilitated workshops for small and large groups. I have the ability to utilize the tools given to me and create new tools as needed. I'm an experienced traveler and know how to use funds in the most economical way.
- Clean Date: 5/7/2003
- Why the nominee can and wants to serve the fellowship: I have a willingness to serve, and this position is a great opportunity for me to utilize my skills and abilities while also learning and growing with new opportunities. Service is one way to stay in the middle, so we don't fall off the edge.

NEW BUSINESS

- Budgeted Request: $500 to star m. for SZF travel reimbursement
- Budgeted Request: $74 to David D. for CAALCNA
- Budgeted Request: $20.69 to Jennifer B. for Phoneline Orientation printing
- Budgeted Request: $100 to ARVANA for hosting RSC
- Budgeted Request: $100 to H&R Block for hosting RSC
- M2026-11-01: To reimburse Jennifer B $179.10 for travel reimbursement to RSC.
    - INTENT: To utilize our travel funds to support our trusted servants.
    - **SUPPORTED**
- M2026-11-02: Create a task group to organize an NA service event May 1st to coincide with the May RSC and the NAWS Service Day for 2027.
    - Additional Context: To allow for equal representation of member areas and loner groups.
    - **SUPPORTED** (Point of Contact: James C.)
- M2026-11-03: Create a task group to explore ways Arkansas can take part in NA PR Week, the first full week of June 2027. Reporting back by February RSC with its findings and any recommendations.
    - Intent: Look at what is possible, then bring back ideas and guidance back to the RSC and RCMs.

    - Additional Content: The task group would not be required to hold events. Its work may include sample activities Areas can use on their own, and possible statewide effort such as getting virtual presentations for H&I to prison staff, and other PR presentations.
    - **SUPPORTED** (Point of Contact: Chuck B.)
- M2026-11-04: Amend the Specific Qualifications for RD.
    - c. suggested minimum of four (4) years service involvement, including at least one (1) year of recent experience with the RSC.
    - INTENT: Coincide with the duties to "represent and speak for the member Areas and Groups that comprise the ARSC…" and all other duties for those positions.
    - Guidelines and Policy & Procedure Changes: Duties, Responsibilities, and Qualifications under Admin Committee.
    - Additional Context: This position is immediately expected to represent Arkansas Region and should have recent experience at the Regional Service level.
    - **REFERRED BACK TO AREAS**
- M2026-11-05: To abandon the use of Consensus Based Decision Making (CBDM) and return to traditional voting.
    - INTENT: To allow for equal representation with one vote per member in all voting.
    - Guidelines and Policy & Procedure Changes: Several related to all references to CBDM.
    - Additional Context: To allow for equal representation of member areas and loner groups.
    - **TABLED TO FEBRUARY RSC**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All events with flyers are attached below
    - January 1 - CRANA, Just Say No Group's New Year's Party
    - January 16 - ARVANA Grateful Heads Freezeout
    - April 23-25 - AWOL Freedom Float
    - May 15-17 - ARVANA Freak Out at Lake Tenkiller

🔷REVIEW OF INFORMATION GOING BACK TO AREAS🔷

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- **NOMINATIONS**
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UPDATED TREASURER'S REPORT

Starting Working Balance:	($1675.20)
Area/Group Donations: (Total)	
New Beginnings	$54.13
ARVANA	$300.00
AWOL	$0.00
CAASCNA	$0.00
CRANA	$0.00
FUACNA	$0.00
NWAANA	$379.63
ORACNA	$0.00
Turnovers: (Total)	**$0.00**
Returns of Budget: (Total)	**$237.38**
● BTFJ	$37.38
● Alicia A	$200
Updated Working Budget:	($704.06)
Final Treasurer Report	
Updated Working Budget:	($704.06)
Budgets Given:	**$294.69**
● Jennifer B (Communications)	$20.69
● CAALCNA - (Starter Kits)	$74.00
● ARVANA - Hosting	$100.00
● H&R BLOCK - Hosting	$100.00
Reimbursements:	$500.00
● star m - Amanda M (AD Travel)	$500.00
Money Motions: (Total)	$179.10
● Jennifer B - Travel Reimbursement	$179.10
Final Balance:	($1677.85)
Donation to NAWS (50%):	$0
Donation to SZF (40%):	$0
Travel Fund:	$0
Final working Balance:	($1677.85)
Current Checking Balance:	$6356.40

PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING

CAASCNA, February 6-7, 2027

ARSCNA 1-YEAR ROTATION SCHEDULE

February 2027	CAASCNA
May 2027	CRANA
August 2027	FUACNA

November 2027	NWAANA

End of Day 2 - Closed with the Serenity Prayer @ 11:56 p.m.

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NA LITERATURE UPDATES AND ISSUE DISCUSSION TOPICS (IDTs)

● IP #1 will not be updated permanently without a fellowship vote. New FAQs are online
● IP #21, Staying Clean in Isolation, is now the 2026 version
● H&I Basics is final and covers corrections, committees, and treatment in one booklet. It was shown at the PR workshop and members asked for copies. It is a free PDF download on na.org under resources and service materials, which you can print. You can also buy a printed copy from NAWS for $3.75
● The Basic Text can be streamed or downloaded in multiple languages. The full audiobook, chapters 1 to 10, is on the NAWS YouTube channel
● The October issue of Reaching Out is out. You can download it online, and incarcerated members can subscribe for free
● Step Writing Behind the Walls: when incarcerated members contact World Services, they get a packet. It covers how to get an NA book, how to find meetings after release, how to start a group in the facility, how to receive Reaching Out, addresses for step writing, and more. World Services keeps a list of trusted servants trained in step writing
● Current topics for the 2026-2029 cycle: Attracting Members to Service, Welcoming New Members, Group Service, Area Service
● IDTs and input forms are at na.org/idt: Group Service, Welcoming New Members, and Attracting Members to Service and mentoring them
● Open fellowship webinar on November 21 at 1pm CST to discuss revising service material for groups and the group project

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

● JFT meditation book audiobook: readers wanted. Interested members work with the delegate through the Southern Zone
● WhatsApp groups for PR projects and H&I projects. If you want to join either one, tell me and I will get you the information
● Sign up to volunteer for projects and other work at na.org/get-involved
● NA Projects and Surveys sign-up form. Categories:
  ○ PR service
  ○ New recovery literature on disruptive and predatory behavior
  ○ Revising existing recovery literature for gender-neutral and inclusive language
  ○ Generational and cultural diversity
  ○ New and revised service tools for group service
  ○ New and revised service tools for area service
  ○ DRT/MAT
  ○ WCNA 39 speaker evaluation
  ○ Translations
  ○ Technology
  ○ Proofing and layout

MY NA APP AND NAWS SOCIAL MEDIA

● The My NA app is new. It was formerly the NA Meeting Search app, so anyone who had that app gets the

update automatically. If not, you can search for "**My NA - Narcotics Anonymous**" in their app store ● It has meeting search for in-person and NAWS-managed virtual meetings, Just for Today, A Spiritual Principle a Day, a private daily inventory (the IP #9 daily inventory), Reaching Out, a clean time counter, events, and NAWS webinars

● YouTube: @naworldservices
● Instagram: @narcoticsanonymous and @naglobalevents
● Facebook: @naworldservices



SOUTHERN ZONAL FORUM: FALL 2026

Business and priorities

● Guidelines task group is still working through the guidelines
● SZF decided against co-facilitators. The zonal contact will back up the facilitator and the facilitator will

back up the zonal contact

● PR Coordinator and FD Coordinator were voted in (Jennifer S., Red River, and Kristin, Show Me) ● Priorities: a learning aspect to train and teach delegates, more project focus, Regions that need help bringing problems and finding solutions, and sessions built around collaboration, problem solving, and CP info
● The onboarding project for incoming delegate teams is still underway. Much of it ties to the mentorship request to the US Collaboration of Zones
● SZF is testing a Discord server as a possible replacement for Slack
● Discussion about MZSS zones working together on CAR/CAT workshops in the next WSC cycle ● New work group on maintaining the atmosphere of recovery. Star M. is the point of accountability and will report on it

Around the Zone

● Lone Star paid off its balance to NAWS. No plans to reopen the RSO
● Red River is hosting the Texas State Convention (details on the Texas NA website) and is looking into a literature store for the region
● Houston made a PR postcard with a QR code that is placed at parole offices

2027 SZF meetings (all times Central)

- January 30-31, 2027 (fully virtual)
    - Saturday: 9a-12p; 1p-4p(FD work group discussion) & Sunday: 10a-1p
- April 17-18, 2027 (fully virtual) - newly added annual meeting, same schedule as January ○ It will repeat on the last weekend of April in non-WSC years. This first one is not on the last weekend
- July 23-25, 2027 (in person) - Flowood, MS

US ZONES COLLABORATION

- A task group on fellowship development for rural, isolated, and marginalized communities and members is in progress. This directly affects Arkansas, so it is worth staying connected

MZSSNA 2026 (Wichita, KS)

- Audio recordings of all the workshops are on mzssna.org
- Recommendation: build some of our regional workshops around what we learn from these service bodies and events

Next MZSS host city: we need your input

- The next MZSS will be in the Southern Zone, but it does not have to be in Arkansas ● The Region would not carry most of the work. Local members helping with planning is ideal for certain parts
- Do you have recommendations for cities in Arkansas or the Southern Zone?
- MZSS meets January 20 and SZF meets January 30-31. The Zone wants to base its recommendation on ours, so we need your answers before then

CP WEB MEETING

- Topic: How are Regions bringing members into the planning process, and how do they find out what matters locally?
- We are working from the plan approved at WSC 2026. Much of it is PR related, and much of the work will run more than one cycle
- Guide to Local Services work comes first for groups, then areas, and possibly regions and zones after that
- Factors the WSC 2026 participants prioritized:
○ Internal: (1) development and organization of trusted servants, including the lack of a foundation for a trusted servant pipeline and generational expectations, (2) generational and cultural differences and gaps, (3) sense of safety, belonging, and welcomeness
○ External: (1) geopolitical dynamics, (2) evolution of technology, such as AI, social media, literature access, and security, (3) generational and cultural differences
- November 2026 to February 2027: delegates discuss the factor results with their Regions and prepare input and feedback for the 2027 zonal forums
- February to May 2027: zonal meetings facilitated by board members, to take up the challenges the factors raise and what changes members want to see

IMPORTANT DATES

- November 21, 2026: open fellowship webinar on revising service material for groups, 1pm CST ● January 9, 2027: CP web meeting, 1pm CST
○ CP meetings are scheduled through January 2028. Dates are at

www.na.org/conference ○ More information on the zonal planning sessions will come at this meeting

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CONVENTIONS WITHIN THE SOUTHERN ZONE

- Volunteer Region Convention: Thanksgiving weekend 2026, Murfreesboro, TN
- Tejas Bluebonnet Convention: Feb 12-14, 2027, Austin, TX
- Kentuckiana Region Crichnap: first weekend of April 2027
- Texas State NA Convention: May 28-30, 2027, Denison, TX
- Arkansas Regional Convention: Nov 19-21, 2027, Eureka Springs, AR

REQUESTS OF THE RSC AND AREAS

- **Group Service IDT:** place it in the February RSC morning slot
- **MZSS host city:** send recommendations (see above)
- **Planning factors input:** delegates are asked to discuss the WSC factor results (see the CP section above) with their Regions before the 2027 zonal meetings

○ Question for Areas: How do these factors affect our ability to carry the message in your Area, and which is the biggest challenge?

- **Other contacts:** besides RCMs, please tell us if others in your Area want to be contacts for these items

RCM REPORTED:

- Several Areas are doing H&I or PR. A few Areas have members going into facilities or prisons and are working to get more people approved. IP racks are in most places
- Several Areas reported new meetings and growth. Some Areas want to start new committees, and some struggle to keep full committees
- Areas are showing both growth and growing pains. The Region can best serve them by supporting this growth

Proposals submitted for New Business

- **PR Week task group:** create a task group to explore ways Arkansas can take part in NA PR Week, the first full week of June 2027. It reports back by the February RSC with findings and any recommendations

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- **May 1 service event task group:** create a task group to organize an NA service event on May 1 to coincide with the May RSC and the NAWS Service Day for 2027

○ Intent: offer opportunities for service training on an annual NAWS Service Day and support the local fellowship with the experience the RSC brings the same day

QUESTIONS FOR THE REGION

- What is the best way for the delegate team to engage this Region in the planning process, and what would help the Areas engage in the process?
- What is the best way for the delegate team to know what is important to the Region?

In loving service, Alicia A., Arkansas RD