

**Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous  
Committee Meeting**

**Meeting convened at 10:20 am Date: Oct. 07, 2018**  
**12 Traditions – Scotty H**  
**Concepts – Lee P**  
**Purpose – Lori C**

**Administrative Committee**

<b>Chairperson – Lori C</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>(504) 939-2999</b>
<b>Vice-Chair – Pixie S</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>(225) 335-4941</b>
<b>Treasurer – Wanda McD</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>(423) 903-0012</b>
<b>Secretary – Nikki B</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>(337) 884-0231</b>
<b>Regional Delegate -</b>	<b>Open</b>	
<b>RD Alternate – Lee P</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>(972) 898-2796</b>
<b>RD Elect –</b>	<b>Open</b>	

**Standing Committees**

<b>A&amp;F - Melissa R</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>(985) 517-0257</b>
<b>H and I - Tyrone D</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>(337) 693-9630</b>
<b>Outreach– Robbie L</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>(318) 446-4474</b>
<b>Public Relations –</b>	<b>Open</b>	
<b>Policy – Doug F</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>(318) 447-1241</b>

**Interested Parties**

<b>BOD Chair – Bob S</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>(225) 335-4940</b>
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Area Service Representatives

Acadian – Terry V	Present	(337) 693-9630
Greater Baton Rouge – Jessie G	Present	(225) 288-7280
Bayou Recovery – Elmore B	Present	(225) 663-0313
Central – Frank A	Present	(318) 446-4474
Lake – Scotty H	Present	(337) 304-3419
New Orleans – James G	Present	(504) 234-1120
North – Brittani F	Present	(337) 513-9855
Northshore – Trent H	Present	(985) 801-9281
Unity – Steven H	Present	(504) 377-7491

Chair Report

Verbally given by Lori C just saying this would be her last region as chair. Thanks for allowing her to serve.

Motion to accept July 2018 minutes  
Passed

ASR Reports

Acadiana

Hi family

Acadiana area is doing well. Acadiana has 11 meeting places with 32 meetings a week. Attendance is well and all area positions are filled. H&I has 5 commitments a month that are filled with 18 meetings a month. I new meeting on Friday night at 10pm. Acadiana area has a \$200 donation.

In loving service

Terry V

### Bayou Recovery

Bayou Recovery Area has 16 home groups carrying 40 meetings each week. Our H&I carry 4 meetings into local facilities and 4 units at dci prison in Jackson, LA as well as LCIW. Meetings at DCI are bi-weekly and LCIW has gone from bi-weekly to weekly. Areas are encouraged to support these prison meetings by attending the DOC orientations. \$230 donation to region.

In loving service,  
Elmore B

### Central Area

Hey family

Central Area is doing well. We currently have 8 active groups and 23 regular meetings each week. We still have about 200 active member in the area. H&I currently host 3-4 presentations a month at pathways, edgefield, and longleaf. We just had ou annual Unity Day at Chicot State Park, Sept. 21-23<sup>rd</sup> in Ville Platte, LA. Anytime an addict can have good clean fun is a good day, so I would say we had a good turnout. It was a success. I have a donation of \$43.15

Thank you for allowing me to be of service  
Frank A

### Greater Baton Rouge Area

Good morning family.

We have 8 group in our area going well 30 to 50 newcomers had a fish fry for the convention our business meeting will be this coming Saturday your new ASR will be Kim. We will be having a sponsorship banquet come up November 3 2018.

Thank you for letting me be of service  
Jessie G

### Lake Area

Hi Family,

I am representing the Lake Area. Our area has 8 groups and 39 meetings a week.

The Hope Group that meets in Leesville, LA are being contracted because of their rogue status. The Lake Area is working with Outreach to deal with the group and help them follow traditions of NA. Robbie with Outreach will be attending the meeting in Leesville with a Lake Area member to discuss the meeting status. A new meeting was formed that meets at a local treatment center.

The H&I commitments are to the local state funded treatment center on Sundays and the Calcasieu Parish Jail on Fridays and Tuesday. Lake Area Freedom, Agape and Spirt of the Bayou all have monthly speaker meetings. The Howl group has quarterly speaker meetings. Lake Area will be holding a convention fundraiser Halloween Bash October 20, 2018 at Spirit of the Bayou in Sulphur, LA. Ronnie P will be speaking at the event. Please come over and have a great time.

The Agape group is moving November 1, 2018. The new location is 1217 Broad Street, Lake Charles, LA. The region website will reflect the new address changes.

The Lake Area would like to thank the Regional committee for allowing us to host Region this quarter. After food/supplies cost, auction and 50/50 the Lake Area has a check for 695.00 to give to Region.

In Loving Service  
Scotty H.

### New Orleans Area

New Orleans Area currently has twenty-eight home groups and fifty-two meetings per week. We also have six weekly H&I commitments being fulfilled. Our PR/PI subcommittee has created some literature packets containing multiple IP's to distribute at many substance abuse treatment based facilities and institutions around the New Orleans area and has scheduled presentations to reach out and raise awareness to professionals in said facilities/institutions.

The GSR's in our Area requested that the RD Elect, Lee P, give a presentation to share the information from the WSC and the CAT/CAR. This event was unfortunately attended by no one but myself and Lee P.

Also wanted to remind every one to keep in your awareness the Circle of Sisters Convention happening in New Orleans April 19-21. More info can be found on [www.circleofsisters.org](http://www.circleofsisters.org) and any help or support would be much appreciated.

In loving service,  
James G

### North Area

Currently in the North Louisiana Area there are 13 meetings and eight homegroups, with about 40 active members. We carry the NA message to CADA (treatment facility) every Tuesday night at 7pm. Resilent house on Thursday and they bring clients to meetings. Camp Recovery Nov. 9-11 at Lake Bistineau State Park in Doyline. Prereg \$40 until Oct 27 and \$50 after. No addict turned away. Richard T will begin term as ASR in Nov. ILS

Brittani F.

### Northshore Area

Hello La. Region,

My name is Trent H, I'm an addict.

The Northshore Area is doing well and growing. We currently have 17 home groups with 40 meetings weekly. The Serenity group in Hammond changed their meeting time Sunday from 7:30 to 7:00. We are fulfilling all of our H&I commitments, supporting Fountainbleau, ADU and Tangipahoa Parish Jail. On the vote for H&I the Northshore Area voted for Scotty H. We have a donation of \$164.21 for Region at this time. This is my last region as ASR in this rotation, I have enjoyed the experience of holding this position for the past year.

Representing the Northshore area in 2019 will be Damien T.

Thanks for allowing me to serve,

Trent H.

### Unity Area

Hey Family,

Unity area has 18 active home groups and 22 weekly meetings. Our H&I subcommittee members go to The Salvation Army every other Tuesday, Grace House every other Wednesday, River Oaks every Friday. Our PR subcommittee's chairperson and subcommittee continues to work together with New Orleans' PR subcommittee chairperson to carry the message in our areas. Our Facebook secret group currently has 168 members. Unity Area A&F subcommittee does not have a chairperson currently and I am filling in as Vice-Chairperson. We are having a Halloween Function/Fundraiser for Unity Area on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 7-10pm at Good Shepherd Church in Metairie. Our area continues to struggle with attendance and members willing to be of service. One of our Monday night meeting may fold by next region if we don't change that.

In Loving Service,  
Steven H.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Treasurer**

Working Balance \$17,246.31

See attached reports

**Regional Delegate**

No Report

**RD Alt.**

Hello Everyone,

I am very grateful to serve our Region as AD. I think that it was intended in the guidelines for that move to take place last July. Please clear this up for the assembly if I am incorrect. Thanks!  
If any Area has an IDT Workshop topic that they brought here from their ASC please let me have it and let's coordinate calendars this weekend. Thanks! I am very sad to say the Post C.A.R. Workshop in New Orleans was poorly attended only their ASRA and myself, just us two... With that said the Regional Activities Chair requested a Post C.A.R. Workshop at the last Campout and do to a prior schedule conflict I could not attend. The North Shore Activities Chair (I think) also asked for one and I have a prior arrangement to attend the Multi-Zonal Service Symposium in Omaha NE. I committed to attend that at last Southern Zonal Forum. I will be there November 1 through Nov. 5th. I don't know if the Region funds that Service travel and I have the air fare bill which will be submitted in this report.

NAWS is asking that we get our Region involved in the current Membership World Survey. Over 3000 have been done through na.org/survey and we're asking everyone with internet access to please go online and fill out the survey. We're not sure how many were filled out at WCNA 37? You can also download the survey from na.org and mail it in to office in Chatsworth CA. This data is being collected till the end of 2018 and will greatly enhance our Worldwide and Local PR efforts. Thanks.

I'm including copies of;

The July Southern Zonal Forum minutes (2) copies, one to pass around and one to include in my report

Two (2) copies of NAWS News, one to be passed around and one for my report

Two (2) copies of information about the "Iranian Prison Convention for our H&I Chair and one to be included in my report (I really hope that everyone reads it, it could move you)

Eleven copies of the upcoming Southern Zonal Forum in Metairie (per Madam Vice Chair)

Ten copied of The Open Mind Group moving for Regional ASR's first please

One copy of old "Membership Survey" that can be copied (informational purposes)

I am submitting one bill for airfare to the MZSS \$340.80

One-night hotel Tru by Hilton \$148.61 (October Regional)

Total\$489.41

Thank you for allowing me to serve. ILS

Lee P (J. Pedesclaux)

**A & F.**

Hi family

So everything is going great in the A&F world. The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Unity Campout was a success held Sept. 21-23, 2018 at Chicot State Park. We had 22 paid registrations with over 30 campers. We brought 25 t-shirts, sold 24(gave one to a newcomer) at \$15 a piece(cost \$165) profit \$195

Weekend breakdown

22campers =	\$990
24t-shirts sold =	\$360
Raffle/donations+=	\$323.70
Total	\$1673.70

Cost:

Group camp	\$678
Walmart	\$285.74
Supplies	\$326.66
Total	\$1290.40

\$1133.3 brought to region

\$750 seed money

\$383.30

We are looking for the next area to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Unity Campout. The 5 areas we haven't had the pleasure to be of service to are: Lake, New Orleans, Unity, Bayou, and GBR. Please let us know where the need is. So the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Gumbo cook-off is upcoming in April. We would like to host this somewhere within the region other than the Northshore. Is another area would like to host this function let us know. This function assists the H&I committee to provide literature to Angola & other penal institutions within the region. We hope to have a regional location for the cookoff for Jan RSC.

Up coming function in the region:

Oct 13 – Trouble No More- Halloween Party McCombs, MS

Oct 20 – Lake Area Halloween Bash 2019 convention fundraiser

Oct 26-28 – Moonlight Madness Bogue Chitto State Park

Nov 9-11 – Camp Recovery at Lake Bosteaneau

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - Pre-xmas nite of fun ST. Catherines Church Metane, La 2019 convention fundraiser

Thanks for allowing me to serve

Melissa R

**H&I**

No report turned in.

Greetings from your Angola H&I contact person ( said in a voice suspiciously like Pixies) Unfortunately I am not able to present this report in person, this Saturday is the mandatory DOC orientation and I am the only one available to act as contact person. The meeting at Angola prison is going well. We currently carry a meeting into camp C & D. We have a dedicated group of people that carry the meeting into the prison twice a month. The meeting very in size from 10 to 18 members including no less than 2 H&I members.

Although things are going well, we do have challenges. The meeting is around 2 hours from anywhere, and showing up on time has been a challenge for us at times. To get into the prison you have to pass through a x ray machine. The staff needs adequate time to screen you, so its important that we show on time or better yet, early. This applies to me as well. We have also had some issues with the guards issuing call outs for the meeting. I have been in touch with the Chaplains office and we are working on a solution.

On behalf of the members of the meeting I would like to thank the region for their literature donations. The meeting has no funding from the prison, and world has stopped the process of sending free books and literature into institutions. They are totally dependent on us for literature. We have has a few people or groups of people donate literature, but the bulk of the literature comes from the region, thank you.

I would encourage people to volunteer and to attend the orientations and attend the meeting . I would like to request \$250.00 for literature. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. My phone number is 2259784749, my email is [maxglass@cox.net](mailto:maxglass@cox.net).

Thanks

Bob S

## Outreach

LARNA OUTREACH REPORT : OCTOBER 6, 2018

Hello Family,

My name is, Robbie L., and I am an Addict.

I would like to report for this past quarter that we have acquired an outreach handbook in binder format.

We have also acquired the meeting information for the Natchitoches community.

If re-elected to this position I will be focusing more of my efforts to helping each area establish their outreach efforts.

I am requesting that each ASR give me one or more contacts for each area as well as take my information back to their area and choose who my contact will be.

(examples: Vice Chair, Public Relations, Local Area Outreach Chair)

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Robbie Lee

## Public Relations

### **Vacant**

Greetings from your web contact person (also sounding suspiciously like Pixie) I would like to thank the Region for its continued support for the web site. I continue to communicate with our website person Steve S. and have forwarded any updates submitted to me. Steve has made the changes in a timely manner (almost immediately). We have recently has some problems with how the meeting schedules are displayed. This included the regional schedule. As a result the schedules were simplified until Steve and friends could figure out the problem. The problem has since been resolved and the schedules have been restored.

The web page has been doing as well as can be expected. What does that mean? Well it means that it depends on the information that we give it. That should come in the form of a emailed or at worst texted correction or pdf version of a flyer. Please dont mark up a schedule and give it to me, send it to me as an email, or better yet , send it directly to the web servant listed on the website.

You can also update your meetings using meeting update on the website. As far as flyers, please send pdf flyers directly to the website, dont send scans of flyers, they generally look like crap. Remember that the website is some people's first impression of NA.

I was recently contacted by the vice chair concerning using the regional schedule for A H&I mailing. After looking at the schedules I noticed that most of them were out if date, including my own. Although it was easily updated, it required someone to notice it. What's my point? If you want content change, schedule, flyers, announcements, whatever, you have to let us know. I dont read minds and am not aware of meeting changes throughout the state. Having the meetings on our schedule correctly is critical. Your meeting is only covered by our insurance if its listed on the meeting schedule. It's also an important tool for people to find your meeting. I recieved the most email telling me that the meeting tha Sent from my iPhone

Bob S

## Policy

My name is Doug and I am an addict. We had a meeting yesterday. There was no area policy attending the meeting. We went over some changes in our policy that we will make motions for the RSC meeting. If we want to send it back to areas, we can for conscience. This may be overridden with 2/3 majority.

PS Before making new policy we changed our way to donate to the WSC. Any more motions that need to be put in policy.

In service

Doug F

## Information of Interest

### B. O. D. Chairperson

October 6 & 7, 2018

Members and Trusted Servants of the Louisiana Region:

As is our custom, we are including minutes for the HCC meetings (7/29 and 8/26), and the LRCC Board meeting (7/15). The HCC had one additional meeting, (9/29) and LRCC had one additional meeting (9/9) but minutes are not yet available so I'll include them with our report at the next RSC meeting.

As promised in our last report, we have closed out our fiscal year for LRCNA 36 and after paying all the bills and setting aside money for the LRCC's budget, we had \$4,356.82 left to donate to the RSC. A check for that amount has already been mailed to the RSC treasurer.

Our July meeting was largely focused on reviewing what we had done in the previous year, hearing recommendations from the Shreveport HCC on what we need to do differently, and making changes to the convention guidelines. For example, it was recommended that fundraisers asking for seed money should submit a proposed budget with their request and provide receipts after the event. We think that's a good idea and it is now in the guidelines. We also had discussion about whether the LRCC board should set the convention registration price instead of expecting the HCC to come up with this number, which they usually do long before they really know what they will be spending. We did not have a consensus on this though, and we did not think it was a good idea to make such a major change without more agreement from board members. For anyone who wants to review them in detail, those revised guidelines are downloadable from the LRCNA web site.

Thanks to a great deal of work by Denise Howell, and after a lot of back and forth negotiations, we now have a signed contract with the Covington Clarion for LRCNA 37. Providing we meet our room block of 200 room nights, the meeting space will cost us \$500. Room rates are \$85.00 for most rooms, but "Atrium" rooms are \$95, and there are a few "suites" that go for \$129.00. Please do what you can to get people to register at the hotel early. Remember, they can make a reservation and cancel without any fee if it turns out they need to. You'll remember that we've decided to get and keep digital images of past convention banners rather than trying to keep the physical banners themselves. We've found a photographer in the fellowship who thinks they can get pictures of all the old banners and we're in the process of letting them try with a few banners before giving them all the banners. We still haven't decided what we'll do with the physical banners once we have digital images and so we are still very open to any suggestions from the RSC.

You'll also remember that we have had some difficulties with our credit card company. There is a member of the fellowship who works in this area and our Treasurer has been tasked with talking to him and seeing if we can do better in regards to both service and fees by switching companies. More will be revealed!

In an attempt to simplify our dealings with vendors at the convention, we talked with our existing vendors at the last convention and asked them how they felt about contracts with a set fee rather than asking them to donate a percentage of their sales. Up to this point we have simply accepted whatever they gave us and had no



way to verify that the amount really was the correct percentage. Additionally, one vendor was supposed to get a room for one night, another did not, one wanted travel expenses, the other did not, and all in all it could be very confusing to keep track of. And any attempt on our part to verify that a vendor is donating the proper amount is going to be awkward to say the least. So, we decided to explore the possibility of having a single, standard contract, with a fee based on what they have donated in the past. They were in agreement and we actually voted on standard language at our last meeting. Barring any unforeseen difficulties we should have 5-year contracts with Beating Heart Tapes and Parable Designs that will be in effect for LRCNA 37-41, or through the 2023 convention.

On this same topic, we also are in negotiations with the Lone Star Regional Service Office for them to be a vendor at future LRCNAs! What an idea huh? Someone to sell literature at an NA convention. I have no idea why we hadn't done this already, but we are trying to do it now!

The LRCNA website should now be reconfigured for LRCNA 37. This means people can register for the convention and they can upload speaker MP3s to be considered as a speaker for the convention through the website. This is actually a lot more work than you would think and our thanks go to Ron Duggins for taking care of this as our Web Liaison.

Prior to our September meeting, we were contacted by a "bid committee," in the Alexandria area asking for guidance on how to submit a bid for LRCNA 38. Ron Duggins agreed to be their contact person from the LRCC Board and went with them to a couple of potential sites to get proposals. The bid committee then came to the LRCC meeting in September and presented their bid. After questioning them on all the factors required by the bidding guidelines, we unanimously agreed that this was a valid bid to be presented and voted on by the RSC. I suppose that will come up under New Business.

Finally, I want to remind you that there are 6 board positions filled right now and 1 position vacant. Next year will be the end of 4-year terms for Virginia Williams, Paul Payne, Bob Singer, and myself (Bob Storer). Paul Payne, Bob Singer, and myself have voiced a willingness to be re-elected to another 4-year term. Virginia Williams has indicated that she likely will not be.

In loving service,

For the LRCC Board

Bob Storer, LRCC Chair

### OLD Business

#### Elections

Vice Chair	Wanda McD	Elected
Treasurer	Trent H	Elected
Secretary	Nikki B	Elected
Rd	none	take to areas
RD Alt	Lee P	Moved Up in July
Activites	Melissa R	Elected
H&I	Scotty H	Elected
Outreach	Robbie L	Elected
PR	Richard T	accepted & Elected
Policy	Jessie E	Accepted & Elected

**New Business**

**Motions:**

Motion on floor:

To bundle Motion 2018-10-01/2018-10-08 & hand over to new policy chair Passed 9/0/0

2018-10-01 to change pg 10 regional alt elect #3

2018-10-02 pg 11 #12 take out

2018-10-03 pg 11 election of officers #7

2018-10-04 pg 14 general guidelines remove #5 & #7 completely

2018-10-05 pg 12 terms of service #2 change

2018-10-06 pg 10 Explanation of elections

2018-10-07 pg 7 reports section

2018-10-08 entire policy reformatted to fix numbering bullet and pg numbers

All are attached to minutes

2018-10-09 \$300 for next RSC Passed 9/0/0

2018-10-10 Reimburse RD Alt upcoming \$489.41 Passed 9/0/0

2018-10-11 request 2020 LRCNA Central LA Area Passed 9/0/0

Lee P took a straw poll for upcoming SZF being held by our region on weather to do"

PR/PI Presentation for Professionals or IDT workshop

It was 4/4 and the administration voted IDT workshop

Next we discussed some topic

Make NA Attractive won most votes.

This is a regional event and everyone in all areas is encouraged to help out if available

**Regional Rotation**

**January 5-6<sup>th</sup> 2019 - Acadiana Area**

**April 6-7<sup>th</sup> Greater Baton Rouge**

**July – 6-7<sup>th</sup> Northshore**

Oct 7, 2017

Beginning balance \$12,617.67

Donations:

Convention Copy -	\$ 4536.82	
Central Area	43.15	
Northshore	164.21	
Bayou	230.60	
Academy	200.-	
Lake Area	695.-	
A+F		<u>1133.30</u>
	\$ 7,003.08	\$ 19,620.75

Expenses

Melissa R	A+F	\$ 29.-	
Jori C	Chair	\$ 80	
Robbie L.	Outreach	\$ 40	
Doug F	Policy	\$ 40	
Wanda M	Treas	\$ 80	
Bob S.	H+I	\$ 250.-	
Academy	Region	<u>\$ 300.-</u>	
			\$ 18,801.75

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Fee P. RDA \$ 489.41

8,201.00

~~\$ 10,111.34~~

NAWS \$ 820.00  
SF2 \$ 246.03

\$ 17,246.31

Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous  
RSC Motion Form

Motion No. 2018-10-01

Maker Policy

Second Frank A. ASR CLANA

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Simple Majority

Policy Change \_\_\_\_\_ Two-thirds <sup>Responsibilities</sup>  
(Duties & Responsibilities)

MOTION: To change: page 10 Regional Alt. Elect.  
# 3: The RD Alt. Elect will assume the  
RD ALT. position after the world conference  
at the July's RSC. 10/94-19

INTENT: Clear up policy

PRO \_\_\_\_\_

CON \_\_\_\_\_

Final Vote: For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstention \_\_\_\_\_

Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Failed \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Areas \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Move to postpone \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_

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Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous  
RSC Motion Form

Motion No. 2018-10-02

Maker Policy

Second Frank A. CLANA <sup>ASIR</sup>

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Simple Majority

Policy Change \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Two-thirds

MOTION: page 11 #12 take out

INTENT: clear policy

PRO \_\_\_\_\_

CON \_\_\_\_\_

Final Vote: For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstention \_\_\_\_\_

Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Failed \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Areas \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Move to postpone \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_

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Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous  
RSC Motion Form

Motion No. 2014-10-03

Maker Policy

Second Frank A. ASIZ CLANA

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Simple Majority

Policy Change \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Two-thirds

MOTION: Py 11 Elections of officers current # 7  
Add "the year before WSC" between Occur and In  
to be read: Nominations of RD Alt Elect (~~When Alt moves to~~  
~~RD~~) are to occur the year before WSC in July, 98...

INTENT: clarify policy

PRO \_\_\_\_\_

CON \_\_\_\_\_

Final Vote: For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstention \_\_\_\_\_

Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Failed \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Areas \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Move to postpone \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_

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Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous  
RSC Motion Form

Motion No. 2018-10-04

Maker Policy

Second Robert L - DRC

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Simple Majority

Policy Change \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Two-thirds

MOTION: page 14 General Guidelines  
Remove #'s 5 + 7 completely

INTENT: clear up policy + make fixes that  
should have been done

PRO \_\_\_\_\_

CON \_\_\_\_\_

Final Vote: For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstention \_\_\_\_\_

Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Failed \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Areas \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Move to postpone \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES \_\_\_\_\_  
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Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous  
RSC Motion Form

Motion No. 2018-10-05

Maker Policy

Second Robbin L - ARC

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Simple Majority

Policy Change \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Two-thirds

MOTION: p12 Terms of service  
#2 change to: Nominations for all  
other positions will be brought from the  
areas to the RSC in July

INTENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PRO \_\_\_\_\_

CON \_\_\_\_\_

Final Vote: For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstention \_\_\_\_\_

Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Failed \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Areas \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Move to postpone \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES \_\_\_\_\_  
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Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous  
RSC Motion Form

Motion No. 2018-10-06

Maker Policy

Second Robert ORC

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Simple Majority

Policy Change \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Two-thirds

MOTION: Pg. 10 Explanations for Elections of RD, RDAH and RDAHE.  
Change # of Trips to WSC, 2 year cycle  
to 2 instead of 3 and the # of  
times at WSC during full term from 3  
to 2.

INTENT: clear up policy meaning.

PRO \_\_\_\_\_

CON \_\_\_\_\_

Final Vote: For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstention \_\_\_\_\_

Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Failed \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Areas \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Move to postpone \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES \_\_\_\_\_

Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous  
RSC Motion Form

Motion No. 2018-10-07

Maker policy

Second Robb / ORC

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Simple Majority

Policy Change \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Two-thirds

MOTION: Page 7, Reports section

Yearly Reports: change the 1 to a 2

And add "before conference" saying:

Each July before the conference on the

odd year (2010/12/06, each member is

responsible to file a written report to the

R.D. These reports are to be typed.

INTENT: clear policy

PRO \_\_\_\_\_

CON \_\_\_\_\_

Final Vote: For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstention \_\_\_\_\_

Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Failed \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Areas \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Move to postpone \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_

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Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous  
RSC Motion Form

Motion No. 2018-10-08

Maker Policy

Second Frank A. ASR CLANA

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Simple Majority

Policy Change \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Two-thirds

MOTION: The entire policy needs to be evaluated and reformatted to fix the numbering, bulletins, & page #'s

INTENT: to reorganize policy

PRO \_\_\_\_\_

CON \_\_\_\_\_

Final Vote: For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstention \_\_\_\_\_

Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Failed \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Areas \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Move to postpone \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES \_\_\_\_\_

"On the road again"



WE'RE MOVING

with

# Open Mind

Same time: 730 PM every Monday night

## New Location

Saint Charles Ave Baptist Church

7100 St Charles Avenue, 70118

About 6 blocks from old location

**Corner of Broadway & St Charles**

Use entrance on Broadway Street to

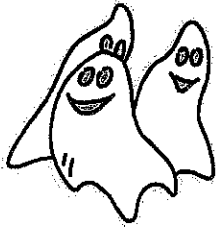
Fellowship Hall

583 Broadway St, 70118

See maps and photos on back of flier



# **Lake Area's Annual Convention Fundraiser Halloween Bash**



**October 20, 2018**

**4:00 - Till**



**Spirit of the Bayou**

**411 Poole St.**

**Sulphur La.,**

**4:00-5:00 Trunk or Treat, Cake Walk, Face Painting,  
Kids Costume Contest**

**5:00-6:00 Food & Fellowship**

**6:00 Speaker: Ronnie P. Northshore**

**7:00 Raffle for Prizes, Auction & Adult Costume Contest**

**8:00 Lava Lamp Meeting & Clean Time Countdown**

**9:00 50/50 Raffle Drawing (must be Present to win)**



**Suggested Donation**

**\$5.00 A Person**

**NO ONE WILL BE TURNED AWAY**





**The Convention Committee will be Present to sell Pre-Registrations & T-Shirts**

**James C. 337-853-2772 or Scotty H. 337-304-3419**

# UNITY AREA'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018  
7PM-10PM

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH  
5122 W. ESPLANADE AVENUE  
METAIRIE, LA 70006

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- 👤 FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP
  - 👤 TRUNK OR TREAT
  - 👤 DOOR PRIZE
  - 👤 SILENT AUCTION
  - 👤 50/50 RAFFLE
  - 👤 ADULT AND KIDS COSTUME CONTEST
  - 👤 HOMEGROUP PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST
  - 👤 HALLOWEEN SELFIE STATION
  - 👤 MUSIC BY DJ FRANK
  - 👤 SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED

TICKETS \$10 OR 2 FOR \$15  
NO ADDICT WILL BE TURNED AWAY



**For additional info Contact Steven H. 504-377-7491 / Kaycee G. 504-638-3670**

BRASCNA

# Moonlight Madness Campout!

When: Oct 26, 27, & 28

Where: Bogue Chitto State Park

17049 State Park Blvd

Franklinton, LA 70438

Do not call park!

Friday check in time: 4PM

Campsite – \$40 per night, tents may share sites. RV campers may call Joel ahead.

Buy campsite from activity committee upon arrival.

Speakers, Fun, Bike raffle, Mediation Meeting.

Costume Contest Hotdog cook off

\$25 Wall-Mart gift card to each winner

Jambalaya Saturday night!!!!

Friday speaker, selected from registered campers

Saturday speaker, Bobby B. (Northshore Area)

Speakers 8PM both nights!

Bicycle raffle after Saturday speaker!

Bring all camping supplies

Contact: Joel V. 225-290-3470

Pixie S. 225-335-4941

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Clean Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Clean Time Breakdown:

Years: \_\_\_\_\_ Months: \_\_\_\_\_ Days: \_\_\_\_\_

\$40 until October 27, 2018

\$50 after October 27, 2018

Day Rate is \$15 per Person

Send check or money order to:

N.L.A.N.A. Camp Recovery

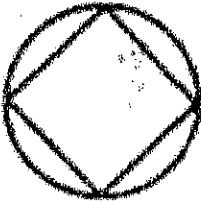
P.O. Box 44162

Shreveport, LA 71134

Number of Registrations: \_\_\_\_\_

Newcomer Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



North Louisiana Area  
Narcotics Anonymous

P. O. Box 44162

Shreveport, LA 71134

1-800-674-9776

For Info Contact:

Jamie C.

(318) 219-6406

or

Micah C.

(318) 550-8584

or

Brittani S.

(337) 513-9855

Come join us for a

weekend of recovery,

fellowship and fun at

Lake Bistineau State

Park!

North Louisiana Area of  
Narcotics Anonymous

Presents:

Pre-Registration form for

**Camp Recovery 2018**

November 9 - 11, 2018

Lake Bistineau State Park

Group Campground #1

Doyle, La. 71023

**CAMP**



**RECOVERY**





IS COMING TO NEW ORLEANS/ UNITY AREA

OF THE

LOUISIANA REGION

January 25-27<sup>th</sup> 2019

(With a PR/PI Presentation on Friday January 25<sup>th</sup> Location and time TBD)

1/26 8:00am – 9:00am Recovery Meeting

9:15am – 5:00pm SZF & IDT Workshop TBD

Local meeting locations will be provided (List of eateries too)

1/27 8:00am – 9:00am Recovery Meeting

9:15am – Noon Southern Zonal Forum Business

**Hotel: Holiday Inn Metairie New Orleans Airport**

**2261 N. Causeway Blvd Metairie, LA 70001**

**Tel: 504-373-5946 Fax: 504-301-0174**

The guest room rates will be \$109.00 on a Single/Double/Triple/Quad Occupancy basis. Please note, rooms are subject to any applicable taxes. The current Sales/Occupancy tax is 14.75%. Room Block CUT-OFF DATE is 12/28/2018! Please book your room early. Parking is free. Thanks! Call 1-800-465-4329, mention "Southern Zonal Forum". For transportation from the airport to the hotel, contact Kari L. (985) 285-5660. For general information contact: Lee P. AD Louisiana Region (972)898-2706

All are welcome to attend!

# NA WORLD SERVICES NEWS

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## The Rundown

### important dates and announcements

**WCNA '18**  
30 August – 2 September 2018

Registration: [www.na.org/wcna](http://www.na.org/wcna)

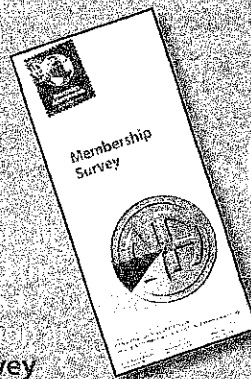
[www.na.org/wcna](http://www.na.org/wcna)

**WCNA '18**—2021

Registration: August 2018

### Membership Survey

Registration: [www.na.org/survey](http://www.na.org/survey)



### USCA at the Future

USCA at the Future is a special feature in this issue of NAWS News. It is a collection of articles from the USCA members who attended the USCA conference in 2017. The articles provide a glimpse into the future of the USCA and the NA.

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Submit articles, artwork, and photos from NA events:  
[naway@na.org](mailto:naway@na.org)

You can find the complete *NAWS News* here: [www.na.org/nawsnews](http://www.na.org/nawsnews)

### what can I do? ways to get involved in the work

#### Projects

**Literature Projects:** Info and updates are available on a mental health/illness IP ([www.na.org/mhmi](http://www.na.org/mhmi)) and a meditation book ([www.na.org/meditationbook](http://www.na.org/meditationbook)). We continue to welcome your ideas on either project: [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org).

#### Training and Tools Project:

**Conventions and Events Toolbox:** [www.na.org/conventions](http://www.na.org/conventions)

- Money Management—draft available soon
- The Program Committee & Development of the Program—final version ready to use
- Sign up for next web meeting and project news: [conventions@na.org](mailto:conventions@na.org)



**Local Service Toolbox:** [www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox)

- Serving in Rural and Isolated Communities—draft available before the end of the year
- CBDM Basics—final version ready to use
- Sign up for web meetings and project news: [toolbox@na.org](mailto:toolbox@na.org)



#### Upcoming web meetings

##### Conference Participants:

- 6 October, 11:00 am PDT
- 8 December, 11:00 am PST
- 9 February 2019, 11:00 am PST

**H&I:** 4 October, 4:00 pm PDT

**Inmate Step Writing:** 10 October, 3:30 pm PDT

**Phonelines:** 18 September, 4:00 pm PDT

**Public Relations:** 18 October, 4:00 pm PDT

**Zonal FD/PR:** 6 October, 9:00 am PDT

Visit [www.na.org/webinar](http://www.na.org/webinar) for more information.

#### Issue Discussion Topics

This cycle's topics are **Attracting Members to Service, Carrying the NA Message and Making NA Attractive, and Drug Replacement Therapy/Medication Assisted Treatment as It Relates to NA.** Workshop resources will be at [www.na.org/idi](http://www.na.org/idi) soon and we will send an email when they are posted. If you hold a workshop, please send your results to [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org)!



UPON THIS  
COMMON  
GROUND  
WE STAND  
COMMITTED

## THIS CYCLE HAS BEGUN

*When we look for common ground, common guidance, and common purpose with others, our relationship with the world can shift dramatically.*

### *Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions, Tradition Two*

The World Board held its first meeting of this cycle in Orlando, Florida, 27–30 June 2018, and our first Conference participant webinar on 21 July. This report identifies areas that we addressed in our meeting and the activity since. Our work plan for the cycle is ambitious with four face-to-face workgroups and seven virtual workgroups/web meetings. Along with our workgroups, we are planning bimonthly Conference participant web meetings, and WCNA37 is just around the corner. At this meeting we welcomed and officially seated the newly elected World Board members—Hammed A, Lib E, and Yoel G—and welcomed back our second term members—Irene C, Paul F, and Tana A. We also held elections for the Executive Committee: the World Board chairperson for this cycle is Tana A, the vice-chair is Tali Mc, the secretary is Tim S, and the treasurer is Irene C. The Board spent a day of our first meeting to focus on what we call a “Board reboot day,” during which we focused on our responsibilities and goals as a board. We will be orienting the new members in several web meetings, although they seemed already up to speed. Our experience has shown that providing orientation in several pieces is more effective than trying to do it all at once. We are looking forward to a fruitful cycle.

### SERVICE OF THE BOARD

In essence, the focus of our Board reboot day was service of the board. We used this as a time for us to step back, refocus on our responsibility, and agree on how to carry the work of the cycle forward. During our initial warm-up small group exercise, we embraced the idea that effective leaders are inspirational and are inspired, which helps ignite and fuel the passion for service. One of our aims this cycle is to further develop the relationship with the WSC through zonal forums, regions, and communities. We discussed the fact that a lack of timely information may feed a feeling of disconnection, and we identified that frequent releases of information and regular web meetings are ways to build and maintain relationships with delegates. We also discussed ideas about how to increase Conference participant involvement. Naturally, we considered the use of technology and offering smaller, manageable opportunities for

engagement. This could include topics for discussion in our web meetings to garner different perspectives.

We will send out the environmental scan prior to the next regular Board meeting, which is scheduled to take place 6–9 February 2019. Our aim is to simplify the scan. We truly appreciated the participation from regions last cycle; the information provided back to us was informative and mirrored much of what we saw in our own environmental scan. Our hope is that our communication with delegates prior to the scan will help delegate teams in their preparation. Our desire is for everyone to be successful in their service efforts.

We ended our day affirming that our focus is the strategic plan and the objectives and goals contained within it. We need to focus on the goals and objectives to help us further realize our aspirational goals expressed in A Vision for NA Service.

### WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE PROJECTS AND WORKGROUPS 2018–2020

We focused a lot of time reviewing the charges for the workgroups this cycle, and selecting members for each group. We left discussion about the composition of the Business Plan Group, Audit Committee, and *Reaching Out, NA Way*, and WSC Seating Workgroups to a future meeting.

Technology has improved our ability to reach members, so we received an unprecedented number of names for these projects as a result of eblast requests going out over many months. There are never enough positions open for everyone who is interested. We want to thank all of you who submitted your name or recommended someone else. We are committed to finding ways to increase involvement in these projects beyond the few that we can select for workgroup involvement. Please stay tuned!

### WSC of the Future Project

A primary aim for the WSC of the Future Workgroup is developing a shared understanding of what is meant by WSC sustainability and effectiveness. Secondary aims, and equally important, include sharing and collecting best practices for zonal forums as well as gathering ideas for improving collaboration and communication between zones, and between NA World Services and zones. While we expect there will still be some discussion about WSC seating, this focus has been shifted due to recent decisions to seat zonal delegates from zones with two or more unseated communities. We expect the workgroup to have some of these discussions, but we also think the Conference needs some time to experience this change. As the cycle continues forward, this workgroup most likely will address areas of effectiveness of the WSC meeting and discuss ideas to improve our use of time between WSC meetings. This workgroup may not be able to accomplish everything this cycle. It is an 18-member workgroup, which includes a participant from each of the 15 zonal forums, one from Iran (which is an idea the WSC supported), and two Board members. We will announce the names of participants the zones selected once that process is completed. The workgroup will also have staff support. This is the largest workgroup we have had. As you may recall,

zones have until 31 July 2018 to forward their names for workgroup participants. There certainly will be more information following their initial meeting and throughout the cycle. For more information, visit [www.na.org/future](http://www.na.org/future).

### **Mental Health/Mental Illness Informational Pamphlet Project**

The Mental Health/Mental Illness IP Workgroup must meet sooner than any of the other workgroups because it is a one-cycle project with a lot to do. To fit the Conference cycle timeline, the project must release a review and input draft to the Fellowship by February 2019. Fortunately, we have received 794 pieces of input from 26 countries for this project. This wealth of input will help the workgroup gain a sense of what is desired in the IP, and there will also be a World Board Forum at WCNA 37 to garner some additional input and involvement. We will post updates to the project page as we progress at [www.na.org/mhmi](http://www.na.org/mhmi). The workgroup will have web meetings, and we will also utilize focus groups to gather input directly from members with experience on this topic. The workgroup members are: April H, Northern California Region; Erich C, Tri-State Region; George S, Ohio Region; Jessie N, Minnesota Region; Udo B, Germanspeaking Region; and Roger S, Aotearoa New Zealand Region. Paul F will serve as the World Board point person for this workgroup.

### **Daily Meditation Book Project**

The Daily Meditation Book Project is a two-cycle project with a workgroup of nine members. The workgroup will create a draft of this book. We are fortunate to begin with input from 2,700 surveys from 37 countries gathered during the previous cycle. We anticipate releasing the material for Fellowship review in three or four batches, which is similar to the process by which *Just for Today* was developed. Initial input seemed to indicate a desire to have spiritual principles repeated throughout the book's entries and to format the book similar to *Just for Today*. It is early in the process still, but we will continue to provide updates and opportunities for involvement through the project page at [www.na.org/meditationbook](http://www.na.org/meditationbook). We hope to hold our first workgroup meeting in the near future, and the work will also be supported with web meetings between the face-to-face meetings of this workgroup. The workgroup members are: Abdul Hamid R, Southern California Region; Amitabh S, SOSONA-Indian Region; Bob W, Greater New York Region; Jim B, Arizona Region; Jim D, UK Region; Kathleen N, Iowa Region; Maria del Carmen P, Panama Region; Staci H, Lone Star Region; Tawni C, Colorado Region. Mary Ellen P will serve as the World Board point person for this workgroup.

### **FIPT Operational Rules and Bulletins**

This will be a virtual workgroup whose focus will be to review the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)* Operational Rules and Bulletins. We will report to the Fellowship throughout the cycle on any recommendations for change. This workgroup will be guided by actions and discussions from WSC 2018. As the cycle continues, the World Board will review the workgroup's recommendations and determine what will be presented in the 2020 *Conference Agenda*

*Report*. Members of this workgroup are Art A, Southern California Region; Jim B, Volunteer Region; Kelly A, Alabama Region; Mario T, Australian Region; Mitchell S, Greater New York Region; Sharon S, Lone Star Region; and Troy B, Connecticut Region. Junior B will serve as the World Board point person for this workgroup.

### **Delegates Sharing Project**

WSC 2018 chose to continue the Delegates Sharing virtual workgroup on an ongoing basis. This workgroup was formed two cycles ago for planning and executing a delegate-focused Conference session as well as a workshop during Unity Day prior to the Conference. This workgroup has been a great example of what can be accomplished by a group that doesn't meet face-to-face. Workgroup members for this cycle will be confirmed at a later date. Grainne H from Ireland Region will be the point person. Jose Luis A will serve as a liaison to the workgroup from the World Board.

### **Training and Tools Project**

The Training and Tools Project is a series of virtual web meetings with a two-pronged approach: the Local Service Toolbox and Conventions and Events Toolbox. Point persons for the Local Service Toolbox are Yoel G and Jose Luis A; point persons for Conventions and Events Toolbox are Tali Mc and Irene C. We encourage any member who is interested to sign up and participate. We appreciate your experience in these areas of service. Recently, the Local Service Toolbox has been busy with rural and isolated communities; they anticipate their next focus will be GSR orientation. Conventions and Events is nearly ready to release a draft on money management, and anticipate their next work will be about hotel negotiations. If you have not already seen them, you can also view their recently developed CBDM Basics and The Program Committee & Developing the Program on the project pages ([www.na.org/projects](http://www.na.org/projects)). For members interested in local services, please sign up at [toolbox@na.org](mailto:toolbox@na.org); and members whose interest is conventions and events, please sign up at [conventions@na.org](mailto:conventions@na.org).

### **Issue Discussion Topics**

To continue with our ongoing Issue Discussion Topics, the WSC agreed to two topics based on the CAR survey. The two topics that received the highest ratings in the survey were Attracting Members to Service and Carrying the Message and Making NA Attractive. We will create sessions for these topics with input from the Conference participant web meeting that was just held on 21 July. We will roll out these IDT workshops at WCNA 37. Additionally, the Board notified the WSC that most likely there would be a third IDT, and we decided at our meeting to add Drug Replacement Therapy/Medication Assisted Treatment as It Relates to NA. The aim is to gather input, raise awareness among our members, and encourage dialogue within the Fellowship about how NA members and groups respond to and welcome addicts on DRT/MAT. What we learn and the input we gather will help shape the project plan for this topic for 2020. As we progress, updated material will be posted to [www.na.org/idt](http://www.na.org/idt).



### **A Guide to World Services in NA**

*A Guide to World Services in NA (GWSNA)* is being sent to Conference participants with this issue of *NAWS News* for review and input for ninety days. In addition to the tracked changes in the handbook, you may note that we have added addenda to *A Guide for Local Services in NA*. The addenda material was taken in its entirety from *GWSNA* and focuses on the Service System Project decisions made by the Conference; the content of the material seemed to logically align with local services and is being added as a resource. We encourage anyone with comments or suggestions to send them to [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org).

### **Special Days and PR Week**

At the request of the WSC, we will be having special days designated annually for Service and for Sponsorship, similar to what we do now with Unity Day. We encourage you all to consider and discuss how your community would like to celebrate and acknowledge Service Day and Sponsorship Day. Once we have identified the dates, we will announce them through our usual channels of communication. Many of us seem to live by our calendars, and we would like our first Fellowship-wide days of Service and Sponsorship to be a success for the Fellowship.

The idea for a special PR week also came from WSC 2018. This will consist of one week each year designated to focus on public relations service, beginning in 2019. The exact week has not been identified. As with Service Day and Sponsorship Day, we will notify everyone as soon as a week has been selected.

If you have any ideas for activities related to Service Day, Sponsorship Day, or PR Week, please send your comments to [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org).

### **Membership Survey**

It is almost time to update an important PR resource—our membership survey. The survey will be distributed at WCNA 37 and, on 1 September 2018, we will post the survey on [na.org](http://na.org) (on the Projects and Surveys page [www.na.org/survey](http://www.na.org/survey)). For our survey efforts to be successful, we need your help. Please spread word in your communities about how important this is to our ability to provide a realistic picture of who and what NA actually is to professionals and government agencies. We will translate this survey into as many languages as we can, and we are open to adding language groups who have the ability to translate this. We tend to see greater participation when local communities provide the link to our survey on their websites or email it to their distribution lists. Any comments or questions about the survey can be addressed to the World Board at [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org) or the PR team at *NAWS* via [pr@na.org](mailto:pr@na.org).

## **WCNA 37: 30 AUGUST–2 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**LET'S CELEBRATE RECOVERY IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA!**

### **The Magic Is Still Real**

Excitement abounds! We can feel and hear the enthusiasm that members are experiencing for WCNA 37. Currently, we have more than 14,000 members registered to attend (more pre-registrants than ever), and we hope many more mem-

bers will be joining us. Registration indicates that this World Convention will be a global experience for us: members from 47 countries have pre-registered. At the main meeting Friday night, we will have a geographic roll call where members from countries around the globe will wave their flags, stand up and cheer, and celebrate NA's worldwide presence. The World Convention will not take place in North America again for six years after WCNA 37. As we have reported previously, the Banquet and Comedy Show are both sold out; however, tickets are still available for the Blues Luncheon, the Jazz Brunch, and the Saturday Night Concert.

As always, special-event seating assignments for WCNA 37 will be determined by the date of pre-registration; this means the location of your seat for ticketed events is driven by your pre-registration date, not by the date you purchase event tickets. We are trying a new registration process at this Convention, so picking up pre-registration packets should be quick and easy. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to register online if you plan to attend.

We are offering shuttles from the hotels in the World Convention block solely for members with needs based on the Americans with Disabilities Act. Information about local transportation, scooter rentals, and other local information can be found at [www.na.org/wcna](http://www.na.org/wcna).

We are jazzed to see and to welcome everyone in Orlando!

## **WCNA 38: MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**

As many members may have already heard, the location for the 2021 World Convention has been decided, and we will celebrate recovery together at WCNA 38 in Melbourne, Australia. This may be a once-in-a-lifetime World Convention experience in the land down under. WCNA dates for Australia will not be established until the contracts are signed. Additionally, we would like to thank the members from the other NA communities that were considered in the World Convention selection process.

## **CALENDAR**

### **Travel requests** (considered by quarter)

Please send in your requests as early as possible.

**1 November** for January–March

**1 February** for April–June

### **Web Meetings and Webinars**

18 September: Phonelines Webinar, 4:00 pm PDT

4 October: H&I Webinar, 4:00 pm PDT

6 October: Conference Participant Web Meeting, 11:00 am PDT

6 October: FD/PR Zone Webinar, 9:00 am PDT

10 October: Inmate Step Writing Webinar, 3:30 pm PDT

18 October: Public Relations Webinars, 4:00 pm PDT

8 December: Conference Participant Web Meeting,

11:00 am PST

9 February 2019: Conference Participant Web Meeting,

11:00 am PST

### **World Board meetings**

6–9 February 2019

1–4 May 2019



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## Iranian Prison Convention

1 message

Lee J Pedesclaux <leejster@gmail.com>  
To: Lee J Pedesclaux <leejster@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 11, 2018 at 10:55 PM

The Prison with the most recovery.

Salam

A few days ago I was asked to speak at an NA convention at Alvand prison in Hamedan, Iran. Convention?!! In prison!! In Iran!!! Unbelievable.

However, I was excited to participate since I myself had received the message of recovery while in jail myself. I looked forward to traveling the 3 hours from Tehran to speak at this prison.

Hamedan used to be the capital of Iran and is one of the most ancient cities in Iran and the world. She was a center of culture, education and civilization.

We arrived at 8:30 am on September 5th, 2018 to Alvand prison. I was joined by 40 other members of Narcotics Anonymous. We all looked our best. I have to mention when members of H & I visited me in prison there were only 3 volunteers at the time to carry the message, today there are over 85 carrying the message of hope and recovery in Iran.

Alvand prison is one of the most violent and notorious prisons in Iran. When we arrived at the prison there were 1500 inmates gathered in the prison stadium including the prison warden and other staff.

Alvand has a population of about 4900 prisoners. 1300 hundred of these are clean and identify as members of Narcotics Anonymous.

There are 10 meetings a day at Alvand. H&I visits the prison 6 times per week and each month holds 4 workshops including one convention per year.

The warden spoke to me and thanked me for the work and impact the message and fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous has had on inmates and prison life. He mentioned there are fewer fights and bloodshed. He also told me how this program has affected the families of inmates. I was told 2 death row inmates had died clean.

One of the inmates at Alvand shared his story from the podium. Even though he only had one leg he was full of enthusiasm for his recovery and proud of the 6 years he had managed to accumulate. His story moved all of us and touched our hearts.

As for me I am very proud to see

Narcotics Anonymous is in the business of helping to heal society.

Mahmoud ch

**Southern Zonal Forum**  
**July 27 -29, 2018**  
**Show-Me Region /Kansas City, Missouri**

9:15 – Opened Meeting/Introductions

**Fellowship Concerns**

**SZF Secretary- Kristin D:** Last forum serving as Secretary. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Have learned so much from this body over the years. Passed around a pamphlet that the Writing Steps for Recovery committee had created. Will add to minutes. See attached

**Show-Me Region- Tom W.,** previous RD: last forum for now, honored to have served. Love to all. Introduced us to Scott who is the Regions new Alternate Delegate. Troy is now the current Delegate.

**Lone Star/ RD – Sharon:** Rotates regional committee meetings. Trying this for two more years. Attempting to get more local involvement. Learning Day set for next Region, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>. Had audit , all is good. The body does it, or has someone with the experience. The Regional Convention hires someone to do their audit. Has 7 Areas...Added Outreach and tested it for a year, very successful. Positions open at RSC. H&I and PR do not meet at Region. RCM's brings the information from their committees to the RSC.

**SZF Treasurer- Randie :** Last Forum as SZF Treasurer. Thanks for allowing me to serve. Esperanza Area continues to struggle to be unified. Groups supporting groups.

**SZF Representative- Henry:** Canadian Assembly/ Asia Pacific Forum do amazing with tasks ( i.e.. fellowship development) We as a Forum within the United States need fellowship development. We have many rural areas within. They were having too (forums outside U.S.) and we ( U.S.) were not. We expect development to happen, rather than having to develop it.

**Volunteer Region/ PR Chair- Charmaine:** VRC is Thanksgiving weekend. This year it will be held in Nashville. The 2018 dates are November 23 – 25 and it will be held at the Millennium Maxwell House, 2025 Rosa L. Parks Blvd, Nashville, Tennessee. For more information and to register online, visit <https://vrcna.org/vrc2018/>. So many Conventions and Campouts occurring "fun" that our other Services are struggling.

**Volunteer Region/ AD- Jim:** Issue Discussion Topic on Apathy- inside out. Visual representation of information resonates more with people. Delegate team included a link to all RCM's of a PowerPoint they created. Groups were asking to see it as well. Another very beneficial tool to communicate.

**Volunteer Region/ RD – Tim:** We are trying to focus on regional service rather than conventions in order to get the right servants in the right places. One Area getting too big, unable to get business done, one Area unable to have quorum, and then another Area is growing ( Fellowship Development).

**Member from Chattanooga, TN.- Lee:** "Social Media" make service more attractive.



**Red River Region/ RD- B.J.:** Fellowship Development occurring in one Area- 3 new groups. Another Area continues to struggle, 2 trusted servants doing all. An addict recently discovered "Google Meeting". An old schedule pops up. How can we fix this? Please contact B.J. to share any experience, strength and hope.

**Red River Region/ AD- Steve:** Fellowship Development- Large undeveloped "dead" areas/spaces within. Feelings about not being a seated Region. Milestones hit at WSC....grateful the Regions voice is being heard now.

**Show-Me Region/ RD- Troy:** 1<sup>st</sup> Forum as Regional Delegate. Looking for some assistance in dealing with predatory behavior. Addict taking advantage of newcomers. Doing a workshop with Scott/ AD in October on Service. Show-Me Regional Convention (SMRCNA 28) will be held at Capitol Plaza in Jefferson City, Missouri, August 17-19, 2018. Hotel address is 1415 W. McCarthy Street, Jefferson City, Mo.

**Show-Me Region/ AD- Scott:** Elected as new AD in April, prior to the World Service Conference. SMRCNA, Regional Convention is struggling, need rooms filled. Mainly due to the World Convention and other events. Brought flyers for the Multizonal Service Symposium. Please register...mzssna.org. Flyer attached

**Louisiana Region/ RD- Lee:** Southern Zonal Forum will be in New Orleans in January 2019. *Will have no tomatoes in the gumbo* – per Lee. Question concerning room block, placed into New Business on Sunday. Young Outreach Chair...on fire ! Looking forward to SZF . H& I and PR doing very well. PR has 8 members on their committee. Projects are getting started , i.e. PSA's. Compiling a list of professionals in the communities- trying not to duplicate services that H&I already has.

**Bluegrass Appalachian Region/ RD-Scott:** Last forum as Delegate. Region has lots of widespread areas in between . Two new Areas within. Asked to do a workshop with 2 additional members at WCNA ( World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous). Topic is " Solutions to Areas in Rural Areas". Looking for any ESH. Also see Kentuckiana Region

**Bluegrass Appalachian Region/ RDA-Joanie:** Region is on mend after issues concerning their regional treasurer. Having a PR symposium at BARCNA 8. Jackie G, previous Delegate is assisting. Will have portions live on Zoom. September 5, 2018. Had an elected official not show up for a year. "Difficult Conversations" were had and the addict was addressed.

**Tejas- Bluebonnet Region/ RD-Dennis:** AD moved out of state, position is open within the Region. Will be electing a new AD next month. Major theft of funds occurred- Adopt an Inmate ( sends literature to inmates), \$28,000 dollars stolen. Writing checks out to cash- Reports were read at the last RSC concerning this matter. Putting in places updated policies . 11 Areas within 5 parts of Texas ( southeast). The poorest parts, looking to Fellowship Development. Rio Grande Area- Closest Region next to ASC. Someone is selling t-shirts at meetings. Members are concerned about vendors breaking traditions concerning the sale of T-shirts. Will be discussed during Solution Session.

**Arkansas Region/ RD- Delores:** rolling off as RD. **UPDATE 8/04 :** *Staying on for 6 more months to ease the transition.* Looking at Fellowship Development. PR Chair doing

great work. So many Areas and so few serving. Meetings opening and closing. PR – trainings and presentations occurring.

**Kentuckiana Region/ RD- Joy:** "KBARNA" Kentuckiana and Bluegrass Appalachian Regions joined in unity for the World Service Conference. At the WSC they will both be One – KBARNA. Outside of WSC they will continue to be two separate Regions to provide better services for the Areas that they serve.

**Members from Plain States Forum:** Cindi shared she is very excited about the Solutions sharing session to bring back .

**Lone Star Region/ Mary :** For us to consider being the example concerning Zonal Forums within the United States. What would it look like if we compiled the 3 "Midwest" Zones or Central America Zones . Think of what we have already accomplished ( i.e. Multi-Zonal Service Symposium). Prep, planning, and application. Each of our Zones have so many things to offer. Too much repetition , think of what could happen by coming together. Lets start this conversation, perhaps at the upcoming Multi-Zonal. Continue discussion about Role of Zones, Involvement , and Solutions to issues we face. Can this start with us- yes. Our combined efforts might be a huge step forward. Together we would be 27 Regions.

**Kentuckiana Region/ Kevin/ Previous RD:** "Consolidated" Region- having the experience at WSC. Why don't we think about consolidating other Regions within our Zone. 10 would become 5 at WSC. Regions experience was when CAR motions were combined. Both Regions together were in unison with each other. Helped to also be geographically close. Joy, current RD presented the votes from each and explained the breakdown.

Several other members from the local fellowship/Show-Me Region and neighboring Regions were also in attendance.

## **Fellowship Solutions to Issue Discussion: 10:45 am**

### **Selling items:**

- Mr. Bill used as an example. He did this for a living and did so respectfully.
- Refinement of using behavior, then we say, "oh it's ok, that is just him/her".
- We are at a meeting for a meeting, not to harbor a business.
- The right to the logo is never "sold". On the application for a license to use the logo it asks what the logo will be placed on and how and who are they distributing it too. You cannot take the license for one thing and then put it on others. Campout/ Conventions used contracted vendors . Groups should decide what happens in their meetings. If a group says no...then no. We must follow the group conscious. If people continue to buy the stuff you cannot really regulate it. We must continue to educate and communicate with those members, groups, areas, and regions. Group Conscious. Vendors are always in it for themselves.
- Ask the group first if it is ok- and do not sell during the meeting.

- Question was asked: " Can a person who has a license let another member sell for them?" Yes – employment relationship.
- Fellowship Intellectual Property and Trust. Under number 11 it says that , "can only sell if you have a contract". For more info look up FIPT at na.org. Set by example....

### **Predatory Behavior- by older / long term members.**

- Gather older members, one by one. Have a conversation with the individual. If that does not work call police and let them know. Addicts have a right to feel safe. It is a very thin line, unacceptable behavior .
- A harassment statement could be read in meeting...see attachment.
- We know who they are and make it a point to watch and assist. Interrupt – protect both men and women. "hands-off". It is our personal responsibility .
- Service Pamphlet can be a resource.
- "using our forces"...shared an example of an H&I member taking a member out , taking them home, then returning them to prison. This addict never got them to a meeting like they were supposed to be doing.
- We must step up – members with time must take responsibility to confront those members causing harm - step up.
- One members had this happen within their homegroup. They had a group conscience. Had to shadow a member...to restroom, etc....Even after time passed and issues resolved . Group continued to be alert. Prevention.
- We attract the level of our own disfunction. Difference between a predator and someone who is lonely.

### **Fellowship Development**

- We need to go to the groups and not wait for them to come to us. Need more Public Relations work, H&I..etc.... We need to focus within the Regions we serve to assist the addicts yet to come. Area created a banner, had all groups within the Area be responsible for passing it along to the next group. Had a journal with it as well as had the group sign the banner. Banner was then sent to South Africa to further promote Unity .
- Struggle, you step in – help out. Have combined goals – Had variety of activities. Follow-thru.
- Reach out-Online meetings
- Poster/ Flyer days, can add specific homegroups.
- Issue Discussion Topic from 2004-2006, " Who is Missing from Our Meetings and Why?" An addict shared they have an updated version. See attached
- Help addicts start meetings / Rural Areas/ Fellowship after. Treatment centers used to give out just Big Books years ago. Now they re giving out Basic Texts too. Focus on PR efforts to let facilities know who we are and then follow-thru.
- Literature racks in hospitals, etc..

- One Area places the **pound** symbol # next to meetings that need support.
- 4 Areas within a community uses the Metro outlined in the Guide to Local Service.
- Does service efforts in a Rural Area , apparently has the highest drug overdose rate in the state of Illinois. Working with probation, judges-started a few meetings- 3 months old. Step out and do – do yourself until others join in ( i.e. meetings). Use newspapers, small town newspapers, posters, & fliers. Use media in the counties...PSA's etc. Do not have the expectation you are going to get help. Area had a picnic when only 2 months in existence, gained a few members who came along.
- Oklahoma – divide :3 Areas – large, a driving metro area, and smaller one. PR had signs made , went to every group. Outlining groups now want to be on the PR "zoom" meeting! Did a P.I. pamphlet campaign- groups adopting facilities and being responsible for filling racks. Outreach adopted a mobile meeting for addicts homebound or in the hospital. Those addicts can request by calling the phoneline. Guidelines are also in place.
- There is a Zoom meeting every Thursday night at 10pm eastern time.

### **Involvement in Service, Rather Than "Parties".**

- Conventions/Campouts. Addicts like to have clear expectations and know when tasks will be completed. An end date. When we talk/communicate more, more will get on board. Clearly defined roles and responsibilities .
- Switched to having workgroups . Planning for two years and budgets are included as well. If you build it they may come.
- Few people doing a few things. Now have a virtual meeting. Following information inside the PR Handbook . Using the term, " service opportunities" instead of "work". Getting budgets and also using Planning Tools. We always need more people.
- Sometimes there are too many restrictions. Can be accountable but may not always need to show up to every subcommittee in person, especially if those serving are far away. We make it difficult when we ask for a report, need to be there in person to also give report...etc. Top it off by being in a rural area far away.
- All 11 areas within Region are encouraged to attend Region. H& I and PR meet as well. "Survival kits" are given to newcomers. Contact Dennis/RD for Tejas Bluebonnet for more info on these kits.
- Call groups, ask questions as to why they are unable to attend. Welcome them back. See if there is a solution as why they cannot attend. We make groups show up. How can we look at it differently? Fellowship Development- we spend a lot of time talking about what we do rather than doing what we do.
- Way too many functions all of the time. Make a commitment to be of service.

- Google Groups- So many other ways to be of service to our fellowship. Zoom and other forms of technology are great tools we can use. Willingness to try them.
- Lack of mentorship – too much bureaucracy- until we make them. Willingness of bringing mentorship forward.

### **Combining Zones / Regions**

- This idea is fantastic however, the volume in numbers may be more difficult to work with- efficiency.
- It has taken us 20 years to get to where we are as a zone
- There are similarities amongst our zones. What can we do together that we can't do alone. What can we do in 3 zones, than in 7? This would be outside of the WSC (voting). Our Multizonal Symposium was thinking outside of the box.
- Discussed the combining of the Regions within Texas, collection of resources to provide services and minimize duplication of services.. The ability to come to a place to do better service.
- We get caught up in the "mine". 10% take an interest. 9 out of 10 times we have the same info. The coming together for something better, for us. Things get started as a need. Put it together, "more is better".
- We must become open to accepting web meetings.
- Plain States have met using Zoom and when members have been unable to make it.
- The Multizonal has in their programming time for us all to meet. Will look into Saturday evening for all 3 Zones to meet and discuss.
- Planning and putting together the Multizonal is all done via Zoom. Most met either at the WSC or at the previously planned Multizonal for the first time face to face and a hug.
- Areas within Volunteer Region uses web meetings to meet.

### **Workshops Presented Saturday Afternoon**

- **WSC**
- **Apathy in Service**

### **Sunday Business Meeting**

Opened with a moment of silence @ 9:20am  
 12 Traditions, read by Dennis  
 12 Concepts read by Scott

31 addicts were in attendance ( we missed you Mississippi) ☐ (((hugs)))

Kristin made a motion to approve January 2018 minutes, Minutes approved.  
Randie read Treasurer's in between Report from February – right before July's SZF  
Randie went through and read Treasurer's Report from happenings during July's SZF  
(See Attached)

Kristin brought up the expenses for the PR Presentation to Professionals. A huge thank you to all that assisted!!!! ☐ KC Metro really enjoyed seeing the entire process happen from beginning to end. They appreciated all of the helpful pieces of information that had been shared face to face. There was a total of 5 professionals in attendance. This is a wonderful start. We do need to think ahead when planning. The hotel contract took place prior to the decision of having the Presentation. The hotel was kind enough to only charge us \$50 for the use of the room. Some additional costs were in providing some simple refreshments ( coffee \$25 and snacks). Thank you to the addict who made cookies and brownies for those in attendance at no cost. NAWS also provided the SZF with literature. The literature consisted of a few books, some booklets, PR brochure packets and several IP's for the brochures. The estimated cost was \$150.00. Kristin asked the body to send a donation to NAWS of \$ 150.00. The body agreed. (See treasurer's report)

A question was asked if we could have reports listed in the agenda. We decided to continue to tie reports back into Saturday during Fellowship Concerns. More focus to be placed on what is going on within our Regions. For example, more effort to share the happenings of our PR, H&I and other services occurring within our service bodies. Show how we value what we do . Perhaps less emphasis on our Conventions & Campouts. Plans to create a format to assist the Delegate Teams to know what information is important to the Forum body.

- ☐ Saturday we have more time to do this .
- ☐ Be specific to each area of service.
- ☐ Previous forums ( over 12 years ago) used topics addressed and created a "Solutions Pamphlet". May have some old ones on website.
- ☐ Incorporate reports into Fellowship Concerns

Another tool presented was for us to create a PowerPoint. The Volunteer Region's Delegate team uses PowerPoints. They noticed the apathy within their region and how they did not use our experienced, past delegates. That is where the idea came from. It came from the current Delegate Team wanting a solution to apathy and being able to use past delegates.

- ☐ We can incorporate what has been helpful into PowerPoints...We can practice doing these at the SZF .
- ☐ Be understanding that not all have updated versions of PowerPoint. Some computers have settings for this and some do not. Perhaps use an older version.
- ☐ Lone Star uses Google Groups ( Region and Areas within have a connection). One person manages the group. For example , Delegate Team drops reports, etc., during the World Service Conference. Very effective in sharing information.

## **Elections**

**New SZF Treasurer:** Scott / Bluegrass Appalachian

**New SZF Secretary:** Lucy / Volunteer Region

## **Upcoming Forums**

- Fall 2018 will meet on Sunday at the MZSS, SZF admin will be funded.
- January 2018 will be the 25-27 in New Orleans and hosted by the Louisiana Region.( Flyer attached) Workshops will be determined while at the MZSS.
- Summer 2019 will be hosted the Bluegrass Appalachian in Lexington, Kentucky at the Hampton Inn.

## **Additional Sunday Business**

- ☐ We need to go back through previous forums and create a spreadsheet of both t-shirt numbers / costs and find the number of rooms booked for each one. Will give us a better idea for the future.
- ☐ We do not need to change the hosting organizer/ guidelines. We just need to keep track and be realistic. All depends on the places we go.
- ☐ We do need to know what the "Final Costs" will be concerning upcoming forums. Best to know actual costs for Regional budgeting and for those Regions that are only allotted so much per Region for traveling expenses.
- ☐ Will be updating the Hosting Rotation.
- ☐ Go to Meeting will be due in January. We would like to get Zoom. Lucy will look into it for us.
- ☐ Signers on the bank account currently are the treasurer, facilitator and B.J. from Red River ( was a newly elected at the time). It has been decided to have 3 admin: Right now it will be the Facilitator, Treasurer and the SZF Representative.
  - Facilitator : Anastasia Henderson
  - SZF Representative : Henry Clayton
  - Treasurer : Scott Kessler
- ☐ Checks for the Southern Zonal Forum should be now sent to :

**Attn: Scott Kessler**

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**137 Lee Drive, Lancaster, KY. 40444**

- Delores and Kristin presented that as a forum we look into Fellowship Development. Time to take the next step. It is time to assist the Regions that we serve concerning several tasks such as; PR Presentations, Trainings ( PR/H&I) , Assisting Rural Areas , etc... We will look to the EDM, CANA, and the APF for assistance.
- Adhoc Committee was formed to develop a project plan to identify a target and gather more information.

Kristin, Delores, Dyanne, Scott, Charmaine, Dennis, Kevin, Joanie, Joy, Henry, Tom, Janean, Pat, and Randie. Mollee would like to observe. Please let Kristin know if she missed someone.

- For the future...please keep in mind that Forum business does not necessarily end at 11am. This is a scheduled time when we all get together to meet.

To all at the Southern Zonal Forum, thank you for allowing me to be of service. You all have taught me so much.

In loving service and gratitude,  
Kristin D.