

**Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Committee Meeting**

Meeting convened at 10:20 am Date: Oct 06, 2019
12 Traditions – Wanda McD
Concepts – Elmore B
Purpose – Pixie S

Administrative Committee

Chairperson – Pixie S	Present	(225) 335-4941
Vice-Chair – Wanda McD	Present	(423) 903-0012
Treasurer – Trent H	Present	(985) 801-9281
Secretary – Nikki B	Present	(337) 884-0231
Regional Delegate -	Open	
RD Alternate – Lee P	Absent	(972) 898-2796
RD Elect –	Open	

Standing Committees

A&F - Melissa R	Absent	(985) 517-0257
H and I – Scotty H	Present	(337) 304-3419
Outreach-	Open	
Public Relations – Richard T	Present	(318) 578-0344
Policy – Jessie G	Absent	(225) 288-7280

Interested Parties

BOD Chair – Bob S	Present	(225) 335-4940
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Area Service Representatives

Acadian – Lori C	Present	(504) 939-2999
Greater Baton Rouge – Roy M	Present	(504) 606-8988
Bayou Recovery – Elmore B	Present	(225) 349-9961
Central – Greg M	Present	(318) 319-5691
Lake – Scotty H	Present	(337) 304-3419
New Orleans – James G	Present	(504) 452-7577
North – Richard T	Present	(318) 578-0344
Northshore – Bobbie B	Present	(985) 514-1831
Unity – Robbie G	Present	(504) 427-4401

Motion to accept July 2019 minutes
Passed

Chair Report

Hello Everyone:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve another year and to give back what has been given so freely to as a member of NA.

I appreciate each of you being here for my recovery.

Sincerely,

Pixie Storer

Vice chair Report

No report

Treasurer report

A Verbal report was given by Trent H with new balance \$12,085.90. He talked about the need for insurance and explained the policy how it works. Finally report of the day is attached.

ASR Reports

Acadiana

Acadiana Area has 33 meetings a week. We have H&I has 4 commitments that are all filled and doing well. Everything is good in acadiana area. We have a Halloween function at Acadiana Cares on Oct 12th at 6pm. Also have a area fundraiser on Nov 16th. Flyers attached. No donation at this time.

In Loving Service

Lori C – ASR

Larry N – Alt ASR

Bayou Recovery

We have 46 meetings weekly covering 11 LA parishes. We have Two New meetings in cities Clinton and Donaldsonville. They are small towns and new to the NA Fellowship. Our H&I sub-committee has 2 meetings into local facilities and 4 units at DCI prison in Jackson LA. LCIW has weekly meetings in two separate sites. H&I also support the Region's recovery meetings at Angola. Side note: Our H&I subcommittee sends a special thanks of gratitude to all areas who answered the BELL to help our local literature efforts at LCIW. Angola coordinator Bob S is asking for \$250 for literature. DOC orientation schedule for 2020 is not final. No regional donation this quarter.

In loving service,

Elmore B

Central Area

Hello Family,

Central Louisiana area currently has 18 meetings per week at 3 different locations in Pineville and Alexandria. Our, area has opened a new meeting clubhouse that offers various recovery meetings to include NA meetings. No Limits 4 Recovery is the clubhouse and the name of the NA group that meets the is called New Life NA. They will be assisted for with registration for WORLD. Both River City and No Limits 4 Recovery have active fb pages. We have 2 facilities that we are servicing once a month and both plan to increase their bed capacity in coming months. A&F is planning a Halloween party with date TBD. Member in the CENLA area have expressed interest in being oriented for Angola H&I. We have a donation of \$254.32.

In loving service,

Greg M.

Greater Baton Rouge Area

All is well in GBR Area. We have 14 weekly meetings at 8 home-groups. The annual fish fry was a success. Lots of good food and the message was carried. Our 3rd mandatory function the sponsorship banquet is scheduled for Saturday Nov 2nd at the MLK center in Baton Rouge. Please help spread the word and flyers are attached. This year speaker will be Wanda M from Alexandria central area. Pre-Paid dinner tickets are available for \$10 suggested donation. We continue, with the bayou area H&I committee, to carry the NA message to BR detox, DCI, Angola, and LCIW. Our regional donation is \$220.00

Thanks ILS

Roy M

Lake Area

Hi Family,

I am representing the Lake Area. Our area has 8 groups and 41 meetings a week.

The H&I commitments are to the local state funded treatment center on Sundays and the Calcasieu Parish Jail on Fridays and Tuesday. A new commitment with New Beginnings treatment program in Lake Charles on Wednesday nights has formed. Lake Area Freedom, Agape and Spirit of the Bayou all have monthly speaker meetings. The Howl group has quarterly speaker meetings. Agape celebrated their 33rd anniversary on July 18-20. The event was a success. There are 2 new meetings in the Lake Area that have formed are thriving with good support in the recovery community in the lake area. I have updated the meeting list. The region website will reflect the new changes. The NA meeting search on the NA app will be updated to reflect the new meetings. The lake area is requesting that the next Unity Day function be held in the Lake Area. The Lake Area is holding a Convention Fundraiser Halloween Bash on October 19, 2019.

In Loving Service

Scotty H.

New Orleans Area

New Orleans Area currently has 34 home groups and 39 meetings throughout the week as well as five H&I commitments being fulfilled. The New Orleans Convention (NOACNA XIII) has started it's election process and have filled every position except for Hotel Liaison and E&F. These are the positions and the people with them:

- Chair: Heather W
- Vice Chair: Edward C
- Secretary: Ruth H
- Treasurer: Shawn T
- Co-Treasurer: Calvin P
- Programming: BeBe W
- Convention Information: Angel C
- Registration: Damian R
- Arts & Graphics: Rine F
- Merchandise: Margaret M
- Hospitality: Meagan

Our PR Committee was granted a significant budget to use to have NA Ads/PSAs placed around the city's bus shelters. RTA are currently putting together a proposal to present to us. As far as the RSC weekend I used \$240 of the seed money and am returning \$147.73 which was made at the function. I also have a donation from New Orleans Area of \$1,225.70.

In Loving Service,

James G

North Area

The North Louisiana Area is doing OK. The El Dorado, AR group disbanded so we lost a few meetings but our other groups are doing well. Our Area currently has 13 meetings in Bossier City, Farmerville, Ruston, Shreveport, & Springhill, LA.

We still have the H&I meeting at CADA each Tuesday and are considering adding additional locations. Camp Recovery is Coming up in November so we are working hard to get it all ready. Attached is a Flyer for Camp Recovery, Y'all come on up and join us.

ILS

Richard T

Northshore Area

Hi Family,

The Northshore Area has meetings seven days a week. We have fourteen active groups with a combined forty two meetings per week. Our H&I commitments include Fontainbleau men and women meetings every week.

We have some upcoming events in our area:

10/18/19-Rising Star Birthday Celebration—TJ, Will, Toby HAMMOND-7:30PM

10/20/19-Area Service Committee meeting—Covington 2pm-5pm

11/02/19-New Life 20th Year Anniversary Celebration—Franklinton 6pm Whitney P. Speaker

11/02/19-LifeTime Birthday Celebration—Rock, Jeremy, Ben, Shea HAMMOND-7:30pm

11/17/19-Serenity Group Birthday Celebration—Ronnie P.—HAMMOND –6:30pm

We have a \$548.00 donation @ this time.

In Loving Service

Bobbie B.

Unity Area

The Unity area is composed of 17 groups with 26 weekly meetings. We have 3 standing subcommittee: Public relations, activities and fundraising, and a literature subcommittee. Our H&I commitments are currently handled by the PR subcommittee.

The activities & fundraiser committee is having a Halloween on October 19th. Flyers were provided with contact information. Our PR subcommittee is currently verifying all meetings on our meeting schedule for accuracy. We held two PR presentation: a recovery day function held by St. Bernard Parish, and a presentation to staff members at University Medical Center.

The area has donated 10 basic texts, 10 It works how and why, and 10 step working guides to the women's prison at LCIW. A motion from the Just for Today group is being brought to subcommittee to ensure that adequate literature be provided by this region in the future.

In passionate service,

Robbie G.

Standing Committee Reports**Secretary**

See attachment

Treasurer Report

See attachment

Regional Delegate

Vacant no report

RD Alt

Hello everyone! I apologize in advance for my absence and had made these plans a year ago... So there's lot's of exciting things going on! The NAWS Annual Report is out and available if our Region or One of the Area's would like to schedule a time to go over it. Please give Nikki some possible dates and we'll make it happen. Copies are available through the mail or na.org! (It would probably be simpler if we blocked out some time at the next RSC if all ASR's are present) There are three (3) pages in this report about proposed changes to the F.I.P.T., Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust documents. Please, if you have any questions about these proposed changes ask me, not Nikki! Thanks!

By a show of hands, how many people attended the NAWS - World Zoom Call - regarding online meeting's? ____ It was very interesting and there were just under 150 participants, there was a 200 person capacity on the Zoom Call. We broke into small groups.

Each small group was tasked with answering the following questions;

1. What is working best?
2. How do online meeting's handle contributions?
3. How do online meeting's handle Literature?
4. How do they interface with the existing NA Community?

Notes were taken by NAWS and will be available on the Conference Page. Also it is important to mention that this meeting was not a decision making meeting. More for information gathering and sharing best practices among our World Wide Fellowship! We had participants from the U.S.A., Brazil, Switzerland, Germany, Canada, Russia, South America, Iran and Portugal! When we re-joined as a large group the question (s) was asked, "Did you find this discussion helpful, Yes"! "Are you interested in future Zoom Meeting's regarding this subject, Yes"! Both yes' were almost unanimous which was mind blowing... This will become a ongoing conversation in our Fellowship, please input matters! Please send your thought's, comment's regarding this topic to WB@NA.ORG! And, if you'd like to have a discussion on your feeling's and don't want to send them to the World Board, just let me know. Thanks! I did attend a couple online (Zoom) recovery meeting's just to get a feel for them. A couple of take a way's that I got were; NA has a older population of members that are care giver's for elderly parents and can't attend physical meeting's. They found the online meeting's very helpful to their recovery. And member's in rural area's where the nearest meeting is three (3) hour's away, one way also found them helpful. Please note that no one is recommending or suggesting that online meeting's replace face to face meeting's...

The copies of the Zonal Minutes are included as a attachment to this report and Two (2) copies are made available. There is a item that I want to highlight. FD Fellowship Development is proposing a budget of \$3,600.00 for two (2) positions (Annual Budget). PR (Public Relations) Person and FD (Fellowship Development) Person. Guidelines have been created and I will be asked to carry the Regions Conscious on this as a vote. Please poll the ASR's present for a tally. For _____, Against _____, Abstain _____. Thanks! The Conference Agenda Report (C.A.R.) and the Conference Approval Track (C.A.T.) will be coming out soon. Our Region did not submit any Motions. We will need each A.S.R.'s snail mail address. Please send around a list to gather this information. I am not sure how this was accomplished by my predecessors so all help and information will be greatly appreciated. Thanks! I look forward to the work that we have to do to prepare for the 2020 World Service Conference. If anyone has any questions or concerns I will be back in New Orleans on October 7th and am usually at my Home Group, Open Mind Monday Night at 7:30 in the city. Please contact me regarding your questions. Thanks in advance and as always it is my honor to serve you as the Regional Alternate Delegate.

Lee P.

A & F.

No Report

H&I

Hi Family,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. The 2019 Orientation to go into state prisons, October 5, 2019 at 9am. All orientations will be held at South Baton Rouge church of Christ, 8725 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA. 70809. Doors open one hour before the orientation begins.

H & I goes into Angola (camps C & D) every second and forth week of every month. Angola has meetings every Saturday in camps C & D. H&I goes into the womens prisons every Saturday as well, LCIW and Jetson alternating weeks. The Lake Area has also added an H&I weekly presentation to a DOC womens work release program in Lake Charles. Since last region Acadiana area held an orientation and New Orleans area held a orientation/function September 7, 2019. I purchased literature or Hunt and sent via Col Brown and Maj Linzy. Their literature was destroyed when the roof collapsed. I received a check from region but threw it away so I donated the literature. Please contact me with any upcoming orientations or if any areas would like a H&I orientation please contact me at 337-304-3419.

In loving service,

Scotty H.

Angola report read by Pixie from Bob S is attached

Outreach

Vacant

Public Relations

Hello Everyone!

Several things that we have been working on as a Region are starting to come together.

The areas are doing a great job keeping their meeting list data up to date. I recently sent NAWS an export of the LA Region BMLT meeting database. I received a spreadsheet back from them showing the differences between their database and ours. We were only out of synch with NAWS by four meetings over the entire region and these were new meeting that just hadn't been registered yet. I have spoken with the areas involved and will confirm to NAWS that those meeting are correct and they will be automatically registered with them. You guys are awesome. Keep up the good work. I plan to do this comparison once per quarter right before RSC. If any individual areas want to synch their BMLT data with NAWS at other intervals then let me know and I will show you how to do it. Thanks everyone for sending in all the event flyers to post on larna.org . It has gone from virtually empty to showing a lot of activity around the region. Very nice to be able to see everything in one place. Now if I could just get away to attend more of them. Keep sending them in! The Regional Helpline we've been testing has been up for several months now. The number is 585-DONT-USE (585-366-8873). Currently it is hosted on one of my servers for development purposes but will be moved to one of Steve Scranton's servers if we decide to go live. Steve has been great to work with and I give him my thanks. If you haven't tried it I encourage you to do so. This number works both as a meeting search and a gateway to forward calls to each areas helpline. Let me know what y'all think. We're working on getting area webservants up to date on Yap, BMLT and other tools to allow them to offer new options. We still have work to do but it's getting better all the time. Allison L from Bayou Recovery Area and Jared L from NOANA are working together to get a PSA together for LSU, I haven't got a current update but it sounds promising, It's been a productive year so far and I'd like to thank everyone for their efforts to make it so. We hope to keep up and expand on our current projects and move on into other areas. I'm thinking of setting up a closed facebook group for LA Region PR. I would like to hear feedback about that before I go forward though.

ILS

Richard T

Policy

Absent

Information of Interest

Members and Trusted Servants of the Louisiana Region:

As is our custom, we are providing you with the minutes for the HCC meetings (LRCNA 37; and LRCNA 38) and the LRCC Board meetings since the last RSC meeting, along with this report. LRCNA 37 was held on August 23, 24, and 25, at the Marriot Hotel in New Orleans and by almost any measure, was a great success. There were about 350 registered attendees, with 53 of those being newcomer packets. Registration appears to have brought in right around \$8,000.00. Merchandise also did well with an estimated income right around \$10,000.00. The auction and 50/50 raffle brought in right around \$2500.00 and fundraising over the time leading up to the convention brought in right around \$5,500.00. Overall, the convention appears to have brought in about 13,000.00 over what they spent and what they were given for seed money. The budget for LRCC for the coming year is about \$2600.00 which covers meeting space rental, legal filing fees, attorney fees, storage space, new card readers, and replacement of some materials used for the convention. This means the LRCC expects to make a donation to RSC of somewhere around \$12,000.00. It may be a little less or a little more than that depending on the final numbers which are still being worked out.

Given that 5 years ago, LRCNA's hotel in Alexandria was sold 6 months prior to the convention, leading to that committee having to scramble to find a new hotel, and this year LRCNA's hotel in Covington was sold and they reneged on our contract 30 days before the date for the convention, the board decided it should start checking on hotels with bids to make sure they are not up for sale. When we did that with the Best Western in Alexandria which we had signed a contract with for next year, we found that property is up for sale. The board discussed our options and asked the HCC if there were any other hotel's in Alexandria where the convention could be held. They reported the Holiday Inn would be an appropriate facility and agreed to go there and get a proposal. The board then voted to withdraw from our current agreement with the Best Western because the information that it was up for sale had not been disclosed during our negotiations. I notified the Hotel and told them we would be in touch for further negotiations, not knowing what we would find exploring a contract with the Holiday Inn. Those negotiations are occurring now. At our September LRCC meeting, Lori C., presented a bid for LRCNA 39 to be held in Lafayette. According to the bidding guidelines, bids are presented by persons interested in putting on the convention. This group of persons should be made up of people who are willing and able to serve on the HCC if they are granted the LRCNA by the RSC. A member ASC of the Region must endorse the bid and Lori reported that the Acadiana ASC has done this. Although it was not a unanimous vote, the board did vote to declare Lafayette's bid "valid," and to forward that to the RSC for voting. They are here today to present that bid. Also at our last LRCC meeting, as is our policy, we reviewed and updated the convention guidelines. Most of the changes were "housekeeping," in nature, but there is one change that we want to highlight. In general, there are two primary sources of income for a convention; Merchandise and Registration. Traditionally, HCCs offer an extremely low "pre-convention" registration rate and then come up with the "full" registration fee to be charged at the door, and a timetable to decide when the "pre-convention" rate would be increased and by how much. We have had concerns about this in the past because it is simply getting more and more expensive to put on the convention and we cannot afford to "lose" money on "pre-convention" registrations. What I mean by that is, anytime someone purchases a registration at less than the full price, we are "losing" the difference. For example, there were about 100 people who paid a \$20 registration fee for LRCNA 37. On one hand, that represents about \$2000.00 income. On the other though, it represents \$1000.00 lost. The reason "pre-convention" registrations were offered in the past was to generate operating money for the committee. This is no longer needed though because LRCC gives the HCC \$5000 in operating funds right away. So, we have updated the convention guidelines to say that the minimum "pre-convention" registration fee will be \$20.00, and it will ONLY be offered one day, the closing day of the previous year's convention. After that the registration fee will be no less than \$35.00. Finally, it has now been 4 years since the RSC voted to establish LRCC as a separate entity to oversee the LRCNA and terms for the board members serving since then are now up. Those members are myself, Virginia Williams, and Paul Payne. All of us have voiced a willingness to serve another term if you choose to elect us. Also, Rock Hudson from LRCNA 37 has voiced an interest in and a willingness to serve with LRCC. The next LRCC meeting will be held at 2:00 pm on November 10th at Grace Baptist Church on Richland Ave in Baton Rouge. That will be our "Annual" meeting where officers for the year are elected. If anyone is interested in attending, you are more than welcome to do so.

In loving service,
For the LRCC Board
Bob Storer, LRCC Chair

Elections

Vice Chair	none
Treasurer	Pixie S
Secretary	Nikki B
RD Alt Elect	none
A&F	Not present Melissa R (need to vote next region)
H&I	Scotty H
Outreach	Lori C
PR	Richard T
Policy	James S

Old Buisness

None

New Business

Motions:

2019-10-01	to reimburse a check that got thrown away	Passed 9/0/0
2019-10-02	\$300 for web site (budget	Passed 9/0/0
2019-10-03	\$154 for PO Box	Passed 9/0/0
2019-10-04	\$250 literature for Angola	Passed 9/0/0
2019-10-05	to award Acadian Area host LRCNA 2021	Passed 9/0/0
2019-10-06	LCIW to become a regional commitment	bring back to groups
2019-10-07	nominate Rock H for BOD position	Passed 9/0/0
2019-10-08	seed money to central to host new RSC	Passed 7/0/2

Regional Rotation

- Jan 4-5th Central Area**
- April 4-5th Bayou Recovery Area**
- July 11-12th North Area**
- Oct 3-4th Unity Area**
- Jan 2-3rd Lake Area**
- April 10-11th NorthShore Area**
- July 10-11th Acadian Area**

Saturday regional meeting 10-5-19

PR – RICHARD T

Regional phone line is in the testing stage 585-366-8873

Encourage you try and let know what you think

Talking about billboard cost \$100 then price went up

Pixie S-Went to Baton Rouge community college

Put NA literature there available to students

Jared can have PA made for areas if needed

H&I – Scotty H

Oct 5th next orientation for jails

Purchased literature for hunt and lost the check

Anyone who needs H&I orientation get with him to set

Up date

A&F – Melissa F

Unity Campout. Spent 500 to put on campout

Gumbo cook off march 2020

Lake area is interested in next unity campout

RD Alt -Lee P

Absent report read by Nikki B

Policy – Jessie absent

BOD – Bob S

Tell us about 37 convention

Good job on convention committee on bringing it together

To a new area and getting new speakers

The convention made around \$13,000.

Change to convention guidelines minimum \$35 registration fee

After Sunday convention

Merchandise did well.

Board is keeping about 1000 for their budget for the year

Check of about \$12,000 coming to region.

Tell us about 38 convention

Canceled contract with best western cause they are up for sale

In talks with holiday inn. Would have to be weekend before

Memorial day.

Credit cards are not awesome. Looking at options instead

Of and treasurer of board suggestion of square.

Have hope issues Will be resolved.

Anyone interested in having a board day to explain what the

Board does, when it was est. and intro get with Bob S.

2021 convention Lafayette bid

Motion on the floor to make all stuff happened today
Withdrawn after break

JAC

Get budgets in for tomorrow

Elections for board

Elections for region

Rotation

Gumbo on the way

Event is tonight

Is here at main hall with food, two speakers

630 be here or be square

Regional meeting Notes Sunday 10-6-19

Lafayette presented a bid for convention 2021

Voted accept bid 9-0-0

Trent asked to move money motions now so treasurer report

Budgets

A&F=1200

administration=250

RD & RD Alt = 5500

H&I = 600

Outreach = 600

PR = 800

Policy = 100

Travel = 1200

Seed money = 1200

Car report = 200

Insurance =4000

Total = 15,650

Elections and Nominations

Chair = Wanda McD

Vice chair = no nominations

Treasurer = Pixie S 8-0-1

Secretary = Nikki B 8-0-1

RD Alt Elect = no nominations

A&F = Melissa R

H&I = Scotty H 8-0-1

Outreach = nominate & elected Lori C 8-0-1

PR = Richard T 7-0-2

Policy = nominated & elected James S 8-0-1

Bring back to areas we need a vice chair & RD Alt Elect

Nominated BOD member Rock H 8-0-1

Virginia W 8-0-1

Paul P 8-0-1

Bob S 8-0-1

Now the board now has seven members

New business

2019-10-06 LCIW H&I meeting becoming a regional commitment.

Discussion with pro & con and brought back to groups

Motion attached in minutes.

Insurance= discussion on do we need

Bob S = meeting can not be sued.

Ask area how many meeting actually require insurance

Do we really want to keep insurance on a regional level

Rotation

Jan 4-5	central
April 4-5	bayou recovery
July 11-12	north
Oct 3-4	unity
Jan 2-3	lake
April 10-11	Northshore
July 10-11	Acadian

In loving service Nikki B

RSC Treasurer Report 10/06/2019

Starting balance		\$12,085.90	
Donation - New Attitudes (9/5/19)		\$ 25.00 +	
Unity Day - A&F		\$ 1,589.00 +	
Donation - Northshore Area		\$ 548.00 +	
Donation - Greater B.R. Area		\$ 220.00 +	
Donation - Central Area		\$ 254.37 +	
Donation - Lake Area		\$ 150.00 +	
Donation - N.O. Area		\$ 1,225.70 +	
RSC Host - N.O. Area - return		\$ 107.73 +	
Wanda McD. - Travel	ck#1711	\$ 75.00 -	
Nikki B. - Travel	ck#1712	\$ 75.00 -	
US Postal Service	ck#1709	\$ 154.00 -	M#2019-10-03
Steven S. (Web)	ck#1710	\$ 300.00 -	M#2019-10-02
VOID	ck#1713	\$ 0.00 -	void
Scotty H.	ck#1714	\$ 110.27 -	M#2019-10-01
Scotty H. (voided check)	ck#1704	\$ 110.27 +	was reissued above
Bob S.	ck#1715	\$ 250.00 -	M#2019-10-04
Central Area NA	ck#1716	\$ 300.00 -	M#2019-10-08
Current Balance Total		\$15,051.70 *	
Minus Prudent Reserve		\$ 7,500.00 -	
Unencumbered Funds Total		\$ 7,551.70 *	
10% Donation to NAWS	ck#1717	\$ 755.17 -	
3% Donation to SZF	ck#1718	\$ 226.55 -	
Working Balance		\$ 6,569.98 *	
Add Prudent Reserve		\$ 7,500.00 +	
Current Total Balance		\$14,069.98 *	

Thanks for allowing me to serve,
RSC Treasurer:
Trent H.

Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous
RSC Motion Form

Motion No. 2019-10-20

Maker Unity Pines

Second _____

Type: _____ Simple Majority

Policy Change

_____ Two-thirds

MOTION: For the CUW H+I meeting
become a Regional H+I meeting.
The Just for Today group who
initiated this motion requests that
this motion goes back to groups
to insure a true group conscience.

INTENT: to make literature available
to the addicts housed there when
funds are available.

PRO _____ We request that this motion be
CON _____ taken back to groups without
amendments.

Final Vote: For _____ Against _____ Abstention _____

Passed _____ Failed _____

Motion Withdrawn _____ Referred to Areas Tabled _____

Move to postpone _____ When _____

NOTES _____

Meeting at Angola

Greetings all

The meeting at Angola is getting ready to celebrate its 5th year in November. The meeting has had its challenges. Mainly getting people approved to go in, but also dealing with the corrections officers that let us into the units and monitor the people from the inside attending the meetings. They have a job to do and so do we, gratitude is all that comes from these challenges. The rest and I of the volunteers that drive the hours to Angola, are grateful that we are allowed to have a meeting and be able to carry the NA message. We are also grateful, as are the members attending the meeting, for the financial support that the Region has given us, both financial as well as with volunteers.

We currently are only carrying a meeting into unit C, we are having problems to make a callout in unit D as well as getting those that are attending the meeting, that there is a callout at the meeting space. If this sounds complicated, it is. Angola is very large maximum-security prison, and they don't operate by our rules, and things don't always go smooth. We have been trying to start a meeting in the main prison for months. We have the people, the literature and the people in the prison willing to host the meeting (its complicated). What we don't have is the space, we thought we did and were set to start in September, only to lose our space at the last minute. They hold over 900 events a month at Angola and were just going to try harder and wait until space opens.

Elmore is at the Regional meeting and should be able to answer any questions that you have. He is also one of the main people that go in, along with Roy and company and Ron D and friends. The group of people from New Orleans have been a very large part of this. Iron Bill has been leading a group of people out to Angola since the start. We are always looking for volunteers, orientation was today, the next one will be in January 2020. Hope to see you there. Bring a drivers license or an official state ID. We will not be going to Angola in October because of the Angola rodeo, which is yearly event and change how security is handled at the prison. We will return to our schedule of the second and forth week in November. I would like to request \$250.00 for literature for the prison meeting.

In service Bob S.

**FIPT Operational Rules Workgroup
Report to Conference Participants
August 2019**

The workgroup began its work focused on the inspection clause in Article V Section 3 of the FIPT Operational Rules. They had relatively long, involved, and very spirited conversations. Early discussions were framed around the change the board proposed at WSC 2018 and built on that. The workgroup tried to consider the audience and to provide enough information in this section that a member would understand how to work within the system. Much of the language in the first two paragraphs of the proposed revisions is taken directly from other sections of the trust and rules.

The easiest way to show the recommendations that we are making to you is in a revised track change version of the FIPT that accompanies this report. The title of this document is Proposed Changes to the FIPT Op Rules 0819. The changes for the inspection clause are shown on pages 16 and 17 of that document.

The new language that we are recommending to you for the inspection clause is:

SECTION 3: INSPECTION OF TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

The Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous, as given voice by its groups through their regional delegates at the World Service Conference, is the Settlor and the Trustor of the Trust. The Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole is the Beneficiary of the Trust. Only the Trustor can request and conduct an inspection of Trustee activities on behalf of the Trust Beneficiary. With the exception of any items excluded by law, there are no limitations on what the Trustor can inspect.

Under Article IV, Section 12 of the Operational Rules, and in accordance with California law, Narcotics Anonymous World Services, as Trustee, is required to, among other things: (1) give a year-end financial report of the previous fiscal year; (2) cause an audit to be performed by an independent certified public accountant of the Trust for the previous fiscal year; and (3) deliver a copy of both the financial reports and independent audit to all participants of the World Service Conference.

If, after a review of the financial reports and independent audit, a member or service body has questions or concerns, they can contact the World Board. If questions or concerns still remain, after contacting the World Board, they would then be discussed through the established Narcotics Anonymous service structure. This discussion would be initiated by any region, through its regional delegate, submitting a request by motion to the Trustor, at the World Service Conference, through the Conference Agenda Report.

We have proposed other changes to the Operational Rules in the draft document provided to you.

The changes we are recommending now, in addition to the inspection clause, include:

- A change to the description of WSC Boards and Committees on page 11 of the Operational Rules

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- Two edits to Section 12: Trustee Reporting Obligation on page 31 to change calendar year to fiscal year and to add independent to the description of the annual audit.
- Some "housekeeping" edits:
 - Changing representatives to delegates on page 24 of the readers notes
 - A straight copyedit by adding the word "the" on the same page and other edits on pages 15 and 31
 - A change to the way the inspection clause is described on page 37 of the readers' notes

We would have gone further in our recommendations, but we believe that it is important that the Rules and the *FIPT* be consistent, and any changes to the *FIPT* require a much different process. We cover proposed changes to the *FIPT* later in this report.

Use Policy – FIPT Bulletin #1

FIPT Bulletin #1, the Use Policy, explains "the NA Fellowship's policy on the reproduction and use of copyrighted NA fellowship-approved recovery literature and the use of registered NA trademarks and service marks by NA groups, service boards, and committees." The Use Policy is so drastically rewritten and shuffled that a track change version is very difficult to follow. We are providing a clean version and a track change version along with this report, and we will try to summarize the changes here.

The major proposed changes are:

1. Changing the reproduction of recovery literature allowed by groups by adding *current*, removing book length pieces, and clarifying that this does not include any permission for electronic or on line formats.
2. Rewriting the introduction and moving the section on copyright ahead of trademarks.
3. Using the term *policy* throughout the document, rather than a mix of *policy* and *guidelines*.

The World Board is only authorized to publish currently approved recovery literature. That would then mean that these are the only versions we can give someone else permission to reproduce. The Use Policy has never made that clear. Also, with discussions at previous WSC's, we have not given permission for anyone to post NA fellowship approved recovery literature online. We do post IPs and booklets, in a variety of languages, on www.na.org so that fellowship websites can directly link to this material. We do not post book length pieces of recovery literature online. Those clarifications, and removing the group's right to reproduce book length pieces are the largest proposed changes. Much of the explanatory text has been updated to reflect more current language, for example *service bodies* instead of *committees*.

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Information Given to Workgroup

The World Board provided the workgroup with the following information to begin their work:

The polling and decisions from WSC 2018 were:

Do you agree that a change is needed in the future to Article III of the Operational Rules? (this has no effect on the current inspection request)

Straw poll: 93-15-4-2 consensus support

Acting as the trustor, the delegates present at WSC 2018 are suspending Article 5, Section 3 of the FIPT Operational Rules, while we make a decision about the future. This suspension would expire at the close of WSC 2020.

Initial straw poll: 85-23-0-3 strong support

Final vote/decision: 89-22-0-2 consensus support

The WB presented the following proposed change to the operational rules at WSC 2018, but no request was made to the WSC to make a decision on this.

SECTION 3: INSPECTION OF TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

Conditions of inspection

~~Any regional service committee or equivalent service body~~ The World Service Conference may inspect the records and operations of the Trust on behalf of the Beneficiary, ~~providing the following conditions are met if it so chooses.~~ The details of such an inspection would be decided by the WSC.

Explanation of the scope of the workgroup's role and task:

The Board explained to participants at WSC 2018 that a virtual workgroup would be created to review the FIPT Operational Rules and Bulletins, using the WSC 2018 actions and discussions as a guide. The workgroup will make recommendations to the World Board about potential changes to any of these documents. The WB will need to decide what to present in the 2020 CAR, based on the workgroup's recommendations but not bound by them. The Board has the responsibility to make their own recommendation and will need to keep ongoing communication with participants.

The workgroup will need to meet and draft recommendations early enough in the cycle to allow the WB to adequately discuss the workgroup recommendations and engage Conference participants in a discussion well ahead of the 2020 CAR deadline.

Operational Rules

As a reminder, the Operational Rules describe the way the FIPT is to be administered. Section 2 of the Operational Rules explains their purpose. This is a summary of the changes we are recommending that are all noted in the document that we are sending along with this report.



**SOUTHEASTERN
ZONAL FORUM**



**Are Coming to the Lone Star Region
January 24-26, 2020
Irving, Texas**

Hotel Information:

The Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport

4545 W. John Carpenter Freeway

Irving, Texas 75063

Telephone: 1 (888) 627-8617 or (972) 929-4500

Book your group rate for Southern Zonal Forum
<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1560450614812&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Guest Rooms will be \$109.00 per night. Please note, rooms are subject to applicable taxes.

Shuttle service available from DFW to Hotel

*Reservations by attendees must be received on or before **Friday, January 10, 2020***

Friday	PR Roundtable for Professionals – Time-TBD
Saturday	Recovery Meeting – 8:00 am (CAR)-Conference Agenda Report - TBD (CAT)-Conference Agenda Track – TBD
Sunday	Zonal Business

Contacts	Southern Zonal	Staci H. 972-922-9961
	Southeastern Zonal	Jeff P. 954-850-0122

Area of Narcotics Anonymous

Annual Halloween Extravaganza

October 12, 2019

TRICK OR TREAT

Acadiana Cares

811 MILK Jr. Drive

50/50 raffle, costume contest,
giveaways, food, fun, fellowship,
guest speakers

Goblins gather at 6:00 pm

Addiction is a trick... Recovery is a treat

To give back or do service work, contact Larry 337-591-8700





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



October 19, 2019

4:00 – Till

Spirit of the Bayou

411 Poole Street, Sulphur, LA. 70663

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

5:00-6:30 Food & Fellowship

7:00 Speaker: Dominique from Alexandria

8:00-9:00 Raffle for Prizes, Auction & Adult Costume Contest

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

Lee B. 337-540-1708 or Scotty H. 337-304-3419



NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS



UNITY AREA'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019

6PM-10PM

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

5122 W. ESPLANADE AVE.

METAIRIE, LA 70006

DOOR PRIZE

ADULT & KIDS COSTUME CONTEST

HOMEGROUP PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

MUSIC BY DJ FRANK

SILENT AUCTION

50/50 RAFFLE

TRUNK OR TREAT

***TAROT CARD READINGS*-NEW THIS YEAR**

***HAUNTED HOUSE-ASYLUM*-NEW THIS YEAR**

SPEAKER: ALVIN S. FROM NEW ORLEANS AREA

TICKETS \$10 OR 2 FOR \$15

NO ADDICT WILL BE TURNED AWAY

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO CONTACT KAYCEE G. 504-638-3670

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS CONTACT MELISSA G. 504-410-2232

BRASCNA

Moonlight Madness Campout!

Oct 25, 26, & 27

Tickfaw State Park
27225 Patterson Road
Springfield, LA 70462

Contact: Ryan (225) 329-7390

Pixie S. (225) 335-4941

Lori C. (504) 939-2999

Do not call park!

Friday check in time: 4PM

Campsite – \$40 per night, tents may share sites.

Buy campsite from activities committee upon arrival.

Bring all camping supplies.

RV campers may call Lori ahead.

Meditation and Mid-Day Meetings!

Bike & Camping Gear Raffles!

Costume Contest Hotdog cook off

\$25 Walmart gift card to each winner

Pastalaya Saturday Lunch (1ish)!!!!

Speakers 8PM both nights!

Friday Speaker, selected from registered campers

Saturday Speaker, James S from Jackson, MS

Prize raffles after Saturday speaker

(do not have to be present to win)

Area Website: br-na.org

The Greater Baton Rouge Area of Narcotics Anonymous

Sponsorship Banquet

November 2, 2019

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Dinner at 7:00 pm

Speaker at 8:00 pm - Wanda McD.

Central Area (Alexandria)

Walk-Across Meeting - 9:00pm

Dinner \$10

Contacts: Roy M - (504) 606-8988

Louise M - (225) 407-5161

Location:

MLK Center

4000 Gus Young Avenue

Baton Rouge, La.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Clean Date: _____

Clean Time Breakdown:

Years: _____ Months: _____ Days: _____

\$40 until October 26, 2019

\$50 after October 26, 2019

Day Rate is \$15 per Person

Send check or money order to:

N.L.A.N.A Camp Recovery

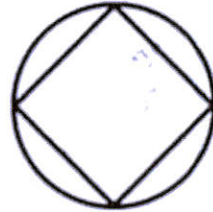
P.O. Box 44162

Shreveport, LA 71134

Number of Registrations: _____

Newcomer Donation: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



North Louisiana Area
Narcotic Anonymous
P. O. Box 44162
Shreveport, LA 71134
1-800-624-9776

**North Louisiana Area of
Narcotics Anonymous**

Presents:

Pre-Registration form for

Camp Recovery 2019

November 8 - 10, 2019

Lake Bistineau State Park

Group Campground #1

Doyline, La. 71023

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!**

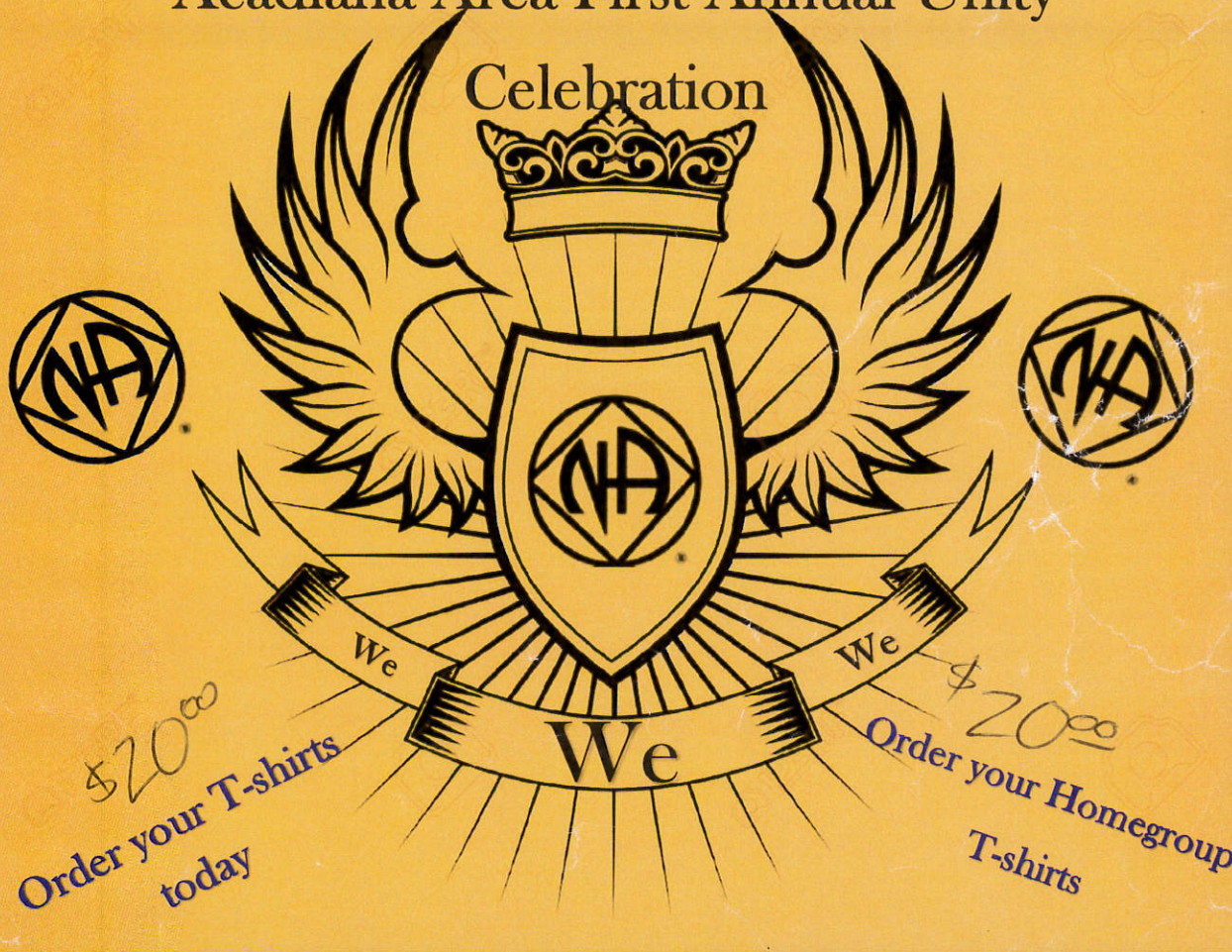


Not "I" but "WE"

UNITY

Acadiana Area First Annual Unity

Celebration



Personal Recovery Depends on NA Unity

November 16, 2019

5:00 P.M.

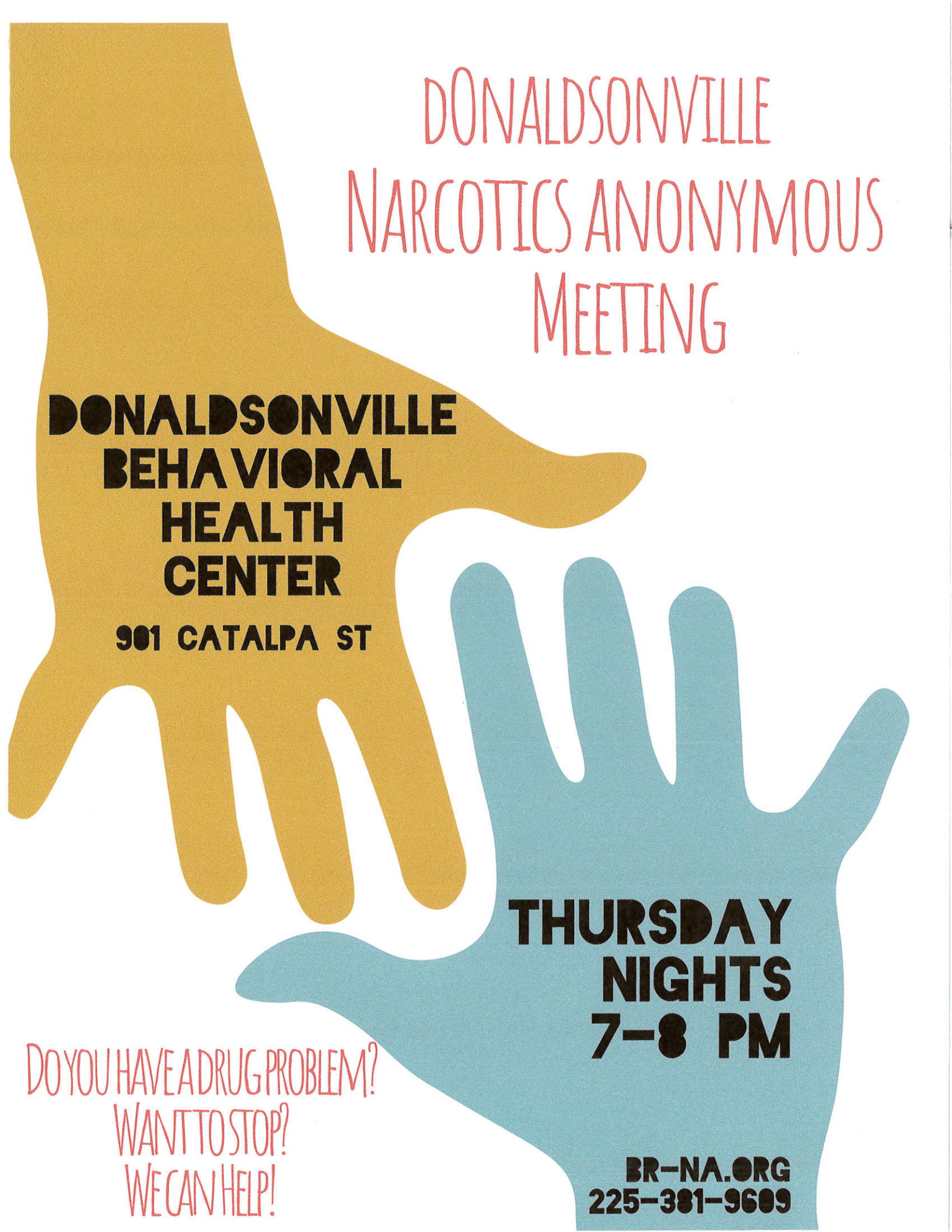
Acadiana Cares

811 MLK Jr. Dr.

Spiritual principal workshop guest speaker, 50 50 raffle, fun, fellowship, gumbo, literature giveaways, clean time countdown, home group count down

T-shirts: Contact Robert G. Green 337-384-0139

To do service work contact Larry 337-591-8700



DONALDSONVILLE
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
MEETING

**DONALDSONVILLE
BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH
CENTER**

901 CATALPA ST

**THURSDAY
NIGHTS
7-8 PM**

DO YOU HAVE A DRUG PROBLEM?
WANT TO STOP?
WE CAN HELP!

**BR-NA.ORG
225-381-9609**

Acadiana Area Unity Celebration T-shirt



\$20



\$20

November 16, 2019

Acadiana Cares

Get your t-shirts

All home groups get your t shirts today

Contact Robert 337-384-0139

Unity brings Acadiana together

Clean time countdown, home group countdown

T-shirt deadline Nov. 5th



Louisiana Regional Convention of Narcotics
Anonymous XXXVIII Fundraiser

Pre-Christmas Nite of Fun XXXII

Saturday, December 14, 2019
6:00pm-10:00pm

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church
1320 Gause Boulevard W.
Slidell, LA 70460

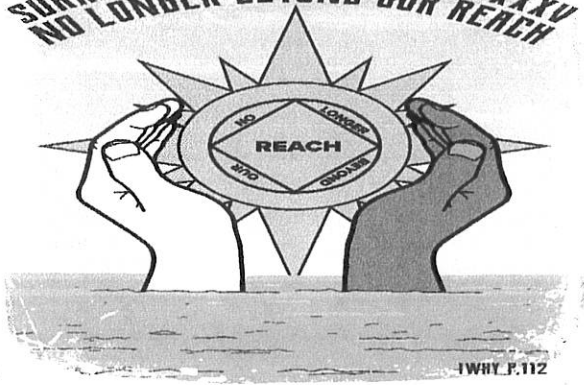
- Holiday Dinner
- Music by DJ
- Auction
- 50/50 Raffle
- Visit by Santa Claus
- Speakers to be announced

Tickets \$10.00 in advance/ \$12 at the door
No addict will be turned away!!!

For Additional Information Contact:
Irene B. 504-606-3417
Edmond W. 504-462-4359
Robert S. 504-920-9817



**SURRENDER BY THE SEASHORE XXXV
NO LONGER BEYOND OUR REACH**



Surrender by the Seashore XXXV Convention

December 27,28,29

2019

NO LONGER BEYOND OUR REACH!

EARLY REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE WRITE NEATLY, SO WE CAN READ IT!!!

DATE _____

NAME _____ **CLEAN DATE** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ **ZIP** _____ **PH#** _____

EMAIL _____

No# of pre-registration @ \$20.00 ea (Now thru, Dec 1st) = _____

Newcomer Donation \$ _____

Total \$ _____

REGISTRATIONS AFTER DECEMBER 1ST WILL BE \$25.00

Please mail registration form along with your check or money order (made payable to; (SURRENDER BY THE SEASHORE) addressed to: SBTSS, P.O. box 4175, Biloxi MS 39535.

HOTEL INFORMATION & EARLY REGISTRATION SPECIAL!!!

ONCE AGAIN WE ARE AT THE BEAUTIFUL

HILTON GARDEN INN

2703 DENNY AVE

PASCAGOULA MS 39567 PHONE 228-762-7182 PROMO CODE: SBTS2019

EARLY REGISTRATION PRICE WILL BE \$79.95 UNTIL DECEMBER 1ST @ 5:00 PM.

*****AFTER THAT TIME THE ROOMS WILL BE \$84.95 THRU THE CONVENTION*****

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT STEPHANIE ANN @ 228-229-6087 or Jerry T.

@ jtbiloxi@gmail.com

Bayou Recovery Area Activities Committee

2020 Schedule of Events

Valentine's Day Dance

February 8

6:00 PM Until

Unity Day

April 25

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Game Night

June 13

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Midsummer Night of Fun

August 15

6:00 PM Until

Moonlight Madness

October 30 - November 1

Committee Members

Ryan S. (225) 329-7390

Pixie S. (225) 335-4941

Joel V. (225) 290-3470

James S. (225) 803-3045