

## **California Collaboration Thursday January 25, 2018 9:30am-11:30am**

### Map

- Missing regions who have not sent in map for California map website. Sierra sage has three areas in California, contact if possible to get map from them if not then continue on
- Map will be approved by RD's and then sent to board
- Talk of how to host and maintain website and whether areas should be listed but decided just regions with links to regional websites
- hopefully completed by conference

### Insurance

- Don needs info updates from everyone. This includes fee sheet and cover sheet contact at [sddon12827@gmail.com](mailto:sddon12827@gmail.com)
- needs this to get a quotes for statewide insurance

### Admin work group and open form

- discussion on work group or admin body and service structure.
- discussion on whether it is needed or not, most support that it is needed.

## **Western Zonal Forum Thursday January 25, 2018 start at 3PM**

### **COVERING AGENDA**

- Motion to rent the shuttle for \$25 an hour by Mo seconded by ?? motion passed
- Agenda gone over
- Nenana outreach: suggestion to have a plan for Tribal Hall. Questions on if this is going to be a mock meeting? Adam is supposed to be in contact to help figure out what will happen.
- George asking who should be the contact for collecting pictures and putting together a slideshow turned in next month for world to show what the zone is doing. Email George and Julie and they will put it together. Showcasing fellowship development around Fairbanks area. [rd@wnirna.org](mailto:rd@wnirna.org) [delegate@calmidstatena.org](mailto:delegate@calmidstatena.org)
- Mo has PR World approved presentation; requires projector.
- Sign in sheet being passed around to collect contact info started by Tony
- Not on agenda: opportunity to go to Chena Hot Springs and/or chase the northern lights Friday night.
- Will discuss how to nominate for World board on Sunday
- motion to approve agenda by art seconded by two individuals-
- George brought up a suggestion to come up with consensus whether the western states does or does not do motions ---how are we making decisions in the WSZF; how do we conduct business?
- Eric: brought up that in last conference the discussion was started about how to become who we are, how to be better, and how we conduct business. Help out the facilitator.
- Arizona: idea to put in agenda between 4-5pm Thursday to discuss this
- Michael: last year we came up with mission statement, purpose, and conducting business and said would be gone over first thing this forum.

- Art discussed how we are not a fully formed body but have indeed been making decisions: Said motion should be made to approve agenda
- Tina: admin group and technology workgroup has decisions need to be made before 4pm for deadlines
- Suggests that a mixture of straw polls, motions, and consensus' are okay
- Nobody opposes to move on from agenda.

## **REGIONAL REPORTS**

-Steve, AZ

-had conference agenda presentation, went through every motion within 2 hours without any world board response. 40 in attendance that were emailed. Phoenix Feb 24 for further discussion. Ballots for conference agenda report at assembly in march-group conscience of CAT. Board of directors- issues between policy, bylaws in region. Has 3 conventions-47 groups in southeastern area. 9 areas, 8 active.

-Mo: PR has been interacting with police department much more in AZ region. Trained over 400 officers

-Cali inland, Oscar: no written report. Last zonal decided not to send him because of financial reasons but Oscar insisted since this is a conference year that it is important. Region has chronic lack of positions being filled. 250 meetings, serving 6 areas.

-Cali mid-state, Dean: central valley of cali, 8 areas, 1 convention every other year in Stockdan cali. Over 400 meetings weekly. Phone lines in each areas.

Hello Fellow WSZF Participants,

The California Mid-State Region of Narcotics Anonymous is located in the middle of the Central Valley of California. The Region runs from Galt in the north (south of Sacramento) to Porterville in the south (north of Bakersfield) and from the Gold Rush towns of the Sierras in the east to the edge of the Coastal Range in the west. Our Region is comprised of eight Areas which include a variety of living environments ranging from the rural, small towns to several major metropolitan areas. We have one convention every other year and a biannual Regional Assembly. We also have a Behind the Walls Sponsorship program.

California Mid-State Regional Service Committee, (CMSRSC), meets monthly on a rotating meeting location schedule. We currently have 8 areas which have more than 400 meetings weekly.

We do not have a Regional phone line, however, we do have phone lines in each of our areas.

Our Regional Insurance Policy covers all of the recovery meetings and most of the Group and Area events with one annual premium. Events over (500) or contact sports usually incur an additional charge. This years premium was \$7,862.70.

We have had a tax exempt status since 2010. We file Federal and State taxes yearly using a CPA. While we are operating under a 501c4 we are in are currently in the process of applying for 501c3 status.

Yours in Service,

Julie Raines  
RD – CMSR

Dean Hansen  
AD-CMSR

-central cali, dennis: region met last sunday. 325 meetings per week. Regional subcommittees-  
cce&e . convention in bakersville #26 next month. Serve 46 facilities in &I 186 panels a month.  
Regional assembly 9th-11 in posey cali. Struggling to get rep from world because it conflicts  
with the World board meeting. No regional H&I because info is available on the internet

CCRNA RSC meets the 3rd Sunday of January, April, July and October at 272 N. Olive St.  
Ventura,  
CA

CCRNA is made up of five areas with approximately 338 meetings a week.

County Line Area: approximately 20 meetings a week in the following communities;

Simi Valley, Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village, Newberry Park (Southeastern  
Ventura County & Westlake Village is in Los Angeles County)

Services provided by the area include: Monthly ASC, Literature, Activities, Public Relation,  
Website and Helpline

Gold Coast Area: approximately 52 meetings a week Ventura, Oxnard, Camarillo, Santa Paula,  
Ojai (Southwestern Ventura County)

Services provided by the area include: Monthly ASC, Literature, Activities, Public Information,  
Website, H&I, and Helpline

Kern County Area: approximately 77 meetings a week

Bakersfield, Tehachapi, Taft, Wasco, Delano, Lamont, McFarland, Maricopa and Lake Isabella  
(All of Kern County except 4 of the most eastern towns of Mojave, California City, Ridgecrest  
and Rosamond)

Services provided by the area include: Monthly ASC, Literature, Activities, Public Relations,  
Website, H&I, Helpline

Central Coast Area: approximately 136 meetings a week

Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Grover Beach, Lockwood, Lompoc, Morro Bay, Paso Robles,  
Orcutt, Pismo, San Louis Obispo, Santa Maria, Solvang, San Miguel (Northern Santa Barbara  
and All of San Luis Obispo County)

Services provided by the area include: Monthly ASC, Literature, Activities, Public Information,  
Website, H&I, and Helpline

Santa Barbara - approximately 32 meetings a week

Santa Barbara, Santa Ynez (Southern Santa Barbara County)

Services provided by the area include: Monthly ASC, Literature, Activities, Public Relations,  
Website, H&I, and Helpline

REGIONAL SUBCOMMITTEES

CCC&E INC. The CCC&E Inc. oversees the functions of Central California Region Convention and has been in existence for 9 years. Feb 16-18, 2018 (Fantastic Voyage) will be enjoying our 26th Convention. This will be our 5th year for badge only convention. The registration has increase along with being a sustainable event. At this year's convention we will have to workshops on the NAWS Updates & Guided Principle worksheet.

#### Sponsorship Behind The Wall

The committee has stopped functioning with monthly meetings and the rotation of trusted servants. There isn't anyone that wants to hold a committee position. Regional Chair is involve facilitating the corresponding with inmate continue to function.

#### H&I

Our regional committee has dissolved because no one is willing to serve on the committee. We have 186 panels into 46 facilities in CCRNA.

#### Region Updates

#### Regional Assembly

CCRNA will have our Regional Assembly on March 9th thru the 11thth.

We anticipate having 50+ group delegates and interested members at our weekend assembly.

#### Regional Services

Our region provides our areas with insurance coverage. We maintain a regional website. We continue to provide RCM training on current conference topics so our areas will stay informed and up to date.

#### Regional Highlights

We have experienced the dissolving of our 2 regional sub-committees through lack of volunteers willing to serve on these committees. We are looking to reinvent our H&I committee to some sort of a PR forum where we can offer support and guidance to our Area's. Our RSC continues to function with all positions filled. Our Region is complete funded by our Area's contributions.

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AD Dennis D 818-693-0824 na4odie@yahoo.com

-Norcal, Eric: 1800 meetings a week. Funded through conventions mostly, need help with staffing. 6 CAR workshops scheduled with requests for 2 more. CAR/CAT voting has online voting. Action plan-NAWS environmental scanner. Hosting circle of sisters. Sisters.org to sign up.

Hello Everyone,

It's a pleasure to be traveling to Alaska for WSZF 2018! One small request though – next time we come here, can we schedule it for the summer? 😊

Our region has stayed relatively stable, with around 1,800 meetings per week. We continue to have 23 areas, active attendance at Region, and a thriving Regional Service Office. The Regional Service Office sells literature to our areas, as well as carries insurance for all meetings listed in our Regional Directory, and for events requiring insurance throughout the Region.

We are also financially stable. Though not funded solely through 7<sup>th</sup> tradition and dependent on events and fundraisers, the last few years our convention, NCCNA, has been wildly profitable, with NCCNA 39 being one of the most profitable ever.

However, we are struggling this year with staffing our FST (Fellowship Services Team), the administrative body of the RSC. This is the first time we've experienced this in many years. We've spent much of the year without three positions filled: PR Vice Chair, H&I Vice Chair, and Assistant Treasurer. And just at our last Regional meeting, our H&I Chair, Jeff R., had to step down on account of being diagnosed with cancer. Please include Jeff in your prayers.

Our Region meets officially eight times per year - with off months often used as administrative for planning sessions, reviews, goal setting, and training. And our Region has stayed extremely engaged with this year's CAR cycle and goes on in the Fellowship - including the Future of the WSC, and the FIPT and the South Florida inspection request. We already have 6 CAR workshops scheduled, with incoming requests for a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>!

For CAR and CAT voting, our Region is following the model we implemented in 2016, and allowing for online voting, as well as voting at groups and CAR workshops. To make sure that votes are weighted properly, since individuals can vote at workshops or online, we are counting INDIVIDUAL votes – so if voting takes place at the group level, we ask the group to count the individual votes; for example, 12 for, 3 against, 2 abstain. This way, when we count the votes, we can be assured that we are getting Regional conscience, and not allowing an individual's vote at a workshop or online to count the same as a Group vote. We largely rely on the honor system with regards to individual voting, though Google Forms does “drop a cookie” to make sure that a single computer doesn't cast two votes. Beyond the CAR and CAT, we are also going to ask several “Regional

Conscience” questions, on topics like Zonal Seating, the Future of the WSC, and the South Florida FIPT Inspection request, to make sure as RDs that we feel confident in these positions as the voice of our Region should issues come up in the floor of the conference.

Action Plan: Following the model of the WSC, each year we develop an Action Plan. We identify goals and turn them into Project Plans, and we review those project plans mid-year to see how we are doing, where we are serving our goals and where there is still work to do. This year, we tried a new process – using the 2017 NAWS Environmental Scan as submitted by Areas in by the Region as the basis of our Project Plan inputs, and then work shopping and prioritizing the results. This worked amazingly well, and we’ll be doing it again in the future. For those who are interested, we’ve uploaded the PowerPoint that we used to go over the results to the Zonal Forum Yahoo Group.

NCCNA 40: Our regional convention will be held March 29-April 1, 2018 in San Jose CA. 40 years! We’re told advance registrations are down, so if you’re planning on coming please register soon! It’s always a rollicking affair, and we encourage folks from all Regions to come visit us. As usual we have our Friday afternoon professionals meeting to kick things off. Since it was so successful last year, they are continuing the “combo registration” offering, where attendees can purchase a pass along with a bundle that includes a T-shirt and attendance at ticketed events, at a discount. The events list this year once again stellar, including a Music Fest, DJ Dance, Karaoke, NA Unplugged, Team Pictionary, Recovery Family Feud, Blues Breakfast Buffet, a Comedy Show, the “New Q Review”, a 5k Run, a Golf Tournament, and Bingo. Check out <http://norcalna.org/nccna.php> for all the details and registration information.

Circle of Sisters XXI 2018: Our Region is also hosting of the Circle of Sisters convention in 2018, February 16-18 in Burlingame, CA. Attendance looks to be incredibly strong; the Banquet is sold out, there are less than 30 Sunday Breakfasts remaining, and less than 30 Bus Tours remaining. For more information and to register (before it’s too late), visit <http://www.circleofsisters.org/>.

And finally, as an RD/AD team, we are fortunate to be blessed with the support of our Region to be funded to attend service events across the country. It's truly an honor for us to serve this Region, its Areas, and all its Members.

With gratitude,

Eric B. and Michael F

-pacific cascade, not in attendance. Report is uploaded to yahoo groups

Greetings folks,

I regret to inform you that our RDA Ian T has stepped down for personal reasons. He will be sorely missed. Our Region meets four times a year and each quarter we travel around the state of Oregon wherever the hosting Area takes us. Well, the western half anyway. The east side it rather remote with two other Regions reaching into the Northeast and Southeast corners. We recently lost an Area which takes us back to 16. I did not count them, but I estimate we have about 450 weekly meetings Region-wide. We budget for about \$17,000 in expenses and usually bring in more than expected. This quarter we have almost \$4500 to pass on to NAWS. We conduct business using CBDM and have been incorporated for about six years now. We pay our taxes. We have trouble keeping all positions filled. Secretary being one of them, so getting minutes has been a problem. Hence the reason why I'm recycling most of my report from the last ZF since nothing has really changed. Concerning committees, we have a C&C (conferences and conventions), which handles the hosting of our RSC's, the Regional Convention which is the first weekend in May this year, and PNW. We will host PNW 41 the last weekend in October of 2018 in Clackamas Oregon. Registration has recently opened up. The website is <http://pnw41.pcrna.org/>. Our activities subcommittee has gone into hibernation and will hopefully soon come out of it's slumber. H&I meets under our Version of a PR umbrella. We have a region-wide sponsorship behind the walls committee. This committee is also mostly a sharing session but does put on a Learning Day each April in conjunction with the RSC weekend. I've been holding weekly Zoom Webinars, going over chunks using the videos from NA.org. Attendance could be better, but I've only recently announced the as official while I learned the software and practiced with the hardware being sent to Alaska so I can participate from rainy Oregon. I'm excited to see how it works in a group setting, as I haven't really had the opportunity to do that yet. It looks like I won't be able join in until Friday, as I got a commitment I need to attend to most of the day on Thursday. Stay warm folks!

Yours in Service,

Dave P.

-rio grande, robert: New Mexico. 115 meetings per week, 7 areas. 6 areas participating at RSC. Feb 4 first CAR workshop held. Feb 17 CAR workshop in albuquerque. Technology has helped service. ZOOM being used. Active RSC with no chari. RDA positions filled. No PR chair in over

a decade. H&I strong. Phone Line updated recently. Regional toll free number individual toll free numbers in active areas. Regional website recently updated, with great webn servant. Regional convention reg online at riogranderegionna.org. Purchase regional meeting insurance to cover all meetings, events, higher power willing-inmates attend regional convention for 12th time. 2021 Western states learning dates hosting

-San diego, Dave:

Greetings fellow delegates and alternates, this is a brief report on what has been going on in our region for the past year.

Our regional Phonline Workgroup has switched to a computerized system that now allows members to answer the phonline on their cell phones, previously you had to go to the RSO to answer the phone. This new system has been working well and for awhile we had all our shifts covered for the first time ever.

We had our first PR planning session and the topics projects selected to start this year were finding ways to make NA more known and accessible in our region due to the opioid crisis and reaching out to ethnic/cultural communities underrepresented in our meetings.beginning with focusing on school presentations. We formed a task group to reach out to those communities and have been working with our area PI subcommittees to get schedules and IPs in ERs in our region. Our regional PR committee also formed a FD Workgroup, beginning focus on service education and training and reaching out to and establishing NA in communities in our region where there is none. The Cultural/Ethnic task group was also moved under this work group. Our RSO Board formed an ad hoc to look at our literature pricing since after the last NAWS increase our BT went to \$15.95 locally. Eventually a surplus was noted and they looked at the pricing structure; now all our books are being sold at the NAWS price and the mark up on the other items plus our discount will be enough to cover expenses. We have experienced excellent leadership in our RSO board th last couple years.

Our Regional Activities committee stopped functioning this past year and the RSC formed a workgroup to put on our New Year's event, which was a success.

One of our area's has been using project based service for their PI efforts this past year.

Looking forward to seeing you all this weekend.

Dave T. Regional Delegate 858-380-9345

Don S. Regional Delegate Alternate 619-792-8542

-Sierra Sage, not in attendance

-southern cal, art: CAR feb 10, phone blast, make personal calls to regional members. 5700 budget includes going to conference for RD and RDA. H&I hosts 542 regional panels 6502 are panels . assigned sponsees and sponsors for behind the walls. LGBTQ subcommittee formed and approved august/sep 2017 in infancy period.

-george asking for summary of mission of new subcommittee

- lgbtq mission is to make LGBTQ persons feel more comfortable in NA-felt that in service they were not welcome but feel they can do better outreach to LGBTQ communities.
- discussion on bias' and opinions on whether there should be a committee or not
- eric suggests anything done not in the spirit of unity might not have outcome as wanted

## **Southern California Region**

### **WSZF REPORT January 22, 2018**

We have a total of 22 areas in our Region (Including Spanish Speaking). Our region has approximately 1280 English speaking meetings, and 170 Spanish Speaking meetings.

Our RSC meets every month on the third Sunday. We have standing committees that provide direct services on behalf of our Areas in our Region.

Christine and I are doing the Southern California Regional Assembly Workshop (S.C.R.A.W.) on February, 10, 2018. For the second time, we are doing a "Phone Blast" to all the GSR's in the Region, reminding them of their duties and letting them know we hope to see them at the S.C.R.A.W. We are hoping this gets people to attend other than the "usual" crowd of service enthusiasts. So far we will be doing an additional 6 area CAR workshops as well.

Our RD Team Budget is just \$5700.00 for 2018 in a conference year. We attended WSLD in Monterey, CA in October. We will attend the WSC for which both the RD and RDA are funded fully by our region. We also plan to attend MZSS 3 in Omaha, NE in November.

**Activities Committee:** Our Region has a full committee and is getting ready to plan events for 2018. Plans for this year are the NA Birthday 65 in July which will include a banquet, meeting and dance and the Regional Campout. It is also working with member areas to host events in conjunction with the committee. This is a possibility for this year's New Year's Eve event.

**Hospitals and Institutions:** Our region hosts 542 regional panels including L.A. County Men's and Women's Jail, and Chino, Norco, and CIW (Women) Prisons. Area panels total 6502. They have an annual budget of \$15,000 for literature.

**Sponsorship Behind The Walls:** The SBTW committee is very busy with requests from inmates who wish to find recovery. They have 169 Sponsors and 298 assigned Sponsees. There are currently 3 member Areas that have their own SBTW committees that report to the regional committee and have 55 Sponsors and 171 assigned Sponsees.

**Public Information:** The committee continues to reach out and inform the community about Narcotics Anonymous. This is also the committee that coordinates the facilitation of requests for presentations. They also continue in their efforts to do presentations, booth sittings, and community television and radio PSA's.

**Phone Lines:** Our phone line committee is struggling with attendance of area representation. It is currently operating a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week 888 numbers in English and Spanish with

live addicts answering the phones with a different day of the week hosted by a member Area. We are continuing to use an internet based phone services.

**Website Committee:** This committee is responsible for updating the SCR meeting directory and uses BMLT as the tool. They also update and post all of the Area & regional events to the Event Calendar. Our website address is: [www.todayna.org](http://www.todayna.org). All of our Areas websites are hosted and linked to the Regional website. The site has recently been overhauled and is much more user friendly.

**Convention Committee:** The Convention committee had a successful event which was held Thanksgiving weekend, in Pomona, CA, November 25-27, 2017, with a “Speaker Jam” held on Thanksgiving Day at the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel.

**Youth:** This committee is doing very well. They will put on their annual “Clean not Dead” event at a local park this year. They also participate at other events putting on carnival style games and doing a recovery version of “Deal or No Deal” both of which are very popular.

**Cruise Committee:** This event is traveling on an eight day/ seven night cruise on the Norwegian Cruise Lines ship, "The Norwegian Star". The cruise will be departing from the Port of Los Angeles, with destinations of Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlán, and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Cruise dates are March 18th - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The theme is "Anyone Can Join Us". This is the 10th Cruise and they are looking to make it a big celebration.

**LGBTQ Committee:** This is a newly formed committee that was approved by the Southern California Region in 2017. They are still in the infancy period with 10 members, but have sent members to H&I as well as Activities with representatives. They plan to have their first regional event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of June in 2018 and every year after that.

In Service,

Art A. and Christine B.-S.

RD Team, Southern California

-washington/northern idaho, George: workshop at clean and free. CAR workshops done before zonal forum. 140-150 members attended and has survey results. Has region's opinions. Have not heard survey collection dates from World. 20 areas, 2 and a quarter conventions because one is only every 4 years. Small group discussions-3 year cycle, region is opposed. Tues feb 6 from 8-9 ZOOM meeting. 100 seats available to start talking about CAT issues.

January 2018

Washington Northern Idaho RSC – RD Team Report to WSZF

Hi All:

Work has been great in WNIR, the RD team, Theo and myself (pronounced TayO) have been busily doing CAR workshops in all four quadrants of our region. We have had over 140 people participating and really feel like we have gotten a good pulse on most of the topics in the CAR and some in the CAT.

WNIR encompasses all of Washington, the northern top of Idaho, and a fairly sizable swath of NE Oregon.

We will be having Regional Zoom meetings for the CAT starting in February and hosting them every Tuesday night to answer homegroup and member questions about any of the issues in the CAT, CAR or otherwise.

Just to report, WNIR has 20 area and one operates more as a Local Service Forum. Services, with the exception of PR have been flourishing. PR continues to be a challenge. The team has challenged all of the area homegroups that if they are excited about PR Week motion (and they seem to be) that they need to step up and be in ACTION themselves to make PR a focus of their service work.

We have an active Working Steps Behind the Walls committee and currently serve many addicts that are incarcerated with sponsors and step work. We will also be hosting WSLD in 2019 at the SeaTac Marriott.

Our Region has two and ¼ Regional conventions, hosting PNWCNA when it is our turn. Clean and Free is in March and WNIRCNA is in May (this year same as the WSC). Planning events seems to be an issue.

We have been having a very rich discussion at RSC using small group formats and have raised some issues that I am sure we will talk about at the WSZF. One is that we have approved "in principle" some funding and administration for the Zone. Alternatively, we are not convinced that WSZF is the right body to represent the needs of WNIR at WSC and this has led to some very excited discussions. More will be revealed. We are fairly certain that our region is NOT in favor of a 3 year cycle but does like the global balancing effect of having some sort of Zonal representation.

Lastly, our RSC recently voted to change our election cycle to be representative of this zonal meeting and will elect our next AD prior to the next zonal meeting so that a new AD will always have two zonal meetings to attend prior to the conference.

In Loving Service,

George BH, RD

Theo M., AD

Washington Northern Idaho RSC

-Region 51, Tina:



From our Sponsorship Behind the Walls Committee:

The Region 51 Sponsorship Behind the Walls subcommittee currently meets once a month.

We have a dedicated PO Box so that all of our correspondence is directed through a central point of contact. We have sponsors & sponsees outside of Las Vegas also.

We have been approved by the Nevada DOC as a volunteer organization and because of that we have a connection to the staff and wardens of all state prisons in Nevada.

Included in our budget is the ability to send one member (most likely the Vice Chair) to WSLD yearly.

We have a total of 39 active sponsees and 22 sponsors. 13 men and 9 women. We average between 30 and 35 letters a week. We currently don't have any individuals waiting for sponsors.

Since returning from WSLD we have implemented a 3 letter correspondent process before we assign inmates sponsors. This is to try to weed out those who are not really willing to do the work. It seems to be working so far.

I Also noticed from "Tis The Season For The Region" (a regional event), that it seemed to get more people interested when we included letters from inmates and what exactly we do for them. This helped areas that are struggling with getting people involved in SBTW.

I also attended a webinar on SBTW and inmate step writing and I am working on getting an updated contact list to able to better communicate with different SBTW sub committee's to better serve the fellowship.

-Jason F., SBTW Vice Chair



From our Public Relations Committee:

Region 51 has 271 meetings per week. We serve 5 Areas. Southern Nevada, South Valley, North by Northwest, Southern Utah and California Arizona Nevada (CAN) area.

Our Website is running smoothly. We use a web based Dropbox function that allows page owners to post to their page without the need to enter the website. It is a 30\$ app purchase.

425 signed up for texts has held steady. Ten up or down.

185 unique text messages in 2017

Totalling 63784 text deliveries in 2017

Cost for year approximately \$1500 (purchased incrementally)

Large purchase of 100,000 text msgs purchased at Thanksgiving Sale for \$800 which should carry region 51 thru 2018.

Regional activity events are up in attendance.

Area activities have a greater unity in attendance from other areas. Participation is up.

Text messaging to advise of closed and changed mtgs advisories are up and very effective.

We currently serve and stock about 20 racks in our valley.

Our Hot Line has received 273 inbound calls in November 2017. 259 inbound calls in December 2017, so far January 2018 1st-17th it has received 187 inbound calls. We have someone who is interested in the Phone line Coordinator position and hopefully they will show up at the January 20th PR meeting and take the spot. The Phone line spots are mostly covered although we need someone to fill the Tuesday 12am-6am spot.

PR is planning to kickoff a poster drive in February and we are currently looking to make a Community Events Coordinator position.

-Scot D., PR Vice Chair



From our Convention Committee:

Convention committee is progressing well. The first fundraiser/awareness event is being planned and we will have info out to the fellowship soon. This will be a "day of the dinosaur" event.

This year's Convention, "What happens in Region 51 is... Life Beyond Your Wildest Dreams" will be at The Gold Coast Hotel & Casino September 28-30 2018.

Registration will be available soon at [www.Region51na.org](http://www.Region51na.org)

We'll be kicking off the event with a Speaker Jam on Thursday, September 27; this a free event! Flyers will be sent to all the regions in our zone, and we hope you all will join us in a celebration of recovery.

-Melissa F., R51CNA Secretary



From the RD Team:

#### **CAR-**

We have done 3 CAR workshops so far.

- January 12, at the rooms, this was just open to any interested members. About 10 members in attendance.
- January 14, southern Nevada area ASC. The first hour and a half of this workshop was well attended. As soon as the GSR's were given a break and allowed to pick up their literature, we lost more than half the room. I think it is really important that we keep this in mind when we schedule a workshop of this nature that we try to avoid scheduling it during ASC.
- January 20, Bullhead city for the CAN fellowship. This was attended by approximately 10 members.

#### **Upcoming workshops**

- February 10, South Valley. 12 to 4. 2 S. Pecos Rd
- February 18, Southern Utah. 12 PM Utah time. We will be meeting at 474 W. 200 N. South West center.

- February 20, North by Northwest, at the rooms. 5 to 9 PM
- February 24, virtual zoom meeting. Since this is the first of its kind, we are excited to see how it goes.

**General Update:**

This has been a very busy year for the RD team. We have hosted a few service learning days, issue discussion topic workshops, workshops on consensus-based decision-making and attached you will find a flyer that we created to help the fellowship know some of the services we provide.

We have participated in all NAWS hosted Webinars. We love em'!

Region 51 has donated a total of \$... to NAWS in 2017.

Our text messaging application has still been a hit with the local fellowship. A perfect example of this is our registration committee for our convention met and the member that attended only knew about it because of the text message. It has increased participation to many events and service related meetings.

Public relations did not mention this but our Spanish-speaking fellowship has been growing exponentially. They have a table set up at a local swap meet. That is just one of the things that they have been doing to help build that part of our fellowship.

We look forward to seeing everybody again at the world service conference.

**IN GRATITUDE-**

Tina N. RD & Denis W. AD  
REGION 51

-Alaska, Dave: 4 active areas, 3 involved in RSC. remote meetings with no service structure. Region has started using teleconference. 2 times a year we meet and the other 2 times by teleconference. Started using it to have weekly meeting, doing well. Reluctance on financial support for RD and RDA.

Greetings from the Alaskan Delegate Team,

I would like to welcome everyone to Fairbanks .The Alaska Region consists of four current active areas(Anchorage, Kenai, Juneau and Fairbanks). In addition, there are meetings in outlying locations within the Region. These meetings are being held in remote and or small towns/villages off the road system. Such places include Homer, Kodiak, Seward, Sitka, Ketchikan, Palmer, Barrow, Valdez and Wasilla. These remote towns do not attend region and do not have an active service committee. Wasilla participates in a GSP with the Anchorage Area. The Barrow group is part of Fairbank's Golden Heart Area.

Our Region meets quarterly via teleconference. This is a conference cycle and due to Alaska's vast Region it's a struggle for the Delegate Team to workshop the Areas and the other Outlying groups. We are generating ideas to save travel/money to get these Areas and outlying groups to participate in the CAR/CAT (i.e. Zoom, telephonic or using more experienced members in that Area to workshop or coach through the CAR/CAT). As an aside, some of our members and groups express a strong reluctance to allocate resources to support participation in the zonal forum and the WSC. This makes it likely that there would be strong support in Alaska for a move to zonal representation at the WSC. Our strongest Areas in the Region continue to be Anchorage, Kenai and Fairbanks. Our Regional convention rotates among these three Areas. Our Regional convention was in October 2017 and was hosted by the Anchorage Area and appears to have been a success.

We are still struggling as a Region and in our Areas to fill service commitments. Some Areas have made improvements since last WSZF and other have struggled.

Anchorage and the Valley (Wasilla & Palmer) have still been doing Group Support Forums and they report that it is working well.

The Region has an active PI chair and H&I chair, Regional positions still struggle to be filled and rotated.

The Alaskan RD team would like to share with the WSZF AK Regions strengths as well as weaknesses with the hope that we can share what is working well within our Region as well as to glean experiences from other Regions so we can help grow NA in Alaska. We would like suggestions as to how best to reach our rural, remote, and outlying areas; and with novel ways to get members involved in service in our established Areas.

Some of our strengths include:

We have a budget process.

We have three strong Areas.

We have a Regional phone line and website that we share.

We have Regional wide insurance policy protecting groups and events from liability.

We have an annual Regional convention, Area Campouts, and strong events.

Some of our weaknesses include:

Fellowship development is limited.

We struggle with filling our Regional positions.

We struggle with reaching geographically remote regions: there are currently no meetings in Nome, Dillingham, and Bethel, which are major hubs. Our major Areas are far apart.

Anchorage struggles with fund raising and filling service positions.

Some things that are happening include:

We have started an Alaska telephonic NA meeting with the use of our toll free number and Zoom. It has already drawn in members from remote locations.

Anchorage Area has incorporated GSF into its guidelines. The Valley and Anchorage utilize GSF bodies.

Lastly, we would like to thank the WSZF for meeting here in Fairbanks Alaska. The Golden Heart Area of NA and the Alaskan NA fellowship welcome you!  
In Fellowship,  
Alaskan Delegates - Frank P. & Dave S.

### **WSZF 2017 Workgroup reports, discussion, decision**



## **Administrative Body Workgroup Report**

January 25,2018

We met on two occasions, for two hours each time. We had a lengthy discussion about the reasons for the need of an administrative body. Rather than spend time rehashing the conversation I will summarize the conclusions we came to.

This Workgroup decided that we should have a two person administrative body consisting of a Chair and Co-chair or a Facilitator and Co-Facilitator. It was our vision that the Chair-Facilitator would fulfill the needs of communicating with and facilitating the organization of the upcoming Zonal Forums as designed by this body. The Co-chair and Co-facilitator would play a role of supporting the Chair-Facilitator as well as Treasurer role. Both of these positions, in our vision would be funded by the Zone through Regional donations. These positions, in our vision would be filled by past Delegates from our Zones.

# **What can YOUR RD Team do for your: ASC, RSC, Homegroup or Event? We are so glad you asked:**

## **IDT Workshops**

IDT = Issue Discussion Topics

le: building strong homegroups, atmosphere of recovery in service, who's  
missing,

3rd tradition, how to use guiding principles...and soooo many more.

Contact us for a full list, or go to [na.org](http://na.org) and look at all the choices!

## **Facilitate Inventories**

Homegroups, sub committees or ASC

# **Workshops on WSC, NAWS & WB updates**

WSC= World Service Conf. NAWS= Narcotics Anonymous World Services

WB= World Board

## **Workshops on CBDM**

CBDM= Consensus Based Decision Making

## **Workshops on Facilitating 101**

Great for anyone in service- especially GSR's & chairs

## **Service Q&A**

Great for convention, speaker jam or a service panel

## **Plus much much more**

In Gratitude- Tina N. RD 310-384-3237 & Denis W. AD 702-460-2610

- Proposal to create admin workgroup to get "facilitator" and "co-facilitator" for zonal gatherings
- discussion on what the facilitator and co-facilitator's tasks would consist of
- Dave- would like to take back work groups proposal and bring back to groups-co facilitator would help facilitator and also be treasurer
- George- guidelines for Southeast zonal forum are a good template
- midstate does not want to make a decision now-want to bring back to groups
- tina, breakdown into bullet points to bring back to groups in order to vote more specifically
- George will bring down into bullet points and also recommends calling facilitator, co facilitator.
- Other regions said "co" implies equality and one single point of accountability
- Mike, "what is the difference between facilitator and chair?"
- Don, all agreed not to have a lot of positions such as secretary, combo position of secretary/ treasurer and facilitator.
- George, reads Southeast zonal forum aloud to possibly use as our guidelines
- Frank says secretary shouldn't be responsible to poke or prod RDs to get reports in timely manner

- George will type up guidelines for co facilitator
- Mark-proposal, people who would fill positions would be old RDs and explained how other zones handle
- Eric, part of why admin is here is because Mike/ World was concerned about why we don't make decisions
- Mike, needed clarification if body is uncomfortable with him inputting because he is part of world
- George. Says he is ready to read Southeast guidelines for western states elections after WSZF
- Eric, support of zonal admin body & zonal representation are not the same thing. He will write rationale to clarify the difference.
- Tina-in 2017 she was chair, they met 3 times. Tested ZOOM, Lumio, and Facebook
- Lumio could take place of Yahoo groups
- Key points:
  - Website came up concern of effectiveness and usefulness of website
  - Decided on ZOOM and Lumio are methods to recommend to zone
  - Discuss having secret Facebook page
  - Address admin body to help facilitate Lumio, Facebook page, and ZOOM
- Don-Jeffrey L from mid America brought up Lumio. He says about Lumio 1)Can put time limit on action thread 2) Better on a PC than handheld device
- Steve- looking at cost per region for ZOOM and Lumio
- Frank- does not want both ZOOM and Lumio to check
- Christine-likes ZOOM program. Admin being one decision. ZOOM Lumio on different decisions
- Don- it is important to have a ZOOM admin to make things happen
- Steve-says we need to get rid of Yahoo groups
- Tina-can be more costly per region depending on if all regions approve or not
- Call the question; ask for 300 dollars for admin, ZOOM; Lumio for regions
- Eric- read intent for mission statement
- asking for 300 per region to pay for this.
- julie suggests that we have an annual budget of a set cost split into however many regions
- dave saying we are asking for 300 each for right now and it can be changed later
- passes to have 300 from each region going towards ZOOM, lumio, and admin body
- RDs to take this back to region to talk to them and get the proposal voted on

**Friday January 26, 2018**

## **CAT/CAR Collaboration with NAWs**

- discussion about how to present material
- decide to start from beginning and watch videos
- 25 regional motions
- motions should be used prudently, questions should be put to World board first

### Motion 1

- light discussion on “convert”

### Motion 2

- discussion-medium discussions about benefits for IP 27
- Group conscious liked IP 27

### Motion 3

- makes step study based solely off questions from Basic Text
  - light discussion on whether it would be beneficial that getting it approved since World would most likely change the content
  - Does every piece of literature developed need to be universal?
  - Some region feels literature survey feels shallow.
  - There is confusion on whether there is literature going to be created through this motion. If this motion is approved there will be a new piece of literature through the literature process.
  - Some support motion but do not support the rationale.
  - Will it require a basic text to use this motion?
  - The new step study booklet will not look the same after literature process and there is a concern about having right and wrong answers based on the direct literature in the basic text.
  - Who would be the arbiter to the word “derived” which could leave a lot up to perspective? How does it get decided?
- Literature work group then fellowship input and approval.
- reminder that these step working guides or thing used to work steps are resources/tool, this motion is to make a tool/resource but the intent is does not match it
  - Again in the intent is suggested to be amended in which the intent has a little bit of motion in it
  - Circumventing the literature survey is not aligned with principles of NA
  - The literature based on the basic text could be very helpful and some support

### Motion 4

- How far away are we from the Spanish basic text 6<sup>th</sup> ed? About a year away
- The motion is to waive the NAWs policy to support the release for the 5<sup>th</sup> ed
- There is a need for it all over US as well as Spanish speaking countries
- What is policy when new basic text comes out. Do we continue to sell the previous edition until translated? If the motion would not violate policy
- Who approves stories? World board members
- 6<sup>th</sup> ed Spanish is being worked on for MP3 digital download, and the English is being talked about
- The problem is with the MP3 is distribution and thought NAWs could do a little better at negotiating how much percentage of profits
- Motion does not really make sense with time frame of other projects
- There is talk for a need for world to update policy concerning these issues.

#### Motion 5

- no discussion

#### Motion 6

- 60,000\$ dollar dicut alone before production.
- Why is this motion in the CAR when there are guidelines staying that it shouldn't be in here? There needs to be language in the GTWS conference to prevent these motions to be made
- Looking for consistency for key tags
- Whole equation should be considered for costs like how many can and have to be sold to cover costs of dicut, need of them, and 1.3 million dollars are sold in keytags

#### Motion 7

- why are group responsibilities not being put in there
- attempt to direct a service pamphlet that will be expanded upon
- world board would be the workgroup for then sent to RDs

#### Motion 8

- The writing of the motion is a little confusing especially the sentence about 3<sup>rd</sup> ed revised has caused communication and understanding problems so writing of second paragraph is confusing to some
- One problem with interpretation is that some can interpret that 3<sup>rd</sup> ed revised and on can be used in open meetings and can go against a previous approved motion
- Drawing the line as what can be read and what can't hurt our message?
- Referred to the group booklet
- Some think that this is not the solution but there is a problem that this motion is trying to address

#### FITP videos

- why are we spending time on it and why haven't there been any answers/ been addressed
- originally two concerns that were then bumped up to ten that are now approved by the region. World has asked for clarification about concerns. They will be talked about at world in march
- nature of the conference has changed but some think that the nature is the same and but the practices. There have been a lot of changes in the organization in 1998 after FITP
- this could have been approached differently with a little more communication and more transparency. World board decided to leave legal problem to lawyers and decided to send a letter asking for clarification on problems and concerns that were raised by region
- one of the issues is that the fellowship is being more informed by social media not the actual documents
- some questions why is this inspection being requested? What is the intention? What are the possible results?
- A lot of regions are concerned about how to have this conversation and the amount of disunity that is being caused by this
- Possible a motion going around to cease and desist (more information to come)
- Solution: accountability, RD are part of world service, communication to reestablish trust
- Once its legal its easy to forget we are a service board, hopefully there will be some action from the world board with transparency, what does transparency mean and how can it be done with the system of accountancy
- What accounting program or software is being used for the accounting hopefully is being updated and can world board call an emergency meeting for world board? There can be one when agreed upon by all members in writing.

- Dennis requested a ledger of accounts from world and the response was that there was not satisfying or transparent
- Intent for motion was found in south florida regional in dec 2016 minutes
- South florida might have some support on readers notes on naws website but there is no comment on who is author or to this comment

#### Motion 9

- no discussion

#### Motion 10

- if bulletin 29 would it cause any other problems? It would be struck and nothing else
- bulletin 29 is an inside issue in which it describes and whether someone is clean not on their health issue.
- There is a difference between drug replacement and pain replacement
- There is a new pamphlet has more information

#### Motion 11

- repeat of motion 10
- very valuable pamphlet for professionals

#### Motion 12

- if regions like this motion then areas should help with PR
- some people think this could just be done by areas and regions instead of on the CAR
- is this for the public or for internal or both (could be both)
- this motion asks PR stuff to be asks NAWs to set agenda
- lining this up worldwide would be tough

#### Motion 13

- no discussion

#### Motion 14

- no discussion

#### Motion 15

- need help understanding how these motions are going to be brought forward to world and how they will be voted on. These issues are being addressed in the CAT
- Who in the zone would go and how would it be funded if the zone itself does not have any funds, if motion passed how would this look like to get done, again this is more detailed in the CAT
- Was thought to be a trail but this motion pushes to have zonal seating immediately and could have some financial impact and push back projects again
- Some like motion but not rational or intent. Likes the idea of zones sharing information and how to define what a zone is. More understanding of zones is need and this motion addresses it but not for the right reasons. Sharing information would be helpful.
- this leading to discussion about this reconsidering sizes of zones, etc

#### Motion 16

- this motion makes a little more sense and apparently puts the horse back in front of the cart.
- Some disagree and still think the plan lacking because there is not a consensus yet on the zonal seating, some think there should be more of a consensus of the fellowship in order to move forward with a plan for zonal seating
- Would this project plan include a webinar? What would the project plan look like?
- Some think more need to be understood about a zone and how to define it to help fellowship understand. One of the ways to do this is motion 15 without rational
- Up to RDs to inform fellowship about zonal form, maybe to define zones could start with a discussion here

- There are different levels of commitment to zonal seating or the future of the world service conference with the motions 15-25
- If passed it would be part of the future project plan for the WSC

#### Motion 17

- question: how does the transition happen? People would have a choice during transition how to be represented
- the level of representation is the problem?
- One of the problems discussed that there is only one vote per zone it does not take into account population or number of meetings
- Need to find a way to do business and discussion and understanding of zones before deciding to go forward, this leaves future open and unknown
- Maybe purpose of these motions is to talk about where/how to move forward
- We have not gone based on proportion or size, since every homegroup no matter what size gets one vote at area
- Some perceive the rational is flawed and untrue
- Motion is too vague
- Some think that this motion is not very restrictive but still needs more discussion and work
- Very progressive and suggestion to have talks with other zones to move forward together
- One concern is how this will affect voting and representation of world board. Would world board members be needed for voting for new business if there was a more worldwide representation.

#### **Dinner/ outreach to Nenana**

##### Nenana Report

As an application of fellowship development/outreach, members of the western states zonal forum, members of the Golden Heart Area fellowship and a representative of the NA World Board traveled to Nenana to host PR event. Transportation was provided by hiring a van + driver, and with help from the Golden Heart Area Fellowship.

Participants were welcomed by the tribal chief and a Nenana resident who wanted help starting NA in Nenana. Two members of the WSZF put on a PR presentation for Nenana and as a model for the Golden Heart Area public relations committee. Then the WSZF hosted an open NA meeting as a demonstration.

All of these efforts were very well-received; the chief expressed gratitude and commitments to support NA meetings at the tribal hall. Contact information was exchanged with local PR chair and there was a commitment made by Fairbanks area members to support, by attendance, a regular NA meeting in Nenana. Participants in the WSZF expressed their gratitude in being able to facilitate the start of NA in Nenana; some members stated they would like to make future visits to see the progress of this development in Nenana.

In loving service, Dave S.

#### **Saturday January 27th, 2018**

#### **CAT/CAR collaboration with NAWS continued**

Secretary not present from motions 18-20

#### Motion 21

- practicing the 12 concepts and trust could help regions that formed after the concepts are a little more progressive and function more effectively to help promote discussion and to help put the groups back in the driver seat
- we are not losing anything and are actually gaining more representation on a worldwide scale, this is allowing a middle ground
- planning and dipping our toe in
- this evens out and helps other regions and zones to help the world wide fellowship with different needs so voices need to be heard to more accurately represent the world wide fellowship
- our responsibility is to expand views
- some regions are still opposed to zonal seating and think that everything should still continue to come back to the groups

#### Motion 22

- agrees that board is outdated and world board is not participating.
- We could do more to communicate with each other and the world and a new platform needs to be used
- There are some security issues with current board and with things from the board being cut and pasted to be misused for misinformation
- Newcomers sometimes read this board and think it's a consensus but if some people find it helpful then keeping open could help
- Some feel that it shouldn't be shut down until it is replaced

#### Motion 23

- this could possibly make service commitments longer than they already are which is already hard to fill and commit to. Longer commitment than already is

#### Motion 24

- this motion has been voted down multiple times over and over again
- if 18 passes then motion 24 would make sense
- rational is flawed by saying they represent only themselves because it is not what these servants are for
- study the seventh concept, they bear substantial responsibility for that service body because they carry out decisions and want them to be active and accountable
- a region feels it would be a shame to lose that experience, they are delegated trusted servants, trying to avoid an us vs them
- there is some diversity in the world board and how they vote and they represent the voice of the world, diversity would be lost
- CAT could affect this as well as if zonal seating is implemented, there is too much placed on voting, either give them a vote or none at all
- There should be a discussion
- There is some opposition towards world board members being elected by zones because they might be held responsible by zone. World board members are in a position where they are not accountable to the zones but to the world and the service conference so they can get think more of the world fellowship instead of the zone that elects them

#### Motion 25

- research is being done to see how viable this is and how it would work, rules of order
- questions about who this covers and what beyond our control means and is defined as
- there is an ability to do it

### **Presentation of powerpoint of CAT**

Went over strategic plans and project plans

Objective #1

Discussion: zones would have to choose people for work group there might be push back but others are excited because it might provide more of a role and defining zones

Objective #2

Objective #3

Objective #4&5

Question: What is meant by the word toolbox? This is helpful tools and information for fellowship that can be found on NAWS website under tab toolbox. These tools were chosen by fellowship survey

Budget 2018-2020

Proposed Changes: best way to present these proposals is to do workshops. How to present these proposals. When these are going forward and when they will be implemented

Seated Report

Regional ideas circulating with the CAT

- implemented last year
- even though same motions different rationale because it's been from different regions
- these are just ideas they might not become proposals
- some hope board would help facilitate discussion of some ideas

### **January 28th 2018, Sunday 8:30 am**

- Establish task group for guidelines
- Zonal nominations
- Put in bid for next year's conference

Don: Found old guidelines.

Steve: How many tasks does admin workgroup have?

Christine: NORCAL will have most recent guidelines.

Eric: Decided we don't have guidelines but need them yet never wrote these guidelines.

Mike: Cart before the horse; need to wait until admin body is voted on.

Dave: suggest guidelines work group to work on guidelines.

Tina: Wondering if we agree we need guidelines. If so call a vote and delegate guideline task.

- Work group formed to make the new guidelines to be voted on at WSC; Tao, Don, Christine, Eric
- Nominations for RBZ process

Don: Wondering why we need to take nominations back to region when RDs and Ads have been delegated to make nominations.

Art: We need to put it in our guidelines that we can make nominations.

Dave H: What is the process?

Don: Is our Zone wanting resume' and photo?

Art: We would "endorse" as in "bring nominee to Zone.

George: RBZ is under the HRP process; therefore, it is not a nomination, it is just bringing forth a candidate.

Dave: It doesn't need to be that complicated.

Frank: The wording needs to be simplified that we are not nominating, merely recommending a candidate.

Oscar: Doesn't want to purge old RDs and ARDs.

Eric: Does group agree on recommending to regions vs. nominating?

- Zonal forum bid

Don: Making bid but needs to go over it at RC in two weeks.

Tina: Region 51 is putting forward a bid.

Art: Take final bids to WSC.

- Discussion on whether areas can host WSZF

Art: Making votes of confidence for Don and Tina to make the bids and take back to WSC.

Don: Want to have Zone night at WSC.

- Agenda setting

Dennis: Are we planning for four-day events vs. three-day events?

Don: Wants a four-day event to have California collaboration and lunch one day in the AM.

Dave: Would like to change agenda to make Saturday a day for fellowship development.

- Light discussion
- Final agenda items
  - 1) Fellowship development
  - 2) Regional reports
  - 3) Workgroup reports
  - 4) Post conference discussion
  - 5) Sharing of best practices between regions
  - 6) California collaboration
  - 7) Internal zonal business
- Closing