

MID-ATLANTIC RSC MEETING

June 12th, 2010

The RSC meeting was opened at 2:10 PM in the Williamsport Area by Mary K., RSC Chairperson, with a moment of silence followed by the We version of the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Kathy and the 12 Concepts were read by Tom. There were 13 of 15 Areas represented 1ST roll establishing a quorum and of 15 Areas represented 2ND roll establishing quorum.

<u>REGIONAL OFFICERS</u>		<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>1ST</u>	<u>2ND</u>
CHAIR	Mary Krout	Present	Present	Present
VICE CHAIR	Amanda Williams	Present	Present	Present
SECRETARY	Jenna Tenetylo	Present	Present	Present
VICE SECRETARY	Amanda Romano	Present	Present	Present
TREASURER	Evelyn Gosnell	Present	Present	Present
VICE TREASURER	Corey Cronrath	Present	Present	Present
REGIONAL DELEGATE	Shawn Millard	Present	Present	Present
REGIONAL DEL ALT	Jenna Tenetylo	Present	Present	Present
 <u>SUBCOMMITTEE OFFICERS</u>				
CONVENFERENCE CHAIR	Patricia Taylor	Present	Present	Present
CONVENFERENCE VICE CHAIR	OPEN	OPEN		
H&I CHAIR	Bob Adler	Present	Present	Present
H&I VICE CHAIR	Augustus M.	Present	Present	Present
LITERATURE CHAIR	OPEN	OPEN		
LITERATURE VICE CHAIR	OPEN	OPEN		
POLICY CHAIR	Tom Durman	Present	Present	Present
POLICY VICE CHAIR	Kevin McGinn	Present	Present	Present
PR CHAIR	Judie Roan	Absent	Absent	Absent
PR VICE CHAIR	David Paxton	Absent	Absent	Absent
WEB CHAIR	Traci Guynup	Absent	Absent	Absent
WEB VICE CHAIR	Tracy Perrin	Present	Present	Present
ARCHIVES	Craig Duffield	Present	Present	Present
HCC TREASURER	Margaret Eckles- Ray	Absent	Absent	Absent
INSURANCE ADHOC	Kathleen Kaminshi	Present	Present	Present
RSO ADHOC	Jim Gribbin	Present	Present	Present
 <u>VOTING BODY</u>				
BEEHIVE AREA	Joshua Kleedorfer	Absent	Absent	Absent
	Amanda Romano	Present	Present	Present
CAPITAL AREA	Crystal Daniel	Absent	Absent	Absent
	Adrienne Ritter	Absent	Absent	Absent
CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA	Jim Gribbin	Present	Present	Present
	Craig Duffield	Present	Present	Present
CUMBERLAND VALLEY	Gary Brehm	Present	Present	Present
	OPEN Andrew Frey (Chair)	OPEN		
LANCASTER COUNTY	John Brooks	Absent	Absent	Absent
	Dave Kenyon	Present	Present	Present
LEBANON VALLEY	Robert Dennis	Present	Present	Present
	OPEN	OPEN		
LITTLE APPLE	Michele Slane	Present	Present	Present
	Bill Stegura	Absent	Absent	Absent
MASON-DIXON	Kathy James	Present	Present	Present
	Robin Baublitz	Present	Present	Present
POCONO MOUNTAIN	Philip Ruiz	Present	Present	Present
	James Shoemaker	Present	Present	Present
READING	Corey Cronrath	Present	Present	Present
	Bob Adler	Present	Present	Present
SERENITY IN THE MOUNTAINS	Jimmy Mulhall	Absent	Absent	Absent
	Brian Hutchison	Present	Present	Present
STATE COLLEGE	Dave Koelle	Absent	Absent	Absent
	OPEN	OPEN		
STEAMTOWN	Michelle Rutkowski	Present	Present	Present
	OPEN	OPEN		
WILLIAMSPORT	Tom Dashner	Present	Present	Present
	Traci Perrin	Present	Present	Present
YORK	Warren Hartzog	Present	Present	Present
	OPEN	OPEN		

Speak once to an issue, 2 pros & 2 cons. Maintain the Peace! Business to follow typical formats.

CORRECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

None.

APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION

OFFICERS REPORTS

CHAIR

Hello Family,

Welcome to the March 13, 2010 and June 12, 2010 Regional Meeting. ☺

Let me first say that I am very impressed to be serving in a Region where the trusted servants are willing to put themselves so far out to serve the fellowship. This will be a long day. So let's invite a loving and caring Higher Power to give us the zip and the zeal we will need to accomplish the tasks before us.

I do not have much to report from last time we met. There was a matter having to do with Insurance that came up rather unexpectedly. I am not sure how it was resolved, but I hope it was resolved to the liking of our Region. I trust it was handled with prudence.

Also, I did have the pleasure of Chairing the MARLCNA Host Organizational Meeting. I would encourage all RCM's to pay attention to the committee set up by our predecessors to serve the body. We will need a few more positions filled for that annual conference. It seems we may all want to check into the Concepts again to see what NA says about our trusted servant's positions. Leadership cannot be decided by a Policy or a Robert's Rule. It is a spiritual quality that allows our servants to lead the body in a spiritually graceful manner. Leadership is not opinion. It is not governing. But if it is not allowed to lead ... it is nothing more than a puppet or talking head. I for one do not want to follow either. Trust the HP to know who to place in a leadership position and then let go of defiance and pride and let them lead.

It is no fun to lead without having some followers.

At this time I have nothing else to report. Enjoy the day!

Thanks for letting me serve,

Mary K.

MARSC Chairperson

APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION

VICE CHAIR

No report.

SECRETARY

No written report.

VICE SECRETARY

No report.

TREASURER

Thank you for the opportunity to service. I have met with Craig to discuss his method of bookkeeping for Region. I have received a copy of the Fiscal Report and the unofficial copy of the Mid-Atlantic Treasurer Report from March 2010. I have attended MARLCNA meetings. No budget has been proposed.

In Loving Service,

Evenlyn

See attached

APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION

VICE TREASURER

No written report.

REGIONAL DELEGATE

SEE ATTACHED

APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION

REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE

SEE ATTACHED

APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION

Break: 3:40 – 4:00pm. Re opened with a moment of silence followed by the We version of the Serenity prayer. 13 of 15 groups represented

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CONFERENCE SUBCOMMITTEE

HCC Treasurer Report:

I am attaching the last two MARLCNA Bank Statements for your review. Pat T contacted me earlier this week and said that she would be picking up the information that she needed to prepare the budget. It rained on Wednesday so she went straight home from work and we rescheduled for

yesterday. She called today to say she was coming but I had already left for Philadelphia. The temporary Money program that I downloaded expires on June 28th. However, Pat advised me that she located the committee's copy. I have entered last year's budget into the program as well as the corresponding checks for each committee. I was not too sure how to credit back the change but I have all receipts. Reene needs a check to secure the Post Office Box. I believe Craig said that we would be able to write a check for her without a budget in place because it is in policy that checks can be written to conduct necessary business. Sam's name needs to be added to the checking account and unless Ramona B. and Pat T. are re-elected, their names need to be removed. Sam has become the responsible person for the storage facility. He has already made at least one payment for which he needs to be reimbursed and there are two more payments due. I'm sure this would qualify for a payout without a budget as well.

I have a question: If no persons are elected to RCS, or the Host chair positions, is there something in Policy where a Regional officer would be added to the checking account as a check and balance?

Sam can share a report from the Organizational meeting and the first committee meeting.

I apologize for not being in attendance but my son's Commencement exercises from Drexel University are tomorrow @ 12:30.

In loving service,
Margaret R.

CONVENIENCE VICE-CHAIR REPORT

Open

H&I SUBCOMMITTEE

Chair report:

We met today with Williamsport, Beehive, York, and Reading Area reps. We discussed how all the Areas experiences the last 4 months. We reviewed Regional H&I Policy and have found several items that we will be bringing for motions at Septembers Region. I neglected to include in last Regions meeting that the H&I presentation at MARLCNA went well and was well attended. I am also attaching Area reports from Region, York, and Beehive Areas.

In Loving Service, Bob A. Chair

York Area H&I Regional Report:

Our commitments are going well. We have ten meetings going into various facilities in the local area. We are in the process of adding a new, second meeting to the local White Deer Run Facility. Our PR panel held a Helpline workshop on May 15th with 8 recovering addicts cleared to take calls. Our motion to modify our speaker list passed at Sunday's area service meeting. The requirement to attend 2 consecutive H&I meetings prior to being eligible has been deleted with the exception of the Prison List Panel Leaders are now responsible to get possible speakers. Our Area policy will be amended to reflect the motion as well as to update PR's inclusion into H&I.

In Loving Service,

York Area H&I

Reading Area H&I is doing well. We currently carry 6 commitments in the Reading Area but starting July 1st, we will no longer carry and H&I meeting into Caron Adult. They are having evening program changes and are canceling out commitment as a result. I was reassured that it wasn't anything we did.

We held two phonline workshops on Unity Day in May. The turnout was decent; we signed-up 9 people. The phonline has a new coordinator who is vigilant.

Next, we voted as a subcommittee to allow sponsee of a panel coordinator to Chair an H&I meeting w/o the required clean time as long as the Panel Coordinator is with him when he is speaking. We did the same for another Panel Coordinator and her sponsee. Things are going well with the Caron Adolescent Female now; we have a Panel Coordinator who is filling the commitment weekly.

A Panel coordinator relapsed and a [?] commitment went two weeks w/o a meeting. I was not made privy to this until afterwards.

Beehive Area H&I Report attached.

LITERATURE SUBCOMMITTEE

No written report

POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

We met with 3 members today. We reviewed motion #1209P3 and have sent a report to the body. We also discussed an item in the MARLCNA guidelines page 10. There is an "Officer at Large" position created years ago which was never elected as far as we know. Much discussion ensued concerning appoint of accountability between host committee, conference sub-committee, and officer at large.

I am required to update our policy index on the web-site quarterly. I did not send out updates between March and June because of some confusion if our Web Chair is still in this position. When this is resolved, we will forward our updates. We will also include the sub-committee guidelines with our updates.

PR SUBCOMMITTEE

Three Areas were in attendance: Beehive, Williamsport, and Lancaster County. Discussed phonline issues and we would like to remind the members areas to be sure that their meeting list information is updated on the Regional and World Websites. Also received a report from Lebanon Valley Area.

In Loving Service,

Judie R. PR Chair

WEB COMMITTEE

No written report.

AD HOC ARCHIVE

There hasn't been much to do. I asked Pat again today about the MARLCNA tapes and she told me she still hasn't received them, so I haven't been able to record them. I was supposed to get the 2009 tapes in March, but being busy has ended up that they weren't gotten to me. So when I do get them I will have plenty to do.

I have also been keeping up with the minutes. I have one very strong suggestion, that we do NOT consider the contact sheets as part of the minutes. After last region it being pointed out that as a corporation our minutes are public, if the contact sheet is ruled as separate, then any request for copies can be given without the contact sheets.

If any areas or anyone wishes more information about archiving, please feel free to contact me. I have already helped a few areas and another region about getting set up to do archives. I have started working on a questionnaire about what this region might want from this position. Also there has been talk for quite a while about making this a permanent office or subcommittee, but no motion yet, and I have tried to collect some guidelines to try and put something together for this region.
Thank you, ILS, Craig D

RSO ADHOC REPORT

See attached.

INSURANCE Point Person

See attached.

VOTING BODY

Beehive Area

P O Box 291, Wilkes Barre, PA. Help line. 866-935-4762. We have 13 Groups and 12 H&I presentations.

Active Subcommittees: H&I, PR, Convention Committee, and Literature. **Regional Donations:**

Upcoming events:

Comments: No report provided

Capital Area

P O Box 10634, Harrisburg, PA 17105-0634. Help line 717 233-FREE. We have 37 Groups and 10 H&I presentations.

Active Subcommittees: H&I, PR, Literature, Capital Area Unity Sub Committee, Unity Sub Committee, and Policy

Regional Donations: **Upcoming events:** **Comments:** No report

Central Susquehanna Valley Area

P O Box 543, Lewisburg, PA 17837. Help line 877-501-1246. We have 14 groups and 3 H&I presentations.

Active Subcommittees: HIPR, Literature, Policy, Activities **Regional Donations:** \$100.73

Up coming events: We Do Recover Picnic XII at Knobels amusement park, Route 487, Elysburg, PA 17824 in tent 9 on Sunday July 11th, 2010. Bring your favorite covered dish. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. Memorabilia auction after meeting. The picnic is free, donations are appreciated.

Comments: Hello Family. We have 14 regular groups and 3 H&I presentations and are in the process of adding 2 or 3 more. We have an activities, HIPRC, Literature, and Policy Subcommittees at this time. We look forward to seeing you all at Knobels on July 11th. We are asking to host the September Region and we have a \$100.73 donation to Region.

In Loving Service,

Jim G. RCM

Cumberland Valley

P.O. Box 685, Chambersburg, PA 17201. Help line 800-445-3889. We have 6 Groups and 4 H&I presentations.

Active Subcommittees: PR / HI Sub Act. 2 events. Prudent Reserve \$200.00 There is no newsletter.

Regional donation: \$60.00

Up coming events: Annual Pick 1st.

Comments: None.

Lancaster County

PO Box 726, Lancaster, PA 17608. Help line 717-393-4546. We have 32 groups and 6 H&I presentations.

Active Subcommittees: Policy, H&I, PI, Unity, and Literature. There is no newsletter. **Regional Donation:**

Upcoming Events:

Comments: LCANA Report June 2010, Dave Kenyon, Alt RCM LCANA, 30 N. Plum St., Lancaster, PA 17602

Lancaster County Area of Narcotics Anonymous, P.O. Box 726 Lancaster, PA 17608; Helpline (717) 393-4546. LCANA currently has 32 Active Home Groups with 36 meetings. We have a monthly dance the First Saturday of every month at 517 N. Queen St. at St. James Episcopal Church. Our unity Committee has scheduled its Annual Spiritual Retreat for The second weekend in July, 2010 at Outdoor World, Circle m Resort, Rt. 741, Lancaster, PA. Flyers are available on the table with more information and contact numbers.

Our Area continues to carry the message. We have been dealing with the consequences of personalities exercising their old behaviors at some meetings and Area events. As a result, one of our home groups is currently looking for a new meeting place. The War Is Over group Thursday 6:00 – 7:30 PM, is no longer meeting at Farnum & Queen Sts. in Lancaster. As soon as they find a new home, we will update the web Committee and update our Helpline.

Contrary to any rumors you may have heard; there are meetings being held in Lancaster. The Unity events are being held as originally planned. Despite the consequences of a few individuals' decisions, Lancaster County continues to care the message of recovery in our Area.

Our RCM was called into work at the last minute. He apologizes to the Region.
In Service, Dave K.

Lebanon Valley Area

P O Box 1544, Lebanon, PA 17042. Help line 717 277-7500. We have 7 groups and 4 H&I presentations.

Active Subcommittees: Activities Committee, Public Relations. We have no newsletter. **Regional Donation:** \$ 200.00

Upcoming Events: Annual Picnic, Flyers forthcoming.

Comments: Hello Family, Lebanon Valley sends greetings. We are still without an Alt. RCM at this time, more will be revealed. All of our home groups sent the Insurance paper and money except one group. Will they still be allowed without funding, this package. Because of high rent paid by this group, their prudent reserve is vacant.

We will however do as instructed by Region for this home group. Our donation is \$200.00 from area and thanks for letting me serve.

Robert D. RCM

Dinner Break: 5:25pm – 6:20pm. Re opened with a moment of silence followed by the We version of the Serenity prayer. 13 of 15 groups represented

Little Apple Area

P O Box 4475, Allentown PA 18105. Help line 610 439-1998. We have 34 groups and ? H&I presentations.

Active Subcommittees: Policy, Activities, H&I, PI, Convention, Literature, Insurance Ad-hoc. We have no newsletter.

Regional Donation: \$188.13

Upcoming Events: Activities Committee present "Fun Day Sunday: June 20th at Cedar Beach Park, Hamilton Blvd, Allentown, 10 – Dusk. Higher Power Group 29th Annual Picnic, July 10th, Noon til Dusk, Emmaus Park. LAACNA XXIX Convention, Sept. 17, 18, 19, Holiday Inn, Allentown.

Comments: The Little Apple Area continues to thrive and fulfill our primary purpose, with plenty of well attended meetings. We had a review and input workshop for the "Living Clean" project in May hosted by our Literature Committee.

Our Area created an Ad-Hoc Committee to compare Insurance policies and give recommendations for setting up a liaison. I have collected approx. half of the insurance registration forms from our groups.

The Activities Committee is hosting a fun day in the park next Sunday and our Area's Convention has been scheduled for September. Please see the flyers and distribute in your areas.

Grateful to be of service, Michele S. RCM

Mason Dixon Area

P O Box 3155, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Help line 800 445-3889. We have 8 groups. 2 H&I presentation.

Active Subcommittees: Special Events, H&I, PR, and literature. We have no newsletter. **Regional Donation:** \$678.09

Upcoming Events: June 19th, 2010 Picnic 1745 Stormstore Rd., New Oxford, PA 2 – 10 PM. Speaker at 8PM.

Comments: We are turning in Insurance Registration forms from all 8 home groups. One home group is asking for proof of Insurance.

We will not be making a separate donation for the insurance cost because our regular Regional Donation will more than cover our Area cost of \$96.00.

Robin B. Alt RCM

Pocono Mountain Area of NA

P o Box 1053, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. Help line 570 421-6618. We have 17 groups and 2 H&I presentations.

Active Subcommittees: H&I, PR, Unity Subcommittee, and Policy . **Regional Donation:** \$50.00 / \$225.00

Upcoming Events: Pocono Pigs on the Mt. XVII Pig Roast August 21st, 2010.

Comments: All is well in the Pocono Area. We continue to grow. We currently have 18 groups and continue to fulfill our primary purpose. Our Pig Roast is on August 21st, 2010 at Beltzville State Park, our Hot Dog Extravaganza is on June 27th, 2010 from 11am – dusk at 201 E 5th St. (American Legion) all info is on the Regional Website.

There are some home groups who are concerned about MARLCNA and would like to see a moratorium for future conferences until all MARLCNA finances are paid in full to keep within our 7th tradition.

We sent a \$50.00 dollar donation to the Region and a \$225.00 dollar Insurance donation to Region!

In Loving Service,

Philip R.

Reading Area

P O Box 6483, Wyomissing, PA 19610. Help line 610-374-5944. We have 23 groups and 6 H&I presentations.

Active Subcommittees: H&I, Activities, PR, Policy, literature, and convention. We have no newsletter.

Regional donation: \$1080.23

Upcoming Events: Reading Area Campout June 18 – 20. Reading Area Picnic at Laurel Park in Muhlenburg August 15th, Reading Area Convention Oct 15 – 17th, 2010.

Comments: Convention preparations are coming along well. I will provide flyers to the Secretary and Web Chair. I do not have our picnic flyer yet, but will forward it when I get it. I'll bring the rest of the home group registrations for insurance to the next Region.

Corey C. RCM

Serenity in the Mountains Area

P O Box 484, Hazleton, PA 18201. Help line 800 397-3680. We have 13 groups. 3 or 4 H&I presentation.

Active subcommittees: Policy, H&I, PR, Literature, and Activities **Regional Donation:** \$21.66

Upcoming Events: We have an NA Campout at Mauch Chunk State Park in Jim Thorpe, PA, July 30th – Aug 1st.

Comments: Hello Family, the SITMANA Area is doing well. We have just welcomed two new groups to our area. The Jim Thorpe group of NA and A Vision of Hope in Frackville.

We just passed a motion to pass on all monies in excess of Prudent Reserve and subcommittee balances to the Region.

I do have some home group info for the insurance but not all of them. Also I have a special event form to apply for insurance for our area campout.

SITMANA Area is selling flashlights with our symbol and the helpline # on them. They are \$5.00 and I Have some available today.

State College Area of NA

Po Box 349, Lemont, PA 16851. We have 13 groups. 4 H&I presentations.

Active subcommittees: No Subcommittees **Regional Donation:** **Upcoming Events:** **Comments:**

Greater Steamtown

PO BOX 27, Scranton, PA 18504. Help line 800 503-9456. We have 19 groups and 3 H&I presentations.

Active Subcommittees: H&I, Literature, PI, Policy, and Activities and Events. No newsletter. **Regional Donation:** \$0.00

Upcoming Events: Jam Along Dance 3/27/10, Progressive Center, Olive St., Scranton 7 PM – 11 PM. 2nd Annual "Spiritual Speakers Jamboree Brunch" is Saturday 4/10/10 from Noon – 6 PM, Hawley Methodist, 315 Church St., Hawley. Hosted by Saturday Night Live.

Comments: No written report given.

Williamsport Area

P o Box 1161, Williamsport, PA 17703. Help line 570 327-2678. We have 31 groups and 9 H&I presentations.

Active Subcommittees: H&I, Convention, PR, Activities, Outreach, Additional Needs, Web, Finance, Merchandise, Policy, Literature Review. We have no newsletter. **Regional Donation:** \$0

Upcoming Events: We Do Recover group hosting a Pig Roast on June 19th at Ravensburg State Park, 11 am – Dark. \$8.00 per person. Kids are welcome. WANA Area Convention in Williamsport in Sept 17 – 19th, 2010.

Comments: Our Area is struggling with the current policy at area. We are in the process of maybe getting rid of the policy and starting from scratch. We will be using 12 traditions, 12 concepts, and the guide to local service. I have been talking with people from region and will be receiving some help with that. We still don't have an Activities Chair. We are working on our money situation. We should have a donation next Region.

Tom D. RCM

York Area

P O Box 1012, York PA 17405. Help line 717 848-9988. We have 20 groups and 8 H&I presentations.

Active Subcommittees: H&I, PR, Policy, Literature, Unity Day & Activities is now one committee. We have no newsletter. **Regional Donation:** \$0

Upcoming Events: Several NA Home groups picnics coming this summer. Contact York RCM and more will be revealed. Speaker Jam 6/26 at 11am til 7pm at The War is Over home group address is located on York Area meeting list or call me for more information.

Comments: Hello Region. The York area is doing well. The York Area's morning meeting Miracle on West Street has a new location: 400 Block of Linden Street. It is on the Corner of Linden and West Sts. Call the hotline or the York RCM for more information. The meeting does not meet on Saturday anymore, Monday, Thursday, Friday 9 – 10:30am only.

Warren H. RCM

All minutes received by Regions

OLD BUSINESS

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Policy Motion 1209P1: To change policy so that MARSCNA no longer funds RCM's and Alt RCM's for MARLCNA.

Intent: 7th Tradition – Areas should be responsible financially for their RCM's and Alt RCM's. 11th Concept and 4th Concept.

Submitted by: Bob A Reading **Second by:** Glenn D. Lebanon

Vote: Yes: 2 No: 6 Abstain: 5 **Motion Fails**

Policy Motion 1209P2: All motions handed in for New Business from areas must be copied and handed out at Regional Service to all RCM's along with the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, *Policy, and any affected Sub Committee.

Intent: To provide RCM's with accurate information and provide 100% notification of motions to all areas.

Submitted by: LAANA RCM **Second by:** Steamtown RCM

Vote: Yes: 5 No: 2 Abstain: 6 **Motion Fails**

Policy Motion 1209P3: To add to the order of the day that there will be a closing attendance called.

Submitted by: Central Susq. RCMA **Second by:** Reading RCM

Policy motions friendly amendment, 2nd by Susq. (Amendment added to above motion).

Vote for Friendly Amendment: Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 4 **Motion Passes**

House Keeping Motion 1209H2: To ask the insurance company the costs and feasibility of making 4 payments a year and with the bill being scheduled and required to be in our hands before the regularly scheduled regional meeting and payment due after.

Intent: To be sure we can afford the insurance and schedule the payments in accordance with our meetings.

Submitted by: Central Susq. RCMA **Second by:** Reading RCMA

Discussion. Tabled (Dec 09 Region) until more information is available.

Remain Tabled

House Keeping Motion 1209H3: To set up a budgeting block for the insurance.

Intent: So that we may have moneys available when the bill comes due.

Submitted by: Central Susq. RCMA **Second by:** Pocono RCM

Discussion.

Tabled (Dec 09 Region) until more information is available.

Remain Tabled

House Keeping Motion 1209H4: To contact the insurance company about information concerning a "Phase In" of the insurance and how the bill would be affected.

Intent: To have more information with regard to the fact that the different insurance policies end at different times.

Submitted by: Central Susq. RCMA **Second by:** Pocono RCM

Discussion.

Tabled (Dec 09 Region) until more information is available.

Remain Tabled

House Keeping Motion 1209H5: To have the chair appoint an Adhoc committee to create a prioritized budget for the region.

Intent: So the treasurer will have direction on paying bills and the region can have direction authorizing new expenditures in the event of our expenses exceeding our income.

Explanation: As is our bills are paid on a first come first serve basis since our income combined with our prudent reserve have never been smaller than our expense in the long run. With the dept load we are currently looking to add, we could potentially overspend ourselves regularly. We need to establish a list of priorities and possibly a threshold for how low we can take our prudent reserve.

Submitted by: Central Susq. RCMA **Second by:** Pocono RCM

Tabled (Dec 09 Region) until more information is available.

Remain Tabled

Time line reviewed for June.

Elected Positions:

RDA – Jenna T.

RCS Chair – Pat T.

RCS Vice – Jim G.

Nominated for September Region Positions:

Vice Chair of Region nomination – Ed B.

Policy Vice Chair – Kevin

PR Vice Chair – Tony E.

Web Vice Chair – Cathi I.

Open Positions:

Open As of September: 2nd Secretary, H&I Vice, Literature Vice, Literature Chair, Policy Vice, PR Vice Chair, Vice Chair of Region, Web Vice Chair, HCC Chair / Vice Chair.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Attorney bill received and paid for by laws.
2. RSO Representative coming to Region in September to provide information.

Policy Motion 0610P1: To withhold all donations to NAWS for an unspecified amount of time.

Intent: To follow our 6th Tradition and let NAWS understand that we are not happy with the direction they are talking about. Also to let them know we are not happy with how they spend the funds.

Submitted by: Jeff R, Lit Chair **Second by:**

Out of order.

3. Housekeeping motion for Region to create an ADHOC Committee to create a position of Regional Insurance Contact and Reg Insurance Alternate and to formulate requirements and responsibilities for these positions. 2nd received.
Vote: Yes: Unanimous
4. Discussion regarding "Officer at Large" position. Tom will research issue and get back to region.
5. MARLCNA Insurance discussion. Pat will talk to Kathleen about canceling MARLCNA Insurance.
6. MARLCNA Tax's and Fines discussion. Pat will follow up with accountant to be sure tax forms are completed in a timely manner.
7. Consensus based decision making discussion by Shawn M. RD. Discussion in December.

Policy Motion 0610P2: To withhold all donations to NAWS for an unspecified amount of time and to change the Mid Atlantic Region Policy of fund flowing to NAWS to be null and void. With a letter explaining ourselves to NAWS so our voice of the NA members is heard.

Intent: To follow our 6th tradition and let NAWS understand that we are not happy with the direction they are taking. Also to let them know we aren't happy with how they spend the funds.

Submitted by: Amanda R. Beehive RCMA **Second by:** Michelle R. Steamtown RCM

Sent to Policy for input, discussion in September.

8. Discussion regarding lengthening the RD and RDA commitments to be in line with current policy. RD will discuss with Policy September Region.
9. Discussion between Treasurer and Regional Conference Chair regarding money owed to MARLCNA. Documentation will be brought in September regarding documentation.
Motion to withhold World Donation until all expenses are paid.
Made by: Serenity 2nd by Lancaster Motion Passes

CLOSING TREASURER'S REPORT

Betterment:

1. Amanda W. had a concern regarding large amount of abstentions. Discussion.
2. Ed B. any Area's wishing to host RSC – keep in consideration that Regions may run late when picking a facility.
3. Dave had a concern regarding discussion and motions regarding Web Committee.
4. Discussion regarding Treasurer giving money to MARLCNA for accountant.

Next region location/bids

September – Little Apple Area - TBA

December – Serenity in the Mountains – location TBA

March – Central Susquehanna – location TBA

Regional Service Committee Meeting ended about 9:40 pm, with a moment of silence followed by the We version of the Serenity Prayer.

#1:

Date: 6-12-10

RD

Report

Hello family

I am writing this report in conjunction with Shawn's report and really hope there are no redundancies. This was a Conference year and we do have a lot of information to give you to take back to the areas and home groups.

First of all this was my last conference, and I would really like to thank the Mid Atlantic Region as a whole for allowing me the opportunity and privilege to serve as your Regional Delegate. This was truly something I never imagined could or would have ever happened to an addict like me. I am honored and privileged to have been able to serve you at this capacity. I hope and pray that I served as your RD, up to some of your expectations.

Shawn at the end of this RSC mtg. will be your new RD. I believe he is capable of serving this body with integrity as he has the knowledge and experiences to fulfill his commitment.

I hope that I was helpful in guiding and preparing Shawn for this position. He will have a lot on his plate these next few years with what is going to be happening with our New World service structure changing, Living Clean project, the new Tradition working Guide that will be coming out by 2016 and all of the other fun stuff that will need to be done. I will help Shawn with whatever he needs to fulfill his commitment during the transition.

Today in new business we will be electing a new RDA. I would like to nominate in new business Jenna. She has served this body with integrity for the last few years as our regional secretary.

Regional Mail:

I have already called the UPS store and talked to Bob the store manager and changed the Regional mail to be forwarded to Shawn's address from this date forward.

The regional mail has been given to the sub committee's and secretary. The flyers are on the table.

I was also sent some checks and things from the Capital area's RCM. She said that she had to work but would come after work about dinner time. I told her that I would buy dinner.

WSC 2010:

Everything in the WSC 2010 Draft Summary of Decisions has been sent to all RCM's and alternates and anyone else that is on our regional E-Mail list. There was a note to please bring them with you to the RSC. I have a few copies with me today for anyone who is not on the mailing list.

#2:

Here are some things that might not be in there from my notes.

PR

Almost all that we do in NA has to do with PR in some way. There is a PSA that I believe is very good. This was done by the Lone Star Region, and they signed the release form on it to NAWS. It can be bought online at www.na.org.

There will be a digest of the PR Handbook that is small and gives a good snapshot of what it is all about. PR and the fellowship development are really tied together.

WCNA

There were 21 groups plus in Barcelona Spain as a result of the WCNA since 2009. The help-line calls tripled; there were ten new meetings in the city. The treatment facilities have started sending addicts to NA for recovery. The government of Spain now knows who we are. According to The WCNA Survey 32 % of the participants were from the USA and 68% non- US countries. We do not yet know the effect that the WCNA in Spain has had on the NA Fellowship.

Anthony E., director of NAWS

NA in Spain has been in existence for over 20 years, and there were certain obstacles, like government and treatment centers that were unsure of what NA was. NA was ready to do whatever was necessary to make things change.

They were willing to use PR to reach the people needed to help with this effort, such as the minister of health and WHO.

60,000 EUROS, which is about 90, 000 US dollars was spent on PR in Spain. World spent over 1.5 million dollars for Spain WCNA and were still paying for some activities as late as January, 2010.

Anthony said it cost more than \$60,000.00 for the World board travel and lodging, and per diem for WCNA in 2009. There were 13 office workers that attended at \$4,000.00 per person. The World board and office workers that go to the WCNA all have jobs to do.

Any leisure expenses incurred by the World board or office workers were on their own dime. NAWS is asking for 83,000 dollars for the next WCNA, as they did for the last WCNA, for start up.

Times Square, NY

An ad co. called Anthony E. and said they had a spot on the Big screen for 30 seconds for 25,000 dollars for one month. This usually costs 150,000 dollars. This will show 1,331 times over one month.

Anonymity Online

NAWS is trying to use the internet as a tool.
The WB said that there were over 362 hits for the purest web site.
806 for NA online

#3:

NAWS on Face book had 3000 hits in 22 hours, the NAWS Face book had over 4000 fans. They pulled the plug because there is no way to focus on anonymity on the net.

There is a treatment center in Egypt that is recording and posting everything on the net. NAWS would like it to stop. There is also a lot of NAWS bashing. What is done on the net in the name of so-called NA chat rooms violates many people's anonymity.

Members using the web sites, like Face book, twitter and In the Rooms are posting pictures of people without their consent and writing things about recovery using names of members. With the pictures, there are usually people in the background that has no idea that their pictures will be on the net within hours.

World still asked the conference if we wanted to try and utilize Face book for discussions with the fellowship. Thank God there was not much support from the conference.

Anonymity is a problem in our fellowship and we are all responsible to try and protect it, ours and other members.

Zonal Forums

APF :(Asian Pacific Forum)

For the last two years, Iran only participates at the APF. The APF pays for anyone who cannot afford to pay for travel to and from the Zonal. They help all the regions in supporting them financially when needed.

The AZF: (Autonomy Zonal Forum) started in the early 1990s

Philadelphia will be hosting 2013 WCNA.

The CANA: They have over 25 different languages in Canada. They do a national Convention.

The Southeast Zonal has over 241 meetings.

LAZF: (Latin American Zonal) has 27 regions in 27 countries and they host over 2500 groups.

Service System

The Service System we have today was designed for about 5,000 groups. Today we have over 60,000 groups. If we do not do something soon we will choke ourselves.

Hopefully, this will stir up dialogue with groups, areas, and regions about what needs to be done to correct this problem. Some regions are interested in another layer of service. A lot of regions are concerned with the drastic change this will bring.

There are a lot of regions that want the structure to stay the same, they feel it can be fixed. There is some concern about keeping the focus on being of service to the groups. We need to talk about the opportunity for growth, and to improve the service system.

If we were to put another level of service in place this could create a problem. This could cause a split in the fellowship and give fuel to the members that are anti NAWS.

A conference participant was saying that the WB was trying to sell this change and a WBM (Mary) took the mike off of her. The WBM was confronted at break and she came back and apologized for her behavior.

#4:

Why can't we change pieces instead of the whole structure? What happens when Iran grows to 30 or 40 regions? The Iranian interpreter said "there will be 40 of these % ^ V % ## s here". What about the growth of China and Russia?

We have two Service System Models suggested from the WB to review, interchange, or discard and discuss within the groups.

Service System Models suggested from the World Board will be attached to this report.

HRP Report and Elections WSC 2010:

World Board:

Mary B. 2nd term, Ron B. 2nd term, Inigo C U 1st term, Piet DE B. 2nd term, Muk H. – D. 2nd term, Ron M. 2nd term.

Denny S. who was our nomination did not get elected.

Human Resource Panel:

Pat P, Jr. 1st term, Mark W. 1st term.

WSC Co – Facilitator:

Marc G. 1st term, Jack H. 1st term.

Multi Regional Unity Day:

The Ties that Bind us Together

(World Unity Day September 4th, 2010) This event will start at 11:00am until 9:00pm at Rosie's Villa at 440 East State Route 61, Atlas, PA 17851

Right off of Route 54 and 61, next to Mt Carmel and near Knobles amusement Park

As stated in our report when we started to plan this event, the cost to each region will be \$300.00 and comes to a total of \$1200.00. This event will be free to the fellowship and there will be Food Fun and fellowship through out the day.

At 8:00pm EST the entire world wide fellowship will do the Serenity Prayer at the same time, no matter what time it is anywhere else in the world. I believe that this will truly be a great time for all.

A flyer will be here today for you to take back to your areas and home groups.

Insurance:

As we talk about in our concepts about having a single point of accountability. I believe that this body needs a Regional Insurance point person and a alternate. This way the areas can have a point person in their area to contact the regional point person and then the regional point person will contact the insurance co for anything to do with the regional insurance.

This way we do not have anybody in the region just calling the insurance co. for whatever. If you ever had a business, this could be a big problem.

MARLCNA Committee's Rent at Rosie's Villa:

#5:

According to the old RCC Pat, last year there was up to \$200.00 allocated for the rent no matter where it was held. Because they knew that they would most likely have to pay rent. This would also allow us to be fully self supporting.

The rent at Rosie's after talking with the owner Rick for who is not a member of NA is \$25.00 for each mtg. The meetings go from 1:00pm until whenever, at least 4 hours or more. After looking at the meetings that will be held at Rosie's, there will be a total of 5 meetings at Rosie's. There will be 5 or 6 meetings held at the Host in Lancaster. So far there have been 2 meetings held there at a cost of \$25.00 each at a total of \$50.00. I would like a check made out to Rick Catino ASAP. This way we can show responsibility to the facility that we are renting from.

The amount of rent needed will come to \$ 125.00 for the year. Well under the \$200.00 amount allocated by the committee.

I bring this up because there was some miss communication within the MARLCNA committee at the last MARLCNA meeting.

RD Financial Report:

Shawn and I took many boxes of MARLCNA merchandise from passed years to the WSC 2010. I feel we took too many. We sold sweaters, mugs and bears cheap. We had to send the remaining boxes back. Saying all of that, I have \$503.00 to give to the treasure today from the sales.

1. I have a \$503.00 in cash to give to the treasure today from the sales of MARLCNA merchandise at the WSC 2010.
2. I have 2 checks for \$150.00 and \$156.00 from December 2009 that were to go to UPS Store that are now Voided out and the corrections have been made with the treasure.
3. I have a receipt for some shrink wrap to send boxes for \$15.89
4. I have a receipt from March for copies for the Regional assembly for \$23.23
5. I have a receipt for copies for this RSC for \$33.77

I will be asking for a reimbursement of \$ 72.98 from the region today.

Yours in Service
Ed B. RD

Hello Family,

Welcome to the March 13, 2010 and June 12, 2010 Regional Meeting. ☺

Let me first say that I am very impressed to be serving in an Region where the trusted servants are willing to put themselves so far out to serve the fellowship. This will be a long day. So let's invite a loving and caring Higher Power to give us the zip and the zeal we will need to accomplish the tasks before us.

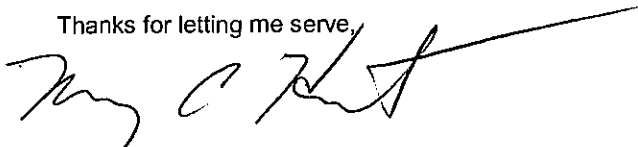
I do not have much to report from last time we met. There was a matter having to do with Insurance that came up rather unexpectedly. I am not sure how it was resolved, but I hope it was resolved to the liking of our Region. I trust it was handled with prudence.

Also, I did have the pleasure of Chairing the MARLCNA Host Organizational Meeting. I would encourage all RCM's to pay attention to the committee set up by our predecessors to serve the body. We will need a few more positions filled for that annual conference. It seems we may all want to check into the Concepts again to see what NA says about our trusted servant's positions. Leadership cannot be decided by a Policy or a Robert's Rule. It is a spiritual quality that allows our servants to lead the body in a spiritually graceful manner. Leadership is not opinion. It is not governing. But if it is not allowed to lead ... it is nothing more than a puppet or talking head. I for one do not want to follow either. Trust the HP to know who to place in a leadership position and then let go of defiance and pride and let them lead.

It is no fun to lead without having some followers.

At this time I have nothing else to report. Enjoy the day!

Thanks for letting me serve,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary K.", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mary K.
MARSC Chairperson

Regional Delegate Alternate Report
June 2010

Hello Friends,

It has been a very exciting journey from the last region to this region. Many of things happen in such a little amount of time. I have attended the World Service Conference held in Woodland Hills, CA. As usual Ed and I have split our reports up so we try not to be redundant on things. We also changed certain ways we do our report. We will be adding all of our addendums in an email to email to all the RCM's so we don't have to spend money printing out items that may get lost. This way when it is emailed it is electronic and if people want a hard copy they can print it out by choice. This should eliminate copy costs for our region.

World Service Conference 2010, "Our Vision... Our Future"

Our Vision, Our Future

We currently have 58,390 weekly meetings worldwide. At this world service conference we had 218 people seated on the conference floor. All of the newly seated regions were able to speak about their region and what is happening in it. The biggest surprise was the Iranian delegate was able to make the conference for the first time since they have been seated. We then introduced ourselves; our service position, how many conferences we have been to, and letting the people know one personal detail about ourselves.

Our Service System

We have been talking about our service system for over a year. And when World Services restructured in 1998 the fellowship did not. We were always looking for ways to solve our communication problem but never knew how to fix it.

The project plan was adopted in 2008. And in 1998 the vision statement was revised, and the service structure was looked at but nothing was ever done about it. With the current vision statement that passed at this past conference the service system workgroup wanted to provide the fellowship with framed options and recommendations for discussion at this past conference. The central question for the project was "How can WE build a system of service within NA that is driven by unity of purpose and that allows for the flexibility in meeting the diverse service needs and goals of our NA communities?" We should have a system of opportunity not limitations. The workgroup believes that change is difficult and that they had to look at the structure based on needs. All of the services should be based on delivering that vision. There will be 5-6 workshops held around the country to talk about this. The dates will be advised soon.

What are the needs for a service system?

- In PR Efforts, so the Public understands who and what NA actually is and isn't
- Having a Fellowship Grounded in NA principles
- Making sure Groups have literature
- Having an Atmosphere of recovery throughout NA

- Helping Addicts who cant find meetings
- Trusted servants that have the recourses/tools necessary to complete the job

What should be the functions of the service system?

- The What – what should it look like?
- The Who – kind of like if you are baking something and need ingredients for that recipe
- Variables (Internal/External factors the service system must adjust to), they need things to accommodate everything in the world. The society level of NA. PR Efforts and H&I Efforts.

The structure is part of the fishbone diagram that is included in Addendum # 1. This packet will include some discussion topics to have back in your areas regarding the service system.

The Models & Options of the Service System

Remember what is listed below is what we discussed, not what is actually in stone. We want to remind everyone that any idea is a good idea. So if you, your area, or group has an idea on how to fix the service system please let us know or go to www.na.org/conference and click on the Service System project.

We should have a service system that has Foundational Principles that supports our groups, that is purpose driven (discussed by need, why each component exists).

The Models Themselves

1. The Group Support Unit
 - a. A unit that is dedicated to group needs and concerns with very limited or perhaps no other service provision than helping our groups better carry the message. The GSU could also provide a place where members can be introduced to NA.
 2. The Local Service Unit
 - a. This unit is meant to provide the bulk of local services. The workhorse of the system, plan driven and project driven. LSU corresponds roughly to some externally recognizable boundaries, so as to simplify service provision and interactivity with the public.
 3. The Geopolitical Unit
 - a. The unit will correspond to commonly understand external boundaries such as county. This unit would be similar to "States", Example: Pennsylvania, NY, NJ etc.
 4. The Zones
 - a. They help units is a gathering of delegates from GPUs within a defined boundary.
- The Zones
 - a. The decisions will operate as a separate part of a service structure. This level really hasn't been worked through or implemented the way Resolution A was intended to implement "Zones". Which was an alternative to reduce the number of participants at the WSC?

Attendance at WSC 2010

- Regional Delegates
 - a. US – 67
 - b. Canada – 5
 - c. Non US – 39

- d. Non Seated – 2
Total - 113
- Alternate Delegates
 - a. US – 66
 - b. Canada – 5
 - c. Non – US – 15
 - d. Non Seated – 1
 - Total – 87
- Other regions believe that alternates are sometimes the only support that a delegate has. They provide different perspective. Some regions believe that it is an unlevel playing field in the US. Some alternates from other countries stay home and do other services. But only to find out it is a culture shock when they come to the conference.

Option ONE

- Speaks to the models, it illustrates the possibility for two tracks for service. The Group Service Unit wouldn't have to worry about elections; they would have to send a representative to the LSU.

Option TWO

- This speaks to an intermediate life, one of those options are we have cities and rural NA communities, The option is an intermediate body locally, which would just be there and one had one outside the body that would send a rep to the GPU. Similar to an annual assembly or a bi annual assembly.

Some questions that we should ask ourselves in our groups or discussion. Below are some of the answers that we came up with as a group.

- What excites you about these proposals?
- What concerns you about these proposals?
- What challenges do you think we will face in discussing these models as a fellowship?
- What should we stress try to show the benefit?

What excites you about these proposals?

- Excited about the flexibility of the proposals
- We are finally heading into the direction of what actually may work.
- Likes GSU Body
- H&I and PR efforts can be increased one body one state.
- Provides services directly to the groups
- Group Support unit because there is no mentorship, the GSU is a place where mentorship can take place.

What concerns you about these Proposals?

- Adding another layer to the representation structure.
- Concern that we are struggling right now with fulfilling service positions.
- The separation of Regions to GPUs in one model.
- Model 2 doesn't have effectiveness to adding zonal as a form of representation.
- Fear of the change and culture

- If we are going to discussion based voices will get lost to fewer representatives.
- Are we losing our focus on groups & areas
- Adding more levels of service when it is already hard to fill positions.
- What about cities that are in same regions to into GPUs.

What concerns you?

- It's a bit of a challenges for us to take the models back to our communities because we don't fully understand the need for it.
- Resource will be devoted to this but no real substantial changes will take place.
- We will struggle to communicate where were at in the process of change to the fellowship.
- Being able to connect with nearby communities with which we don't have much in common – other areas may drop out of our region, etc.
- Seems too complex, and there's a difficulty in adequately understanding how it relates to what we currently have.
- How does this structure address cultural need and language differences?
- It may be difficult for the groups to accept change.
- The challenges with our current service system may be problems of processes, not of structure.
- The changes we make may not be necessary because the current structure seems to be working well and it will be difficult for the groups to understand how the current structure works, so it will be very difficult to explain the changes in how the new structure would work.
- How will a new structure be possible to implement if we are still lacking resources, human and financial?
- Worried about what happens when regions are not able to participate at the world level how zonal representation will work.
- The new terminology may be a distraction.

What challenges do you think we will face in discussing these models as a fellowship?

- Old-timers disease
- From Delegates who fear loose their seat at the table , Countries loosing our voice
- The transition from the old system to the new system
- Close-mindedness
- Helping addicts understand the Worldwide Vision
- Europe already uses this model
- Poland has a concern about this because they are comfortable with the structure we currently have.
- Italy Resolution A wasn't adopted and they believe that they lost out somewhat.
- Having the people understand the importance of Public Relations.
- This is the biggest project an RD will have to do is to talk about the service system.

What should we stress to try to show the benefit?

- To start every presentation is just a discussion not a vote, only to gather information.
- Tell our RCMs that they can come up with Ideas to change them.
- Trying to look at how this would work instead of how this will work.
- Would be to improve services instead of duplicating services
- Being able to contribute more money due to the lack of duplication of services.
- Create efficiency instead of bureaucracy

- Improves Communications.
- The Group would be able to focus on caring the message instead of services.

What challenges do you think we will face in discussing these models as a fellowship?

- Dealing with the older members, how to engage the discussion about change.
- Less representation at the WSC

What should we stress to try to show the benefit?

- Emphasize more spiritual principle of rotation service
- Point out that this project seeks to create a structure that works on a worldwide level, Create session profiles present these to out local communities.
- Let members locally know that this is the time to get involved and express our thoughts on this project.
- Remain open minded enough to find the benefits
- From a conceptual standpoint, these models are helpful in that they might be more adaptable for communities with different language/cultural groups.
- More local synergy shared services and cooperation.
- Perhaps the word correction would be more readily accepted than change
- These models may provide a benefit of allowing us to better use of our existing resources.
- The entire system is designed around the idea of better supporting our home groups and the NA community's t the local levels, which is one of its main advantages over our existing service system. This is where the majority of our fellowship lives, which is why we need to devote our energies.
- Not "changing or "correcting" but improving our service system.
- We are stressing the point that this is a discussion not a finished product.
- This is our opportunity to learn how to be a pro active rather than being reactive.
- This is also an opportunity for us to return to our basics. (12x12x12) and embrace open-mindedness.
- Purpose Driven, Needs based system, Group Focus.
- Evolution not change
- The structural changes do address seating issues.
- Having a structural solution beginning at the world level, we may encourage local grassroots solutions to the issues of resources, processes, etc.
- This project is tiring to provide solutions that accommodate the diversity of our communities.
- We are trying to gather together in order to rebuild our service system, not to dictate anything to our local levels.

The service system is something we should have workshops and discussions about. Everything that we currently have is attached in addendum #1. Throughout the next two years there will be more information that will filter down for us to talk about. This is something the workgroup and world board would like us to discuss and everything is not in stone until the groups vote on it. So remember your voice is heard.

Fellowship Development "Our Vision...Our Future"

- In 1991 the conference changed, there were 15 regions that couldn't attend due to funding. The WSO funded them and it changed the world.

- The least part of Becky's job knows that there is a struggling NA community and she can't do anything about it.
- NAWS has several meetings on how they can better help the regions that need help the most.

Lithuania

- They

Russia

- There was a split in terminology, with an addict's word. They have meetings that are a 3 day train ride to the meeting. Russia went through arguments and fights about the terminology. NAWS hasn't been back to Russia in 3 years. They are trying to work for a distribution center for the 11 different time zones in Russia. The delegate Andre has helped with this efforts. They are still unsure. Something that will help them serves the Ukraine and them.
- The challenges they face is the customs clearance cost for freight going to the UK. It may cost 3500\$ to ship a shipment of key tags.
- White on the map hand out means there are no international meetings.

South Africa

- It took longer to get to South Africa than to Russia.
- Sent them 5,000 5th Edition basic texts
- Looking into distribution center
- They have an IP called paying it forward that they developed
- They did Fellowship Development workshops in Cape Town and Johannesburg.
- They had booths at the regional conventions.
- South Africa is truly isolated.

Latin America

- NAWS attended the Zonal Forum 2 service events and 4 conventions
- They have been there more times in South American in the 06 – 08 Conference
- Columbia celebrated 25 years in August of 2008
- The Columbians when they celebrated 25 years they had a celebration and sat all the older members down. It hadn't rained in weeks or months. They were jumping up and down in the rain running around hugging each other.
- The Columbians had a problem with translating Narcotics Anonymous due to it meaning something different than what it was.
- The NAWS travelers did an effective RD workshop at the LAZF Convention. They attended a Learning Day in Lima, Peru in Feb. 09
- In March 09, they went to South Brazil to do a regional workshop. They wanted to reduce the shipping costs so they thought they could print it locally instead of printing it in the US due to the high transportation costs.
- Spanish translations go back to Jimmy Ks time 1976 when he would have a translator.
- Today they have almost every piece of literature

Asia Pacific Forum

- The APF met in the Philippines to do workshops on literature in Feb 09.
- They are starting to translate the Chinese basic text.

- They held a workshop in Kolkata, India. This is a very poor country according to the US standards. The Kolkata, India fellowship believes they are not because they are rich in happiness and love. They also communicate with Bangladesh. Now Bangladesh has 11 meetings.
- The clean time countdowns are amazing in the APF. They love celebrating clean time and dance with you in the middle of the room.
- They held a Worldwide Workshop in Nagoya, Japan. December 2009. In Japan they had put on a workshop about the difference between NA and treatment centers. All of the people that belong to NA also work at treatment centers. They were leaders in the NA Community. The fellowship got confused.
- They have the Japanese NA Way Magazine

India

- They celebrated 25 years in India.
- They have 107 groups.
- They have their first basic text in their lang. It came out this year.
- It took 27 years for them to translate the basic text.
- Their regional meeting meets two or three times a year.
- 400 members at the convention, and there was only 15 women. At their convention there were people there from 14 major cities in India.
- CLEAN – Completely leaving every addiction now.
- FAITH – Finding Answers in the Heart.
- CARE – Comforting and Reassuring Each Other.
- HUG – Right Away
- They opened a literature distribution center in India. There is a legal entity in India called NA India. NAWS always attends this to see how it is doing. They also attend their regional meeting and do another workshop.
- They were invited to Nepal Regional Assembly in October 2009.
- India and Surrounding Regions. NAWS is doing something to mitigate. It is almost impossible to ship key chains and medallions to them due to the customs cost.
- Their Distribution center is now located in Bangalore in Feb 2010.
- NAWS of India.

Pakistan

- There are small children there from 7 – 13 that are in rehab. They met one 11 year old boy who had been using the last two years. Drugs are cheaper than food.
- There are 7 Groups in Karachi held in parks. There was one meeting that had an NA logo pinned on a tree.
- They attended the third meeting it was in downtown and is on of the best meetings they attended so far. The meeting ended with the serenity prayer with the proper environment of NA.
- The Hindi Basic Text and the Japan JFT were released.

Middle East

- They made a commitment to create a Middle East Forum. To have Arabic communities attend the Middle East Zonal Forum.
- Due to finances they have put travel and translations off.

- NAWS Attended 2 NAWS Events and 1 Convention
- It takes a lot of work to translate our message with professional translators. They have to do an interview process with them so our message is not blurred.
- NAWS Workshop was held in Egypt in March 2010. Egypt has over 1000 members. They want to produce Arabic literature in Egypt. And have a distribution center there.
- There is a first Middle East convention in Turkey, in June 2010.

Europe

- They attended 4 Zonal forums, 1 Service Event, 1 World Convention, 1 NAWS Event
- They had the EDM in Cairo, Egypt.
- Norway Regional Assembly was the first NAWS trip to Norway.
- This was the first World Convention that the Americans were out numbered.
- There is a planned NAWS Workshop in June 2010.

Canada

- They did some zonal forums in Canada. 2 Zonal Forums.
- 17 Zonal Forum Meetings, 16 Service Events, 4 Conventions, 3 NAWS Events.

Public Relations Update

Fellowship Growth PR Efforts

- This is just a sample; they showed a PSA from the lone star region that they put on TV. It is available on the shared resource website.
- Metro Detroit met with the local college to help them with a PSA.
- 2002 – NAWS PR Roundtables marked the beginning of our public relations efforts. What happened was nothing was getting done because there was no follow up with our PR efforts. So at the 2004 cycle they came up with the need for a Handbook.
- 2006 – Public Relations Handbook – resource for local service communities, growth throughout the fellowship as evidenced by Regional Reports.
- The first 4 chapters are the ingredients of the PR Handbook; the rest is the communication tools needed to speak to society about PR.
- There was a mailing for a PR Basic's handout; this should be given to our PR people. They will be printing them with minor changes.
- Iowa State fair – but they get about 1 million people
- Trauma Recovery in Wisconsin
- Shark Coast Area Billboard, Florida – a billboard that is on a highway in Florida.
- California Ass. Of Alcoholic and Drug Addiction Counselors.
- Some people will not refer professionals to the rooms of NA because of the stigma of being an addict.
- Phone line Slide in Columbia
- Correctional Conference in Oklahoma –
- Brazil, Alcohol & Drug Conference
- National institute of Rural Medicine – This was their fourth conference and next year they are able to do a workshop and present things about NA.
- Australian Phone line Poster.
- GLBT Pride Festival Minnesota – That a year ago they had no PR in Minnesota. Involved 103 trusted servants. Had almost 300,000 people attend the Pride Festival.

- Egypt membership Survey – They had no PR initially,

Spain's PR Efforts / WCNA

- The World Convention is an opportunity to impact people that don't know NA and to impact people that know about NA.
- Barcelona was magical
- Barcelona was a culture shock, they use to get 15-20 people at their meetings, and they got 300 during the World Convention. Michael from Spain from the WB said he wanted to thank the American regions for supporting the World Convention.
- 63 Countries at the World Convention
- After Spain, the local communities got brave and put a billboard up.
- They used a separate company to build the efforts of the Public Relations within the community to prepare for the WCNA.
- 60 ore more groups were created after the World Convention in Barcelona. And about 20-30 others in the country.
- "Helping More People Everyday"
- Hotline calls have tripled since January 2009.
- Restaurants and Taxi Cab drivers were amazed when we were there.
- The largest treatment center has begun referring patients to NA.
- People were amazed that addicts wearing badges were laughing; society didn't think addicts could do this.
- Spain Survey after WCNA – 60% was done by Non-US Participants, 32% US, Mail & Fax – 68% US and 32% Non US.

Self Support Workshop

- Fellowship Services Cost vs. Contributions that come into the fellowship.
 - a. The cost to run the fellowship is \$89.50 per group, the donations we are getting into the fellowship is about 21.6 % of the income. The rest comes from literature sales.
- It works by doing this....

World Service Conference 2010—Self-Support Session

How do we change our culture so that our members connect the value of their contributions to the services for the group, area, regions, zones, and worldwide fellowship?

- a. If you have a website, you can put a link or PayPal with a thermometer or goal so everyone can see how much you need each month.
- b. A flyer showing the difference between 1953 and now in terms of how far your money goes.
- c. Taking the regional map and putting it on display to show how we are a worldwide fellowship with growth and development taking place all over.
- d. Demonstrate how minimal increases in contributions can build to create a much larger effect.
- e. The region builds their regional budget with the help of the areas so they get some buy-in.

- f. Have world services let us know what \$5 would do to assist in the development of newer NA community.
- g. Educate about how we use our funds through PowerPoint's and other multimedia presentations.
- h. Give a full-disclosure treasurer's report at the end of every meeting, including the number of members present and dollars collected. If the ratio is less than \$1 per person, pass the basket again.
- i. Use the *Money Matters* IP to educate members at the home group level.
- j. Organize workshops to educate members about the connection between the Twelfth Step and contributions.
- k. In the new service system, the Group Service Unit can be used to help educate members about the importance of contributions.
- l. Visual aids to be displayed in meeting rooms showing members how their contributions are used, such as translations, H&I service, and other services.
- m. When passing the basket, have a member stand up to share about the importance of self-support, both as members of NA and in our lives outside of NA.
- n. Serve as an example by putting more money in the basket, and also by putting extra money in to make up for those members who cannot.
- o. Educate members about ownership: we are stakeholders in this fellowship and share in the responsibility.
- p. Remind members that it is not all about us—the money we put in the basket can help make way for new members.
- q. Address members' fear surrounding money, assuring them that we will be okay.
- r. Announce in our groups how much our group would need to contribute to world services in order to pay for the services provided to the fellowship without relying on the sales of literature.
- s. Adding lines for zonal and world contributions to the *group treasurer's handbook*.
- t. Seed new ideas through sponsorship. (e.g. \$1/week for every year you have clean)
- u. Create visual awareness of need by removing certain items from the group so they begin to wonder why it's missing.
- v. Sponsor another group through NA World Services.
- w. Sponsors help sponsees understand importance of Seventh Tradition and fund flow.
- x. Include fund flow process as part of meeting format.
- y. Aloha.
- z. Convey the facts about how much our services cost, and what the expectation is on the group to support those services.
- aa. Remind members that they are not limited to contributing just \$1.
- bb. Encourage our groups to operate on faith and to practice fund flow.
- cc. Share in our groups about how many phone calls were received on the help lines, or how much literature was taken into facilities through our H&I meetings, in order to help members see the direct connection between their contributions and the services we carry out.

- dd. Set up a service station in the home group to show how the money flows in our service system, and where that money goes in terms of the services they provide.
- ee. Share in personal responsibility on an individual basis, reminding members on a one-to-one basis that we keep what we have by giving it away.
- ff. Use videos at our events to show our fellowship development efforts and their results.
- gg. Utilize sponsorship as a way to share about the importance of supporting our worldwide services.

WSC Processes Session

This session primarily talked about the processes that happen at the WSC; it was a consensus based decision making session on what we would call New Business, but focused on how we could run the conference better two years from now. Below are the results of the straw poll and what will happen. The biggest change in the process is the NA Way magazine which you will see below.

Would you support the data of the board discussing or looking for ways for regions to pass ideas for consideration without need for regional motions for 2012?

STRAW POLL – No objections

The same idea development process would also apply to new business?

STRAW POLL – no objections

Zonal Meetings or zonal reports? Which is a priority?

ZONAL MEETINGS – over half of the body wants it

ZONAL REPORTS - about a third of the body wants it

Keep the RANCH?

STRAW POLL -- Overwhelming support to keep it

RD Sharing Session

STRAW POLL – Strong support to keep it.

Literature Development Process

The Board encourages us to continue to submit your ideas for literature development process, so it can continue to be developed and refined.

The literature survey will still be released to the fellowship to get a sense of what the literature priorities are.

Internet Issues

NAWS Facebook page – Does the conference want NAWS pursuing ways to use the tool as a means for communication and presence there, and looking for ways to preserve member's anonymity.

STRAW POLL - Overwhelming disagreement to this

Service System

The workgroup and board will be framing the discussion and presentation tools (including visual aids) for us to use immediately following this conference. They have heard your comments about the names for the units and other comments regarding the service system.

The office staff will also create a page on na.org for the project, where these materials will be made available.

NA WAY Magazine

Do you support the idea of looking for ways to solicit donations to offset the cost of the magazine?

STRAW POLL – very strong support

Purging the NA Way Magazine subscription database and requiring those who wish to remain subscribed to re subscribe? (It will be available online free of charge; the purge may or may not be necessary for e subs) We will research bulk subscriptions for areas and regions.

TO REQUIRE ALL SUBSCRIBERS TO RESUBSCRIBE – no objections

STRAW POLL – Unanimous

This means that the NA Way will be phased out within the next 9 months and a subscription requirement will be in place.

Elections

What are the difficulties we have in establishing confidence in the nominees for world board elections?

How can we be more effective?

Would you be willing to answer questions (through some anonymous medium?)

About how to improve this?

STRAW POLL – Strong support for this question

Communications

Please help us by updating your RD Contact information as your positions turn over.

What do you think about the idea of keeping the conference participant bulletin more relevant to current participants by limiting use to current and (single) previous cycle participants?

STRAW POLL – very strong support

We have tried a survey of conference participants asking about the topics you would like to hear discussed at the conference, but with limited responses, We will continue to look for ways to hear from you.

In this cycle, we expect that we will try to make use of zonal forum participation as a way to talk about the service system project. We would like our zonal participation to continue to grow as part of the information feedback loop.

Each world board member will have a list of RDs to stay in one on one contact with. This is not meant to be your exclusive way to be in contact at NAWS, but its an experiment to provide personalized contact. We will be making new assignments for the coming cycle. (Again, please update your contact information with us, especially if you don't hear from anyone from the board.)

FTP Access:

Much of the materials you have seen and some of the input we have collected will be put on a CD and mailed to conference participants, but it will also be available on the ftp site in the mean time.

We encourage you to use the information from these places responsibility.

As a multi0lingual conference, we have experience challenges. We all need to strive to remain mindful of this in our participation at the WSC. Perhaps the translators will come up with a list of suggestions for good communication skills at the conference.

The 2010 – 2012 Issue Discussion Topics are...

Self-Support IPs

In Times of Illness

A Vision for NA Service

A group/member focused topic

Northeast Zonal Forum, June 25th – 27th 2010, State College, PA

We have spoken with the hotel regarding the rooms that are now occupied. The hotel is sold out for various other functions and we have a total of 18 rooms that are filled by Zonal participants. This means that the cost of the room at the hotel will be free, but we will need to pay for, a continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and a snack Saturday afternoon. This will be based on 35 participants at the zonal forum meeting. We also have permission from the hotel to use a coffee urn and get our own coffee, cups and creamer for the event. So if there is coffee and cups left over from our region today I would request that we use that for the zonal meeting.

The cost of the event (including taxes):

Saturday Breakfast: \$296.43

Saturday Snack: \$157.68

Sunday Breakfast: \$348.25 (estimated, depends on how many tickets are handed in)

Room & Per Diem for RD & RDA: \$700.00

Total Event Cost: \$1502.36

Financial Report

I have handed the treasurer all my receipts and expenses from the WSC 2010. I am asking the region to consider sending the RD and RDA to the Service Symposium located in Florida. This symposium is similar to a smaller conference. The cost to send the RD and RDA shouldn't exceed \$1,000.00 and would be held in March of 2011. They hold a Service Symposium on the off conference years to talk about conference issues. This would also be a way for us to see how we can better utilize MARLCNA on the off conference years. The event is attended by a number of different countries and regions throughout the United States. Just something to think about come December in Budget planning.

Last but not least. I want to thank you for allowing me to serve the region as the RDA. I look forward to stepping up into the RD position for this conference year. I want to personally thank Ed for trying to mentor me throughout the last 3 years. Although we didn't agree every time, we still worked things out in the end. I have had good ideas about what he taught me and believe that when Ed took over his position as RD he had similar thoughts. So the last 8 years of service that Ed gave to the region will not be forgotten. Thank you!

One thing our Region should consider though is that our policy reflects the commitment terms for the RD and RDA. This was established when the conference was held every year. Now that the conference is held every other year the RDA position should be a 8 year commitment. To attend two WSC's as an RDA and two WSC's as an RD. This will help us with the mentoring process. So I would like to ask an area to consider making a motion to do so. Jim G. and Ed B. were both extended for this reason. It would not be wise of us to keep making motions to extend people in their terms to go with what the rest of the other regions currently do. Eight years seems long but it really isn't when you think about it. The conference is only every two years. Thanks for allowing me to serve and I look forward to having discussions about what has taken place over this past conference.

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To: Conference Participants
From: World Board
Date: April 2010
Re: Service System Models Including Seating for Discussion at WSC 2010

Greetings to conference participants,

Following is a lengthy document that outlines some of our thinking about alternative models for service delivery as well as models for seating at the World Service Conference. We have tried to be as comprehensive as possible in our reporting here without being overwhelming. Hopefully we have managed to strike that balance reasonably well.

This document describes two main models offered as alternatives to our current service structure. It covers these topics:

- Background on the project and the ideas that led to the models
- The four foundational principles that the models have in common
- Descriptions of each of the components of the models, including a brief description of our thoughts on seating
- Descriptions of three alternative options for the models
- Diagrams of the models

These models represent the board's thoughts so far, and we are looking forward to discussing them with participants at the WSC. We understand that any significant and effective change will require extensive fellowshipwide discussion. Our hope is that we can discuss these ideas as partners at the conference and then move forward to discussing these ideas with the fellowship as a whole. We want to emphasize here that these are ideas to talk together about, not options to be voted on.

In addition to this report, we are including a listing of meetings per region, organized by zone. This list was among the background materials the board had at hand when discussing prospective models for the service system, and many of us found it helpful when we had questions related to composition of zones or population size of regions, for instance. These are the same numbers that are used to make our regional meeting map featured at the conference. They are taken from the figures provided to us in the regional reports and lacking a report, from our database. It is possible there may be errors; please inform us if you notice any.

Options for a Redesigned Service System

We have been talking about the challenges in our service system perhaps since our service system has existed. For years we have heard about the same problems with NA services: poor communication, insufficient resources, and a poor atmosphere of recovery in our service meetings. Attempts to address these problems have met with varying levels of success. We also know there are communities and service bodies that are trying new and innovative ways to deliver services, and we have been asking for them to share their best practices with us. The Service System Project, adopted at the 2008 World Service Conference, was proposed as a way to begin to move forward with strategizing about how to solve some of the ongoing struggles we have had across all levels of the service structure. The project plan describes it this way:

Purpose and scope:

We have been discussing the topics of *Infrastructure* and *Our Service System* for the last four years. We believe it is now time to take the results of those discussions, including the information gathered from the *2008 Conference Agenda Report*, and move into framing recommendations for the fellowship to consider. Our existing service structure was developed for a fellowship with much different needs than we now have globally. Because of this, it is no surprise that we have volumes of information about ineffective services. However, we also have heard new and creative ideas that local NA communities have adopted, and we hope to build on these.

The project plan passed at the conference explains that the majority of the work this cycle is “to provide framed options and recommendations for discussion by the conference and the fellowship,” and this report is laying the groundwork for that discussion. With this report, we hope to open a conversation with delegates to find out what you think about these ideas. The discussions we have at the conference will help to frame what the fellowship will discuss in the upcoming cycle. We want to emphasize, the information here is an expression of our discussions to this point in time, not a set of “finished” models.

Building a Foundation

The first task in this project was to “create a common vision for all NA services,” in the words of our strategic plan. Because our world services vision statement is already embraced by many, it seemed wise to use that as a foundation. In our revision we tried to broaden the language to make the statement more applicable to all NA services. We also added a bullet point speaking to the gifts individual members experience from service. Motion One in the *CAR* offers the revised statement for approval. We hope that it will guide and inspire us all in our service efforts.

A Vision for NA Service

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one day:

- Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;
- Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service;
- NA service bodies worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery;
- Narcotics Anonymous is a universal, free, confidential, and respectful voluntary program of recovery.

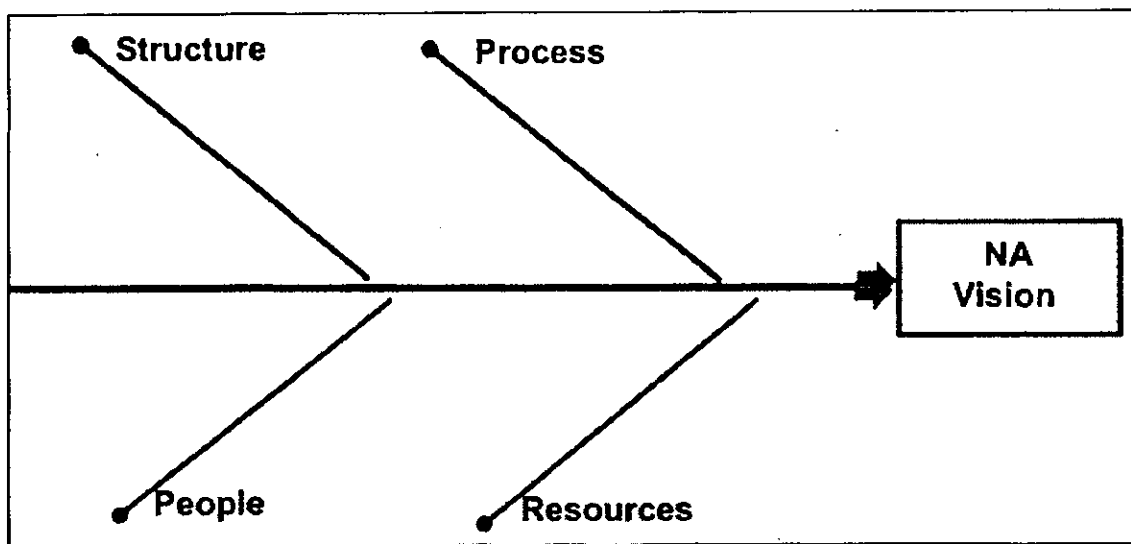
Honesty, trust and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts. We will cooperate with all who share our vision of recovery.

Of course, the vision statement is only a small part of the work the project is designed to accomplish. The service system essay from the 2010 CAR explains that the project is “an effort to take a holistic look at how we can better provide services in a fellowship that has come so far and changed so much over the years.” The CAR essay briefly traces much of this history. We don’t want to review it all here, but we can say in summary that our system as a whole and our structure in particular were designed for a fellowship very different from the fellowship of today. The inventory and subsequent restructuring of world services that accomplished so much and has helped us become so much more effective on a world level has never taken place on a local level. The project was created to take that holistic look at the service system as a whole and to suggest changes that would improve our ability to carry the message.

Guided by the maxim “form follows function,” we started by looking at the needs the service system has to satisfy in order to succeed in its purpose of carrying our message. We used this list of “what” we have to do to guide our beginning discussions about “how” we are to fulfill these needs. From there we began to think about the roles in an effective service system—the “who” needed to make the “how” a reality. This process of defining what we need to do, how we can best do it, and who is going to do it helped us to thoroughly examine the whole range of NA services and how they can best lead us toward fulfillment of our vision. Because NA service must always be guided by spiritual principles, we also discussed extensively the essential elements that must be present and principles that must guide a healthy and effective service system, as well as the many variables of a global fellowship for which a system has to allow.

The Fishbone Diagram of the System

The thought of examining and suggesting improvements to an entire system can be a bit daunting. It helped us to think about the service system in terms of its components. As we’ve reported repeatedly by now and discussed at many workshops, any effective system has four main components: structure, process, resources, and people.



After our preliminary discussions about needs and roles and so on, we determined to address structure first, in part because any changes in structure might be among the most challenging for our fellowship. We knew that we needed to talk together with delegates about any ideas we might have for structural change so that we, delegates and the board, can talk together over the course of the upcoming cycle. That said, it should be emphasized that structure is only one element of a successful system. We will

also need to consider processes, resources, and people if we are to create a successful system that answers the needs of our fellowship.

Options for Change

With the foundational work to guide them, the Service System Workgroup developed a number of structural options for service delivery. After a couple of joint meetings between the workgroup and the board, these ideas were refined into two models, each of which has three additional options that can be applied if needed.

As we say in our cover memo, we are offering these models here to get a sense of what conference participants think of them and then, after the conference, to initiate a fellowshipwide discussion about these possibilities. We have discussed these ideas as a board throughout the 2008–2010 cycle and we need to know what you think. We present them to you not as options to be voted on, but as ideas to have a conversation about.

One idea we talked about that is not represented in the models here is a numerically based structure, where the composition of service bodies and the number of delegates to the conference are based on the number of groups. After discussion, we decided not to forward such a model because it doesn't seem to accord fully with our spiritual principle of group conscience. Further, there are so many other factors, such as language and culture, that are important to consider when determining composition of service bodies and delegation.

The models we are forwarding for discussion are, in some respects, structurally similar to what we have now: Groups send delegates to a service body, which in turn sends another delegate to the next service body, and so on until we reach the WSC. At first glance, because our existing system and the proposed models all utilize a delegate structure, the diagrams may not look that different. Nonetheless, there are some major changes in some aspects of the purpose and focus of the proposed service bodies and the way in which we define their boundaries.

As we worked on ideas for reenvisioning local services, we also discussed ideas for WSC seating. Whatever decisions we make regarding the service system will inevitably affect the composition of the conference. We have tried to ensure that the options for WSC seating and the options for the wider service system issue are in harmony with each other. The "Global" section later in this document offers further thoughts.

Foundational Principles

The principles that are common to each of the models and are foundational to our thinking can be summed up in the following four points. These may represent the most profound areas of change for some parts of our current service system.

1. **Purpose-driven:** Each of the proposed service system units is designed to answer a specific need or group of needs, and the responsibilities of each unit should be clearly defined and understood.
2. **Group-focused:** The group support unit (GSU) in each model focuses on aiding the groups in their efforts to carry our message.
3. **Defined by geopolitical boundaries:** Following established geopolitical boundaries for at least some of our service bodies would allow us to better interface with professional and legislative bodies, making it easier for professionals and the general public to find and communicate with us.

4. Flexible: Each model offers ideas for optional service bodies, or “intermediate bodies,” to answer specific needs, but does not mandate their existence if they are not needed. In a general sense, we feel strongly that form should follow function and want to find a way to ensure that communities have the flexibility to create a structure that works best for them.

Two Models with Three Options

As we said, we are presenting two models with three additional options for discussion at this conference. What follows are descriptions of each of the elements in the proposed models. The two models are identical on a local level, and differ in terms of the role of the zone and the way each envisions seating at the conference. After the text descriptions, we have included diagrams of each model and option.

Terminology

We know that introducing many new terms, as we do in this document, can be confusing. However, we could think of no better way to refer to reimagined service bodies in a new system than by using new language. We aren't attached to any of these terms; they are sort of “working titles” for the service bodies proposed here. We are including a short list of the terms that are defined and described below in case having them in one place helps as a reference.

- GSU: group support unit
- LSU: local service unit
- GPU: geopolitical unit
- Zone
- Global/WSC

Group Support Unit

One topic we kept returning to as we discussed our current system was the need to better support our groups. The Fifth Tradition in the Basic Text says, “The group is the most powerful vehicle we have for carrying the message.” In the section on forming new area committees, *A Guide to Local Service in Narcotics Anonymous* offers this thought:

Area committees are formed, first, to strengthen the groups that create them. Before an area committee can start serving the community, the groups, which make up that area, must be on solid footing. An area committee just beginning its service journey may exist primarily as an environment in which groups can share their strengths and solutions with one another.

The reality in many of our ASCs, however, is that this focus on the needs of our groups is often overwhelmed in the business of motions and decisions related to services such as phonelines or public relations or conventions. There is often little time to discuss the day-to-day problems that affect groups on a regular basis.

Accordingly, we are offering the idea of a new service body devoted exclusively to meeting the needs of the groups. The group support unit (GSU) would provide a forum for sharing group concerns and challenges. The stronger the groups, the better able they will be to fulfill their primary purpose of carrying the message to addicts. The GSU is proposed as a flexible, nonbureaucratic body with discussion-based processes. The GSU meeting would be simple and avoid extensive, or possibly any, discussions about policy and procedures.

The GSU could consist of experienced members as well as those new to service; all would be welcome to attend. A small group of experienced members could take responsibility for the organization of the GSU meeting itself, with assistance from the local service unit if required. GSUs could either meet on a regular basis or be an occasional event, depending on the needs of the NA community they serve.

There are a couple of different possible ways we conceptualized the delegation link between the groups and the GSU and LSU. In one configuration, the group could send a delegate to the GSU, which would in turn send a delegate to the LSU on behalf of the groups. Alternatively, the groups could send a delegate to both the GSU and the LSU, possibly the same person or perhaps different people.

The size of the GSU would depend on local conditions. A densely populated urban area may contain several GSUs grouped along neighborhood lines, while a more dispersed rural area could have a GSU composed of neighboring towns. Avoiding the burden of having to travel long distances and the expense that this entails is a key factor in making the GSUs attractive and plausible to groups.

In our discussions, we had differing ideas about whether the GSU would have a focus beyond immediate group needs. Some of us did like the idea that the GSU could provide some basic services but they would be simpler than those provided by our current ASCs and serve as an introduction to service. These services might consist of activities like picnics and poster drives that both complement the services provided by other levels and help members to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to serve effectively.

The GSU may need at least some capability to handle money if small-scale “entry-level” services are provided, though it could be organized so that the local service unit minimizes the need for the GSU to handle finances. One area yet to be defined is how fund flow from the groups to the new service bodies would work.

Functions/Focus of the GSU

The GSU may do some or all of the following:

- Welcome new groups and reach out to isolated groups
- Provide a discussion forum for group issues
- Pass on information to groups and individuals, including:
 - o News from other communities such as upcoming events, new meetings, decisions and plans made that involve the wider fellowship, etc.
 - o Availability of new recovery and service materials
- Pass on information from its constituent groups to other groups and service bodies, including up-to-date meeting information and potentially useful service experience
- Maintain an archive of solutions, service resources, and best practices to assist groups
- Provide basic services and participate in projects organized by the LSU
- Serve as a training ground
- Elect a delegate to the Local Service Unit

Local Service Unit

Of course, the existence of a body that concentrates on group issues doesn't eliminate the need for a body that is focused on delivering services on a local level. The local service unit (LSU) is offered as the primary service provision unit within the NA service system. We had extensive conversations about the difficulties many of our existing ASCs face when they try to discuss complex issues within a body that is composed largely of members new to service. Our hope is that by separating group concerns from service provision we will better answer both needs.

The LSU is intended to be a leaner administrative body consisting of members serving as coordinators for specific areas of service, along with an administrative body to facilitate the LSU meeting. Service

delivery could be accomplished by a mix of ongoing work, such as holding regular H&I meetings, and limited-term projects designed to answer specific local needs. These projects could be decided on at the LSU meeting or at some form of local service assembly through a planning process (see Option Three on page 12). In either case, projects would utilize resource pools of qualified, experienced, and available members.

A project-based system, rather than standing subcommittees, may be more attractive to some members and enable a wider participation in service delivery. Currently in many places, members have to commit to joining a subcommittee if they want to become involved in service. Projects represent a shorter commitment and a more efficient use of our precious human resources.

The LSU could be composed of GSU delegates, other LSU trusted servants, and any interested members, with participation being determined locally. It is suggested that LSU meetings occur regularly. The LSU would send a delegate to the next level of service to maintain the delegation and communication link.

As much as is possible and practical, the LSU will have a logical geopolitical boundary. This will make it relatively easy to perform services such as mailing information to an entire school district, and will ensure that public relations and outreach activities are covered more uniformly and not just in areas where there is a concentration of groups. The boundaries of the LSU could consist of one or more rural counties, part of a large city, or an entire town, depending on population density and what constitutes the most effective way to deliver services. Generally it is expected that an LSU would encompass several GSUs, depending on local circumstances.

The LSU may also be responsible for some form of local service office if local needs require one. As with the GSU, there has as yet been limited discussion of funding and fund flow.

Functions/Focus of the LSU

The LSU may do some or all of the following:

- Provide training, including orientation, mentoring, and leadership development
- Serve as a communication and accountability link
- Plan, including developing strategic plans and action plans
- Provide GSU support, including some or all of these:
 - Facilitation
 - Support, both personal and/or financial
 - Assistance in delivering local services
- Administer its own affairs such as facilitating meetings, renting space, setting agendas, etc.
- Put on fellowship events such as conventions, learning days, and CAR workshops
- Coordinate translation work—e.g., local dialects in multilingual countries, or service resource translation for sharing with other LSUs
- Conduct PR, including:
 - Institutional liaison
 - PI events
- Coordinate human resources such as a human resource pool
- Oversee financial resources
- Participate in fellowship development and support, including outreach to isolated NA communities
- Maintain a meeting list
- Distribute literature to groups
- Elect a delegate to the geopolitical unit

Geopolitical Unit

In most cases, this service body would consist of a country, state, or province. Our discussions here centered on the need for more clearly defined boundaries than many of our current regions have. While most service delivery would take place at the LSU level, to the degree that services need to take place on a wider scale it will be easier to coordinate them across the state or country or province as a whole. Having boundaries that resemble those used by governmental and social agencies may make it much easier to cooperate with those entities. Having a statewide service body, for instance, will make public relations work much easier and make it easier to find people or refer people to our meetings.

As far as service provision itself, as with the LSU, the geopolitical unit (GPU) would coordinate and plan service provision through projects that address prioritized needs, working in partnership with the LSUs, rather than having a strict committee structure. A GPU would focus on services that answer national or statewide needs such as interacting with government or professional bodies, and could hold an assembly to plan those service projects. GPUs could also provide centralized resources, such as websites and service offices, for their constituent LSUs.

The GPU would consist of its administrative body, trusted servants such as service and project coordinators, representatives from the LSUs, and any interested members. This unit would send a delegate to the global body, although variables such as population density may mean multiple delegates come from a single GPU, or a single delegate may represent several adjoining states, provinces, or countries. One of the issues that has come up repeatedly in our discussions is the need for a system that takes into account relative density and size to at least some degree. It may, for instance, make sense for small states to form one GPU among them, while a large state such as California or a country such as Brazil may need to make some other adjustment for their large size and number of meetings, whether that means utilizing intermediate bodies as detailed in Option Two below or, as mentioned above, having a provision for more than one delegate.

Functions/Focus of the GPU

The roles of this body are again flexible according to local need. Some of the tasks the GPU could undertake include:

- Performing large-scale PR on the state or national level
- Assisting local services, e.g., helping local H&I by working with the state or national corrections department
- Planning, including:
 - o Environmental scanning
 - o Creating action plans
 - o Assisting local planning efforts
- Training
- Serving as a communication link so as to disseminate information, especially to and from the global level
- Upholding legal responsibilities, e.g., maintaining some form of legal identity such as a legal association
- Maintaining a service office with multiple functions such as literature supply
- Holding conventions/events, with a project-based structure rather than a standing committee
- Performing outreach/fellowship development and nurturing emerging communities
- Maintaining information technology, including a website, discussion groups, and a meeting database
- Handling archiving and information management

- Coordinating human resources, such as a human resource pool
- Overseeing financial resources
- Coordinating translations
- Electing a delegate to the global body

Zone

As mentioned earlier, the roles and purposes of the zones vary between the two models. This, together with the difference in conference seating, represents the major difference between the models.

Whatever their position within the service system, zones can help to connect GPUs, fulfill an assembly role, and connect with regional professional or legislative bodies in the case of a zone that fills a national boundary such as Canada or an area like the European Union. Again, clearly defining these roles as part of a needs-based process would be a key factor.

Zones Model One

In Model One, zones function as our current zones. They are not part of the delegation track and largely serve as opportunities for GPUs to share experience and information with each other, hold workshops, and have some limited interaction with the local fellowship.

Some of our current zones are involved with limited service delivery, including translations, fellowship development workshops, and funding attendance at zonal meetings. The current zonal bodies also have the option to supply candidates for consideration in the HRP nomination process.

Zones Model Two

The proposal in Model Two asks zonal forums to take on a very different focus than they currently do. In addition to the above tasks they would select delegates to the conference, leading to a downsizing of the conference due to a reduction in delegate numbers. In this instance the zone would function, at least to some degree, as an additional level of service.

If zones have a participatory role at the WSC, it may be that their composition would be defined by the conference rather than having their constitution determined entirely by the GPUs. Both environmental scanning and planning may play a part in the formation process for zonal bodies. In any case, they could consist of contiguous geographical groupings to maximize the efficiency of the zonal meeting's logistics.

Global/Conference Seating

We have been talking about challenges related to conference seating for several cycles now. We don't expect that the brief description here of the global component of the service structure will touch on all the issues, but we believe the two models we are proposing begin to bring some order to our system of seating communities at the WSC, while ensuring our ability to seat emerging communities, as appropriate.

In our sessions about seating during the board meeting, we had extensive discussions about the purpose of the conference. As outlined in *A Guide to World Services in NA*, the conference serves many, many purposes—decision making, inspiration, information, consensus building, and so on. We all agreed that each of these purposes is important, and we think part of the reason why making decisions about seating at the conference is so difficult is because these different purposes have different implications for the size and composition of the WSC. If the sole purpose is to make strategic decisions about NA as a whole, for instance, we may be best served by a smaller conference body selected to be representative of NA as a whole. If, on the other hand, the purpose is to inspire delegates and their local NA communities in turn, a larger delegation is preferable.

Certainly there is an economic element as well as a question of feasible size, but these are perhaps not as central as the question of purpose. What are we trying to accomplish at the conference? In the end, we came up with the two possible options outlined below. As we mentioned in the previous sections, in one of the proposed models seating is based on geopolitical units (countries, states, or provinces), while in the other it is based on zonal bodies.

Clearly, there are many other details that would need to be worked out with either of the ideas for representation outlined below. Some of the issues touched on in the seating recommendation report that is part of the Conference Approval Track material, for instance, are not addressed here at all. We hope to make progress on those details in the cycle ahead. First, we really need to get a sense of what kinds of change in conference composition the delegates and the fellowship might support. In the meantime, we hope the conference will support the extension of the moratorium we are asking for. See the Conference Approval Track seating cover memo for more details. As we say there, "We believe that it is too difficult and emotional to combine the two discussions—what to do about seating in general and whether or not to seat specific regions—at the same conference."

Global Model One

In Model One, delegates are elected by the GPUs (geopolitical units) described above. This model could include alternates and delegates or simply delegates, depending on conference decision. Basing the boundaries of the bodies that send these delegates on established geopolitical boundaries will make the seating criteria more logical than our current situation, where regions form as they wish and then the conference must determine whether they are ready for seating. Utilizing recognizable criteria like geopolitical boundaries not only removes some of the subjective nature of the seating process, but also encourages local NA groups to come together into service bodies that may be better equipped to provide certain services. As we mentioned above, if our service bodies utilize boundaries that conform to those of government and social agencies, it may be easier to do public relations work, for instance.

Several states, provinces, and countries are already grouped together into single regions, and many regions already represent entire geopolitical units, so we are not expecting Model One to constitute a big change for the majority of our current regions. In any case, we do recognize that there are several regions that represent parts of geopolitical units, and we know this model would represent a large change for them. We are hoping to talk together at the WSC about whether such a change seems logical and feasible.

Global Model Two

Model Two perhaps represents a more fundamental change in conference composition. This model proposes delegates who come from or are apportioned through zones. This model would mean a scaling down of the size of the conference as well as a change in the focus of the zones, to at least some degree.

We have not worked out the details of how zonal delegation would work, and we discussed a lot of different possibilities. If the conference determined to move toward some sort of zonal representation model, this is clearly a topic for future discussion. We could retain something like our current zonal bodies, with some possible adjustments, or zonal bodies could be reconfigured to represent specific parts of the world determined by the WSC. We discussed the possibility that zones could select a predetermined number of delegates, but we did not discuss the details of how that selection process might work.

Another significant departure in Model Two is that there would be no alternates attending the conference in this model. While in Model One the question of whether or not alternates would

attend WSC is open, Model Two is definitive in that it would eliminate the purpose of alternate delegate attendance at the WSC. If more than one delegate is coming from a zone and those delegates are selected by the zones, then this alleviates the need for, or the benefit from having, alternates per se. Again, we realize this represents a significant change, and we are hoping conference participants will let us know what they think about such a possibility.

Alternates and Delegates

We have talked quite a bit in our board meetings about the wider issue of alternates attending the conference, regardless of what service system model, if any, the conference decides on. Our discussions were quite spirited, and it's fair to say we are nowhere near consensus as a board on this matter. Eliminating alternates at the conference would have the obvious and immediate effect of reducing the size of the conference and reducing expenses. This could also create a more level playing field for all the communities attending the WSC, separating it from their financial ability to fund an alternate. Statistically, there is always a higher proportion of US alternates in attendance at the conference. Alternate delegates could have a more locally based role if they did not attend the conference with delegates retaining the WSC-focused role. On the other hand, we also noted how having an alternate at the conference can help decrease the delegate's workload and increase the perspective available to regions. The support an alternate provides can be particularly crucial for non-English-speaking delegates; in some cases an alternate can be the only person they have to talk to who speaks their native language. For any delegate at his or her first conference, walking through the week can be very overwhelming. Some of us felt that the presence of an alternate delegate was practically a necessity. In short, our views are diverse and not always in agreement. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and experience on the question of alternates' attendance at the conference.

Options

In addition to the two main models described above, we talked about three alternatives or "options" that add some flexibility to the models. These variations on the basic model are described below.

Option One – "Two-Track" Local Services

This option repositions the group support unit so that it is outside the stream of delegation. In this option, the GSU only assists groups with issues they may be facing by providing a forum to share experience and pass on information; it does not provide services or send a delegate to the LSU. The advantage of this option is that the GSU would be focused solely on the group support role. The disadvantage or challenge is that groups utilizing this option would send representatives to both the GSU and the LSU. The LSU could take a more active role in organizing and facilitating the GSU meetings in this option, including handling any funds necessary for the running of the GSU meeting.

Option Two – Intermediate Body

The second option we discussed was the ability to add "intermediate" service bodies to the structure as needed (perhaps because of density or distance, for instance). This option adds adaptability and flexibility to the service structure. Optional intermediate service bodies make either Model One or Model Two scalable to local needs.

Intermediate bodies could coordinate or provide services, and could serve as a forum for communication in certain situations. Depending on the role that the intermediate body adopts, it may have a conference-like structure; but exactly how it could be organized or administrated is yet to be determined. The focus of an intermediate body would depend on the reasons for which it was created. One possible example could be that two or more LSUs group together to better answer a specific service need such as H&I within the boundaries of a city. Another example would be an intermediate body that is formed to help meet language needs of members.

Perhaps the two main factors influencing the need for an intermediate body would be population density and geographic distance. A densely populated location may need to have several LSUs in order for these bodies to be manageably sized, but may also need an intermediate body to provide services that cover the entire area. For example, a large city could consist of an LSU in each borough or district, with the city itself coming together as an intermediate body that is better suited to planning and providing citywide PR services.

In other instances, an intermediate body may form to mitigate travel needs. In less dense communities spread out over large distances, it may be impractical to travel these large distances for service meetings on a frequent basis. Adjacent LSUs could meet on a more frequent basis than the GPU to tend to their common needs.

An intermediate body may have a delegation role and may provide some service, although it is hoped that it won't become overly bureaucratic.

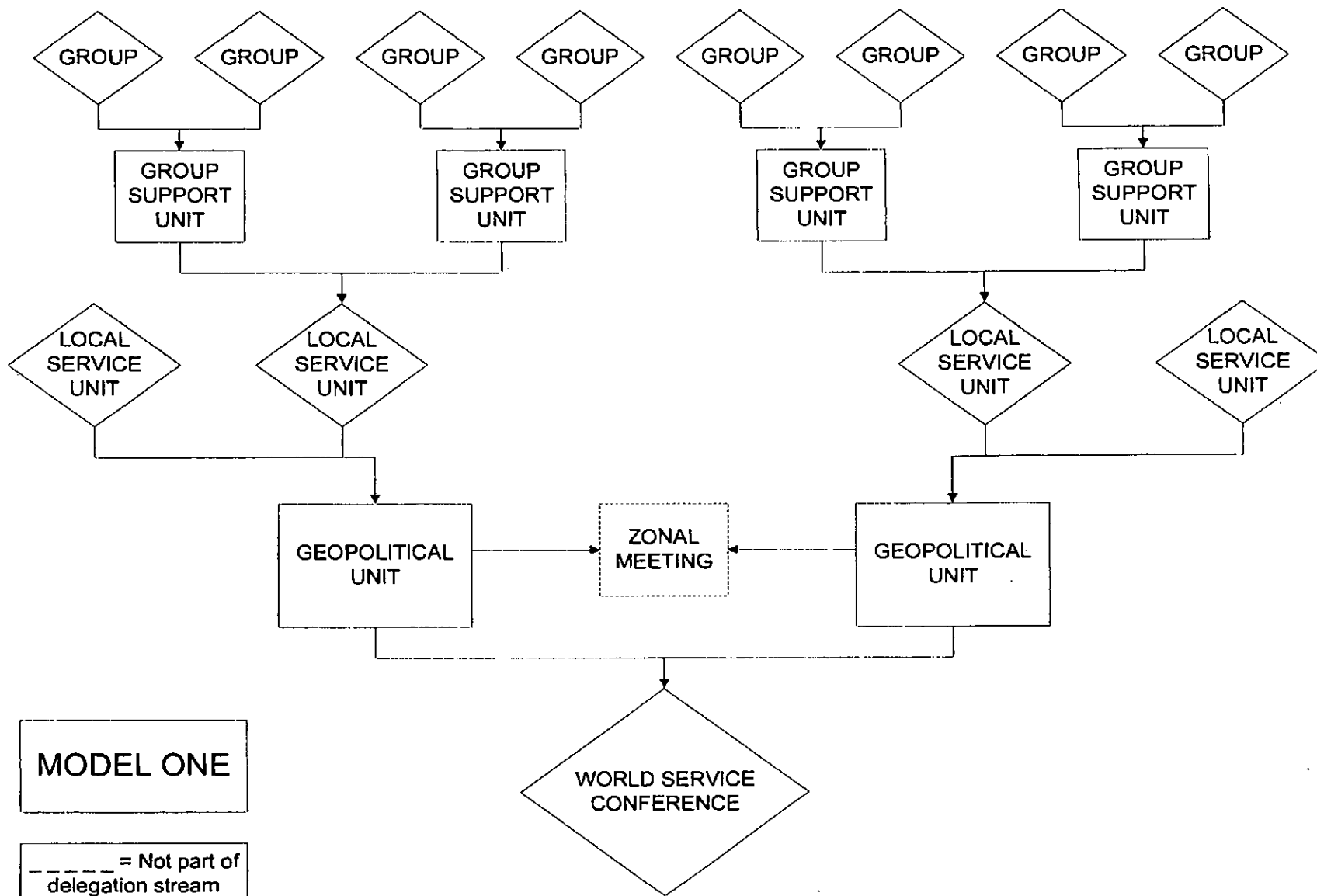
Option Three – Local Service Assembly

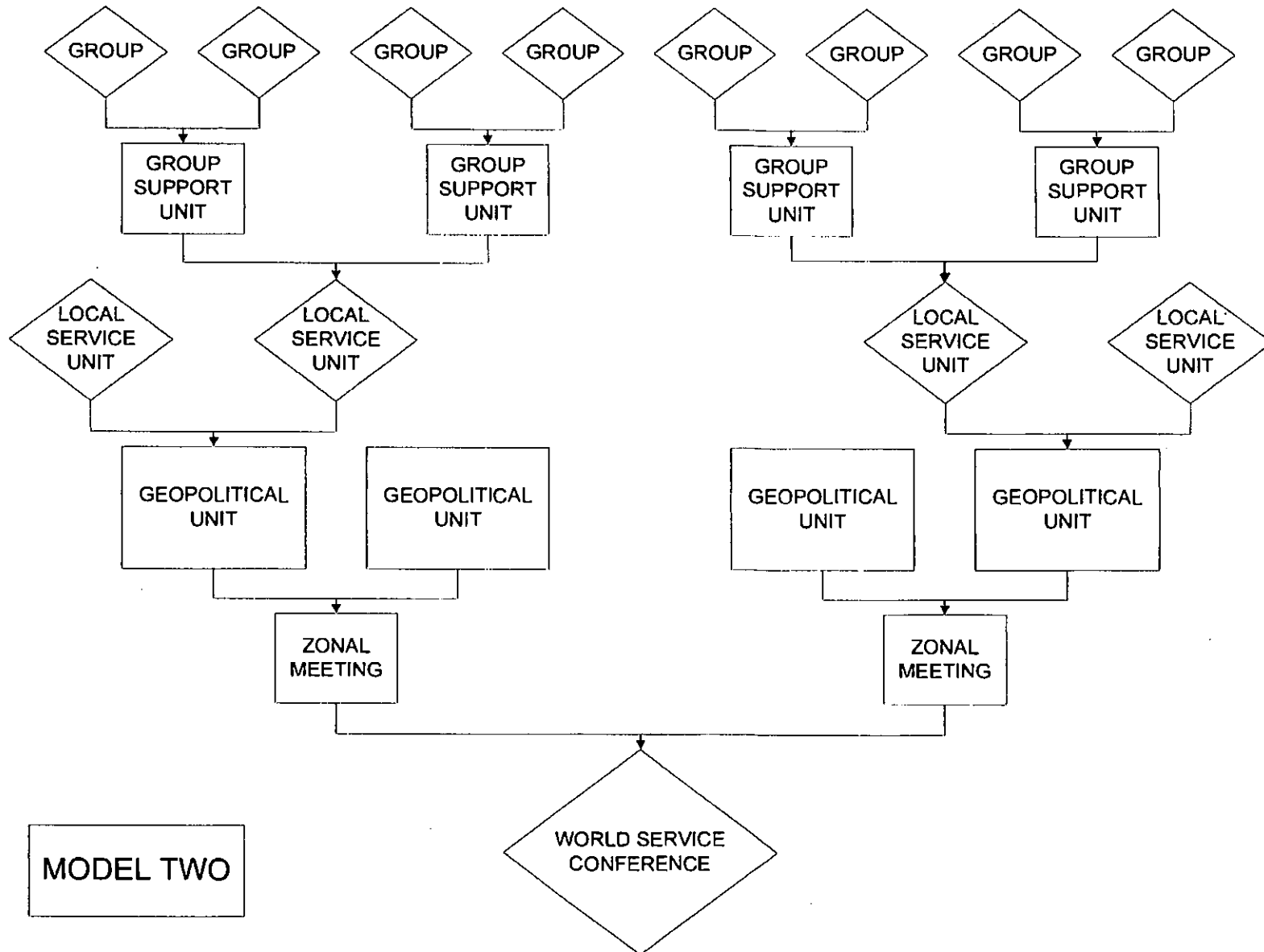
The third option has been mentioned already in this report, and that is the idea of having a local assembly focused on planning service delivery. The service assembly could be held on an annual or possibly biannual basis, depending on the needs of the local community, and might include representatives from groups and the GSU as well as trusted servants from the LSU. The assembly would give groups a way to be aware of and responsible for activities at the LSU even if they send a representative not to the LSU meeting but to the GSU meeting instead.

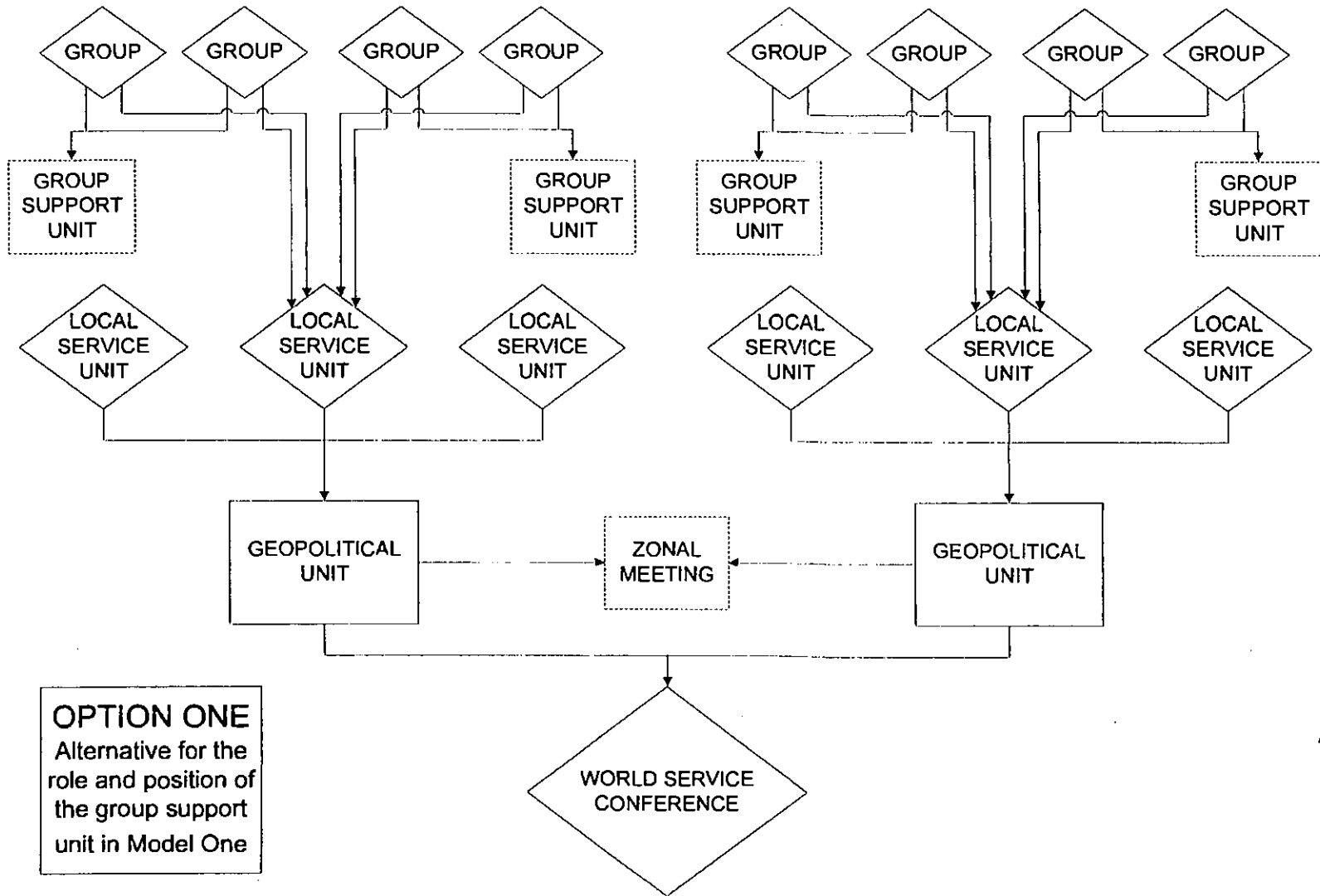
An assembly of some kind could be included within any of the proposed models and could serve as a opportunity to gather an entire community together to both plan and share experience.

Diagrams

Following are diagrams of each of the two models as well as each of the three options.

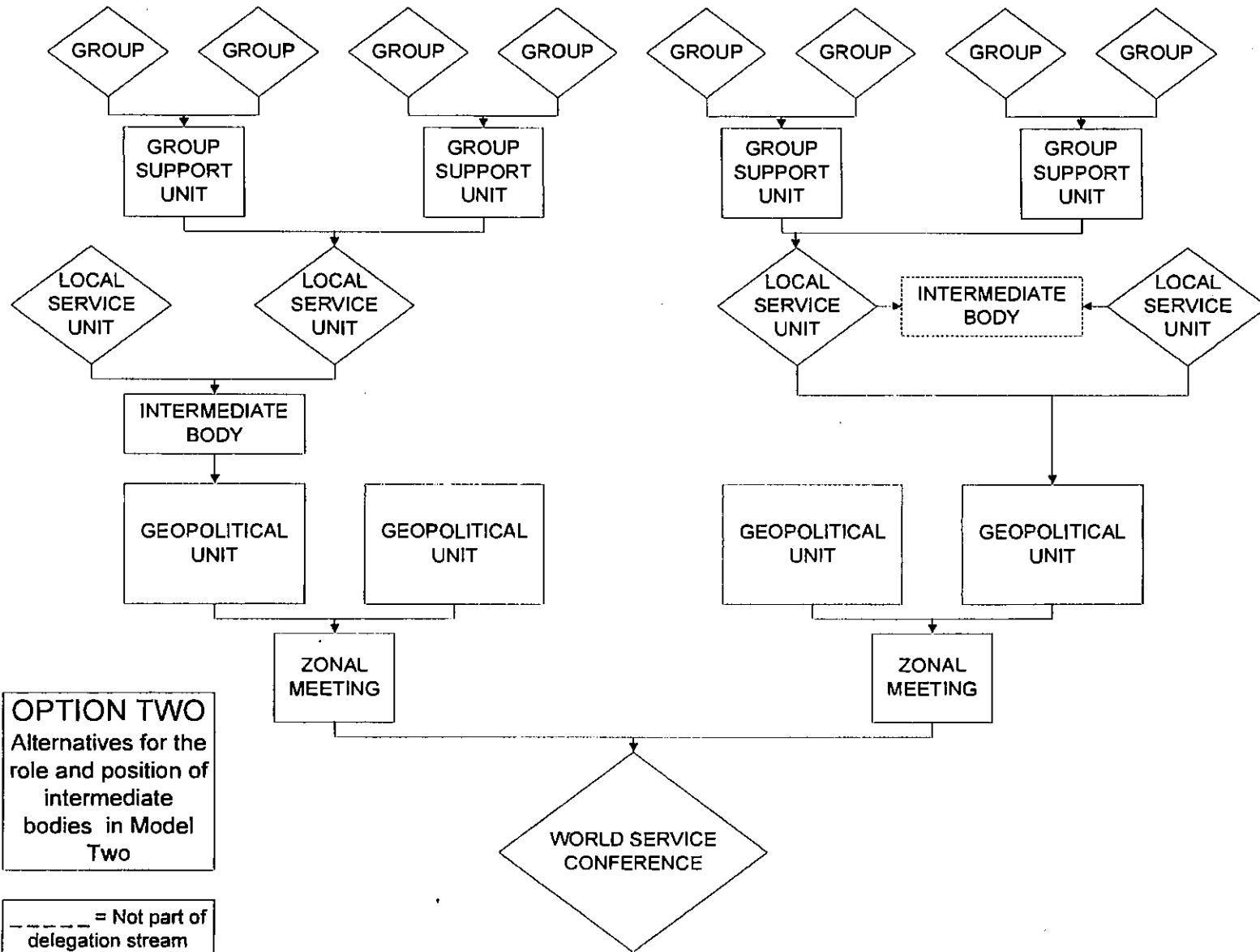


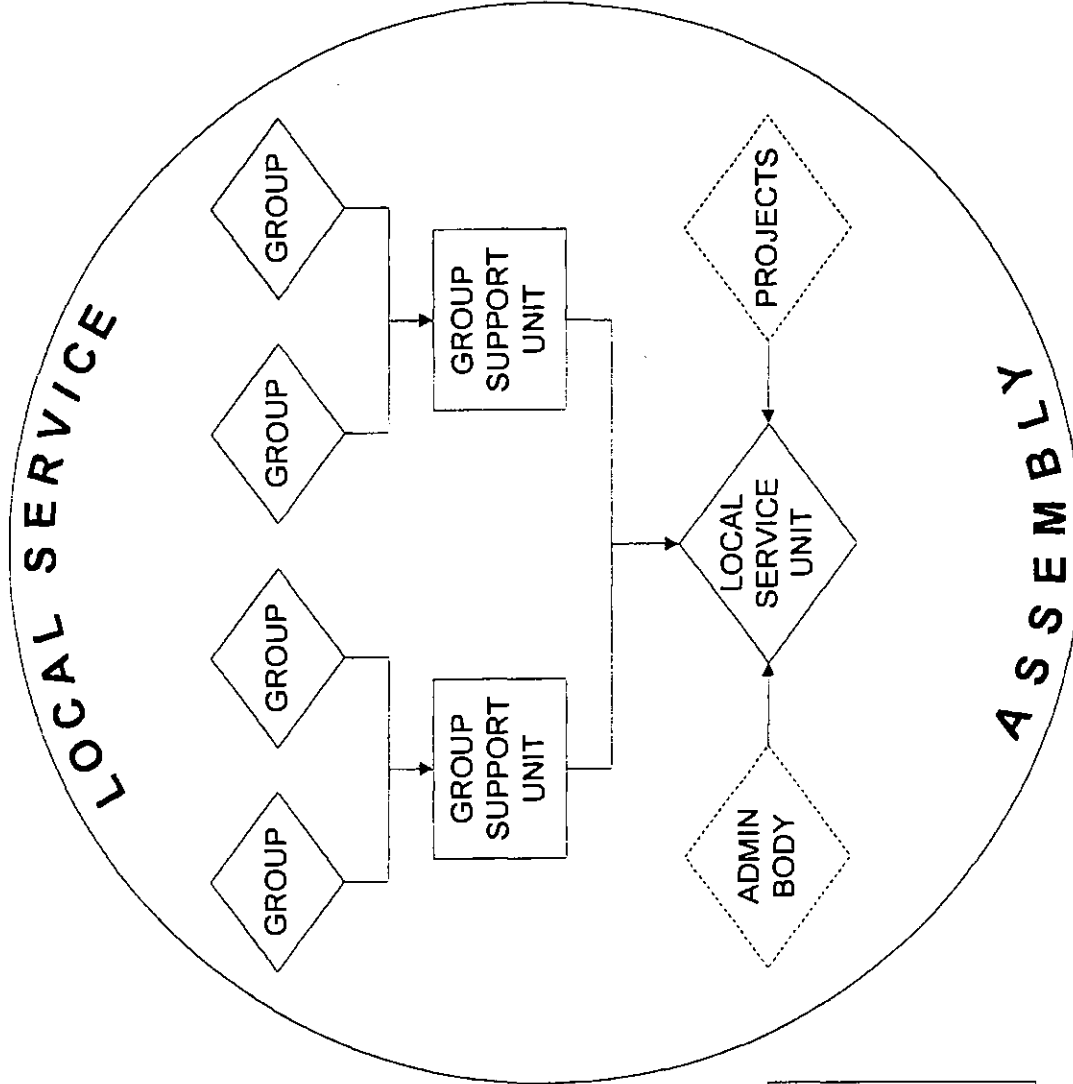




OPTION ONE
 Alternative for the
 role and position of
 the group support
 unit in Model One

----- = Not part of
 delegation stream





OPTION THREE
LOCAL SERVICE
ASSEMBLY
Showing the
component elements

--- = Not part of
delegation stream

NA Meeting Numbers per Week by Zone

Asia Pacific	2008	2010
Aotearoa New Zealand Region	94	88
Australian Region	415	405
Bangladesh Region	90	94
Bhutan	4	5
Cambodia	6	5
China Region	11	13
French Polynesia	1	1
Hawaii Region	280	163
Hong Kong	3	4
Indonesia Region	42	58
Indian Region (SIRSCONA)	191	175
Japan Region	321	390
Malaysia	12	19
Maldives	4	17
Marianas Islands	2	2
Nepal Region	51	75
NERE Region	61	70
Pakistan Region	40	40
Pakistan South Region	5	7
Philippines Region	81	40
Singapore	2	3
South Korea	3	3
Sri Lanka	3	2
Thailand	15	16
Vietnam	1	1
Bahrain	20	21
Kuwait	6	8
Saudi Arabia Region	49	55
UAE	7	9
	1,820	1,789
Iran Region*	14316	16793
CANA		
	2008	2010
Al-Sask Region	227	184
British Columbia Region	341	364
Canada Atlantic Region	70	80
Le Nordet Region	48	54
Northwest Territories	4	5
Ontario Region	295	375
Quebec Region	175	175
Yukon Territory	6	6
	1,166	1,243
EDM		
	2008	2010
Austria	1	3
Belgium	22	21
Bosnia & Herzegovina	1	1
Bulgaria	5	4
Croatia Region	9	9
Cyprus	1	2
Czech Region	5	2
Denmark Region	133	132
Egypt Region	56	70
Estonia	6	17
Finland Region	72	126

* Part of the APF, but due to their unique nature Iran's figures are displayed below the total.

France Region	83	94
German-speaking Region	243	262
Greece Region	110	113
Hungary Region	20	22
Iceland	14	18
Ireland Region	185	176
Israel Region	250	260
Italy Region	41	62
Latvia Region	4	15
Lithuania Region	23	30
Malta Region	4	7
Montenegro	1	8
Netherlands Region	32	36
Norway Region	84	86
Poland Region	74	76
Portugal Region	143	144
Serbia	1	4
Slovakia	7	7
Slovenia	5	3
South Africa Region	130	130
Spain Region	149	160
Sweden Region	450	403
Switzerland	19	21
Turkey Region	16	24
UK Region	766	793
Ukraine Region	74	78
Western Russia Region	330	510
	3,569	3,929

LAZF	2008	2010
Argentina Region	192	209
Baja Son Region	846	910
Bolivia	21	32
Brazil Region	1680	600
Chile Region	7	120
Colombia Region	432	280
Costa Rica Region	268	242
Cuba	6	4
Dominican Republic Region	52	62
Ecuador Region	273	275
El Salvador Region	73	66
Grande Sao Paulo Region	145	520
Guatemala Region	90	113
Honduras Region	37	44
HOW Brazil Region		495
Mexico Region	1246	1860
Nicaragua Region	144	140
Occidente-Mexico Region	195	208
Panama Region	81	36
Paraguay Region	13	13
Peru Region	99	62
Region del Coqui	78	55
Southern Brazil Region	318	380
Uruguay Region	71	85
Venezuela Region	150	170
	6,517	6,981

US Zones	2008	2010
Autonomy		
Central Atlantic Region	502	576
Chesapeake & Potomac Region	367	425
Eastern Pennsylvania Region	138	103
Free State Region	800	809
Greater Philadelphia Region	310	356
Mountaineer Region	125	130
	2,242	2,399
MidWest		
Illinois Region	400	400
Indiana Region	41	45
Michigan Region	254	350
Ohio Region	312	410
Wisconsin Region	310	410
Minnesota Region	340	350
Illinois Region	442	513
Upper Midwest Region	100	99
Michigan Region	200	410
	2,680	3,129
North East		
NYCT Region	300	500
Pennsylvania Region	24	28
Central Pennsylvania Region	275	240
Eastern New York Region	110	110
Western New York Region	200	220
Delaware Region	20	20
Virginia Region	120	120
North Carolina Region	100	100
South Carolina Region	100	100
Florida Region	100	100
	4,547	4,779
Plains States		
Colorado Region	270	300
Montana Region	200	200
Wyoming Region	300	300
Nebraska Region	100	100
South Dakota Region	100	100
North Dakota Region	100	100
	1,503	1,479
Rocky Mountain		
Colorado Region	200	200
Montana Region	100	100
Wyoming Region	100	100
Utah Region	100	100
	711	747

SouthEast

Alabama Region	437	445
Carolina Region	992	1051
Florida Region	871	1109
Georgia Region	432	749
North Carolina Region	171	185
South Florida Region	158	190
	3,561	3,979

Southern

Arkansas Region	310	383
Bluegrass-Appalachian Region	139	170
Kentuckiana Region	307	140
Lone Star Region	683	678
Louisiana Region	275	280
Mississippi Region	180	192
Red River Region	63	81
Show-Me Region	677	701
Tejas Bluebonnet Region	601	571
Volunteer Region	389	494
	3,624	3,690

Western States

Alaska Region	71	63
Arizona Region	500	569
California Region	123	219
Colorado Region	147	125
Idaho Region	140	140
Montana Region	138	138
Nevada Region	133	138
New Mexico Region	133	138
Northwest Region	143	140
Utah Region	138	138
Washington Region	143	140
Wyoming Region	138	138
	6,455	6,632

Unassigned Regions

Antigua and Barbuda	3	3
Aruba	43	43
Barbados	5	5
Belarus	3	1
Belize	4	4
Bermuda	5	17
Cape Verde Islands	3	3
Cayman Islands	4	4
Ethiopia	1	1
Georgia	1	4
Ghana	2	3
Gibraltar	2	2
Greenland	1	1
Grenada	3	3
Guyana	2	5
Haiti	6	6
Iraq		1
Jamaica	26	26
Jordan	2	2
Kazakhstan		2
Kenya	31	50
Kyrgyzstan	4	4
Lebanon	6	5
Liberia	9	9
Luxembourg	2	2
Malawi	1	1
Martinique	1	1
Moldova	7	7
Morocco	7	7
Mozambique	2	3
Namibia	1	3
Netherlands Antilles	2	2
Nigeria	1	1
Oman	3	3
Qatar	1	1
Romania	1	1
Rwanda	7	7
Saint Lucia	5	5
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	2	2
South Mountain Region	10	10
Swaziland	1	1
Tanzania	18	5
Trinidad and Tobago	34	33
Uganda	2	2
Uzbekistan	2	2
Virgin Islands	40	26
Zambia	3	3
Zimbabwe	9	11
	328	343

Meeting Totals 53,039 57,912



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ACCOUNT TYPE
FREE BUSINESS CHECKING

ACCOUNT NUMBER

STATEMENT PERIOD
3/01/10 - 3/31/10

MID ATLANTIC REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2,401.68
DEPOSITS & CREDITS	25,340.48
LESS CHECKS & DEBITS	6,858.17
LESS SERVICE CHARGES	0.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$20,883.99

ACCOUNT ACTIVITY				
DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS & CREDITS	CHECKS & DEBITS	BALANCE
3/01	BEGINNING BALANCE			\$2,401.68
3/16	DEPOSIT	\$25,340.48		
3/16	CHECK NUMBER 1691		\$125.00	27,617.16
3/17	CHECK NUMBER 1693		272.28	27,344.88
3/18	CHECK NUMBER 1694		742.54	26,602.34
3/19	CHECK NUMBER 1696		1,963.29	24,639.05
3/24	CHECK NUMBER 1697		140.06	24,498.99
3/26	CHECK NUMBER 1701		3,249.00	21,249.99
3/30	CHECK NUMBER 1703		60.00	21,189.99
3/31	CHECK NUMBER 1702		306.00	20,883.99
NUMBER OF DEPOSITS/CHECKS PAID		1	8	

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ACCOUNT TYPE
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4/01/10 - 4/30/10

MID ATLANTIC REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$20,883.99
DEPOSITS & CREDITS	0.00
LESS CHECKS & DEBITS	16,986.50
LESS SERVICE CHARGES	0.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$3,897.49

ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS & CREDITS	CHECKS & DEBITS	BALANCE
4/01	BEGINNING BALANCE			\$20,883.99
4/02	CHECK NUMBER 1698		\$14,000.00	6,883.99
4/09	CHECK NUMBER 1699		2,000.00	4,883.99
4/21	CHECK NUMBER 1700		986.50	3,897.49
	NUMBER OF DEPOSITS/CHECKS PAID	0	3	

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ACCOUNT TYPE
FREE BUSINESS CHECKING

ACCOUNT NUMBER

STATEMENT PERIOD
5/01/10 - 5/31/10

MID ATLANTIC REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$3,897.49
DEPOSITS & CREDITS	0.00
LESS CHECKS & DEBITS	125.00
LESS SERVICE CHARGES	0.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$3,772.49

ACCOUNT ACTIVITY			
DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS & CREDITS	CHECKS & DEBITS
5/01	BEGINNING BALANCE		
5/24	CHECK NUMBER 1704		\$125.00
	NUMBER OF DEPOSITS/CHECKS PAID	0	1
			BALANCE
			\$3,897.49
			3,772.49

Mid-Atlantic Treasury Report

June 12, 2010

Regional General Fund

Regional Income	Check #	Amount	Regional Expense	Check #	Amount
BeeHive			AdHoc		
Capital Area			Bank Charges		
Central Susquehanna	610	100.73	Facility Rent and Coffee	1715/16	\$83.79
Cumberland Valley ins	585	60.00	H&I		
Lancaster County	1418	26.70	Insurance	1714	\$958.00
Lebanon Valley	1747/1745	299.00	Literature		
Little Apple	2978	188.13	RDA Zonal Forum Expe	1717	\$350.00
Mason-Dixon	484/489	678.09	PI		
Pocono Mountain	15	305.00	RD Expense	1706	\$72.98
Reading	2193	1,080.23	RDA Expense	1707	\$85.63
Serenity in the Mountains	794	21.66	Policy Bylaw expense	1711	\$69.75
			Secretary	1708	\$297.15
			Treasury		
			Web	1710	\$50.00
Chris Ins-Accep-How	3666	30.00	RD Zonal Travel	1712	\$350.00
Group	tytd	15.00	RD Zonal Expenses	1713	\$802.36
RD returned expense fund		\$503.00	Insurance	1704	\$125.00
crystal	977/451	\$59.00			
Total Income		\$3,366.54	Total Expenses		\$3,244.66

MARLCNA

Income			Expense		
MARLCNA 25					
			Return of Atty fees	1719	\$1,000.00
Total Income		\$0.00	Total Expense		\$1,000.00

		REGION		MARLCNA	TOTAL
Beginning Balance		\$2,156.77		\$1,712.80	\$3,869.57
Income		\$3,366.54		\$0.00	\$3,366.54
Subtotal		\$5,523.31		\$1,712.80	\$7,236.11
Expenses		\$3,244.66		\$1,000.00	\$4,244.66
WSC Donation		\$0.00			\$0.00
					\$0.00
Ending Balance		\$2,278.65		\$712.80	\$2,991.45

RSC H&I REPORT FORM

(AREA H&I TO REGIONAL H&I)

DATE: 6-12-10

NAME OF AREA: Bee-Aive

NUMBER OF H&I MEETINGS: 12

H&I CHAIRPERSON: Shula H.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (316) 304 - 9753

BOUNDARY CHANGES: _____

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: _____

NEW MEETINGS/PRESENTATIONS: None

CURRENT PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES: We had a problem w/ the selection of panel leaders - which was corrected on the H+I floor - we are sending the revised policy to ASC

PROBLEMS OR SITUATIONS: we have a commitment (SCI Retreat) that we are having a problem filling; will look into the possibility of inmates contacting WSC about starting a group

WHAT CAN RSC H&I DO TO BETTER SERVE YOU? Give some experience on how to handle this situation about SCI Retreat and not being able to fulfill it

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The sub-committee has voted to change some of the requirements of the panel leader + panel coordinator to bring more structure and accountability to the commitment

Please be sure to forward your subcommittee minutes and any new guidelines to the regional H&I subcommittee.

June 2010 Regional Insurance Summary

Hello Region,

All appears to be well with the Regional Insurance. Coverage for the Mid-Atlantic Region started on March 23, 2010. The initial payment was made on March 23, 2010 for 3,249.00. An additional payment was made for \$125.00 toward the volunteer insurance because that policy required payment in full. The final payment for the D&O Insurance and the Liability Insurance is \$958.00. This payment is due 6/21/2010. I have receipt for payments submitted and the invoice for the final payment. Please direct me to whom these documents should be given too.

I had asked Coleman Insurance to send all invoices to my mailing address (PO Box 1413, Blakeslee, PA 18610) until otherwise directed. Currently there is no appointed trusted servants for the Region to handle the Insurance. I hope this will change before the end of this meeting. I also recommend Region appoint a second trusted servant (alternate or whatever you would like to call them) to handle the insurance information. At some time the Insurance will need to be handed over to another individual and it may best serve Region to have someone already familiar with the process.

I sent out Insurance Registration Packets via email to all RCM's. I used the email addresses sent to me by our secretary. If you did not get the Registration Packet please see me during the break I may have some copies.

Within the Registration Packet I suggested each Area have a representative (contact person) handling all insurance concerns. This will help create a more effective and efficient system to process insurance transactions and concerns. What Areas have designated a point person for insurance? As stated in past Regional meetings, if you need to email me about Region Insurance, make sure you put NA Insurance or NA Regional Insurance in the subject area. If you don't there is a good chance I will delete your email.

I brought only a few copies of Special Events Questionnaires and Accident claim forms, if you need a copy let me know. I suggest your Area make a copy so your Area will have them available when needed. I can also email a Special Events Questionnaire to the Areas Insurance Point person.

PLEASE do not try and contact the Insurance company. The company has been instructed not to provide certificates of insurance or any other information to anyone but the Insurance Point person. This is to maintain a safeguard in not providing information to anyone not affiliated with our Region and NA. Also, it will help the flow of business for the insurance company as we can not have all the recovering addicts of the Region calling their place of business.

Lastly, I want to thank all individuals for your guidance in the Insurance and your involvement in making decisions that best serves our Region. I want especially thank Big Ed and John M. for your assistance. Without your support the progress of the insurance would not have been possible. If Region plans on appointing an alternate for Insurance I'd like to suggest Big Ed or John M for that position since they have some common knowledge.

Thank You for letting Me Serve,

Kathleen K.

Contact Information: beesin1969@YAHOO.COM

(570) - 972 - 5149 PLEASE TRY TO KEEP YOUR CALLS AFTER 7 pm
ANYTIME ON THE WEEKENDS

- Allocation of Funds for Regional Insurance. How is Region handling the suggested Donations which are being submitted by the Areas for the Insurance
- Discuss required forms which should be filled out for events being held outside of usual meeting times
GSR → Area Ins. Liason → Regional Ins. Liason
- make copies of
 - Special Events Questionnaire
(~~Area~~)
 - Need to purchase filing supplies to maintain Regional Ins. Documents.

Regional Ins. Liason Address:

Kathleen Kaminski
P.O. Box 1413
Blakeslee, PA 18610

10th concept

I feel that the chair has acted in more than one way unprofessional, unbecoming of her position and contrary to what we are taught of the 12 step program of Narcotics Anonymous. I feel the chair has unfairly discriminated against me. Her actions were not just on a single occasion or occurrence. Her actions of attempting to place the voracity of myself and others in question, continuously questioning me, attempting to not accept my report, and refusing my right to the floor are creating an untenable situation.

1) When the chair gave her report at the beginning of March's meeting, she made several deep implications in her statements. It sounded to me like she felt the need to let everyone know that just because she was not the one to find the answers that there was a possibility that the answers would not be correct. (by implication) Also she made a statement to the effect that someone going out and asking questions on his or her own was out of line. Since when are we supposed to make a decision with a lack of information?

2) I feel the chair was out of order when she attempted to not accept my report that same meeting. She stated to the effect that since there was no 'written' report, there was nothing to accept. One question is, did she have all reports already given to that point in written form in front of her? The second is a report is a report, what right did she have to such actions? She knows all too well from participating at region before that on many occasions the minutes state 'verbal report given'.

3) Twice I had my hand up during subcommittee reports. She recognized I had my hand up at least once, but continued to call on others, ignoring me. She closed the floor stating 'no further questions or discussion is need. Move it to new business' When she attempted to close the floor the second time several members vocalized that I had had my hand up. Rather than recognize me as having the floor, she instead questioned me on my right to take the floor, my reasons to take the floor, and my necessity to take the floor. She finally asked if I really needed to, and can it wait until new business. I did impertinently ask "do I have a choice?" I have an unquestionable right to the floor following our own policy 0001.00, no position is needed. The chair herself participated in multiple discussions on the floor, in violation of Roberts Rules, yet refused me the same ability. Does she feel she has more right to make comments or ask questions than I do? Both topics became moot points and frivolous discussion, because of her actions repeatedly throughout the meeting wasting huge amounts of time, causing us to adjourn before new business.

4) She repeatedly entered the discussions, seeming intent to convince others that their line of thinking was flawed, or that they were incapable of carrying out the tasks of their positions, i.e. answering questions. Progress was reduced by the chairs inability to conduct herself and the meeting properly.

As a member of Narcotics Anonymous...a member of a home group of an area of this region...and as a member of this committee on more than one level, I have the same rights

as all others here in the same positions. Actually, she does not, as the chair is not allowed the floor for discussion nor debate as per Roberts rules of order section 42, which to paraphrase, the chair of a deliberative society shall at all times maintain a persona of impartiality, and shall not enter debate...and further, if the chair wishes to participate in the debate, they must turn over the chair of the society to the vice chair...

Her attempts at implying it not being necessary of my request of the floor are definite acts unbecoming of the chair of this service body, a member of this body and as a fellow recovering member of Narcotics Anonymous. The second tradition states our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern. She was governing by denying me the floor while allowing others, especially others who put the hands up to be recognized after I had mine up.

I might be tempted to use the term arbitrary discrimination, but I did not see her doing this to anyone else nor applying it arbitrarily to me. I may have been blinded by the situation or just did not notice due to my location and activities if others were so affected. Instead, recognizing her actions specifically towards me, I call this specific discrimination towards me, to exclude and attempt to diminish me, as being unacceptable in this fellowship.

Since the chair knows what she is doing, and no doubt has reasons for it, I charge her with being out of order, conduct unbecoming a chair, conduct unbecoming a recovering member of Narcotics Anonymous, and conduct unbecoming a fellow human being. I move that we take a vote of confidence of the chair, a yes vote being confidence in her and her ability to continue as the chair of this body, a no vote being of no confidence.

Thank you, Craig D, RCMA Central Susquehanna Valley Area

Service Office Memo

Fellowship experience has repeatedly shown that many complex problems develop when an office is established prematurely or where there is not the required support, and also that service offices with literature distribution centers in Narcotics Anonymous have a far-reaching impact on the fellowship as a whole. These offices typically must have ongoing interaction with governmental regulatory agencies. Because of this and other legal considerations, it is very important not to proceed too quickly or without adequate information.

Over the past twenty years, probably more than thirty-five offices (regional and area) have been created in Narcotics Anonymous. Of all these, there are probably only four or five which are stable in terms of finances, fellowship unity, support, legal problems, and tax issues. Even these few which are now stable have endured more than five years of instability to reach this point and considerable expense for legal and accounting services. This experience tells us to employ a very cautious approach to offices in NA.

Besides the legal issues, there are many "traditions" issues and business concerns which play a major role in the unity and success of a fellowship service office. We therefore encourage you to communicate regularly with us about your proposed service office and its functions. Minutes of committee meetings will be most helpful.

The following ideas should be part of your committee discussions:

1. Owning a building is not normally done in NA. This would place the service committee into several roles (maintenance, landlord, liable party) that take it away from the accepted purpose of service committees. In the past, the World Service Board of Trustees advised the World Service Office to rent instead of buy a building so we could avoid those possible problems.
2. Service Offices do exist in NA. They are created by and responsible to an established area or regional service committee. Most require the formation of a legal entity or a corporation, especially if a literature distribution center, or store, is part of the office. In some cases, a separate corporation is formed and in others, an entire committee has been incorporated.
3. Many times, the idea of using an office for a central meeting location for many groups is proposed. In general, centralizing meetings in one location is not advisable because the dependence of all the meetings on the relationship with the facility is not healthy and usually causes problems with money and/or confusion about what is NA and what is "outside enterprises". See the discussion of Tradition 6 in the *Basic Text*. Another consideration is the liability involved and the "hang out" or "clubhouse" created by such an arrangement.
4. That is not to say the a centralized meeting and storage space for a service committee and its subcommittees is out of order, it is not. In fact, it may be reasonably feasible to secure such meeting and storage space with incurring substantially more expense than is already incurred by the committee. If this is done without including a literature distribution center, or store, ongoing management may be far easier for the committee.
5. It is especially important to conduct a thorough study before establishing a service center of any type. It should be individualized to cover the circumstances in your area. Be sure to include projections for income sources (sales, subsidy), rent (realistic), maintenance, insurance (liability, theft, fire), incorporation expenses, accounting and legal fees. Often an office might begin with very low rent and expenses, but in time these always increase and there are no "free lunches" that last. Accounting and legal fees must be considered because, over time, they only increase with the absolute need to prepare and file reports and maintain the legal status of the fellowship's

service center. We don't say these things to be discouraging, only to be realistic. An office that survives will have substantial accounting and legal needs.

6. If the ASC or RSC in question establishes an office, there are many other issues that must be decided in order to avoid problems. Examples of these questions are: Who does the work?, Who makes decisions about services that the office performs?, Is it a committee/board and who are they responsible to?, What if these people move or relapse?, What if violence, injury, or illegal activity takes place at the office - who is responsible, who is liable?, Will there be NA meetings at this office? Besides these issues, there are many traditions issues and business concerns that play a major role in the unity and success of a fellowship service office. A question that is critical to answer is "What will be accomplished by establishing a service office?" One important factor for the committee/office to be successful is that all members of the service committee discuss and understand the Twelve Traditions as they apply to the situation. This often is a long process, but our experience shows that it is crucial.
7. Forming a corporation requires a core group of several people who are willing to work hard, be the butt of criticism and accusations, and willing to re-explain the whole setup. This is very important because as trusted servants rotate, the corporation knowledge and philosophy can be lost.
8. While it is possible to incorporate an area or regional committee, in most cases a corporation is formed that is accountable to the region/area committee through a board of directors.
9. Once you create a corporation, it must be maintained correctly or the entire service committee or fellowship it serves is in jeopardy for liability. It cannot simply be abandoned because nobody wants to do the work or pay for the necessary services.
10. A corporation can apply for and receive tax exemption from both state and IRS. Even if tax exemption is granted however, reports must be prepared and filed with both state and federal agencies. Usually, avoiding taxes is not, by itself, enough reason to form a corporation. In most cases, taxes and liability can be addressed in a responsible way by a committee without forming a corporation or an office.
11. Sales tax is another issue that will need to be addressed if the office is also a literature distribution center. Though we are a non-profit fellowship, the office will most probably need to collect and pass on sales tax to the state government.

Fellowship experience has repeatedly shown that many complex problems develop when a service center is established prematurely or without regard to ongoing responsibilities. Since these projects involve interface with governmental regulatory agencies, they also can have a far-reaching impact on the entire fellowship, and it is important not to proceed too quickly or without adequate information.

We encourage you to communicate regularly if your proposal goes much further. Please feel free to call NAWS at any time and let us know how we can further assist you.

August 2010

- 8/13-15 - Campout – Beehive
- 8/27 – Pocono Pigs on the Mtn. XVII - Pig Roast
- 8/15 Reading Area Picnic

September 2010

- 9/17-19 Williamsport Convention
- 9/17-19 LAANA Convention

October 2010

- 10/15-17 Reading Area Convention
- 10/30 Halloween Dance - Beehive

November 2010

- 11/19 XXI Birthday Convention - Beehive

***For Additional Info on above Events – See Area’s group report for June’s minutes.

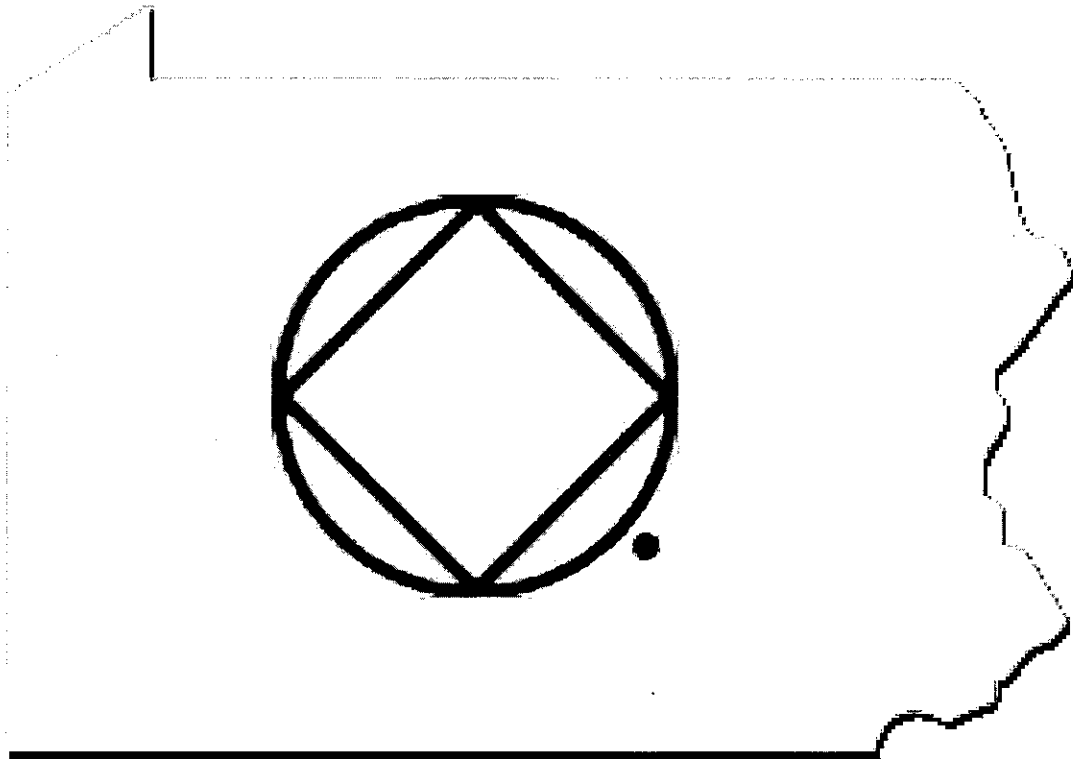
Monthly Events:

- **York Area:** NA Dance every 4th Saturday of the month
- **Capital Area:** NA Dance every 3rd Saturday of the month
- **Lancaster Area:** NA Dance 1st Saturday of the month

Other Events Scheduled for 2010 - 2011

The Ties That Bind Us Together

Multi-Regional Unity Day



Hosted by:

Eastern PA Region

Greater Philadelphia Region

MidAtlantic Region

Tri-State Region

Contacts: Shawn M. 570-916-6615

Ed B. 570-916-1304

Merle H. 215-275-3141

Craig R. 919-618-7771

Earl W. 215-264-8879

Paula B. 215-681-6302

Jim B. 724-822-0146

What: An event to bring together member throughout Pennsylvania

When: September 4, 2010

Where: Rosie's Villa, 440 East State Route 61, Atlas, PA 17851 (near Knobles Park)

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cost: Everything is free (food, meetings, fellowship, lots of fun)

Western Queens Area

Events & Activities Subcommittee Presents



St. Margaret Mary Church

9-18 27th Avenue

Astoria, NY. 11102

(9th Street and 27th Avenue)

Saturday August 21st 2010, 12pm - 7pm,

Tickets: \$5.00 in advance \$7.00 at door

Featured Speakers:

Amy G. Alachua, Fl. 21 yrs
Steve H. Phoenix, Az. 26 yrs
Keith K. Los Angeles, Ca. 30 yrs

Carolyn S. San Jose, Ca. 33 yrs
Grover N. Hulbert, Ok. 24 yrs
~~Tana A. Woodstock, NY 25 yrs~~

Michelle A. Rutkowski Scranton PA 23 yrs

This is a fund raiser for the WQA. Tickets are available but no addict will be turned away at the door. Bring a covered dish to serve during our break at 3pm. The committee will have other refreshments. This event will be taped so CD's of our speakers will be available.

Contact: Edwin S. 917-584-5036
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Pocono Pigs on the Mountain XVII Pig Roast

OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE



WHERE

Beltzville Stare Park—Pavillion # 4
Beltzville, PA

WHEN

August 21, 2010
11am to Dusk

Adults—\$10.00
Children—\$5.00
Children 12 & Under—FREE



LANCASTER COUNTY AREA OF NA
"MONTHLY DANCE"

WHEN: 1ST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH - (9PM-1AM)

\$5.00

**WHERE: GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 517 N. QUEEN
ST., LANCASTER, PA**



NO CHILDREN UNDER 17 ALLOWED!!!!

CONTACT PERSONS: ALEX T. 717-538-9840 - CHRIS C. 717-615-1067

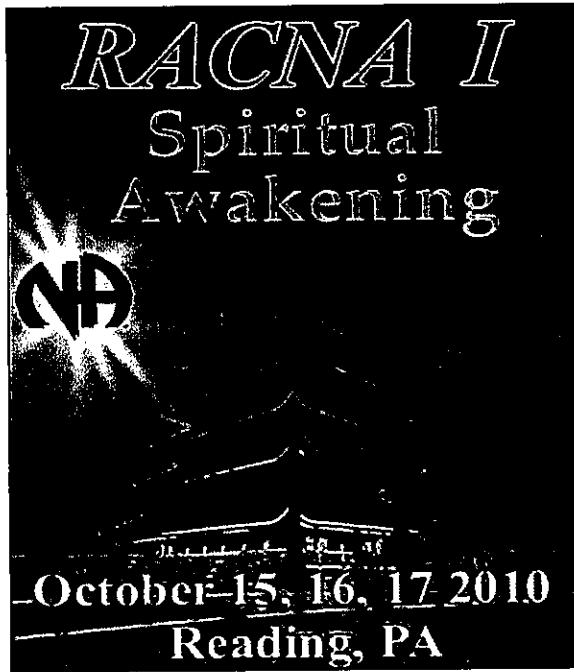
Convention Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____



Postmarked on/before 5/31/2010		AFTER 5/31/2010
Registration*:	\$15.00 x _____ = _____	\$25.00x _____ = _____
<i>*Pre-registration includes the Friday night dance.</i>		
Banquet:	\$25.00 x _____ = _____	\$25.00x _____ = _____
Comedy Show:	\$15.00 x _____ = _____	\$15.00x _____ = _____
Sunday Breakfast:	\$12.00 x _____ = _____	\$12.00x _____ = _____
Recovery Play:	\$ 6.00 x _____ = _____	\$ 6.00x _____ = _____
Saturday dance:	\$ 5.00 x _____ = _____	\$ 5.00x _____ = _____
OR		OR
Total Package:	\$72.00 x _____ = _____	\$82.00x _____ = _____
<i>**Pre-registration Total Package includes Fri and Sat dances and the Recovery Play.</i>		
Newcomer Donation:	= _____	= _____
Total Enclosed:	= _____	= _____

The money that is collected from the registration is used to pay for all convention related expenses. It is the support of each participant's registration that helps make our convention a success.

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 P.O. Box 12883
 Reading, Pa 19612

Convention Location Information



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 Wyomissing, PA 19610
 Toll Free (800) 383-9713
 Local (610) 372-7811

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\$99.00 + tax — 2 Double beds or 1 Queen
 \$109.00 + tax - 1 King size bed in the
 Exec Class room

Limited Smoking Rooms Available.

Contact hotel to reserve rooms

When calling inform hotel staff that you are with RACNA I.

