

**Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous  
Committee Meeting**

**Meeting convened at 10:20 am Date: July 10, 2016**

**Administrative Committee**

**Chairperson – Ron D Absent**

**Vice-Chair - Nick S.**

**Treasurer - Cynthia P.**

**Secretary - Wanda McD.**

**Regional Delegate - Bob L.**

**RD Alternate - Kory P.**

**RD Elect - Ronald D.**

**Standing Committees**

**Activities/Fundraiser - Melissa R.**

**H and I - Tyrone D.**

**Outreach – Doug F.**

**B.O.D.**

**Web**

**Angola**

**Public Relations - Open**

**Policy - Open**

**Area Service Representatives**

**Acadiana – Tyrone D. / Alt. Shawn C.**

**Greater Baton Rouge – Arnetta J. / Alt. Julia C.**

**Bayou Recovery - Pixie S.**

**Central – Chrystal S. / Alt. Joe F.**

**Lake – Alberta A.**

**New Orleans – John M. / Alt. Mike B.**

**North – HB M.**

**Northshore - Melissa R. / Alt. John R.**

**Unity – Greg M. - Absent**

### **Chair Report**

**Absent No report turned in.**

### **ASR Reports**

#### **Acadiana**

**The Acadiana area is doing very well. We have 12 groups and all are doing well. 35 meetings a week. We have 5 H & I commitments. As Acadian Area Service Rep. we would like to thank the B.O.D. and all involved in helping our Area host a very wonderful and successful Regional convention. Thanks to the Convention Committee for their tireless and dedicated service, to all speakers, and workshop chairs, for their dedicated service. We as an Area are truly grateful for all your help and support. We have a donation of \$70. For Region and \$20 for NAWS.**

**In loving service, Tyrone D.**

#### **Bayou Recovery**

Hello Everyone:

I am making some motions today to help with accounting at LARNA. I have brought a travel voucher that I would like to see implemented. We can make some changes if needed to the form but I think it is something that will help us be accountable. I would also like to see each standing committee chair to have a budget which is stated at the January meeting when they are first serving in their positions. In each report they give, they need to state their budget, the amount spent as of the time of their report and the balance left in their budget. I believe this will give the ASR's a better understanding of

what is being spent and how much they have when a money matter is on the floor. I believe our region is lacking in outreach to all areas and the public. I would like us to become more proactive with areas to see what kind of support they might need; learning days, H&I workshops and such. We meet only 4 times a year, there is time in between which we could be reaching out. I would like us to have booths when asked participate at professional conferences when asked. We've been asked in the past and just told the people no. I know we are about attraction not promotion but we also need to get the word out that NA is alive and works in the State of Louisiana. The Bayou Recovery Area is making a donation of \$375.00 today. Thanks, Pixie Storer

### **Central**

**Central Area is currently having twenty-one meetings a week with seven active groups. Kory P came to the Central Area and did a home group service workshop on building a strong home group on June 18th . H&I is doing very well with plenty of participation. We would like to say that all service positions in the area are currently filled. The next planned activity in the Central Area will be a Halloween dance and is scheduled for October 29th 2016 flyers will be available soon. Today the Central Area has a \$101.40 donation to region. Thank you for allowing me to be of service it truly is a privilege.**

**Chrystal S.**

### **Lake**

#### **Hi Family**

**I am representing the Lake Area as the ASR. Currently our area does not have an ASR. The Lake Area meets monthly on the third Saturday of the month on a rotation between each group. Although we are not having a lot of participation, we do have a faithful few that is continuing to show up. We have 6 groups registered in our area. We are still practicing unity in our Area with our "Banner Runs". We are going to our local inpatient treatment facility and our local prison facility. No 7<sup>th</sup> tradition today. Agape group will be celebrating their 30 year anniversary on July 11-16 2016 flyers are available. Lake City Freedom will also be celebrating their 12 anniversary on July 30, 2016. Please come out and help us celebrate.**

**In loving service, Alberta A.**

### **New Orleans**

**Things in New Orleans is getting better. We have 35 groups with 47 meetings a week. H&I is doing well and has a Learning Day on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Flier attached. Facilities, Fairview in Bayou Vista LA Depaul Hospital, every Thursday 7:30-8:30p**

**Odyssey House Friday 7-8p main facility and detox facility.**

**Donation to Region of \$350.81**

**In loving service, John M.**

### **North**

**North Area is doing pretty good these days. We have 7 home groups that have 14 meetings a week. A number of the meetings have been averaging from 20-30 addicts in attendance. We found out this past week that Lake Bistineau State Park will be open in time for our annual Camp Recovery, the second week-end in Nov. We did not have time to have fliers with registration information made, but I will get these to you ASAP.**

**With the help of the B.O.D. and in accordance with their new guidelines, the North Area is planning to bid for the 2018 LRCNA. We hope to present this bid to the B.O.D at their August meeting.**

**Our H&I meeting at the CADA facility is doing well. We have enough participation by Area Addicts to have three, sometimes four different panels a month so that the folks don't see the same faces all the time. Also the CADA facility has begun providing transportation to a regular NA meeting for some of their other clients.**

**Thanks for letting me be of service, HB**

**PS. Also making a motion to remove #11 from financial guidelines.**

### **Northshore**

*Good Morning---The Northshore Area is doing great. Our last ASC was held June 26, 2016. We currently have 16 active home groups with 37 mtgs a week.*

*We have H&I commitments @ Tangipahoa Parish Jail, LSU Behavioral Unit, and Fountainbleu (ADU). All of our commitments are being met without conflict. Upcoming in our area we will have the following functions:*

*August 13<sup>th</sup>- Serenity Group 26 yrs Celebration  
47257 River Rd. Hammond—2 speakers*

Kathy L and Shanna K

September 10<sup>th</sup>- Learning Day/Fun Day

“The Importance of Sponsorship”

1320 Gause Blvd. West Slidell

2 speakers: Lorraine (Lake Area) and Chino (Slidell)

We have a donation of \$ 274.30 at this time.

Thanks for allowing me to serve....Melissa R

### Greater Baton Rouge

The Greater Baton Rouge Area has 14 home groups being held weekly. More Will be Reveal and Making Better Decision Groups has joined together. The Group meets at 4615 Government, Baton Rouge La, 70806. Inside Out group has moved to 216 S. Foster St., located in the Baton Rouge Detox.

We will be sponsoring a fund raiser in September, More will be reveal.

No donation to Region at this time.

Unity - Absent

### Standing Committee Reports

**Treasurer**

Report attached.

**Regional Delegate**

Hi Family,

I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your RD for the last 2yrs.

Expenses for attending the WSC:

Travel - \$476.20

Baggage \$120.00

Hotel - \$702.81

Meals - \$450

Total - \$1749.01

The WSC started 24<sup>th</sup> and ended April 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Of 115 seated regions, there are 112 RDs present. El Salvador, Greater Illinois, and Iran are not in attendance. [The 115 number does not include Le Nordet Region, which has folded, was removed from the list of Conference participants through a new business proposal.]
- Of the 112 Regional Delegates present, 73 are from the US, 4 from Canada, and 35 from outside the US and Canada.
- We have 89 Alternate Delegates from seated regions attending, 68 from the US, 3 from Canada, and 18 from outside of the US or Canada.
- There are 149 men and 68 women among the Conference Participants—delegates, alternates, and World Board members
- These year’s conference participants are from 40 countries and we speak 25 languages.
- There are 128 voting members seated on the floor of this WSC—112 delegates and 16 World Board members. In addition, there are 89 alternates, plus 4 HRP members, 2 cofacilitators, 3 translators, and 1 parliamentarian.
- This was the first WSC that Quisqueyana Region participated as a seated member.
- This Conference made the decision to seat three regions: Grande São Paulo Region, HOW Region, and Rio de Janeiro Region at the WSC.

We were able to vote in 6 out of 16 members from the candidates for 10 positions open on the World Board, 2 out of 4 Candidates for Human Resource Panel and 1 new Cofacilator.

Below is the results of the motions and proposals;

## WSC 2016 Final Report on Motions July 9, 2016

New Busine WSC 2016	Yes	No	Abs	No Vote	Outcome
Motion 19: World Board To approve the Recovery Literature Project Plan for work in the 2016-18 conference cycle.	123	1	2		0Consensus Support
Motion #20: World Board To approve the Service Tools Project Plan for work in the 2016-18 conference cycle.	120	5	1		0Consensus Support
Motion #21: World Board					

To approve the Collaboration in Service Project Plan for work in the 2016-18 conference cycle.	120	3	3	0	Consensus Support
Motion #22: World Board					
To approve the Future of the WSC Project Plan for work in the 2016-18 conference cycle.	119	6	1	0	Consensus Support
Motion #23: World Board					
To approve the Fellowship Development and Public Relations Project Plan for work in the 2016-18 conference cycle.	120	3	2	1	Consensus Support
Motion #24: World Board					
To approve the Social Media as a PR Tool Project Plan for work in the 2016-18 conference cycle.	116	6	2	2	Consensus Support
Motion #25: World Board					
To approve the 2016-18 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.	121	3	2	0	Consensus Support
Proposal BG: South Florida Region					
To supplement the \$200,000 in new allocations for project plans with all unused funds from the 2014-16 Service System and Traditions Book Project Plans.	28	92	4	2	lack of support
Proposal A: World Board					
To seat the Grande Sao Paulo Region at the WSC	110	9	3	3	consensus support
Proposal B: World Board					
To seat the HOW Region at the WSC	115	6	2	3	consensus support
Proposal C: World Board					
To seat the Rio De Janeiro Region at the WSC	116	5	2	3	consensus support
Proposal D: World Board					
To remove Le Nordet Region from the list of seated regions at the WSC	124	1	1	0	consensus support
Proposal Y: Kentuckiana					
To seat the Bluegrass/Appalachian Region	50	65	6	5	lack of support
Proposal AK: South Florida Region					
To seat the Brazil Nordeste Region	67	53	2	4	lack of support
Proposal AL: South Florida Region					
To seat the Rio Grande, do Sul Region	55	67	2	2	lack of support

<p>Proposal AM: South Florida Region To seat the Brazil Central Region</p>	55	68	2	1lack of support
<p>Proposal AX: Nebraska Region To seat Turkey Region</p>	0	0	0	0withdrawn
<p>Proposal BA: Chicagoland Region For the World Board to initiate a process which could last more than one conference cycle, that would produce proposals for a new structure of the World Service Conference.</p>	36	83	4	3lack of support
<p>Proposal BT: Costa Rica Region Seating to be proportional to the meetings we serve and/or be limited by geographical country limits. In regards splitting regions: seating to be available through a zonal forum. A zonal forum will have a limited number of reps. The maximum will be proportional to a 10% of the meetings they serve.</p>	17	101	5	3consensus not in support
<p>Proposal AE: Costa Rica Region/Argentina To hold the WSC every three years with the CAR released no less than 240 days prior to the conference.</p>	39	77	4	6lack of support
<p>Proposal AH: ABCD Region To create a project plan and workgroup to study the feasibility of turning WSC into a planning conference. The planning conference could be similar to, though not identical to, the idea laid out on pages 61-63 of the 2016 Conference Report</p>	52	67	1	6withdraw
<p>Proposal BC: Italy Region To have interpreting service available at WSC for delegates of regions who request so.</p>	59	70	0	4lack of support
<p>Proposal BD: Greece Region To ask the delegates to go back to their regions with the question/workshop below: "What is it that your region thinks and feels about zonal representation?"</p>	79	40	2	5strong support PASS
<p>Proposal BB: Southern California Region</p>				



To have NAWS create a separate donation fund through which individual members. Groups, areas, regions, or zones can contribute funds to help zones with limited resources send a participant to WSC 2018 if requested. 0 0 0 0ruled out of order

Proposal E: World Board

To adopt as policy: If the WSC takes action that changes the name or title of a conference or fellowship approved document, that name or title change may then be reflected everywhere the name or title appears without requiring further action by the WSC. 117 2 2 2strong support PASS

Proposal AF: Free State Region

To change the current review and input guidelines for fellowship-approved literature from 90 days to 9 months. 42 80 2 2lack of support

Proposal AI: South Florida Region

To create a workgroup to review our literature processes (review and approval) and propose options that will make those processes more accessible for our members who do not speak English 68 55 1 2lack of support

Proposal BI: Northern New York Region

That the NA World Board develop a project plan which includes a budget and timeline to create an information pamphlet specially regarding DRT and MAT for consideration at the 2018 WSC. 47 72 3 4lack of support

Proposal AP: South Florida Region

To direct the WB to prioritize IP #26 – Accessibility for Those with Additional Needs and the Additional Needs Resource Information SP be updated to reflect current practices. 48 73 1 4lack of support

Proposal BK: Washington/N Idaho Region

To direct the World Board to develop a project plan for 2018 to update the Living Clean book with a subject and also a spiritual principle index. 10 110 0 3consensus not in support

Proposal BL: Louisiana Region

To direct the WB to create a project plan to be included in the 2018 CAT to develop an IP on Bulletin 13 “Some Thoughts Regarding Our Relationship to Alcoholics Anonymous.” 19 102 4 1consensus not in support

Proposal O: Greater Philadelphia Region  
 That the following changes be made to PR Pamphlet “Narcotics Anonymous and Persons Receiving Medically Assisted Treatment. On page three the third sentence be changed to “However, within the context of NA and its meetings, we have generally accepted principles, and one is that NA is an abstinence-based recovery program. Persons who are taking drug replacement medication are not considered drug free.” 0 0 0 0out of order

Proposal X: Mountaineer Region  
 That the conference change policy affecting the percentage needed for election to the World Board from 60% of the WSC to simple majority 23 98 2 2consensus not in support

Proposal AD: Costa Rica Region  
 To reconsider Motion 2C and change the motion to read “No more than one term in a lifetime.” 12 112 0 1consensus not in support

Proposal AG: German Speaking Region  
 To direct the WB to present a motion in the 2018 CAR to limit service on any WSC position to 2 terms for lifetime. 15 112 0 1consensus not in support

Proposal BO: World Board  
 To replace the language in the GTWS, page 10 with (what was passed in Motion 15 should be here...I’m not typing the whole thing) 118 8 0 1consensus support

Proposal BP: World Board  
 To adopt the following approaches for use in the business discussion & proposal decisions section (what was passed in Motion 16 should be here) 107 17 2 0Consensus Support

Proposal BR: World Board  
 To add the following language to GWSNA (what was passed in Motion 17 should be here) 117 6 2 0Consensus Support

Proposal AA: Costa Rica Region  
 Move the processes outlined in Motions 15, 16, 17 into our Guide to World Services 0withdraw

<p>Proposal AY: To eliminate formal business session at WSC in old and new business. Final straw polls on all matters in discussion sessions will be final decisions.</p>	94	26	2	4committed to WB
<p>Proposal BJ: Central California Region To eliminate formal business from the decision process of a motion and a proposal. When the body comes to a consensus in the discussion session, that consensus completes the decision making process.</p>	94	26	2	4committed to WB
<p>Proposal AS: Metro-Detroit Region For the 2018 World Service Conference we eliminate the separation between the old business discussion and old business decision sessions. The old business session will involve discussion of motions and proposals followed by decisions in a series fashion.</p>	94	26	2	4committed to WB
<p>Proposal AR: Ireland Region To change the old business process into the following: As informal discussion on each motion and its amendments and proposals related to the motion are completed, the conference immediately enters formal old business to ratify the decisions agreed to in straw polls.</p>	94	26	2	4committed to WB
<p>Proposal AC: Costa Rica Region Establish a guideline limiting conference business sessions to no more than 8 hours.</p>	17	102	2	1strong lack of support
<p>Proposal BM: Wisconsin Region The creation of a rule for conference participants, in which when the same proposal/motion appears in 2 consecutive conferences and fails in both conferences, a moratorium be placed on the proposal/motion (length of time determined by the conference participants).</p>	70	49	4	3Lack of support Proposal fails
<p>Amended to eliminate the requirement that regional motions need a second To eliminate the requirement that regional motions need a second or add the requirement that World Board motions need a second.</p>	55	66	2	2lack of support proposal fails
<p>Proposal AT: Metro-Detroit Region To require that only motions from the World Board or seated regions appear in the 2018 Conference Agenda Report (no proposals, resolutions, or straw polls)</p>	23	92	4	6not in support

<p>Proposal BE: Italy Region To have the Conference Agenda Report sent translations by NAWS into the language of a region who requests it.”</p>	30	92	1	2strong lack support
<p>Proposal BF: Region Del Coqui To revise the GTWS so that the Conference Agenda Report and the Conference Approval Track are released in Spanish as the same time as the English versions.</p>	27	92	2	3strong lack support
<p>Proposal AV: Metro-Detroit Region To require the World Board Internal Guidelines be subject to World Service Conference approval.</p>	24	89	3	5consensus not in support
<p>Proposal U: Connecticut Region To change the policy in the GWSNA regarding double room occupancy to allow for single room occupancy, for World Board members, without the need for prior request and approval.</p>	51	59	2	9lack of support proposal fails
<p>Proposal AV: Metro-Detroit Region To require the World Board Internal Guidelines be subject to World Service Conference approval.</p>				withdrawn
<p>Proposal AN: British Columbia Region To continue to have the Delegate Sharing Virtual Workgroup at WSC 2018</p>				withdrawn
<p>Proposal AZ: Western Russia Region We suggest to develop a multilingual service network which will reflect our core service structure.</p>	67	35	5	8support
<p>Proposal AQ: South Florida To create a project plan for inclusion in the 2018 CAT to review the HRP processes and present proposals in the 2018 Conference Agenda Report for improvements to those processes.</p>	69	40	2	4support
	44			
<p>Proposal BH: California Mid-State Region Begin a dialogue among seated regions regarding nominations to World Board should be made using only submissions from regions, zones, the World Pool via the HRP or submissions from the floor.</p>	44	61	8	3lack of support
<p>Proposal F: World Board To change the reference in the NA World Services vision on the WSC Mission Statement to A Vision for NA</p>				withdrawn

Service.

Proposal AO: Quebec Region

That the second bullet of our Vision Statement- Every member inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfilment through service – which encompasses among other things, the topic of Atmosphere of Recovery in NA service be adopted as one of the IDT’s – Issue Discussion Topics for this coming cycle.

withdrawn

Proposal AJ: South Florida Region

Fellowship Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs) will be selected based on the following process: By August 1 following the World Service Conference (WSC), NAWS will create a section on na.org for IDT submissions. Any member, group, area, region or zone will be able to add an item to the poll. Beginning February 1 in the year before the WSC the process of voting on the poll will start. Any member, group, area, region or zone will be able to vote on the choices in the poll. The poll will close on the final day as set by the Guide to World Services (GTWS) for regional motion submissions. The top six Issue Discussion Topics in the poll will be placed in the Conference Agenda Report and voted on in old business at the World Service Conference with the top three being the Issue Discussion Topics for that next conference cycle.

59 51 4 3support

Proposal L: German Speaking Region

To direct the WB to create a project plan to be included in the 2018 CAT to study sustainability of WCNA in the future

59 55 1 2support

Proposal AU: Metro-Detroit Region

To require that when world convention income and expense summaries are provided in the Conference Approval Track or Annual Report, that the income and expense categories have descriptions that explain the kinds of things that are included in these categories.

withdraw

Proposal AB: Costa Rica Region

Establish a rotation schedule for WCNA that holds WCNA outside the US every third convention

49 61 1 5lack of support

Proposal BN: Wisconsin Region

To create a workgroup who shall develop a methodology to assess the progress of NAWS since the creation of a unified board as a result of the World Services Inventory conducted in the mid to late 90's. 56 55 3 2lack of support

Proposal AN British Columbia Region

To continue to have the Delegate Sharing Virtual Workgroup WSC 2018.

Intent: To continue a workgroup.

Dispensed with in Moving On session. See page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**



Failed Motions & Proposals (listed in the order they were introduced)

Proposal R Greater New York Region

To amend Motion 1 to change one word in the Introduction to Guiding Principles on page 63 of the 2016 CAR, 4th paragraph, 3rd sentence. What now reads "Earlier programs for addicts, including some bearing the same name, did not practice Traditions and did not survive," would be changed to "Earlier programs for addicts, including some bearing the same name, did not have Traditions and did not survive."

Intent: To accurately reflect the history referred to in the introduction.

13-96-3-0



Proposal P Mountaineer Region

To amend Motion 2 to strike the words "up to" that precedes 15 members. The new sentence would read. "To change the size of the WB from up to 18 members to 15 members."

Intent: To create policy that 15 members must be elected to the World Board.

7-103-1-1



Dickie D (WSC CF) and Laura B (WSC CF) straw polled  
Would the body like 2a become effective upon passage?

45-59-3-4



Motion #4 Show Me Region / Second: South Florida Region

That all future approved World Board Minutes be posted on na.org for download.

Intent: To create accessibility to all World Board minutes.

29-79-0-2



Proposal H German Speaking Region

To change Motion 4 – To create a sign up list for members to automatically receive WB Minutes if they desire to do so. They can remove themselves from the list if they no longer wish to receive minutes.

Intent: To simplify the process to receive WB minutes.

25-80-2-3



Motion #5 Show Me Region / Second: Mid-America

That all Financial Reporting for the World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous be provided in a detailed line item format and not in a summary as is currently available. This report will be posted on na.org and be downloadable.

Intent: Financial Transparency

34-76-1-0

Motion #6 San Diego Imperial Region / Second: Ohio

That all face to face World Board meetings be open to any NA member on a space available basis; unless the topic(s) being discussed are required by law to be confidential.

Intent: To return the WB to the common practice that other NA boards and committees follow.

51-58-0-2



Motion #7 Maker: Utah Region / Second: Connecticut Region

That if there continues to be a WSC Participants Discussion Board on NA.org that it be made accessible to non WSC participants; only for viewing, not posting on a trial basis for one cycle only.

Intent: To allow any interested member to see what our WSC participants are discussing regarding fellowship and world service issues.

59-50-1-1



Motion #8 Maker: OK Region / Second: Utah

To direct NAWS to produce a low-cost paperback English version of the Basic Text which contains only the first ten chapters called "Our Program".

Intent: To provide a cost effective means to carry our message and fulfill our primary purpose.

14-95-1-1



Proposal M South Florida Region

To change Motion 10 to strike "to be held in Moscow, Russia" and replace with "to be held in an easily accessible location outside of the United States."

Intent: To explore the opportunity of furthering a Global fellowship.

16-93-2-0



Proposal S Aotearoa New Zealand Region

Amend Motion 11 by substitution - To allow a delegate from any zonal forum with unseated regions/communities who requests to be seated at the 2018 WSC, as a voting participant. Each zone will determine its method of selecting their delegate. The expense of the attendance is met by NAWS (unless funding is declined) as per same policy applied to regional delegates.

Intent: To allow a delegate from each zonal forum to fully participate at WSC 2018.

26-82-0-4



Motion #12 Maker: Western Russia Region / Second: Sweden

That Narcotics Anonymous World Services add the following "What is NA Service" card as part of the Group Readings offered by the World Service Office.

What is NA Service?

This is a very important integrant of our recovery, this is how our gratitude speaks, yet this is a way to carry the message of recovery to those addicts who still suffer. We usually begin being of service in NA making coffee/tea or cleaning our rooms after meetings. As we get some experience serving at the group level, many of us try ourselves out at a different point of service structure, for instance, - area or region.

Being of service in NA is for any of us. True service can be expressed by simple words quoted from the Basic Text: «True service is "doing the right things for the right reasons"» .



Being of service at a group level helps to strengthen the very foundation of our recovery because it could probably be the first time when we something for others without seeking to profit, expecting nothing in return. Serving at a group is another motive that helps us to attend meetings regularly. And our experience tells us that those who keep coming back regularly stay clean.

Being of service in NA is our gratitude to the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous for a new clean life. Many of us always wanted to be "a part of something". Service in NA indeed gives us a chance to become a part of a fellowship that saves our lives and helps addicts all over the world to stay clean and follow the way of recovery.

Intent: To provide NA groups with an approved piece of literature to use as a tool to foster a culture of getting involved into service.

30-79-1-0



Proposal Q Central California Region

To amend Motion 12 by substitution – To direct the World Board to create a project plan to create a reading card about service to be included in the 2018 CAT.

Intent: To create the reading through the current process that allow the fellowship involvement rather than from a single region.

29-81-2-0



Motion #13 Maker: South Florida, Michigan, and Mid-Atlantic Regions / second: New Jersey Region

Each World Board member votes only in Elections and may make motions in all sessions. The World Board has one collective vote (made by the Chairperson of the World Board) in new business sessions.

Intent: This motion would change World Board voting in new business from (up to) 18 individual votes to one collective vote.

47-58-3-2



Motion #14 Maker: Mid-Atlantic Region / Second: Arkansas

That the World Board or members of the World Board no longer make motions or proposals for decision at the WSC. The World Board may still forward ideas or work that regional delegates may present as a motion or proposal to the WSC for a decision.

Intent: To remove the ability of the World Board and World Board Members to make motions or proposals in old business or new business at the WSC.

16-91-0-1



Proposal BG South Florida Region

To supplement the \$200,000 in new allocations for project plans with all unused funds from the 2014-16 Service System and Traditions Book Project Plans.

Intent: To use the funds allocated and not spent from the 2014-16 conference cycle towards projects in the upcoming conference cycle.

28-92-4-2



Proposal Y Kentuckiana Region  
To seat the Bluegrass/Appalachian Region at the WSC.  
Intent: To seat the Bluegrass/Appalachian Region  
50-65-6-5



Proposal AK South Florida Region  
To seat the Brazil Nordeste Region  
Intent: To seat a region with 127 groups and 287 meetings and increase the diversity of the World Service Conference.  
67-53-2-4



Proposal AL South Florida Region  
To seat the Rio Grande do Sul Region  
Intent: To seat a region with 78 groups and 216 meetings and increase the diversity of the World Service Conference.  
55-67-2-2



Proposal AM South Florida Region  
To seat the Brazil Central Region  
Intent: To seat a region with 89 groups and 239 meetings and increase the diversity of the World Service Conference.  
55-68-2-1



Proposal BA Chicagoland Region  
For the World Board to initiate a process, which could last more than one conference cycle, that would produce proposals for a new structure of the World Service Conference.  
Intent: To direct the WB to formulate a new and, potentially, vastly different conference structure that celebrates recovery, improves the decision making process, and accommodates growth in regional representation.  
36-83-4-3



Proposal BT Costa Rica Region  
Seating to be proportional to the meetings we serve and/or delimited by geographical country limits. In regards splitting regions: seating to be available through a zonal forum. A zonal forum will have a limited number of reps. The maximum will be proportional to a 10% of the meetings they serve.  
Intent: Create seating criteria  
17-101-5-3



Proposal AE Costa Rica Region  
To hold the WSC every 3 years with the CAR released no less than 240 days prior to the conference.  
Intent: To change the frequency of the WSC and extend the time to translate and review the CAR.  
39-77-4-6



Proposal BC Italy Region

To have interpreting service available at WSC for delegates of regions who request so.

Intent: To extend the WSC resource pool to more recovering addicts willing to serve, regardless their English language skill.

52-70-0-4



Proposal AF Free State Region

To change the current review and input guidelines for Fellowship-approved literature from 90 days to 9 months.

Intent: To enlarge the review and input period for Fellowship-approved literature.

42-80-2-2



Proposal AI South Florida Region

To create a workgroup to review our literature processes (review and approval) and propose options that will make those processes more accessible for our members who do not speak English.

Intent: To look for ways in which we can remove the language barriers to participation in the creation, development and approval of our literature and move closer to the spiritual goals encompassed in our Vision Statement

68-55-1-2



Proposal BI Northern New York Region

That the NA World Board develop a project plan which includes a budget and timeline to create an information pamphlet specially regarding DRT(drug replacement therapy) and MAT (medically assisted treatment) for consideration at the 2018 World Service Conference.

Intent: To have easily accessible Fellowship-approved literature available to members that helps address who we are and who we are not, in a loving and welcoming manner in accordance with our 3rd tradition. Just as with mental illness in recovery, too many addicts are dying for our message due to not having a clear, but loving, fellowship position on this issue.

47-72-3-4



Proposal AP South Florida Region

To direct the World Board to prioritize IP #26 – Accessibility for Those with Additional Needs, and the Additional Needs Resource Information SP be updated to reflect current practices.

Intent: To prioritize IP #26.

48-73-1-4



Proposal BK Washington/N Idaho Region

To direct the World Board to develop a project plan for 2018 to update the Living Clean: The Journey Continues book with a subject and also spiritual principle index.

Intent: To make Living Clean: The Journey Continues more easily referenced and improve it as a resource for recovery research.

10-110-0-3



Proposal BL Louisiana Region

To Direct the World Board to create a project plan to be included in the 2018 CAT to develop

an Informational Pamphlet on Bulletin 13 "Some Thoughts Regarding Our Relationship to Alcoholics Anonymous".

Intent: To provide a cost effective, useful, and accurate solution in the form of an IP that will assist our members in answering questions regarding the relationship between our fellowships.  
19-102-4-1



Proposal X Mountaineer Region

That the conference change policy affecting the percentage needed for election to the World Board from 60% of the WSC to simple majority.

Intent: To change the percentage needed for election to the World Board  
23-98-2-2



Proposal AD Costa Rica Region

To reconsider Motion 2C and change the motion to read "No more than 1 term in a lifetime."

Intent: To reconsider Motion 2C and change the WB term limits.  
13-112-0-0



Proposal AG German Speaking Region

To direct the World Board to present a motion in the 2018 CAR to limit service on any WSC position to 2 terms in total for lifetime.

To have the WB create a motion.  
15-112-0-1



Proposal AC Costa Rica Region

Establish a guideline limiting conference business sessions to no more than 8 hours.

Intent: To establish a guideline for maximum time of business session.  
17-102-2-1



Proposal BM Wisconsin Region

The creation of a rule for conference participants, in which when the same Proposal / Motion appears in 2 consecutive conferences and fails in both conferences, a moratorium be placed on the Proposal / Motion (length of time determined by the conference participants).

Intent: To minimize or eliminate Proposal / Motion repetition conference after conference. This will increase conference productivity which is estimated to currently cost the fellowship approximately \$6000.00 per hour.  
70-49-4-3



Proposal AW Metro-Detroit Region

To eliminate the requirement that regional motions need a second ~~or add the requirement that World Board motions need a second.~~

Intent: To require that regional motions and World Board motions meet the same criteria.  
55-66-8-2



Proposal AT Metro-Detroit Region

To require that only motions from the World Board or seated regions appear in the 2018 *Conference Agenda Report* (no proposals resolutions or straw polls).

Intent: To simplify the process of gathering a conscience from the fellowship.  
23-92-4-6



Proposal BE Italy Region

To have the Conference Agenda Report sent translated by NAWs into the language of a region who requests it.

Intent: To permit a wider understanding of the CAR content to local service committees and servants.

30-92-1-2



Proposal BF Region Del Coqui

To revise the GTWS so that the *Conference Agenda Report* and the Conference Approval Track are released in Spanish at the same time as the English versions.

Intent: To change the way the CAR and the CAT are distributed

27-92-2-3



Proposal AV Metro-Detroit Region

To require that World Board Internal Guidelines be subject to World Service Conference approval.

Intent: Accountability to the fellowship

24-89-3-5



Proposal U Connecticut Region

To change the policy in the GWSNA regarding double room occupancy to allow for single room occupancy, for World Board members, without the need for prior request and approval.

Intent: To update our policy to reflect our current practices.

PROPOSALS RULED OUT OF ORDER

Proposal O Greater Philadelphia Region

*That the following changes be made to PR Pamphlet "Narcotics Anonymous and Persons Receiving Medication Assisted Treatment". On page three(3) under "NA and people on medically assisted treatment." The third (3rd) sentence be changed to "However, within the context of NA and its meetings, we have generally accepted principles, and one is that NA is an abstinence-based recovery program. Persons who are taking drug replacement medication are not considered drug free."*

*Intent: This will present a CLEAR message of what Clean is according to our Basic Text and will not allow our definition of "Clean" be confused or up for interpretation by individuals outside or inside our Fellowship.*

CAR MOTIONS THAT DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND

Motion #9 Western Russia Region

*To direct the World Board to post a PDF version of all approved English and translated Basic Texts on na.org for free download.*

*Intent: To provide no cost access to our main piece of recovery literature.*



Motion #10 Western Russia Region

To hold every other WSC outside of the US and to begin this rotation with WSC 2020 to be held in Moscow, Russia.

Intent: To launch rotation of the location of the WSC in order to provide local fellowships around the world new opportunities for growth and development.

PROPOSALS WITHDRAWN OR SUBMITTED BUT NOT INTRODUCED INTO BUSINESS

Proposal V Northern California Region

To commit Motion 2 to WB for further clarification and submit at the WSC 2018 separated.

Intent: To communicate effectively with the fellowship to clarify the intent of each section of the motion.



Proposal N Mountaineer Region

To divide Motion 2 into 3 separate motions. Each motion corresponding to the bullet points in Motion 2.

Intent: To separate the ideas in Motion 2 to decide separately.



Proposal I German Speaking Region

To change Motion 10 to: "To hold one WSC outside the US."



Proposal J German Speaking Region

To change Motion 10 to: "To host one WSC outside the US in 2020 or 2022 in a non-English speaking country. To allow bids in 2018 to host such an event and allow WSC 2018 to choose one region from the bids."

Intent: To explore the impact of rotation on WSC. This would also allow US delegates a first-hand experience of issues like translations and fellowship development.



Proposal T Mountaineer Region

To refer Motion 12 to the World Board for study.

Intent: To commit to the World Board.



Proposal K German Speaking Region

To amend Motion 12 by substitution – To create a workgroup to create a group reading card about service; a project plan to be included in the 2018.

Intent: To follow the process to create new recovery literature.



Proposal W Israel Region

To amend Motion 12 to read: That Narcotics Anonymous World Services create a project plan to develop a "What is NA Service" card as a part of group readings offered by World Service Office.

Intent: To create a new reading card using the literature process we have in place.



Proposal AX Nebraska Region  
To seat Turkey Region

*Intent: In the spirit of unity and goodwill.*



Proposal AH ABCD Region

*To create a project plan and workgroup to study the feasibility of turning WSC into a planning conference. The planning conference could be similar to, though not identical to, the idea laid out in pages 61-63 of the 2016 Conference Report*

*Intent: To move toward a planning conference, based on CBDM principles, where we hear from every participant, produce ideas, project plans, and/or motions that we have reached by consensus, to allow a full 2 year cycle for fellowship discussion that has already been translated and to present ideas, project plans and/or motions that are clear and well-reasoned to the fellowship for the consideration.*



Proposal BB Southern California Region

*To have NAWS create a separate donation fund through which individual members, groups, areas, regions, or zones can contribute funds to help zones with limited resources send a participant to WSC 2018 if requested.*

*Intent: To not let funding be a barrier to be a potential zonal participant as WSC 2018.*

*Proposal BB withdrawn after being declared Out of Order*



Proposal F World Board

*To change the reference to the NA World Services vision in the WSC Mission Statement to A Vision for NA Service.*

*Intent: To accurately reflect the change in title and substance adopted at WSC 2010.*



Proposal AA Costa Rica Region

*Move the processes outlined in Motions 15, 16, 17 into our Guide to World Services*

*Intent: To add the procedures in Motions 15, 16, 17 to GWSNA.*



Proposal AU Metro-Detroit Region

*To require that when world convention income and expense summaries are provided in the Conference Approval Track or Annual Report that the income and expense categories have descriptions that explain the kinds of things that are included in these categories.*

*Intent: To allow the fellowship to be more financially responsible for the convention*

**ILS,Bob L. 337-515-3959**

**RDA**

I want to start by thanking the Region for having the faith in me to send me to participate in the 2016 WSC. Words can not really encompass the experience of participation in "NA as a whole", but I will do my best to share all that I experienced with you all over the remainder of my term as RD. If any of you have questions about the results of votes or scope of discussions contained in the files Bob L turned in, please contact me and I will do my best to further explain them.

In June I facilitated a workshop on "Building strong homegroups" in the Central Area. It is one of the many workshops we have developed at the SZF and these are available to all of you to put on in your own areas. I want to thank the hospitality of the central area in hosting the workshop. I have brought in a draft letter from NAWS on FIPT to be reviewed by your areas. I need input from you prior to September 1 to get back to NAWS. We have agreed in spirit as a Region to support this letter, please let me know if after discussing this letter you have input or a change in intention of support. The letter is attached to my report and I gave copies to all ASR's present today.

I have put in requests for travel to SZF in Louisville, Ky and MZSS in September for myself and the incoming AD. If approved I have been asked to participate in a presentation at SZF and MZSS.

In loving service, Kory P

**A & F.**

Hi Family...I'm very grateful to be here today. It has been going on. In April, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Gumbo Cook-off and Volleyball Tournament was held and once again was very successful. I want to thank those at region that helped with the function. The following was the breakdown:

Volleyball Tournament - \$ 60.00  
 Gumbo Cook-off - \$ 100.00  
 T-shirts - \$ 122.00  
 Gumbo bowls/ Donation/Drinks - \$ 528  
 Total: \$ 810.00

I do apologize for the combination of bowls/donation/drinks total. A wonderful recovering addict was doing a great job with service work and combined all 3 containers together ☺

So we have decided to hold Unity Day at Chicot State Park. The date is being thrown around between 9/17 or 10/15-2016. We are looking at booking a cabin that sleeps 14 @ 180.00 a night in September or 160.00 a night in October for 2 nights-food will be provided all day on Saturday, with 5/6 speakers during the day. Any ideas from anyone is very much appreciated.



I have also been talking to 2017 Convention Chair about holding fundraiser. A date and time has not been chosen but ideas are being bounced around at this time. Please give me any flyers for upcoming events....

Thanks for allowing me to serve...Melissa R

### **H and I**

H & I is doing very well. We have one commitment on July 23<sup>rd</sup> in the N.O. area. I have the date all other details will be forwarded. I am still in position of the \$150. From region. We are going to get the orientation packet at the beginning of next week. All receipts and balance will be delivered to next Region. Jerry says they could use more help for the prisons, but all commitments are being met. There will be an orientation on July 16<sup>th</sup>. 5p -7p. Doors will be open at 4:30 . On Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. 8:30 – 10:30 pending, Doors will open at 8:00. South Baton Rouge Church of Christ, 8725 Jefferson Hwy Baton Rouge, LA 70809 for any info  
Elmore – 225-349-9961, Bob S. or Nancy S. Second Saturday in October.

### **Outreach**

We had a meeting Saturday and discussed on what is happening with Outreach. We had a workshop in Alexandria to discuss the value of a home group which Kory conducted with the information he got from SZF. I also ordered and sent a new group starter kit which was located in Dequincey. We are going to have a workshop in New Iberia Aug 27<sup>th</sup>. I will make a flier for it. We might be having another workshop in the North Area sometime in the future.

**In loving Service Doug F.**

**Public Relations – Vacant**

**Policy – Vacant**

### **B. O. D. Chairperson**

Again the corporation has been quite busy since the last RSC meeting. As with our last report we are submitting minutes for the Lafayette Host Committee meetings (April 3<sup>rd</sup>; May 1<sup>st</sup>; May 8<sup>th</sup>; and May 15<sup>th</sup>), including their final report from the convention, the Baton Rouge Host Committee meetings (May 8<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup>), and the Board of Director's meetings (April 10<sup>th</sup>; May 8<sup>th</sup>; and June 12<sup>th</sup>). We can also tell you that overall, the Lafayette convention was a success and we are making a donation to the Region today in the amount of \$10,400.00 dollars. A breakdown of income and expenses as best we can tell will be given later in this report.

The Corporation continues to meet monthly on the second Sunday of every month at St. Patrick's Church in Baton Rouge. We are not meeting this Sunday though because of the conflict with the RSC meeting. The Baton Rouge Host Committee is meeting on that same day and same location at 3 PM. We were contacted by a group of addicts from the North Area (Shreveport) expressing an interest in bidding for the 2018 LRCNA. We provided them with the relevant information, they formed a bid committee with Randy S., as the chair, and in accordance with the bidding guidelines had a B.O.D. member go with them to get proposals from hotels in the Shreveport area. We've been told to expect a bid from them at the B.O.D. meeting in August. Providing the B.O.D. determines it is a "valid" bid, it will be presented to the Region at the October RSC for a vote. So far, this is the only group that has contacted us about bidding for the 2018 LRCNA.

After Baton Rouge was granted the 2017 LRCNA at the April RSC meeting, the Board conducted elections for the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer. Jerry S. was elected chair, Pixie S. was elected Vice-Chair, and Leah S. was elected as Treasurer. All three of these officers presented themselves to the Board for confirmation at the May meeting and all three were confirmed.

You may remember that we were exploring the costs and benefits of having a website for the corporation. Our Secretary, Bob Singer, has been doing the lion's share of the work in that area and after investigating the issue, he proposed that the corporation establish and maintain a website that will not only serve as an electronic repository for documents, but also as an ongoing convention website with the possibility of allowing online registration and even merchandise sales at some point if we choose to. This will cost us \$600 the first year, and \$300 per year thereafter.

As an added bonus for the Region, and completely in line with the corporation's purpose as a non-profit organization, we are offering 'space' on the corporation's website for the Region's web content at no cost to the Region. Feel free to check it out. The site is up at LRCNA.ORG and we currently have links to the Regional website.

You also may remember we had multiple problems with Capital One Bank, opening new accounts, and getting people un-authorized for access and signature authority. We now have new accounts with Regions and have structured them in a way that should prevent these problems in the future.

We reported at the April RSC that in order to restore the corporation's non-profit status with the Internal Revenue Services, we had several foundational tasks that had to be completed. Change of addresses, filings with the Secretary of State, and filing our name change with the IRS. We think we have completed all of those preliminary tasks and are now ready to apply for 501c3 status. That application fee is going to be approximately \$1,000.00 dollars

Remembering that as a non-profit corporation we exist to provide support to the Region and are not able to accept money, goods, or services from them, it seemed that it was not appropriate for the corporation or the convention to use storage facilities that are being paid for by the Region. Therefore, we are now renting a climate controlled storage area and have already put the convention banners there. This is costing us approximately \$600 per year, but if the Region was only renting a storage area for convention materials, perhaps this is money that the Region will no longer have to spend.

Now to talk about the Lafayette convention. First, you'll remember that at the April RSC meeting the Board voiced concern that a little more than \$1200 dollars was unaccounted for up to the Friday before that RSC meeting. That Friday we were told that \$1,000 dollars in a deposit bag had been found. We reminded the Host Committee that there was still approximately \$200 that needed to be accounted for. In their report to RSC that month though, the Lafayette Host Committee stated:

There was also a mix up the Treasurer's report that has been on going. We (myself, Dennis our convention treasurer, and Harold) had a meeting with the B.O.D. recently about the problem.

The mistake has thankfully been located by Dennis and will be corrected ASAP.

They were referring to the \$1000 dollars that had been found and this gave the erroneous impression that all money had been accounted for when it was not. In fact, even at the end of the convention, in the

final spreadsheet submitted by the Lafayette Host Committee, the income documented totaled to \$47,904.96 but bank deposits are documented to be \$48,285.20. So there are still errors in the accounting.

Also, if you're thinking that 48,000.00 thousand dollars is an unbelievable amount of money for a convention with an average paid attendance of about 300-400 people, you're right. It is unbelievable, and it's incorrect. No doubt many of the past conventions have made the same error that was made during this convention trying to account for money in and money out. What they did was double counted a good amount of income and expenditures. For example, when Pre-Christmas Night of Fun was given \$1,200.00 for seed money, it was listed in the accounting spreadsheet as a \$1,200.00 expenditure. But it really isn't an expenditure. It's a loan. And when it was paid back, the returning \$1,200 dollars was listed as income. But it really wasn't income, it was simply repayment of the loan. When we eliminate these kind of errors, remembering that there may be others we have not discovered and taken into consideration yet, the amount that the convention actually brought in adds up to \$38,144.00, which is still a good amount to bring in. In the same vein, the amount spent was not \$35,000 as reported, but \$24,788.00. That may seem a little high but with the income, the overall return is about 52%.

What to do about accounting errors? If you look across the country at other corporations that are overseeing conventions, you'll see that it is common practice to have an audit of the Host Committee's books after the completion of a convention. This is typically done both to make sure all money is accounted for, and to better understand what was profitable and what was not. Given our own need to find and clarify the errors in accounting, and to have an accurate understanding of how much was really spent and brought in by what activities and functions, we voted to have an audit conducted of the records from LRCNA XXXIV. To be clear, we do not expect to find that money is missing. We expect to find errors that resulted in numbers not matching the way they should. If the errors are because of erroneous instructions, or a lack of instruction in the guidelines, we can and will fix that.

Our second big concern back in April had to do with the amount of money the Host Committee said they planned to spend compared to the projected income. The Host Committee was planning to spend \$23,598.00 more than they had already spent. In looking at the income from previous conventions though, the Board projected that there would be approximately \$8,000.00 dollars income from Registration, \$6,700 from Merchandise, and \$3,000.00 from auction, donations, jewelry commission, etc., for a total projected income of approximately \$17,700.00 dollars. This meant there would be about \$6,000.00 more spent, than would be made.

Eventually, in May, the Host Committee revised their budgets and said that instead of their original plan to spend over \$23,000.00, they would reduce their spending to about \$12,000.00, putting them in a position to be able to make money rather than losing or just breaking even.

The Lafayette Host Committee Chair attended the June Board of Directors meeting and gave a verbal final report. The balance in the Host Committee checking account at that time was \$20,659.59. Given that the Host Committee was given \$7,000 dollars as seed money, this represents a \$13,659.59 profit from the convention overall.

The Host Committee was not able to tell us how many paid registrants there were. The Registration chair apparently had not tallied that and we were told that the registration information had been turned over to the Baton Rouge Host Committee Registration person. When we checked with Baton Rouge though, they said it had not been given to them. Hopefully that information will be found soon and we will get some hard numbers regarding how many paid v unpaid participants there were.

We are able to estimate these numbers by looking at the income from Registration during the convention. There was \$5,820.38 from people registering. At \$35 per person, that would mean 166 people paid to register at the convention. We know that on May 22<sup>nd</sup> there were 122 pre-registered. That would mean there were at least 288 paid registrants. We don't know how many "newcomer"

registrations were given away but it is probably not far off to estimate the attendance to have been around 350.

There also was no final report from Merchandise presented, but in looking at the income records there appears to be \$7,869.00 in income from Merchandise sales.

The final report also did not include numbers from the auction, the 50/50 raffle, or commissions from Beating Heart Tapes, or Parable Designs. Income records though indicated income of \$2,703.50 from those sources all totaled.

To put all this in perspective, The Board projected in February that the Host Committee could expect to make about \$6,700.00 in Merchandise sales, and Merchandise actually made about \$7,800. The Board projected that the Host Committee could expect to make about \$8,000.00 from Registrations, and since February, Registration brought in about \$7,000.00. The Board projected there would be about \$3,000.00 from auction, raffle, and commissions, and they actually brought in about \$2,700.00. The Host Committee originally planned to spend about \$23,600.00, but they trimmed their spending to around \$11,000.00 and ended up with a profit of about \$13,000.00. Finally, for those that like to think about fundraising separately from the convention itself, it appears that about \$5000.00 dollars of the profit was from fundraising and about \$8000.00 was the profit from the actual convention.

Financially, LRCNA was a success. The relationship between the Host Committee and the Board, however, was not very good at all. We recognize that the Lafayette Host Committee was asked to make a difficult shift in their thinking. Prior convention committees have functioned with free reign, really answering to no one. Technically they answered to the RSC, but in reality nobody ever scrutinized their minutes, asked about whether they considered pros and cons before votes, looked at their accounting and asked questions when numbers didn't add up. Nobody ever told a convention committee in the past that a contract would not be signed without them explaining why they wanted it and how they would pay for it. Obviously it was not easy for them to hear and accept that they were in fact, working for the BOD and subject to the oversight of the BOD, with the BOD working for the Region.

We did our best to make the relationship productive but held our responsibility to the Region of Louisiana as our first and overriding priority. It is our sincere hope that our relationship with Host Committees from this point forward will be much different, and so far that has been the case. At the same time though, we will continue to hold our responsibility to the Region as our first and overriding priority.

Now for the financial breakdown. The Lafayette Host Committee turned over a total of 20,659.59.

The Board's proposed budget for the coming year is \$5000 with the following expected expenses:

\$1000.00	501c3 Application
\$ 600.00	Web development and maintenance
\$ 600.00	Storage fee
\$ 500.00	LRCNA 36 (2018)
\$ 500.00	Attorney's fees
\$ 500.00	Accountant fees
\$ 300.00	Event Insurance
\$ 300.00	Meeting space rental
\$ 100.00	PO Box
\$ 600.00	Prudent Reserve and miscellaneous (Banner repair, equipment for convention(s))

Our budget for next year should be a good bit less as our 501c3 status should be resolved, we should not need as much for attorney fees, we should not have a lot in the way of new equipment needs for the convention, and the cost of the web site will be cut in half.

Although host committee's in the past have received up to \$8,000.00 in seed money, after much discussion the Board believes that \$5,000 is adequate. If a Host Committee does not have enough in their account for expenditures within their budget, the Corporation will give them additional funding at that point.

In summary, after transferring \$5,000 dollars to the Baton Rouge Host Committee's account, the LRCC's bank balance is about \$15,434.59. \$5,000 is being retained by the Board for the upcoming year's budget. \$10,400.00 of the remaining \$10,439.59 is being donated today to the Region.

In loving service,

Louisiana Regional Convention Corporation Board of Directors.

## Web Update

Things are a changing with our web presence. We have (the royal we) been working on a new web page for the last few months, and its nearly ready. Steve, our web host, tells me that the new site should be up today. It looks much different from the old one, and can do much more. One of the limitations of the old site was in what kind of content we could put on it. One of the goals was to be able to have a Regional schedule that we could print out as a PDF, and be easy to maintain. The old site would not allow Steve to do that easily. I'm happy to say that the new site allows him to do that. You can now print a Regional schedule directly from our web page. Now it's up to us to maintain the correct meeting information on that schedule. I will bring a few dozen Regional meeting schedules to the RSC on Sunday. Please take a moment to look at them or have the appropriate person in your Area look at them to make corrections. Steve will also forward new meeting information to the WSO for insertion into the data base. If you would like to get a look at the new web site and the old one has not yet been installed yet, you can go to [LARNA.org/new](http://LARNA.org/new) to look at it. One of the first thing you will notice that it has more features than things in those features. One example would be that there is a place for Regional minutes, but we have not put minutes there yet. The same goes for events and so on. You can email an event or whatever you want, within reason, to the webhost and he will post them for you. Another way is to do it yourself. Steve has created an access code for any Area to post flyers, or add content. You can also add new meetings or change or delete current ones. However, this access is limited to authorized individuals within the Areas or Region. This include Regional minutes, only the Regional Secretary or someone they appoint will be able to add or remove minutes. We were also able to direct link the new convention web site directly. If you click on convention it takes you to the LRCNA web site. It opens this page in another tab as this is a free standing site. We offer links to other sites, but they will have to be approved by the webhost or myself. There is so much more that this site can do than we are currently using it for. Any suggestions (or commands) will be greatly appreciated. It would be nice to have minutes, upcoming Regional meeting directions/locations, Area and Regional event flyers or whatever, however we need to do this. I don't mind helping get things done, but I feel that it is the Areas responsibility to keep things current.

The web site has been paid for one year, the fee is \$300.00. I paid Steve through a pay pal account and Cynthia reimbursed me. I have the receipt and will forward it to Cynthia. I think that the value that we receive form the site is more than worth the cost. I looked at the breakdown on the bill and the cost is something like \$50.00 for hosting and the remaining \$200.00 is for maintenance. That is absurdly low. Steve charged us \$300.00 to build our initial site, which was also absurdly low, all that he has asked for is updated information from us. In closing, I have used the word, I and we freely in this report, so just to assure you that I have not developed multiple personalities, I don't make decisions for changes to the web site by myself. The Region has no PR chair to boss me around, so I talk to the Regional Chair, Ron, before I make any major changes. Anyway, I've gone on too long, hopefully I'll be able to answer any questions you may have on the website in person, on Sunday.

In Service Bob S.

### **Angola Update**

First I would like to apologize for not being at the meeting today, I've recently had an injury and walking is a bit of a problem, let alone driving or riding. The Saturday night meeting at Angola is going extremely well. Average attendance is 26 people from the inside as well as 2 to 3 people from the H&I committee, every other week. For those that are unfamiliar with this meeting we meet every other week, on the off weeks the inmates have a meeting without us. We currently have our meeting in camp C, recently we have been approached by Chaplin Summeral that the warden would like us to put a meeting in the main prison. After talking to people at the H&I meeting as well as the Chairperson of the Region, we have decided to explore that possibility. It's been months since we were approached and my guess it will take months until we know where this is going, the State of Louisiana Dept. of corrections does nothing fast. There will be an orientation to go into State prisons on July 16, at 5:00 at the south Baton Rouge Church of Christ, 8725 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge. If you would Like to go into Angola, DCI, or women into LCIW, please attend. We rely on you to be able to carry the message into these facility's, and it takes committed people to do this (or maybe people that should be committed?) If you have never been able to go into a prison to do H&I, it's a great experience and its always changing. The meeting at Angola has evolved into a regular NA meeting, with people who are more hardcore recovery and some that are there just to pass the time, kind of like a regular NA meeting. One of the more recent changes is we have had a few Spanish speaking members show up at the meeting, as a result we have ordered Spanish language basic texts. Elmore will be delivering two of them tonight when he goes to the meeting. Other than that, thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Bob S

### **OLD Business**

**2016-04-01 – For Region to stop funding RD & RDA to participate at SZF. Failed**

**2016-04-07 – To remove convention committee from regional guidelines and agenda. Passed**

### **New Business**

#### **Motions**

**2016-07-01 – Made by North Area Policy Change**

**In the event the BOD determines that a valid convention bid has been submitted to the BOD by a member area of the Louisiana Region; it shall be presented to the RSC for consideration. In the event that there are two or more bids, the RSC will**

**grant the one that seems best for the Region and N.A. as a whole.**

**Intent: Maintain responsibility for LA. Regional Convention.**

**Passed 8/0/0**

**2016-07-02 Made by Pixie Second by Melissa R.**

**Committee reports to include their budget amount, amount spent and their balance. Intent: For financial accountability.**

**Passed 7/0/1**

**2016-07-03 – Made by Pixie S. second by Melissa R.**

**To use updated travel expense accounting form. Along with receipts in order to be reimbursed. Intent: To follow proper accounting procedures.**

**Passed 8/0/0**

**New form is attached.**

**2016-07-04 - Made by North Area – Policy change**

**Remove #11 under financial guidelines page 16.**

**Intent: bring guidelines in line with new relationship with B.O.D.**

**Passed 8/0/0**

**2016-07-05 – Made by Kory P.**

**Travel to SZF in July 29-31 in Louisville KY for RD & Alt. Hotel 2 nights Travel fuel total \$352.00**

**Passed 7/1/0**

**2016-07-06 – Made by Kory P.**

**Travel to MZSS in Milwaukee, WI Sept 23-26 for RD and Alt**

**Hotel 3 nights and fuel total \$502.00**

**Passed 7/1/0**

**2016-07-07 – Made by Tyrone D. Second by HB**

**H & I is asking for \$240 for the purchase of literature to distribute into the Prison Angola. Intent: To help and further the message of N.A.**

**Passed 8/0/0**

**2016-07-08 – Made by Melissa R. Second by Pixie S.**

**Upon agreement of Board to remove items from Regional storage and place them in the BOD storage facility, and the no longer us the Regional storage unit.**

**Intent: Save Region money**

**Passed 8/0/0**

**2016-07-09 Made by Melissa R.**

**Deposit for cabin for Chicot State Park for Unity Day Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. \$160.**

**Intent: bring Unity to the Acadiana Area**

**2016-07-10 – Bob L.**

**To reimburse WSC for travel expenses to WSC \$1629.01**

**Motion 2016-07-11 Lake Area**

**\$300 to host RSC in the Lake Area for December.**

**Nominations**

**Vice-Chair – nominate Lori C.**

**made by Wanda McD. Second by Shawn**

**Treasurer – Nominate Wanda McD.**

**Made by Lori C. second by Pixie S.**

**A & F – nominate Melissa R**

**Made by Wanda Mcd. Second by Arnetta**

**H & I – nominate Tyrone D.**

**Made by Shawn second by Arnetta**

**Outreach – nominate Doug F.**

**Made by Melissa second by Arnetta**

**P.R. – Shawn**

**Made by Tyrone D. second by Melissa R.**

**Need nominations for Secretary and Policy.**

**V-Chair asked for Ad-Hoc to go over the Guidelines and remove all Convention**



**references. Wanda/Pixie/HB volunteered.**

**Made donation to NAWS \$300. Passed.**

**Motion to close at 2:14pm**

**Regional Rotation**

**Oct 1-2, 2016 – Lake Area**

**Jan. 7-8, 2017 – New Orleans**

**April 1-2, 2017 – Greater Baton Rouge**

**July 8-9 Baton Rouge – Bayou Recovery**

**Regional Contact List - Attached**