

**Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Committee Meeting**

Meeting convened at 10:00 am Date: April 05, 2020
12 Traditions – Nikki B
Concepts – Lee P
Purpose – Wanda McD

Administrative Committee

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

Standing Committees

A&F - Melissa R	Present	(985) 517-0257
H and I – Scotty H	Present	(337) 304-3419
Outreach- Lori C	Present	(504) 939-2999
Public Relations – Richard T	Present	(318) 578-0344
Policy – James S	Present	(225) 803-3045

Interested Parties

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

Acadian – Lori C	Present	(504) 939-2999
Greater Baton Rouge – Roy M	Present	(504) 606-8988
Bayou Recovery – Elmore B	Present	(225) 349-9961
Central – Greg M	Present	(318) 277-3088
Lake – Scotty H	Present	(337) 304-3419
New Orleans – James G	here but not ratified	(504) 452-7577
North – Greg W	Present	(318) 578-1753
Northshore – Bobbie B	Present	(985) 514-1831
Unity – Robbie G	Present	(504) 427-4401

**Motion to accept Jan 2020 minutes
Passed**

Chair Report

No report

Treasurer report

Hello Everyone:

Please stay safe. Our current balance is \$26,637.36. This is after having received a Regional Donation from the New Orleans area of \$1,571.45.

I have a few questions/concerns pertaining to our cash flow:

- 1- Should insurance be purchased as we, most meetings, are not being held?
- 2- Will we be donating 10% to NAWS and 3% to SZF as the convention will not be happening this year and area donations will not be as they are not meeting and collecting? I have requested the \$300 to be returned from the Bayou Recovery Area as they are not hosting this Regional meeting. (James stated he would drop the check off at my house). I also asked for the \$300 to be returned from the Gumbo Cook Off that didn't happen. Melissa R provided me with a receipt for \$277.53 for t-shirts that were printed for the Gumbo Cook Off. Please see attached treasurers balance sheet.

In Loving Service,
Pixie Storer

ASR Reports

Acadiana

No report turned in

Bayou Recovery

No report turned in

Central Area

Hello Family,

Central Louisiana Area NA currently host Zoom virtual meetings every night at 7pm in lieu of clubhouse meetings.

C. A. R. report workshop was held Feb 1st 2020 at River City Clubhouse and was facilitated by Lee P. The event was very well attended and GSR's from all home groups wherein attendance.

We have no donation at this time.

In Loving Service

Greg M

Greater Baton Rouge Area

No report turned in

Lake Area

Hi Family,

I am representing the Lake Area. Our area has 7 groups and 39 meetings a week. Currently holding 20 Zoom meetings. Agape, Living Clean, Spirit of the Bayou and HOWL are hosting meetings on Zoom. The H&I commitments are to the local state funded treatment center on Sundays and the Calcasieu Parish Jail on Fridays and Tuesday. H & I also provides a panel at New Beginnings treatment program in Lake Charles on Wednesday nights. All H & I commitments are currently suspended until further notice. There is also a commitment at the local state contracted facility for incarcerated women on Saturdays. The Federal Prison has contacted us to provide a panel twice a month which will be re-established upon the state mandates being lifted. There was a H & I orientation scheduled for March 29, 2020 but that was cancelled. Lake Area Freedom, Agape and Spirit of the Bayou all have monthly speaker meetings. The Howl group has quarterly speaker meetings. All meetings are currently being held via Zoom at this time because of the state mandates to limit any gatherings to 10 people. I have updated the meeting list. The region website will reflect the new changes. The NA meeting search on the NA app will be updated to reflect the new meetings.

The 7th tradition is 150.00 and will be mailed to the P.O. Box
The Lake Area has canceled the Unity Campout on March 20-22 at Methodist Landing Park in
Leesville, LA.
In Loving Service
Scotty H.

New Orleans Area

No report turned in

North Area

Hello everyone

As everyone know all our North Area meetings facilities are closed. We currently still have 13 groups in all. Most of them have zoom meetings, which we have been having 7 days a week between 8-9pm and my home group the black sheep group has zoom meeting – Monday & Wednesday at 6pm. Hopefully we can reach out to more people and get them involved in these virtual meetings and carry the message as best we can. At this time I would like to thank everyone like Richard and others who make them happen.

ILS,

Greg W. (ASR North Area)

Northshore Area

Hi Family,

The Northshore area now has zoom meetings available. Face to face meetings have been canceled at this time, due to COVID-19. All H&I in our area is canceled during this time as well. We have not upcoming events currently. Our area held a CAR workshop and it was successful. Unfortunately, we only had 2 groups from our area turn in votes. Rising Star and Serenity. At this time, we have a \$309.41 donation.

In loving service,

Bobbie B.

Unity Area

All Physical location meetings have been closed. All H&I meetings have been suspended.

Our phonenumber and facebook page are up and running. We have been having three zoom meetings, Special Edition Evening meeting that meets every night at 7:30, Awaken Spirituality that meets MWF @ 9am, and SNRP (Spiritual not Religious Program) that meets Friday night @7:30. There are people in our Area who are sick and dying from this virus. Our focus has been staying safe and helping each other stay clean.

Access codes:

Special Edition Evening Meeting 766299473 Zoom

Awaken Spirituality 853175707

SNRP 504823579

In loving service,

Robbie G.

Standing Committee Reports

Secretary

No report

Treasurer Report

See attachment

Regional Delegate

Vacant no report

RD Alt

Hello Regional Service Members

This has been a very busy and now fluid quarter since we last met. It's good to see everyone's faces virtually and I hope and pray for each of your health and safety. Our Southern Zonal Forum was held last January 22nd-26th and minutes are attached to this email and report. We had the SZF along with the South East Zonal Forum combined. It was an amazing Service Opportunity to see so many service members joined to further "Our Primary Purpose"! It was our largest Public Relations Workshops to date. The workshop with Professionals had Eight (8) professionals on a panel and attendance was above eighty (80) members. I was given the opportunity to Co-Facilitate the workshop to PR Members. We had over fifty (50) in attendance. There is a list of all the Region's that were in attendance in the emailed report.

I had hoped to have the results back from NAWS on the poll that was done late this week... I voted mostly "Present not voting" as I didn't have a Regional Conscious. I did vote yes on having a WSC where we would be able to discuss, and vote on the Budget for the next Conference Cycle. It was a combined question, Budget and abbreviated WSC. I am aware of one ASR who was not in agreement with the question. Trust that I am doing my best for our Region. Please instruct me as how your Area wants us to move forward. Thanks.

We did get the opportunity to have several C.A.R. Workshops before Covid-19 hit. CENLA was on 2/1/20, Bayou Recovery and Greater Baton Rouge was combined on 2/8/20, (Thanks for the Unity), Lake Charles was 2/15/20, Lafayette was 3/7/20, Northshore was 3/15/20. Unity Area's workshop was scheduled for 3/21/20 and was cancelled due to Covid-19. I am grateful to Unity ASC because "I am at risk". Sincerely, Thanks! I presently have conscious' from two areas. And I understand that we are experiencing extraordinary circumstances. Presently if I was called to vote for the Louisiana Region I would vote, "present not voting" unless you instruct me otherwise.

I have a question for all ASR'S from the Southern Zone. We are asking "what can we do as a Zone to assist our Region"? I don't know if it's appropriate to ask that all ASR'S take the question back to your respective Area. The Zone allowed us to use their Zoom account for this Regional Meeting. We are grateful. I do not have the ability to screen share my report or reimbursement request. Due to the circumstances I am not asking for air fare to Dallas for the Zonal. I only flew one way, to Dallas. When I was scheduled to leave the airport was socked in with fog. I drove home in a rental. I am asking for reimbursement of two half room night's which are \$62.68 per night. Total \$125.35. The receipts from the hotel are available in the email from my report.

Any questions that I hope that I can answer?

Grateful to serve the Louisiana Region,

Lee J. P.

A & F.

No report turned in however she does have gumbo cook-off shirts for sell.

H&I

Hi Family,

The 2020 Orientation to go into state prisons will be July 18, 2020 and October 10, 2020 at 9am. All orientations are held at South Baton Rouge church of Christ, 8725 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA. 70809. Doors open one hour before the orientation begins. Schedule subject to change

All H & I commitments throughout the state have been cancelled until further notice. H & I goes into Angola (camps C & D) every second and fourth week of every month. Angola has meetings every Saturday in camps C & D. H&I goes into the womens prisons every Saturday as well, LCIW and Jetson alternating weeks. The Lake Area has also added an H&I weekly presentation to a DOC womens work release program in Lake Charles. Oakdale Federal has also contacted me about bringing a panel discussion in once a month but that has been put on hold as well.

Acadiana Area held a H & I orientation February 29th which was very successful. Lake Area had one scheduled for March 29th but that was cancelled. ASR's please get with me to set up any H&I orientations your area is interested in putting on for 2020.

Cenlana gave a report. They have 2 facilities that are being serviced in the area once per month which are Longleaf and Edgefield Treatment Center. The area is re-assessing the needs as far as adding another facility to bring the message of NA.

Please contact me with any upcoming orientations or if any areas would like a H&I orientation please contact me at 337-304-3419. I am available to assist with a H&I orientation during the week as long as it is planned in advance.

In loving service,
Scotty H.

Outreach

No report turned in since the covid-19 has not traveled

Public Relations

I pray that everyone is well and staying home attending zoom meetings. I've been working on several projects, several of which will have to be put on hold until things get back to normal. Here is the status

of each one:

1. The Region phone line is set up and doing well but still is under utilized. Please help get the number out there. The helpline is set up to either forward to the appropriate area's helpline or directly to helpline volunteers in that area. Each area can log in to their own admin panel and schedule their own volunteers. It also has the capability to use an area's existing phone number if it is transferred to Twilio. North Louisiana Area is phasing out their helpline and using the Region number. It just made sense both economically and for effectiveness to do so. If anyone needs more information please contact me.
2. I have reached out to all the areas to get meeting information to keep the meeting database updated for meeting closures. Most of the meetings in the Region are closed. There are some meetings still showing as active. Please go to larna.org and look at the meetings in your area and double check if there are any errors and if so please contact me so it can be updated.
3. Zoom meetings are cropping up all over the Region. While it's not like physically being at a meeting, it is a godsend at this time. The meeting database is now set up to list online/phone meetings. Please send me your zoom meeting information if you wish it to be added.
4. Lamar Advertising had submitted a proposal for billboards for around the Region. The proposal is for fifty poster sized billboards distributed around the state. We would be paying their cost to make the vinyl and they would put them up wherever they have an unused billboard. The sign would stay up until the billboard is rented, which could be any where from a week to six months. This would cost us \$5000.00. For another \$5000.00 we can get an interstate sized billboard in each market. These can be reused and moved if the space is rented. We would also get free ads on the digital billboards in unused time slots (with either option). I have forwarded this information to Nikki and it should be attached to the minutes. At this time I don't think outdoor advertising would be effective, but look it over as it could be a good idea when things get back to normal.

There are other things in the works but are not applicable at this time. Hopefully in July things will start getting back to normal and we will address them at that time.

ILS

Richard T

Policy

Hello Family,

The policy manual was reformatted in September 2019. I compared it to the January 2017 edition to check for any notable changes. There were two: all the motion numbers were incorrectly converted to dates. I reversed all those changes. The second change removed numbers 5 through 7 of General Guidelines. I reversed those changes (only 5 and 7 were to be removed 2018/10/04).

Nikki gave me the motions from 2017-2019 to update the manual, and I updated what I could. I made a list of policy motions and broke it into three sections. The first is a list of completed updates. The second is a list of partial updates with some questions about the motions. The third lists two motions which I need more information.

I have provided a pdf of the 2017 and 2020 manuals for your review. A future update will convert all the various-format motion numbers to YEAR/MO/NUM if nobody has objections.

1. List of completed updates:

-2017/01/04 – Pixie S second by Melissa R

To remove literature committee section from the policy manual which is not in use / nonfunctioning

Intent: to clean up policy manual Passed 6/1/0

-2018/10/01 – Policy Ad Hoc

To change page 10 (duties and responsibilities) regional Alt Elect #3 : the RD Alt elect will assume the RD Alt position after the World Conference at the July RSC 10/94-19 Intent: clear up policy Passed 7/0/1

-2018/10/02 – Policy Ad Hoc

Page 11 #12 – Nomine [sic] must use the NA service resume for all nominations going back to groups. Remove. Intent: clear up policy Passed 7/0/1

-2018/10/03 – Policy Ad Hoc

Page 11 elections of officers #13 Add “the year before WSC” between occur and in to be read : Nominations of RD Alt Elect are to occur the year before WSC in July as ...Intent: clear up policy Passed 7/0/1

-2018/10/04 – Policy Ad Hoc

Page 14 general guidelines remove #s 5 & 7 completely

Intent: clear up policy Passed 7/0/1

-2018/10/05 – Policy Ad Hoc

Page 12 under terms of service #2 change to : nominations for all other positions will be brought from the areas to the RSC in July Intent: clear up policy Passed 7/0/1

-2018/10/06 – Policy Ad Hoc

Page 10 explanations for elections of RD, RD Alt, and RD Alt Elect. Change # of trips to WSC 2 year cycle to 2 instead of 3 and the # of times at WSC during full term from 3 to 2. Intent: clear up policy Passed 7/0/1

-2018/10/08 – Policy Ad Hoc

The entire policy needs to be reformatted to fix the numbering, bulletins and page #s

Intent: clear up policy Passed 7/0/1

-2019/04/01-Maker Scotty H. Second Elmore B.

To remove #5 (page 5) under Rotation of Region.

Intent: to streamline our meeting rotation. Passed 7/0/1

2. Partial updates with questions:

-2018/10/07 – Policy Ad Hoc

Page 7 reports section yearly reports: change the 1 to a 2 and add “before conference” saying: each July before the conference on the odd year (2010/12/06, each member is responsible to file a written report to the RD. these reports are to be typed Intent: clear up policy Passed 7/0/1

Question: What does the “change the 1 to a 2” refer to?

3. Requires clarification:

-2019/04/03 – Maker Jessie E. Second Scotty H.

Page 15 #5,6,7 to be removed. Page 16 (2?) Change from 3. to #1.

Intent: Clean up policy. Passed 8/0/1

Question: Can Region clarify exactly what needs to be removed and changed?

-2017/07/02 – Pixie S second by Scotty H

To update the web guidelines under public relations as well as literature

Intent: To bring them into line with how we actually are functioning. Passed 9/0/0

The manuals I received had a January 2017 date on the original, and a Sept 2019 date on the reformat. No content changed in the web guidelines between the two versions, and since the motion is dated July 2017, I’ve decided this motion is not executed. I will discuss this with our PR chair to get the necessary changes for this motion.

In loving service,

James S.

Information of Interest

To the Trusted Servants and Members of the Louisiana Region:

What follows is essentially a report from the LRCC for the upcoming RSC meeting, but the information is important, and we wanted to get it to you as quickly as possible.

Although I'm sure it will not come as a surprise, I am very sorry to have to inform you that due to the impact of Covid-19, the Louisiana Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous, scheduled for May 15-17, 2020 in Alexandria, is being cancelled.

This decision was not made without a great deal of thought and consideration of many factors. In the end though, it really came down to the safety of our members. For example, it seems likely that the Governor's order, making large gatherings unlawful, will be extended into May and that alone will make holding the convention impossible. Even if that order is not extended though, current predictions are that the infection rates in Louisiana will not level off for at least another 4-6 weeks at best. It will likely be at least another 3-6 weeks after that before people who have been seriously ill are back on their feet. Then there is the issue of folks being unemployed for a significant length of time due to the stay at home order, and simply not having the ability to attend a convention right now.

The Alexandria host committee had their own discussions on what would be the best thing to do for the fellowship and the chair, vice-chair, and treasurer were all involved in the process of LRCC making this difficult decision.

Now, we are preparing a statement for the website announcing the cancellation and hope to have that posted in a matter of days. The hotel will automatically cancel any reservations made for the convention with no penalties. The host committee will begin the process of contacting everyone who has registered and notifying them, as well as offering a refund. (Note: People who prefer, can have their registration "roll over" to LRCNA in Lafayette in 2021). LRCC will get in touch with vendors and notify them. Once we have detailed information regarding money that was lost in preparing for the convention, or made through fundraising and pre-convention merchandise, we will pass that on to you. Since this convention has been cancelled, LRCNA 2021 in Lafayette will be the 38th LRCNA and our attention will now turn to helping them get ready. All of the merchandise on hand for Alexandria will be turned over to Lafayette.

Again, all of us involved in putting together the LRCNA are very sorry that this decision had to be made, but keeping the safety of our members as our first priority, it seems to be the only responsible thing to do.

Sincerely,

For the Louisiana Regional Convention Corporation:

Bob Storer

LRCC Chair

Old Buisness

No old buisness

New Business

Motions:

See attached. I believe it was withdrawen or tabled. Not really sure what happened so if anyone woud like me to change the minutes let me know. I have attached the orginal motion form from unity area and the motion form from the group.

Regional Rotation

July 11-12th North Area

Oct 3-4th Unity Area

Jan 2-3rd Lake Area

April 10-11th NorthShore Area

July 10-11th Acadian Area

LA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
TREASURERS REPORT APRIL 5, 2020

STARTING BALANCE:	25,065.91
Income:	
Donation - New Orleans Area	1,571.45
Donation - Greater Baton Rouge Area	230.71
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Current Balance	26,868.07
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Prudent Reserve	-7,500.00
Unencumbered Funds	19,368.07
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10% Donation to NAWS	1,936.81
3% Donation to SZF	581.04
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ENDING BALANCE:	<u>16,850.22</u>

Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous
RSC Motion Form

Motion No. 04-01-20

Maker Unity Area Group Second _____

Type: _____ Simple Majority

Policy Change _____ Two-thirds

MOTION: that on Saturdays of RSC
that region set up and make available
a video conference meeting for
area subcommittees, H+F, PR + A+F,
IF zoom meetings which are held
regularly by NAW's

INTENT: To increase area service committee
chairpersons attendance on Saturdays

PRO _____

CON _____

Final Vote: For _____ Against _____ Abstention _____

Passed _____ Failed _____

Motion Withdrawn _____ Referred to Areas _____ Tabled _____

Move to postpone _____ When _____

NOTES _____

**UNITY AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
MOTION FORM**

DATE 2/16/20

MAKER Amy B.
SECOND Johanna A.

MOTION: That on Saturdays of RSC that region set up and make available a video conference meeting for all area sub-committees, H+I, RR + A+T. JG: zoom meetings which are held regularly by NAWs.

INTENT: To increase area service committee chairpersons attendance by on Saturdays

FOR 3 **AGAINST** _____ **ABSTENTIONS** _____

MOTION PASSED **FAILED** _____ **TABLED** _____

BACK TO GROUPS _____

RULED OUT OF ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON _____