

**LRCNA 2026  
MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING SIX  
OCTOBER 4TH, 2025 ONLINE (ZOOM)**

**I. ROLL CALL**

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**II. Approval of Minutes from 09/06 (Meeting #5)**

- AUBREY MAKES A MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES. KAYCEE SECONDS. VOTED IN UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION PASSED.

### III. Committee Reports

#### - CHAIR REPORT

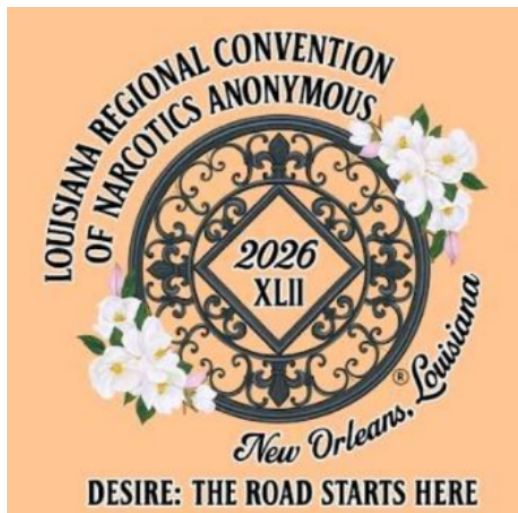
Good afternoon,

I would like to welcome you to our sixth meeting. The momentum is building as we continue to see registrations and raffle sales from across the United States. I have attended several committee meetings and am encouraged by the strong support being provided to ensure a successful year.

#### ★ Motions via GroupMe:

Motion #2025-06-01

The Arts and Graphics Committee submitted pre-convention artwork for approval. The artwork is included in my report. Motion Passed – Results: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.



Motion #2025-06-02

The Merchandise Committee requested approval to purchase 72 mugs as pre-convention merchandise at a total cost of \$295.63 (\$4.11 per mug). The retail price will be \$10.00 each. A cup mockup will be included with my report. Motion Passed – Results: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.



#### ★ Hotel Incentive Program:

We received the contract for the hotel incentive and forwarded it to the Board of Directors for review. There was an inquiry regarding the logistics of payment for the

incentive. New Orleans & Co. will send a check to the hotel at the close of our room block, after which the hotel will issue a check to us.

★ Committee Positions:

The Serenity Keepers Chair positions remain vacant.

★ Vendor Proposal:

I have received several proposals from various vendors, including restaurants, transportation providers, attractions, and NA-related suppliers. These have been forwarded to our LRCNAHCC email account for your review. If any proposal is of interest, please bring it up for discussion at a subcommittee meeting.

Committees interested in pursuing a proposal may then present it to the HCC for further consideration.

★ Upcoming Events:

- Region Function: Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 6:30 PM
- Unity Halloween Party: Saturday, October 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM
- Moonlight Madness (Mandeville, Fountain Bleu State Park): Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 4PM

★ Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Open Mind Halloween Fundraiser: Friday, October 31, 2025, at 6:30 PM (Requesting Committee Help)
- Pre-Christmas Night of Fun Fundraiser: Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 6:00 PM
- New Year, New Light Fundraiser: Wednesday, December 31, 2025, Time TBA (Requesting Committee Help)

If you require additional assistance, please feel free to contact me.

In Loving Service,  
Don B

- VICE CHAIR REPORT

- ★ ABSENT (MEDICAL EMERGENCY)

- TREASURER'S REPORT (RIC PROVIDED NUMBERS)

- ★ CHECKBOOK BALANCE: \$2518.20
- ★ OPERATING CASH AVAILABLE: \$2018.20
- ★ Seed money has not been transferred. (\$1500 seed money, \$49 posters, \$295.63 mugs will be sent out - balance will then be \$673)
- ★ FROM RIC: I have attached the Treasurer's Report through today. This represents all expenditures, including today's reimbursement of the mug order and printing reimbursement. You'll see that "operating cash" is very low...\$173.58. That doesn't necessarily mean anything because I have transferred the rest of the seed money--to total \$7,000. You will obviously have to start spending that pretty soon but this is just another cautionary message that in order to keep spending, you need to be sure you have some





- SECRETARY REPORT

- ★ **Reminder for every committee to send in a WRITTEN report BEFORE the meeting. PLEASE SEND TO [official.contact.katie.rose@gmail.com](mailto:official.contact.katie.rose@gmail.com)**
- ★ **HARD DEADLINE IS ONE WEEK AFTER HCC. OCT 11TH IS THE DEADLINE FOR THIS MONTH.** Minutes will be sent out without your committee report after one week.
- ★ Go over google drive access in person for people.

- HOTEL LIAISON REPORT

- ★ There were a few things from September's report that have been resolved.
  - The \$75.00 incident fee that was set to be charged to every room night has been waived for our guests. Not only did they waive the per night charge, but they also waived the entire fee as a whole.
  - A \$50 per plate banquet has been granted to us. The menu has not been finalized yet.
- ★ As of October 3, we have 67 room nights booked. I will get a manifest of bookings once a month from the hotel to keep everyone in the loop on our 200-night room block goal by May 5, 2026.
- ★ Renovations are still underway at the DoubleTree and will keep you posted on possible tour dates in the future.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

Kaycee

- REGISTRATION REPORT

(MET ON OCT3)

- ★ "Goodie Bag/Swag Bag" Ideas
  - BUDGET \$1700
    - \$4/\$5 per bag
    - About 400 bags
  - Tote Bag
    - Cotton
    - Woven - 20% Cotton, 80% Polyester
    - Printed with Convention name, theme, and logo
    - Still pricing, looking at about 89 cents per bag
  - Items: All would have the convention theme and logo -
    - Mini chapstick\*

- Mini hand sanitizer\*
  - Pen\*
  - Small notepad
  - Tissue packets
  - Mini guide/map of New Orleans\*
    - Can get for free from New Orleans Tourism Company
    - Not endorsing bc the NA name will not be on it
  - Mardi Gras beads\*
    - Will get for free through donations/friends old beads -totally & easily possible, have done before for projects
    - Will mix and match
    - Will try not to include any with specific labels/krewes
    - 2-3 per bag, 1200 total
    - Buy some blank ones and add logo? Was just thinking of getting blank donated ones
  - Cafe du Monde Coffee packet/chicory sample
  - Mini Praline Candy\*
    - Original Creole Pralinats
      - 1.25 per candy
        - Can possibly get cheaper deal for bulk order - will reach out before next HCC
  - Postcard - NA inspirational / new orleans / them
  - Rubber Silicone Bracelets - Trade Game
    - Will put a few randomly in bags
    - Will have labels of “Desire, Willingness, Honesty, Surrender, JFT, LRCNA XLII, etc”
    - People trade throughout to get 3 of one label
    - Will include little instruction packet thats more clear
- ★ Welcomed Tricia from Open Minds as a committee member. She came to the subcommittee mtg. 4 yrs clean and willing and able to be of service. Will be sending her a message of her duties by tmrw, 10/05, which for now will include announcing and pushing registration and raffle tickets at any meetings she attends.
- ★ Will price match as many companies as possible before the next HCC mtg. Will come up with 3 different bag options by next HCC. Will be keeping in mind Set Up and Shipping charges. Will send info and emails about pricing and discounts for bulk orders after narrowing down after the price matching.
- ★ Main bags will have the main convection theme logo and items may have that as well or the pre convention logos. Looking to order at the end of Feb/beginning of March.
- ★ **MEETINGS WILL BE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT 4PM**
- ★ **NEXT MONTH TBD SINCE FIRST FRIDAY IS AFTER FIRST SATURDAY**

- ARTS AND GRAPHICS REPORT

I. Executive Summary

- ★ September was a highly successful month for the HCC Arts & Graphics Committee, culminating in the completion of the pre-convention T-shirt project. The committee finalized the design, submitted it for review, and received official approval from the **HCC Committee**. Work has now officially begun on the main convention's graphics package. The committee, consisting of Don, Claire, Aubrey, Steven, and Larry, met on September 23rd to execute these efforts. (GRAPHIC PICTURED IN CHAIR REPORT)

## II. Key Accomplishments

- ★ **Pre-Convention T-Shirt Design Approved:** The committee's primary goal for September was achieved and finalized. The T-shirt graphic, skillfully created by committee member Steven, was selected and subsequently **received full approval from the HCC Committee**. This project is now complete and ready for the next steps toward production.

## III. In-Progress Projects

- ★ **Main Convention Graphics - Brainstorming Phase:** With the pre-convention project complete, the committee has turned its focus to the main convention. An initial brainstorming session was held to generate a wide range of concepts and themes for the convention's overall visual identity.

## IV. Outlook for October

- ★ With the pre-convention T-shirt design officially approved, the committee's full attention in October will be dedicated to developing the concepts brainstormed for the main convention graphics. The goal is to move from initial ideas to preliminary design mock-ups.
- ★ The meeting will be on the **fourth Wednesday of every month at 7PM on zoom**. (OCTOBER 22ND)

## - PROGRAMMING REPORT

- ★ **Co-Chair Report:** Don B attended the main committee meeting. The committee reviewed merchandising and received information about the hotel and the banquet. They are still reviewing spaces and ming for the memorial meeting.
- ★ **Volunteer Sign Up:** The volunteer flyer has been created which is on the home page at LRCNA.org with QR codes that link to the volunteer sign up as well as registration on and hotels. You can also reach the volunteer sign up online thru <https://nyurl.com/5bnxahyz> . You can also sign up to volunteer by clicking "subcommittees" on the home page and then "click here to volunteer. Steven asked that a choice for "Programming (Marathon Meeting)" added to the form and for a green button to be added to the main page for volunteers. It's confusing to have to click thru subcommittees to volunteer.
- ★ **Speaker Submissions:** There are now 2 links on the main convention on page for speaker

submissions. There are currently 8 audio submissions to date. All are in the google drive for everyone to review. There is a 9th file from Todd C but it requires permission and we are waiting for the speaker to authorize us to open the file. There was also concern that the audio files submitted online were not being consistently forwarded by email. It is believed that this is corrected. Steven also added a link to the Group-Me to access the audio files. Patty H suggested that we might have listening parties where we can listen to speakers together but encouraged everyone to listen on their own. Patty H would like to choose a speaker from New Orleans as the main speaker to bring in local members and to bridge the gap between the Region and the NOLA area. Here is the link to the google file: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1L3VHt7D8KwxBbd1yWV2eEKWbjBhUSxri?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1L3VHt7D8KwxBbd1yWV2eEKWbjBhUSxri?usp=drive_link)

- ★ Speaker Evaluations: A link to a speaker evaluation form was posted to Group-Me. This is a google form so all evaluations are automatically loaded to the google drive and tallied. It is important for everyone to submit an evaluation for each speaker.
- ★ Workshop Topics: Several committee members submitted topics related to the theme and a list was compiled and shared. Additional suggestions were made during the meeting and added to the list. It was reiterated that the meetings do not need to be traditional workshops. We will continue to accept additional topics and meeting ideas before eliminating or assigning topics to workshops.
- ★ Meeting Spaces: We reviewed the hotel layout and potential meeting rooms. Madewood A & B each holds 75 theatre style, and Rosedown holds 85. International Ballroom seats 425 theatre style and the Crescent Ballroom 175. Merchandising will be held in Noaway A & B and the Greenwood Boardroom will be reserved for marathon meetings and seats 10. If registration numbers are high, there is an option to move these meetings to a bigger space.
- ★ Budget: The convention on committee has allocated a budget of \$2500 to the programming committee. These funds must cover airfare, registrations, banquet tickets, and hotel rooms for our speakers. It was suggested that we could take donations or sell our tea lights for the memorial meeting to raise additional funds. Ruben can create posters for this special meeting to encourage local members to participate in the candlelight memorial.
- ★ Next Meeting: Will be held on October 22th at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Meeting ID 6986865754.

#### - MERCHANDISE REPORT

- ★ Merchandise Subcommittee monthly meeting will be held on the **FIRST Wednesday of the month at 7pm on Zoom.**
- ★ Gratitude to Arts&Graphics and all who helped come up with pre-convention artwork - it's beautiful!
- ★ Still working on a pre-convention t-shirt featuring this design. Had the shirt design finalized in the last subcommittee meeting but the vendor quote was way too high to move forward. Seeking other vendor options. Potentially Rine will print again.

- ★ Pre-convention mugs have been approved. 72 ordered for a total of \$295.63 (\$4.11/mug). We will be selling them for \$10/mug. (PICTURED IN CHAIR REPORT)
- ★ Sold \$91 of merchandise/raffle tickets at Gumbo Cook Off on Saturday, Sept 27th
- ★ Tie-dye party for leftover white pre-convention shirts on **Sunday, October 12 at 1pm at Steven's house** (Thanks, Steven!) **(HELP WANTED)**
- ★ Will be selling merchandise at Region Function this evening, Oct 4th.
- ★ Will **need someone to volunteer to sell merchandise at the Unity Halloween Party** on OCTOBER 18th (if we are allowed to do so), as I will be out of state on that date. (DON VOLUNTEERS).

- ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

- ★ Hello, this is Larry, entertainment chair. Our committee of people will be **meeting the second Wednesday of every month on the Zoom platform. (7PM) (OCT 8)**
- ★ Ideas will be brought to the meeting this month and a list will be brought next month.
- ★ We have had a meeting and all of the committee members are getting together. And we're putting a list of entertainment and we're bringing it to the meeting, and we'll have that ready for our meeting on the second Wednesday of the month. We're looking for great things that would make people enjoy the atmosphere of new orleans.

Love and service,  
Larry

- HOSPITALITY REPORT

- ★ Nothing to report.
- ★ October 28 Rusty will have back surgery and will be in recovery.
- ★ Mainly will be working after Jan 1, 2026 to assign members to man the hospitality room in shifts.

- SERENITY KEEPER/HUGS REPORT

- ★ VACANT (Nothing to report.)

### III. ELECTIONS

- No Hugs this month.
- ★ **KEEP LOOKING, ANNOUNCING, AND ASKING PEOPLE!**

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

- ★ Banquet – We did vote to have a Banquet with Murder Mystery Entertainment and are waiting to schedule with murder mystery company and find out more details on the meal
- ★ Convention Flyer – We are currently circulating this flyer with QR codes for Registration, Hotel, and Volunteer
- ★ Pre - Convention Logo – We have a Pre-Convention Logo to be used by all.
- ★ Website – everything is up and running

- ★ Fundraising – Current Fundraisers that have been approved are Open Mind Halloween Fundraiser, and The Category Is Recovery New Years Eve Fundraiser.
  - Potential Football Game fundraiser (Saints v Dolphins/Saints v Falcons)

## V. NEW BUSINESS

- Pre-Convention Merchandise
  - ★ Motion to approve blue tie-dye pre convention tshirt and get pricing (Approved!). Voting will happen in GroupMe.
- Treatment Center Simulcast
  - ★ ADHOC FOR WEBSITE AND SIMULCAST was postponed.
  - ★ We are looking for an experienced member outside the HCC group.
- MOTION TO MOVE MEETING ONTO ZOOM (5 IN FAVOR 2 AGAINST) - **MOTION PASSES.**

### Next Meeting – **NOVEMBER 1st – 4pm at St. Charles Baptist Church**

- REMINDER: EXTENDED HCC MEETING TO 6:30. MEETINGS 4-6:30.
- IMPORTANT DEADLINES
  - ★ OCT REPORTS DEADLINE IS **OCTOBER 11**
  - ★ NEXT HCC MEETING IS **NOVEMBER 1 ON ZOOM ONLY.**

MOTION TO CLOSE BY DONNIE/ SECONDED BY AUBREY