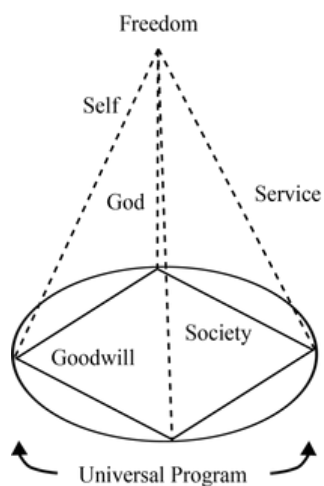




VOLUNTEER REGION SERVICE MEETING

January 28, 2018

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Procedural Overview

- Meeting opened at 9:30 am with the Serenity Prayer.
- Twelve Concepts were read.
- VRSC Purpose was read.
- Regional Chair welcomed and recognized visitors.
- Lunch was from 12:00-1:00pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 14:00 pm.

Note: HIGHLIGHTED PORTIONS REQUIRE ACTION OR ATTENTION.

Roll Call

Administrative

Chair	Julie H.	Pres
Vice-Chair	NONE	N/A
Secretary	Roberto G.	Pres
Alternate Secretary	NONE	N/A
Treasurer	Paul H.	Pres
Alternate Treasurer	NONE	N/A

Regional Representatives

Regional Delegate	Tim C.	Pres
Regional Delegate Alt.	Jim B.	ABS

Subcommittees

Public Relations	Charmaine D.	Pres
ITCC	Lucy O.	Pres
Policy & Procedures	Craig G.	Pres
Outreach	NONE	N/A
H and I	NONE	N/A
VRC 35	LeighAnn	Pres
VRC 36	Kerwyn	Pres

Areas

Chattanooga	Paul H.	Pres
Clarksville	Glenn S.	Pres

East TN Recovery on the Ridges	Steve R.	ABS
Greater Nashville	Beth S.	Pres
Heart of Tennessee	Derek W.	Pres
Knoxville	Jim B.	Pres
Middle Tennessee	Dell	Pres
Midwest Tennessee	Dustin H.	Pres
West Tennessee	Lucy O.	Pres

Quorum Results

Number of Areas represented:

EROR represented via Audio Conference Tech

8 of 9 active Areas

Quorum established? (Requires 2/3 of active areas; 5 needed)

Yes

Review Previous Secretary Minutes

Questions/comments from the floor:

No Questions from the Floor

Motion to accept, second, 7-0-0, unanimous.

Officer Reports

Chairperson Report

WE NEED A VICE CHAIR

A report will be sent

3/25/2018 in Murfreesboro at the JC Building. It was moved since if we kept it on 1st Sunday that it would fall on Easter.

Questions/comments from the floor:

The 2 World Board member are on the way over here.

Last time at the CAR. When the HOT was forming we wanted to submit. Since we did not have an RCM that we could not. A conversation was just had that we will be accepting a vote after the fact.

Do we want a deadline? Request that the votes go out in the April Minutes

Distributed the CAR today. What will you do with the CAT report. You will need to teach your guys on how to vote and read the CAT since they were not available at the time

Newest World Board member (Jose Louis NA WAY, Mary Ellen Executive Secretary)

Discussion regarding how to support Spanish meeting that seem to fail. The Board members stated that there was Spanish speaking Areas in CA, NY and Miami

www.na.org has information regarding an NA Cruise look it up

Delegate Webinar for the CAT. We could set up the Webinar (1/2 a day) and then send the request to World. The contact point to get the Webinar scheduled is: na.org. World Board Participation Project, Fill out worksheet.

Use Zoom \$15 per month and a PowerPoint exists and we would be able to do presentation and they a Q&A

When did 2016 and then 10/2016 Jose Louis. How much time do you spend traveling outside.

Knoxville Car/Cat Workshop

Motion to accept, second, 9-0-0, unanimous.

Treasurer Report

WE NEED A TREASURER (4 Years Clean Time)

Dear NA Family,

I must apologize, as I have not done anything that enables me to provide a report in the usual format.

I do have copies of the bank activities through yesterday but, due to my outside work requirement increasing substantially over the past two months I have not yet entered information into QuickBooks from the last cycle, and I left the checkbook home from where got it out to do the entry but ran out of time.

I can report that all checks received were deposited, and no additional checks were written since the last cycle. Our current bank balance is \$13,902.29 though there is a pending debit item of \$500 run by the Hotel here as a pre-meeting funds block.

As far as payments from travel expenses for this trip, I will take travel expenses requests and write checks tomorrow morning and have them in the mail before the end of the day tomorrow.

Please accept my apology and thanks for allow me to help in my "Not the Treasurer" capacity.

Paul H

Starting Available \$13,902.29

\$n PR Budget Balance \$

\$n Available \$

Questions/comments from the floor:

No questions

Motion to accept, second, 7-0-1,

Ending Report:

Starting Available: \$13,902.29

Cash In: \$818.00

Wrote checks for: Checks to be written since Checkbook not present at the meeting

Exp Including Seed for VRC 36: \$8,229.99

Hold: \$500.00

Balance: \$14,720.29

Available: \$ after check to World

No Funds sent to World Next Cycle SUBSTANCIAL monies to be sent

Secretary Report

WE NEED AN ALT SECRETARY

No major items to report. Thanks to those which got their reports to me electronically. It really assists in preparing the minutes in a timely fashion. Let's keep up the great work in that area! For those that did not get them in if you need any assistance with the tech just let me know I would be happy to help. I will be turning the minutes around within 24-48 hours max without any deviation.

I would like to elaborate on the medical situation that I commented on last meeting. I have had additional tests and a decision has been made on the measures to be taken. I will be having a major procedure at 7:30 AM on Thursday morning 2/1/2018. I would prefer to keep the details out of the minutes, but I can share offline and privately. I will be completely unavailable for a month at least and possibly more depending on the outcome from Thursday morning.

I gave a heads up about this during the last meeting. Allow me to share with all of you that I received no contact from any interested parties. I know we have been asking for backfilling several other key positions and no one has come forward. That seems to be typical of service work as far as my experience goes.

ils

Roberto G.

Questions/comments from the floor:

No questions from the Floor

Area Reports

Chattanooga Area

Dear NA Family,

All is well at CASC. I deposited \$2,300 from Surrender Under the Stars, and \$392.47 as acting Regional Treasurer for CASCs donation, and the Area is financially sound.

This year's Winter Bash was extremely successful with attendance near 300. Anyone that is familiar with this Chattanooga event knows that is huge.

Our next event will be the Annual Chili Cookoff and the location and date will be announced at a later time.

Tom B was just elected to serve as Surrender Under the Stars Chair for 2018

A meeting location that hosted two Groups, one of which was a daily meeting recently closed as the building was sold and it was a pleasure to watch as those two groups practiced spiritual principles in locating and finalizing agreements for new, separate location and are moving on with hope and joy rather than too much sorrow over the loss of a 30-year home.

In Loving Service,

Paul H.

Questions/comments from the floor:

No questions from the Floor

Clarksville Area

Hello family,

Clarksville Area is struggling. We have a new RCM who has 30 years clean and was supposed to begin her term at VRC in Memphis but did not attend due to illness. I was just notified this morning that she is ill again and will not be attending today. Fortunately we have an alternate now who will be attending. His name is Daniel M. and he is also our PR Chair. More will be revealed.

In Loving service,

Glenn S.

Glenn Schuster

Questions/comments from the floor:

No questions from the Floor

East TN Ridges of Recovery Area

They are not present at the meeting.

No Electronic Report

Questions/comments from the floor:

No questions from the Floor

Greater Nashville Area

Discussion Notes

GNA REM Report

Vice Chair, Act Sec positions open
 H-1 & Outreach Chair pos. open
 LT nomination Gilbert H H-1 Chair

22 Voting Home Groups

\$1,182.26	Nov	} 2017	\$2,916.04
\$834.14	Dec		since Region
\$899.64	Jan		Last met

Votes for Motions:

#01-11-26-17 9Y/5N/1A

#02-11-26-17 11Y/1N/3A

KISS Kickout - ^{formerly known as KISS Kickout} Chili Cookoff coming
 up March 3, 2018 - Chair - Emily S + Vice
 Chair - Eric D nominees for pie in the
 face

honestly

TRUST
OUR
VISION
GOOD
WILL

DR - doing very well - flyer
 hanging day successful -
 here another planned

Met early this month to make
 sure regional votes could get in
 as they moved their meeting up

Questions/Issues from the Floor

No questions from the Floor

Heart of TN Area

Hey family!

Once again, it's great to be back representing the Heart of Tennessee Area Service Committee! This has been my best service experience ever! On the 17th of December last year we had an awesome area meeting! As we went over the motions and the proposal from region, I got some great experience with answering questions on these subjects. To my dismay I was told that I did a great job. Even better was that as area went on, some of the GSR's started using the present vote! It showed that they understood what had been shared and were all in! Not to be missed I'd like to thank Donald S. and Craig G. for their input. It just goes to show that we don't do this alone.

Next up is our area website. We have received some great feedback from groups and individuals that have seen it. We put in a lot of hard work. Special thanks to Lucy O. for the great help she has been. We couldn't have made it as good as it is without her. If you haven't already seen it please go check it out. It's hotascna.org.

We have finally finished the area meeting schedules. We have received some great comments. It was a great feeling to take a bundle to the group and show them to everyone. They were super stoked. We will be ordering them like several other areas do, quarterly to save money.

As usual, there's been a lot happening with our Public Relations team! Although our activities are instrumental in changing NA as we know it and making our community more aware of Narcotics Anonymous as a resource in our community, one of the most significant events that occurred was the addition of a few new participants in our Public Relations efforts! We had two new members participate with us at the Night Watch booth, one of which also participated in our presentation with Greenhouse Ministries! We also had a new member participate in our presentation to the R-Connection community meeting. Not only was this member new to PR and presentations, he is still relatively new to NA, with around 10 months clean!!

We participated in Night Watch on December 29, 2017. There were four NA members facilitating the booth. We were the only booth set up. Celebrate Recovery hosted the event and there were about 60 people in attendance. The fire department was there for safety and noticed how HOT we were and provided us with a contact person for potential future interactions.

We held a presentation at Greenhouse Ministries on January 10, to approximately 15 people, most of them were counselors for Greenhouse Ministries. The presentation was well received with questions lasting almost 45 minutes!!!

We also gave a presentation to another community meeting called R-Connection. There were approximately 40 people present and we had several questions afterwards, with a request to come back next month for an event that involves Eagleville High School Seniors. The Seniors interview all the organizations present and then make a decision on the one organization that they are going to showcase. Once they choose an organization, they will follow up with more interviews and then the seniors will give a presentation about that organization to the Rutherford County School Board. We are so excited about the possibility of NA being chosen!! But either way, we are going to get an opportunity to share about our life saving program with some high school seniors!

We participated in We CARE, which CARE stands for Community, Alternatives, Relationships, and Education, on January 9, 2018. This is a new community organization created with the hospital being the hub of interactions of community members and organizations who want to help combat the opioid epidemic. Our presentation to the hospital a few months ago played a part in this organization being created! There were 75 professionals present and we were able to connect with a few of them afterwards. For starters, the Health

Department was excited about us doing a presentation for their staff members. The Director said that they have 100 staff members between their Murfreesboro and Smyrna offices. And the Assistant Director said she remembered us from a presentation that we did last year! How awesome is that?! Building relations within the community and people recognizing us because we keep showing up!! We also have been asked to give a 15-20 minute presentation to the entire We CARE staff on February 13, 2018!

And finally, Craig G celebrates 14 years on February 20th at BTB. We have an Area donation of \$400 for Region. Please see the card.

Yours in loving service Derek W.

Questions/Issues from the Floor

Question regarding donation from a new area of \$400.00 which is fantastic

2/3/2018 H & I meeting 10:00 AM
At By the Book location
2022 East Main Street
Murfreesboro TN 37130

Knoxville Area

Knoxville Area RCM report

Our Area met January 20, with an 11 GSR quorum. We welcomed a new secretary, so we could have minutes taken and hope to have send out this month. Our Vice Chair who has been acting chair for the last 3 months reported he was contemplating leaving. Jim B. put his resume in to take the chair position if voted in next month which prompted the Vice Chair to stay if that happens to at least fulfill his term as Vice Chair.

Activities subcommittee has offered to host the CAR/CAT party Feb.24 11am-4pm at the Serenity Club 170 N. Jefferson Cir. Oakridge TN in conjunction with their learning day panel event to follow.

Andrew W. was voted in and cheered as our new PR Chair and will get together with me for orientation.

H&I is doing well and has good participation. Still no volunteer for Regional H&I however.

ROR and the treasurer worked out the incorrect check Payee finally, so I have brought a donation from our area for \$3634.48.

Due to minutes not being distributed for last two meetings our tallies for votes are disappointing! I did however remind GSR's of their responsibility to not depend on secretary for important hope group discussions and votes. Their own notes should be taken.

Motion 1 -11-26-17 2 yes 1 no 8 abstain

Motion 2-11-26-17 2 Yes 0 No 6 abstain {(3)smoking not voting}

Thank You for Trusting me to Serve,

Charmaine D. RCM Knoxville

Questions/Issues from the Floor

Question from floor requesting a restatement of the amount of donation

Response: \$3634.48

Passed around Area Conference Flyer for convention.

Asked her to send a PDF

Midwest Tennessee Area

Hello family. All is well at the MWTN Area. We have had lots of support and participation at our area meetings and events. We are accepting nominations for service positions at our area. We have an event coming up this weekend in Jackson that I have sent a flyer out to everyone. If you have any questions about the event please contact me. Our area meeting is today so I will send out an email if there is anything discussed that this body needs to address. Thanks for letting me serve.

Dustin H.

Questions/Issues from the Floor

No questions from the floor

Middle Tennessee Area

No Electronic Report

Questions/Issues from the Floor

No questions from the Floor

West Tennessee Area

Hello family all is well in West TN our Area is happening at 2 pm this afternoon and we have been advised by VRSC Chair that I am to provide our Area votes ASAP this evening and will be emailing them in. I will also be attaching a Flyer the NA in May Campvention happening May 4-6. We do have an Na in May fundraiser for Feb 10 @6pm Italian dinner I'll also attach a flyer for this as well. Our Area Chair is asking the Area about dates for our Area cat/car and will be voted on today more will be revealed.

Questions/comments from Floor:

No questions from the floor

Delegate Report

Regional Delegate Report

Good Morning Family,

I have very little to report on. Nothing has happened since we last met except for yesterday's Southern Zonal Forum. This forum topic was all about The Conference Agenda Report and The Conference Approval Track. I will not be reporting on this at this VRSC but would like to go ahead and get rolling dates that we the R.D. team can come to your areas to put on workshops on this material. We may also ask for help from Lucy O. and Ricardo J. if either are willing and available.

As most of you know, we had the Southern Zonal Forum this weekend and workshopped the CAR (Conference Agenda Report). For those of you that may not know, the CAR is basically the order of business for the World Conference. We will be having CAR workshops in Chattanooga, Knoxville, and a Memphis/Jackson area in February. The turn out this weekend for the CAR workshop at the SZF was around 80 in attendance. This attendance was around 4 times what we usually have. There were representatives in service from 2 World Board members, Southern Zone members, at least 4 different regions, and many locals. The locations of attendees ranged from Puerto Rico to LA, California and Illinois to South Texas. The information clarification was perfect, and the participation was very organized and light-hearted.

Shortly and sweetly this is all that I must report.

Thank you SO much for asking me to serve for you.

Y I L S,

Tim Cook

'Scout'

P-72 .A.R.M.

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Questions/comments from Floor:

No questions from the Floor

CAR Reports are available

Tim asked if he could get an addition \$150.00 since he had several people back out. With a committee vote was taken according to Guidelines and it was approved 7-0-0 to allow the extra reimbursement

Regional Delegate-Alternate Report



Volunteer Region of NA
Regional Delegate Alternate Report
26 November 2017

SZF was a well attended event. 82 people for CAR review on Saturday

SZF Treasury \$4251.55 Prudent reserve is \$5000.

I will research GoToMeeting type options for July in Kansas City next event is July 27-29

Henry has the SZF Card for WSC.

Scott and Charmaine nominations for Treasurer.

Lucy and Stephanie for Secretary

MultiZonal Topic is Unity in Action. Nov 1-3 Omaha NE

Winter 2019 is in Jan 25-27 Louisiana.

Holding a CAR/CAT review in Knoxville on 25th Feb and in Memphis on 10 Feb.

ILS

Jim B.

Questions/comment from the Floor:

Can we get the PowerPoints be forwarded?

This will happen later this week.

CAT 2018 to be sent later this week

Secretary has sent Jim the latest contact list so he will be able to forward the information once it is made available

CAR 2018

https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/CAR/CAR2018_Web.pdf

Subcommittee and Ad-Hoc Reports

ITCC Report

Not much to report other than I spent time updating the BMLT of the smaller areas – comparing the meetings on their websites with what the BMLT has. Attempted communication with all of the areas – some I was successful, some not. I will continue to reach out and search for someone who would like to be more involved and willing to assist me in this. Ideally there should be a member from each area – doesn't matter who it is – who would take responsibility for keeping the area meetings updated.

I did talk to a couple of the previous RCMs of Southern Middle. Three of the meetings that used to be in our region are now attending the North Alabama area and although I have removed them from our BMLT meeting list since they are listed on the N AL BMLT meeting list, would we like to keep them listed or not?

I sent our meeting list into NAWS this week to sync with their list. Waiting to hear back. There will be discrepancies, as usual, which I will need your help to sort out.

Roberto and I have not had more discussions about the Yahoo vs Gmail email or a program like MailChimp.

ILS

Lucy O

Questions/comments from Floor:

No questions from the floor.

H&I Report

WE NEED A CHAIR Also VACANT Subcommittee!!

Questions/comments from Floor:

No questions from the floor.

Outreach Report

WE NEED A CHAIR Also VACANT Subcommittee!!

Questions/comments from Floor:

No questions from the floor.

Policy and Procedures Report

No report for this cycle

Questions/comments from Floor:

3/24 6:00 PM try to use Zoom

Public Relations Report

WE NEED A VICE CHAIR

Hello Family,

I am pleased to welcome Andrew W. our new Knoxville Area PR Chair to our PR enthusiast family.

I attended the final NAWS Phonenumber Basics update webinar meeting. We made the final changes before submission for grammatical and typeset editing. I am so pleased to report that ALL addicts were involved in the rewrite process having changes were discussed fully by the addicts and changes made by consensus.

Another NAWS world PR webinar I was involved in was Jan. 11,2018. Over 40 countries throughout the world including China, Iran, Russia, Australia, Brazil and more. Topics included: What Action steps has your area taken to inform Professionals that NA members on medication are welcome. This topic involved the challenges that accompany that... What planning has area and regions done to maintain priorities including websites and orientations.... What experiences and challenges can be shared approaching Law Enforcement Agencies Probation offices etc. In some countries that participated these sensitive things can be punishable by death. It gave me much gratitude. You may access the updated PR handbook at pr@na.org. The next World PR webinar I plan to attend is scheduled for April 19,2018 4pm pacific time.

We had our PR regional web meeting Jan 24 ,6pm central. Prior email notifications were sent to all area PR/outreach persons on the contact list sent around last VRSC. There were two that bounced back several times. I reached out to both our current and previous secretaries for possible corrections. Leah G. PR/GNA I finally asked someone to tell her about webinar due to never getting her information that would work. Please update this on list I will pass around. Anyone interested in Public relations may participate you don't need to be an official representative of your area. I was pleased to welcome Daniel from Clarksville and Shane from Lexington KY that shared great money saving information to share. Any NA service members now have access to great savings at Office Depot/Max. for NA business. I will provide this to our secretary to be included in our minutes. 1000 schedules legal size cost them \$42. Before my area meeting I made 128 copies there for \$3.28. Shane asked to participate again next meeting even though he is in KY which I welcome.

We have been asked to participate in the TAADAS (TN association of Drug, Alcohol, and other addiction services) Event June 2, from 10am-2pm at Coleman Park 384 Thompson Ln. Nashville TN. Booth Cost \$75.

We discussed the budget for this year. Last year we did not use all of \$3830 budget you approved, but there were public events which we brought to VRSC and were directed by this body to expand budgeting this year to attend. Other events have similar costs. So, we are increasing submitted budget for this purpose. PR events are the first many ever hears of Narcotics Anonymous STILL and we are attempting to change that, but it takes funding to accomplish.

Our next PR regional meeting will be March 24, 5pm 2022 E. Main St. Murfreesboro, TN Thank You for allowing me to Serve,

Charmaine D.

Budget 2018

Travel \$720 Literature \$350 Training Expense \$250 Hotel \$960 PSA \$1050 Printing \$500 Event Booths \$875
 =\$4705

Questions/comments from Floor:

Announced Andrew W. as the new Chair

P & P asked for the meeting list printing cost

Use Discount Printing code for NA business only

Office Depot/Max



As stated by Charmaine let us all take extreme care to not invalidate this awesome discount opportunity by misusing it!

We should have an inventory of left over merchandize

A process is being worked on to handle a process to control inventory Donald will get back to us

Volunteer Regional Convention XXXV

FINAL REPORT

What a journey this committee had! There were many ups and downs throughout the year, but in the end, the Convention was successful. Today I bring a cashier's check in the amount of \$11,114.69.

I can report that 350 addicts registered for the convention. I am still waiting on the final spreadsheet of registrants to be able to provide to the VRC 36 Committee. This was not due to a lack of willingness, just experience.

All the 1-person committees stepped up, and we came together as a cohesive Team. We have now added some experienced addicts to work on the convention the next time it comes to Memphis.

On a personal note. Taking over as Interim Chair and leading the committee was very challenging but ended up being very rewarding. I was allowed the opportunity to work Spiritual Principles, reinforce my own program, and build and strengthen relationships in the Fellowship. The most exciting part of this journey is being introduced to the Regional level of Service and finding that I really enjoy it.

Thank you to this Region for the support and guidance.

In Loving Service,

Leigh Ann F

Interim Chair [Questions/comments from Floor:](#)

How much was Seed \$6,000.

How much was actual Profit $11,114.69 - 6000 - 2500 = \$2,614.69$

Volunteer Regional Convention XXXVI

Greetings from the VRC 36 subcommittee. We have had an eventful month and made considerable progress with the convention planning. Just a few highlights.

Our pre-convention theme and logo will be immortalized on a key chain that will be available for purchase. The merchandise committee scoured the internet to acquire the bids, we selected the vendor at the committee meeting and have placed the order. We expect to have them prior to the next committee meeting so we can distribute and begin selling.

Programming has received bids for the taping contract and selected a vendor. It has come to the attention of the committee, after our last meeting, that the recording equipment was located. The programming chair has expressed a willingness to work with that equipment to record a selection of the meetings to experience the equipment and give some feedback on their experience. Meanwhile back at the programming meeting they are listening to audio recordings of speakers and developing topics for the many great meetings to come.

Registration is moving right along with the early bird confirmations and developing a database of information so that future committees will have a readily available pool of prospective attendees at the fingertips. They have also moved into the pre-registration phase of the process. The pre-registration will be \$20.00 and is available both online and with this lovely flyer. The ideas and database that the committee is developing will surely help future registration committees.

Hospitality and entertainment are forming committees and developing plans and extravaganzas to both entertain and nourish you throughout your stay with us in Nashville Nov. 25-28, 2018.

The hotel liaison has worked tirelessly to obtain the best deals possible for our fellowship and this convention. He guided the committee through the Millennium Maxwell house sight tour and will continue working to increase value for the dollar.

The ITC committee is coming up with wonderfully glorious ideas to increase the use of technology for all the committees and is asking for input about what might or could be possible using technology from all the committees. ITC is also working closely with Arts and Graphics to develop subcommittee flyers to help increase participation within the committees.

All the sub committees are working diligently to help make this convention a success and develop budget numbers for approval in February. The committee currently has approximately 80 early bird registrations and about \$1215.00 in the bank.

Drum roll please..... Carrying the Message is the theme that has been selected for the 2018 VRC in Nashville along with the logo on the pre-registration flyer. A quick thank you to Kerwyn for letting me facilitate the subcommittee meeting last month to train me in the proper techniques of facilitating and report giving. The

Heart of Tennessee Area, Middle Tennessee Area, and Greater Nashville Area all thank this body for allowing us to serve. We thank you all for serving and look forward to seeing everyone from around the state and beyond November 25-28, 2018 at Millennium Maxwell House in Nashville, TN.

Thank you for letting us serve,

Kerwyn/Donald

Questions/comments from Floor:

Is there going to something for PR to do in the form of the Workshop where there is interaction and brainstorming

Perhaps the Committee can look up team building activities for ideas for the upcoming area

As the guidelines specifically say a set of expected things so when working on the guidelines specifics regarding expectations

VRC Guideline Revision Ad-Hoc

Please contact Chuck P. to help. chuckpaetz@gmail.com 615 292 4466

Open Forum

Discussion 1- Setup CAR in Person and CAT via Webinar

Discussion Lucy and Tim have a Knoxville Car workshop 9-1 on the 2/24, Memphis on the 2/10

Questions/comments from Floor:

9 – 1 CAR and 12 – 4 CAT Feb 10 Memphis must be done by 5:30 so people can go to

Discussion Closed

Discussion 2- VRC Funding/Seed Money Convention

Brought to Knoxville area in a timely matter to bring funds to VRC. Initially it was not taken well. Currently there is a discussion on how to proceed. How would it work with their policy? They do not have any ear marking. Was asked how VRSC would handle the funds. If they can't hand a check to the RCM by the meeting before the VRSC

Questions/comments from Floor:

Chair- Discussion had regarding this seed money.

Above prudent res we send those funds on.

Policy - anything about our prudent res including pending expenses. Prud + Pending. So, the Seed money would be safe.

Treasurer – The seed money is held as an equity item. If those funds came in they would be held as equity

Policy – Charmaine submitted a budget she is a chairperson of the VRSC that amount of money is what is going to be allocated for the year. If VRC creates a budget and it gets approved, then we have what we need. VRC is the one responsible for this convention.

PR – Budgeting two things. Just we name a number we do not need to spend it. The other thing is please refer to the budget and vote.

GNA - Things and activities that have been marketed as VRC do we need to stop it. We need to reword it

PR – Primary Purpose subcommittee. These funds need to be mentioning our Primary Purpose. VRC is a subcommittee of this region

HOT – We come up with a number with 8k plus. Our understanding that we were going to come up with a Policy. We start our 6k seed money

Policy- We are not telling them what to do. The Fund Raiser can do everything they want to do.

GNA – DO they submit an approved Budget? They do not submit a Budget

Treasurer Inc Seed 14K came in. So 11K came back – 2.5 K donation 3.5 Profit

When did it get raised to 6k.

Treasurer Tot expense \$18,885K. I will be given a paper copy of these numbers from Paul

RDA – Our Expenses have come to be Hotel things. We don't have to have these things in a big Hotel. We could rent a convention center. I would like to see option. These funds are being held outside of the Service Structure. Let us look beyond this cookie cutter

VRSC Vice Chair - If no food then Meeting room cost is x3

VRSC Chair – We have looked at multiple Venues.

Policy – Can we do a rundown of the Income

900 767 4211 750 225 488.33 7802 193 = \$19736.87 - \$18,889 = \$847.87 Is the True Profit

RDA – I would like it to be low profit. But that it is NOT 20K in exp

Treasurer - I heard from PR about pulling people away from the Primary Purpose. Unless our convention are doing that they are not pursuing our purpose

P&P Have the budgets been figured out yet.

VRC – Not yet

Tot – 20700 Act 19736 2400 vs 1317.

VRC Chair - We are currently moving forward under the current Policy i.e. 6k seed money

Discussion Closed

Discussion 3- Budgets

Policy

Article 11 Section 11 Funding. Each office and Sub Committee shall submit a budget additional funding

Questions/comments from Floor:

PR is asking about the need budget being needed now versus at another point

Discussion Closed

Tabled Motion VRC Seed Money

Seed money has risen to \$6,000.00. We should consider raising it if we need to since we are to support the VRC.

All the fund Raising can continue to send money to VRSC.

Questions/comments from Floor:

Discussion from November in *ITALICS*

Addict. We should allow them to continue doing this so that the fund raiser be geared towards fund raising for our Services and not for the Convention

Addict. I brought this up so we determine how do we bring this up to member areas as to how their management of monies affects the VRC.

Addict. This can be discussed and a decision does not have to be made today.

Addict. Several years ago, GNA used to pass the basket. We realized that we serve the areas so the Area should support us. So then both areas started sending monies. We don't even have to have the conversation as to where to send the money. The money should go to VRSC and then the money would be to VRC.

Addict. GNA used to write a check to VRC. This body funds the seed money so let's help you guys.

Addict. VRC committees need to understand how the monies flows

Treasure. Thinking how this whole thing works. We have multiple chunks of money which are coming in but a couple of days ago the check books for this event was empty. Take to this into account and as these funds role in keep records of the moneys. Analyze how this

Addict. It sounds like a majority of people agree to change the way we look at funds.

Addict. From a financial perspective. Do you see some sort of a logical approach?

Treasure: Let's take the 14.5 and call this the convention fund. By doing this we will know what we need moving forward.

Addict. Are there drastic differences in the amount needed?

Addict. Concerns are that that is too much money to hold for VRC. Perhaps let's raise the seed limit.

Addict. The 14.5 is a great idea

Treasure. We have a 14.5 fund. We still right a 6k seed check. And when it comes down to the convention day we can write the check to the committee without an issue.

Addict. Do you think that 14.5 to be a close ballpark?

Addict: This convention has 6k in seed money plus 2500. They had 8500 that they spent. Previous got convention got seed money got seed money in chunks. If we left 3 to 4 K as a pending funds which we did not send onto world.

Addict. When we are looking at the money raised. I don't see the need for so much more than we use to use.

Addict. I think that this committee does not expect to get this money. I think it would be OK pass the money onto the next VRSC.

In the past, we have not needed that much money. Not all committees have great negotiators associated with them.

Addict. I held onto to receipts until after the convention got money. Not all people on committees can carry expenses.

Addict. Seems to me that we had an issue here that VRC is a subcommittee of VRSC

Addict. WE make a motion to table this motion until next month

Motion to Table this until next Yes 8 and No 1

Ans. The minority voice was concerned that this would take some time and possibly be until next summer before it gets resolved.

Addict VRC vice Chair. All of this discussion will not affect VRC 36 we are good to go for now.

Motion to Table this until next Yes 7 No 2

Discussion from floor

Discussion closed.

Old Business

Nomination

Motions-

VRSC Motion #01-11-26-17 To Add to X Section Letter B

Motion by: Craig G. from P&P Second: Charmaine from Knoxville

Motion #01-11-26-17 To add to X Section letter B.

B. Voting members will list the results of their group's votes as – number of yes votes, number of no votes, number of abstentions, and number of groups voting "present". A group may vote "present" to be reflected in the record but to not affect the vote as is done at the World Service Conference.

- All other letters in this section shall move down on letter

Intent: Our guidelines make clear how we count abstentions in a vote tally. However, our guidelines do not clarify how a group can vote when they are uninterested in the outcome of a vote. Groups may be uninterested in the outcome of a vote for numerous reasons. The distinction of "present" allows a group to participate without abstaining, which can affect the result of the addresses this and is listed in Addendum D under voting 1c. in the current GTWS

Motion was sent to groups for a vote.

Questions/comments from Floor:

Results:

Chatt: 8-0-0

Clark: 0-0-0

ETROR:

GNA: 9-5-1

HOT: 5-0-0

Knox: 2-1-8

Middle TN: 1-0-0

Midwest TN: 5-0-0

West TN: 19-1-3

Motion Passed Total: 49-7-12

VRSC Motion #02-11-26-17 Change Article VI Section 3A

Motion by: Craig G. from P&P Second: Dustin H MidWest TN

Motion #02-11-26-17 Change Article VI, Section 3A & Change Article VI Section 3B

The Motion reads as follows:

To Change Article VI, Section 3A from-

- A. In order to assure the fellowship of a smooth and orderly transition of Trusted Servants, the VRSC shall elect its Trusted Servants by having two annual elections, in the following manner:
 1. All Chairs of standing subcommittees, excluding convention chair for VRSC, shall be elected at the regular scheduled VRSC meeting in the month of November.
 2. VRSC Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Alternate, Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer and Information Technology and Communications Coordinator shall be elected at the regularly scheduled meeting in the month of June.
 3. VRC Chair be nominated in August and elected in October as bid proposal is presented, if possible. Prospective chair must be present and already have been elected by planning committee. They also must meet all the requirements.
 4. RD & RD-Alt shall be elected at the regularly scheduled meeting in the month of June in odd years

To:

- A. All Administrative Committee members as listed in Article VI Section 1, except RD, RDA, and VRC Chair, shall be elected at the regular scheduled meeting in the month of November.
 1. VRC Chair will be elected at meeting prior to November as hotel bid is also presented, if possible. Prospective Chair must be present and already have been elected by planning committee. They also must meet all the requirements.
 2. RD & RD Alt. shall be elected in odd years.

To Change Article VI Section 3B from:

- B. Officers or Subcommittee Chairs, newly elected, shall start their term of office at the start of the regularly scheduled VRSC meeting following the meeting at which they were elected (i.e.: February and August). With the exception of the convention chair for VRC, who will start their term of office upon their election to their position.

To:

- B. Administrative Committee Members, newly elected, shall start their term of office at the start of the regularly scheduled VRSC meeting following the meeting at which they were elected. With the exception of the convention chair for VRC, who will start their term of office upon their election to their position.

Intent:

1. To simplify our nomination and voting process
2. To allow a VRSC trusted servant

Motion was sent to groups for a vote.

[Questions/comments from Floor:](#)

Results:

Chatt: 8-0-0

Clark: No Vote

ETROR: No Vote

GNA: 11-1-3

HOT: 5-0-0

Knox: 2-0-6

Middle TN: 1-0-0

Midwest TN: 5-0-0

West TN: 20-0-3

Motion Passed Total: 52-0-3

Proposal #01-11-26-17 Considerations and Impacts of moving to Quarterly VRCS meetings

Proposed Craig G from P& P Second: Paul H. Chat

Proposal # 01-11-26-17 Considerations and Impact of moving to Quarterly VRSC meetings

Although a formal motion has not been submitted at this time, groups have given their approval (or at least not stated any disapproval) for the VRSC to begin moving forward with the intention of changing how often our Region meets from six times a year to four times a year. This process will include many changes to our guidelines. The changes that are most notable are the ones pertaining to our trusted servants and their terms.

At this time, our trusted servant's terms require them to attend six VRSC meetings and our RD and RD-Alternate to attend 12 VRSC meetings. We are recommending that we change our trusted servant's terms to span a term consistent with that of our RD team, which is a two- year term. This change, which we are only recommending if we agree to move to meeting quarterly, will change the number of required VRSC meetings from 6 to 8, but will reduce the RD team's required meetings from 12 to 8. Not only do we think this change will save the Region valuable financial and human resources, we also believe this will provide some stability at the VRSC by having our trusted servants participating for a slightly longer period than they have been.

We decided to mimic the idea of using a proposal as the World Service Conference has done in the hopes of determining continued support for moving forward with changing to meeting quarterly, as well as providing our groups with the chance to offer any input they may have before a formal motion is written. We hope that moving a little slower and asking for input and guidance along the way will provide our Region with the direction we need as well as giving our groups the information they need to make an informed decision on this issue. After this proposal (if it is supported), we hope to have all the guideline changes and a formal motion to present to groups in the next couple of cycles, with the goal being to nominate new trusted servants this October and to begin meeting quarterly in February of 2019. If anyone has any questions, PLEASE DO NOT WAIT until next Regional meeting to ask! If you have questions at your Area meeting, please call IMMEDIATELY so we can get all the information out in a timely manner!

Thanks for allowing us to serve,

Policy and Procedures subcommittee

Proposal was sent to groups for a vote.

Questions/comments from Floor:

So P& P will be meeting in Feb and then in March Prior to VRSC

Charmain is asking about the motion to be sent to Policy

Remote log on

1. How are we going to meet when we have conflicting events (Ans we will meet on Saturdays so it will not conflict)
- 2.

Results: 15- 1 – 1

Proposal Straw Pole Total: 15-1-1 determined we would proceed

New Business

Nominations

VRSC Nomination # 1 Dell E for Vice Chair

Motion by Julius from Middle TN Second: Beth from GNA

Dell E for VRSC Vice Chair

Please list all group, area, regional and world service positions you have held within the past five years and approximate dates for each period of service: ***2015 2017 RCM TN Area, GSR It Works Group 2013 – 2015 Treasurer It Works Group 2011 – 2013***

If you have not completed a term as a trusted servant or have been removed from a service position in the past five years, please explain: ***There are no uncompleted terms***

What resources and experience (school, work, volunteer, etc) do you believe you can bring to the position for which you have been nominated: ***Have been involved in NA Service in various capacities ASC, Outreach Subcommittee Chair, Home Group***

Please include any other information which you consider relevant to your nomination: *Always seeking to improve my ability to serve the NA Way*

I have read the attached letter and am willing to make the necessary commitment as a trusted servant of the Volunteer Region of Narcotics Anonymous, and if elected, pledge to perform the duties relative to my position to the best of my ability.

I understand that any committee or person handling any NA funds is completely accountable for these funds at all times. I furthermore understand that the VRSC has the authority to pursue legal action against any individual found misappropriating these funds.

Signature: ***Dell E*** Date : 1/28/18

Discussion Floor:

Dell gave some comments. He is willing, He gave his rundown which will be included in the resume learning about

Are willing to drive to SZF.

I love learning about NA

You are soft spoken will you will you be able to handle this group

I should have no problem

To be Sent to groups for vote:

VRSC Motion #01-01-28-18 Inventory & Itemize aft VRC

Motion by Sharmaine D from Knox Second: Amanda H from West TN

Reads: To Inventory & Itemize products left at the end of VRC to go to storage and list perishables where they are donated and appropriate amounts

Intent Approximate perishables for less waste at next conventions

Discussion Floor:

Motion sent to P& P for review

VRSC Motion #02-01-28-18 Budget for PR 2018

Motion by Charmain D from PR Chair Second: Paul H from Chattanooga

Budget PR for 2018

Reads: Travel \$720, Lit \$350, Training Exp \$250, Hotel \$960, PSA \$1050, Printing \$500, Space rent \$875

Total = \$4705

Intent: To further our primary purposr for PR events and NA awareness in our communities

Discussion Floor:

Budget passed by RCMs : 7-0-0-0

VRSC Motion #03-01-2818 Move to Quarterly VRSC Meetings

Motion by Charmain D from Knoxville Second: Paul H from Chattanooga

Reads: Move to Quarterly VRSC Meetings

Intent: Use funds prudently and make finding Trusted Servants more attractive

Discussion Floor:

Motion sent to P & P for review

Discussion 1- xx

No Discussion this session

Announcements

Moving to Quarterly

- We will be taking nominations in OCT for all positions which means Feb, May, Aug, Nov

Next P&P 7:00 PM Feb 25 via Zoom or other

Next PR 3/24 at 5 and P&P 6 at 2022 East Main, Murfreesboro

Closing Activities

- Review of the day's business
- Open Position! Please pass this one
 - Alt Sec, Alt Treasurer, Treasurer, H& I and Out Reach
- Final Treasurers Report (see Ending Report:)

Announce next Meeting location

The VRSC meeting will be held at 09:30 on January 28, 2018. We will meet at
403 Hickerson Dr. (Jaycees building)
Murfreesboro, TN

615-391-3919

NOTE: We are having an NA meeting at 8:00 AM before next VRSC. Please pass this along