

Volunteer Regional Service Committee

Minutes ~ November 29, 2020

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Readings

Traditions read by Greg V

Concepts read by Jim B

Purpose of VRSC read by Dell

Present: Lucy O, ITCC, RCM West Tennessee, Stephen Z, Knoxville RCM, Craig G PR, Eric P, H&I, Greg V Mountain RCM, Jared, RCM alt, Heart of Tennessee, Jesse RCM Midwest, Jimmy, RCM GNA, Leigh Ann VRC 39, Michelle, treasurer, Sam, VRC 38, Vince AD, Chattanooga RCM,. Dell E, chair, Jim, RD, Donald, Steve A

Absent: Secretary, Clarksville RCM, ETROR RCM, Middle TN RCM
VRC Adhoc, resigned
P&P and Outreach open

Minutes from August

WTA motion to approve august minutes

Stephen Z 2nd.

All in favor

Treasurer's report

Bank Balance	\$33, 073.92.
VRSC Prudent Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
PR Prudent Reserve	\$ 5959.01
H&I Prudent Reserve	\$ 6600.00
VRC Prudent Reserve	\$18,000.00

The debit card was used twice since we last met. \$20.46 for the State of Tennessee. \$660.00 for Ideal Storage. I cannot figure out how to debit these from Quick Books.

Area reports

Chattanooga

Greetings Family from the Chattanooga Area of Narcotics Anonymous,

The Chattanooga Area continues to carry the message virtually and in by serving 3 counties in TN and 2 additional counties in GA. There are currently 24 meetings both virtual and in-person meetings being held weekly. Our ASC met virtually this past month due to an outbreak of Covid-19 in our recovering community, Previous months we had hybrid meetings. In both settings we met quorum except for last month.

Our activities subcommittee has canceled the annual Winter Bash event due to not being able to secure a location along with trying to be responsible and not cause harm to members.

The Surrender Under the Stars subcommittee has been busy changing the guideline due to VRC becoming fully funded by the Region. Guidelines were submitted to the homegroups for approval.

FD has been highly active making sure that meeting list is up to date for both in-person meetings and virtual meetings. Joanna R was nominated and voted in as the new FD chair. FD also had a magnet hanging day which was remarkably successful. Five hundred magnets were purchased and approximately 450 of them were handed out to business's and different venues. The committee plans on ordering more and doing this event again since the first one was such a success.

Currently H&I is serving two facilities. They are continuing to work to try and get virtual meetings into the other facilities they serve.

ILS

Vince B.

Clarksville (absent)

Good morning family, hope everyone is well and making it through these challenging times. I have come to the end of my commitment as Clarksville RCM, so this will be the last report given by me in the RCM service position. I have learned a lot and look forward to serving with all of you in the near future.

Our ASC has not been able to establish a quorum in the past couple of months, so getting the homegroup votes in for the VRSC elections has proved as a challenge and we will be unable to participate adding to the vote counts. We do have our annual elections that needs to be held prior to moving into the new year, so we are in higher hopes of establishing that quorum in December.

We are pleased to report that our PR subcommittee has finished the PSA and is currently running at random times throughout the day and night on 8 different radio stations in our community and surrounding areas. We have also completed the 12-minute segment called the "Community Corner" which allowed us to give some information about our program to the public. The PR handbook served as an extremely useful tool for what we could speak on and how to go about it. I do want to point out that the PR workshop that the VRSC brought to our area not too long ago gave us the inspiration along with the knowledge to move forward with some of these PR opportunities. So, if your area has not had one yet, I strongly suggest you have one done by the VRSC PR team. We have also formed our phonline subcommittee under the PR umbrella and have our PR alternate chair serving as the phonline coordinator. We have been able to relate some of our incoming calls directly to the running PSA's, so that is exciting.

Our Activities subcommittee is currently putting together our area Christmas party set to go off December 13th at 3:00p.m. with a special visit from Santa who will drop by and see the kids! There will be a huge spread of your traditional dishes to feast on and I do believe the subcommittee is working on a speaker or two. More will be revealed.

The Clarksville Area of Narcotics Anonymous was able to submit a donation to the VRSC in the amount of \$1,000 by way of check which was sent to the P.O box.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the learning experiences that have accompanied the service commitment as RCM, and I cannot wait to learn other commitments to come.

In Loving Service,
Scott G
Clarksville RCM

ETROR (absent)

GNA

Hello Family,

GNA had two area meetings via Zoom since we last met in August. Nominations for sub-committee chairs & treasurers are currently being voted on by homegroups. The results will be back in December with positions changing in January.

The merger between GNA & MTA continues to move forward. The GSR's are taking two motions back to homegroups that was submitted by the temporary committee. The first is for the name of the merged area to be "Greater Middle Tennessee Area." The second is to approve voting procedures from the proposed guidelines, which will allow the merger to continue.

All subcommittees are doing the best they can considering the circumstances. The PR subcommittee is continuing to do some awesome work. The list for virtual & in-person meetings is continually being updated, which is currently a fulltime job in itself. Kudos to our ITT people Heather M. & Paul M.

Last of all are the voting results for the new VRSC positions. GNA only had three homegroups who submitted votes. The lethargic apathy that continues to plague our area is disheartening. Any and all suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

GNA Regional Voting Ballot

VRSC Chair – Dell E.

YES - 3 NO - 0 ABSTAIN - 0 PRESENT NOT VOTING - 0

VRSC Treasurer – Michelle W.

YES - 3 NO – 0 ABSTAIN - 0 PRESENT NOT VOTING - 0

VRSC Policies & Procedures Chair – Lucy O.

YES - 3 NO - 0 ABSTAIN - 0 PRESENT NOT VOTING - 0

VRSC ITCC – Stephen Z.

YES - 3 NO - 0 ABSTAIN - 0 PRESENT NOT VOTING - 0

VRSC H&I Chair – Jesse O.

YES - 2 NO - 1 ABSTAIN - 0 PRESENT NOT VOTING - 0

VRSC Public Relations Chair – Craig G.

YES - 3 NO - 0 ABSTAIN - 0 PRESENT NOT VOTING - 0

In Loving Service,
Jimmy C. 615.405.5793 & Stacy D. 615.457.0490
greaternashville@natennessee.org

HOT

Air hugs from the Heart of Tennessee Area. We are honored and privileged to participate at this body. The Area continues to carry the message through these extraordinary times with a mixture of in person, virtual, and hybrid meetings. Fellowship Development continues to the best of its abilities to serve our communities. H&I is investigating virtual sponsorship the local jail's workhouse. H&I has in-person meetings at Trust Point Hospital and maintaining a virtual meeting at the local treatment center. Our PR Team has made contact with a Tn State Senator and had a meeting in October to share our program with him, as well as to see what's available in our community in regards to facilities that our groups may be able to use for their meetings. The meeting was amazing, and a great relationship has emerged! We formulated a letter that he asked us to write to pass on to possible facilities. Also, we were invited to the State Capital building to do a presentation for the Health & Welfare Committee at the beginning of the year! He had a few more questions that need answered in order for him to communicate intelligently with his connections who may have facilities and are willing to let our groups meet in them. We are also continuing the conversation with him about meeting with the State Health and Welfare Committee in the beginning of 2021 when the committee returns from recess. Our Outreach team has been super busy visiting our outlying groups. They have traveled 1722 miles in the month of November alone. Most groups are doing well. Outreach continues to give support as best as possible due to COVID-19 groups need outreach more than ever.

VOTES FOR VRSC NOMINATIONS

VRSC Nomination #08-02-2020-01. Stephen Z for ITCC: 10-0-0-0

VRSC Nomination #08-02-2020-02. Jesse O for H&I Chair: 9-0-1-0

VRSC Nomination #08-02-2020-03. Lucy O for Policies and Procedures Chair: 10-0-0-0

VRSC Nomination #08-02-2020-04. Michelle W for VRSC Treasurer: 9-1-0-0

VRSC Nomination #08-02-2020-05. Dell for VRSC Chair: 10-0-0-0

VRSC Nomination #08-02-2020-06. Craig G for Public Relations Chair: 10-0-0-0

Voting sequence- yes-no-abstain-present not voting

(ITCC task - need to add new RCM to gsuite)

Knoxville

Hey family, hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

Things have been up and down in the Knoxville area since we last met. Many groups have been given access back into their meeting facilities by the owners as long as they follow certain guidelines. Almost all in person meetings are "mask required" and practice social distancing. We still have several hybrid meetings and the KAZM group meets via Zoom only.

KACNA and ROR both had to be postponed. After many months of discussion KACNA VI will be held in 2022, and ROR has a new date set for October 15-17 2021.

KANA has seen a steep decrease in participation from homegroups and in area service positions in 2020. We recently lost our area secretary, and our PR chair stepped down. At the last ASC our chairperson, Kent C. appointed a temp secretary until nominations are due. We voted in a new P&P chair, Justin C. last meeting. Our 7th tradition donations are small but seem to be consistent, we started business last month with \$596.94 over prudent reserve. We showed a loss of -\$98.23 since last meeting which is an improvement. This year H&I has done a great job at adapting to the situation by reaching out to facilities to spread the message via Zoom or any other virtual meeting application. They have been granted access back into at least two facilities, Centerpoint and Evolve Women's Center. Starting in January H&I will be starting a Zoom meeting with Knox County jail.

That's all I have to report on. Thanks for letting me serve with you all, it is a blessing and I am grateful for you all.

Stephen Z

Mountain

Report from: (Area) Mountain Area MANA Serving __4__ Home Groups
Area Officers Phone number, email address
RCM: Greg V. 951-337-0527 gregjvogelsang@gmail.com

RCM Alt: Open

Chair: Kenny C. 423-431-8231 WILLIAMKCRUMBLY@YAHOO.COM

Vice Chair: Open

Secretary: Chelsea G. 615-5802733 clogantwenty3@gmail.com

H&I Chair: Eric S. 423-202-5460 Laytdewayne.ez13@gmail.com

PR Chair: Reggie G. 423-773-0749 mudfoot47@yahoo.com

PR Vice Chair: Greg V. 951-337-0527 gregjvogelsang@gmail.com

Activities Chair: Reggie G. 423-773-0749 mudfoot47@yahoo.com

Activities Vice Chair: Open

Phoneline Chair: Reggie G. 423-773-0749 mudfoot47@yahoo.com

Literature Chair: Ben D. 423-797-0630

Treasurer: Phil S. 276-494-9372 gobamano1@comcast.net

Regional Donation: 0

Report on Subcommittee Activities (--H&I --PR --Activities --Phoneline --Literature)

No sub-committee reports since March. No votes to report.

Upcoming Events: None

Area Concerns: With the onset of covid 19 the decline in area membership has greatly decreased.

Several groups had to close permanently, due to facility restrictions. Many groups tried to activate zoom meetings, and outside meetings as well. 2 groups were able to reopen with strict guidelines pertaining to social distancing and limited attendance.

Hopefully our Area will be restored in the new year.

Middle TN (absent)

Midwest

Hey family our asc met last week on zoom and we didn't meet quorum first time that's happened in the four years I've been going to area. So we couldn't handle any business but in October we were able to get our votes in for the regional nominations. And we did donate 125 to region. Thank you for allowing me to be of service
Jesse O

West Tennessee

We started back in person with hybrid area meetings a few months ago and they're going ok. We have a good many open service positions with not much services happening. No H&I chair, we do have a PR chair but not much going on there, no Outreach chair, no newsletter chair. No alternate treasurer or alternate secretary. And the RCM alternate resigned. So I will be enthusiastically looking for an alternate!

Although we have no H&I committee or chair, we do have one virtual zoom weekly speaker meeting at a women's facility. If any women here would like to speak on a Monday night, 7:30 p.m. central time let me know.

We have had several months of discussion about literature and money. Our first month back meeting in person, the lit chair placed a huge order. We didn't have enough available funds to pay the bill, although we have almost 10,000 in the bank. It was a classic case of the guidelines being treated like rules/mandates. We couldn't touch the money because it was designated for other uses. We couldn't vote on spending it without it going back to the groups. So although arrangements were made to make 'payments' on the bill, we finally passed the vote to borrow the specially designated monies to pay our bill.

Region Nomination VOTES:

- 1) Stephen Z for ITCC chair. Currently ITCC vice chair. Yes: 16 No: 0 Abstain: 0
- 2) Jesse O for H&I chair. Yes: 16 No: 0 Abstain: 0
- 3) Lucy O for Policy and Procedures chair. Yes: 16 No: 0 Abstain: 0
- 4) Dell E for VRSC chair. Yes: 16 No: 0 Abstain: 0
- 5) Michelle W for Treasurer Yes: 16 No: 0 Abstain: 0
- 6) Craig G for PR chair. Yes: 16 No: 0 Abstain: 0

RD

Sending report

AD

Greetings Family,

I am incredibly grateful to be able to give this report. I was able to attend the SZF meetings and will be reporting on the content of those meetings. Henry and Stacy attended the 1st meeting of US Zones was scheduled by its members and a strategic planning task team was formed to look at PR and FD throughout the US. Progress has been made and continue to be discussed, more will be revealed. In most of the Regional reports presented, homegroup meetings, ASC's and Regional meetings continue to meet virtually/hybrid with some meeting in person.

FD

Hello Southern Zonal Forum Members, As Zonal Fellowship Development Liaison Team Shane and I worked closely with creating the LGBTQ+ Discussions that happened May through August of this year. We had three webinars. If you'd like more information about that Fellowship Discussion please visit na-lgbtqplus.com. It was an amazing and informative group of discussions. Shane: We are asking the member Regions of the Southern Zone if they would like to support NA World Services by funding a Public Service Announcement Boost that would feature a Public Service Announcement video for the NA.org Website. The PSA is approved by NAWS and the link is uploaded to the NA.org website and the NAWS YouTube Channel here: This is something that is asked of the member Regions if we would support this idea and if not I would like information to take back to the next meeting.

<https://youtu.be/cYJnZBg53vc>

The Fellowship would receive national level attention through Facebook and Instagram posts, like what NAWS is doing right now with its Instagram Account.

There was a highly informative presentation on virtual/hybrid meetings presented. See power point.

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January Meeting

Consensus to meet virtually in January. FD – passion for common needs. Explosion around the world. AND/OR – a lot of ladies here. Workshop to contribute to upcoming workgroup women in recovery IP.

There was a consensus to meet virtually in January. We will participate in the Saturday morning meeting – 9-10 eastern, 8-9 central. Our Journey home group in Campbellsville, KY. Their home group meets in a hybrid setting Saturday 9:00 am est, which is our usual SZF recovery mtg hour. It is a young group with approx. 15-20 in person-usually 5 on Zoom. The majority of participants have 6 months or less.

ILS,

Vince B.

(Attach the power point from the SZF of the virtual/hybrid meetings)

ITCC

I did add the region's debit card to some of our regular vendors back in October. But not before my credit card was charged a couple of times. I was not successful at getting it added to our zoom account. I need reimbursed for 215.32.

Twilio reimbursement, 10.45 - August 28

Bluehost VRCNA.net, .com, .org, 54.97 – October 21

Zoom, 163.76 – tax refunded of 13.86, total 149.90 = October 28

I've not done much since the past meeting other than keep meetings updated as I got notices to update them and sent the spreadsheet to NAWs for updating their records. I helped update the VRC 38 website once they finalized their details. I set up a website for VRC 39 and gave them access to start using it. I'll spend the next couple of months working closely with Stephen and plan to be available past February to assist with any needs from Stephen and help answer questions as they arise. And, I added our vrcna.org domain to gsuite. Not sure why I didn't do that sooner. Now all the emails that get created can go through gsuite which means easier access for the vrc committees to the VRC archives drive. I've continued to monitor the website for needed updates to plugins, particularly those having to do with the BMLT/YAP.

It's been a pleasure to serve the region in this capacity. I feel like we've main some positive changes...

hybrid VRSC meetings before hybrid was even a regular NA household name

BMLT for a regional meeting list

Gsuite for our domains and emails.

Google Ads

Yap for our helpline

Switched our yahoo email list over to gmail

Lucy

H&I

Sending report

PR

Hello Family,

Although there's not a lot to report this cycle, we are excited about the things we can report on! The most exciting news we have is that one of our active participating members has stepped up into the Vice-Chair position! This is not someone who is just stepping into a position because it is open and because he has a warm body! He exemplifies the type of trusted servant our Fourth Concept describes, especially the part that says "We seek trusted servants who are willing to expend their time and energy in the diligent service to others, studying available resource materials, consulting those with greater experience in their field of responsibility, and carefully fulfilling the tasks we've given them as completely as possible." Scott G. from the Clarksville Area was voted in as Vice-Chair a few months ago and has already begun being mentored for the position as VRSC PR Chair, including facilitating the PR Training workshop that we held virtually yesterday at the VRC. As much as I love the position of PR Chair, I equally love the thought that the person looking to fill the role in the future brings a lot of excitement and energy to the table, and that the new life he brings to the subcommittee will add impact to our service structure and help reach addicts who have never heard of us! More will be revealed!

As for our Areas, some are managing to get creative and find new ways to reach addicts, while some continue to struggle to meet the additional challenges that COVID-19 brought to their already struggling subcommittee. Although Regional PR cannot do a lot of the boots on the ground service within the Areas, we do provide encouragement, ideas, and support to our participating Areas, and at times, being the help they need so that they are not serving as a committee of one. Even though we have been connecting with our Area PR committees, or at least attempting to, some of them have gone silent. We will continue doing our best to connect with the Area PR Chairs and be as much of a resource to them as possible.

As for the Areas who are communicating with us, some are doing their best to keep up with the basic services, such as meeting schedules, phonelines, and websites, while others are venturing out and trying new things. Clarksville Area has reported that since they had a Regional PR Training workshop, the number of members participating in PR has grown substantially! They have created a PSA (Public Service Announcement) out of the PR Handbook and have it playing at several radio stations day and night in their Area! Nashville has reported that they are still meeting and have added a few new people to the committee, which has allowed them to look at doing flyers and bulletins differently, with a shift from actual paper flyers and bulletins to a more virtual presence. And finally, the Heart of Tn. Area is canvassing the community in an attempt to help groups who lost their meeting place due to COVID find new meeting places. This service included them contacting a State Senator to tap into his contacts. Myself, acting in the capacity as Regional PR Chair dealing with a state Senator, and the new PR Coordinator for the HOT Area did a presentation for the Senator via Zoom. The presentation went so well that he asked us to do a presentation at the State Capital building in 2021 when the Senate goes back into session! We both were super excited about the invitation and did our best to hold our composure! He asked us if there were other "groups" around the state doing what we were doing regarding presentations and we told him yes. He said that we would have to get together amongst ourselves and agree on who was to come to the Capital building, because he did not want us fighting amongst ourselves. We were able to explain our service structure to him and communicate the unity we had within the Volunteer Region and that I was the elected "state" representative who was responsible for statewide services, such as the request to present to the Tn. State Senate. He was

pleased to hear that and then he commented that he does meetings and presentations every Thursday, and that our presentation was one of the most well prepared and informative presentations that he has seen! This was a tremendous compliment, but really speaks volumes to the importance of training and practice doing presentations and Public Relations in general. We sent the Senator a follow up email answering a few of the questions he had for us. He responded by thanking us for the information and copied his legislative assistant on to the email and instructed her to schedule us a time to present when session resumes. We will definitely keep everyone informed on our progress with scheduling this meeting.

The focus of our next subcommittee meeting will be guessing at a budget. We realize that we were moving towards spending our subcommittee budget money when COVID hit, but since then, along with everything else, services seemed to come to a halt! We will be taking that into consideration when creating our budgets for the upcoming cycle, but really hope the Region takes a flexible approach to funding so that we do not have to hold our finances hostage with large budgets we may or may not use! We will also be looking over our guidelines to see if there's anything that needs changed or addressed. More will be revealed.

If there is something we can do to be of service to your Area, or another Area in the Volunteer Region that you know needs our help, please contact us at Publicrelations@natennessee.org.

Thanks for allowing me to serve,
Craig G.
VRSC PR Chair

VRC 38

Hey family,

I hope everyone is doing well. This year has been challenging for everyone, our service committees included. We are very grateful to report that, despite the changing landscape of our fellowship, and the challenges we've faced, we were able to successfully host VRC 38 via the Zoom virtual platform. Not to say there wasn't a steeper-than-expected learning curve. We have gathered a vast amount of hard-won experience to pass along to future convention committees. We will be having a wrap-up meeting on 12/6 at 10am to conclude committee business and have a review of our experience with the Zoom platform. We have invited Leigh Ann F from VRC 39 to join us. If anyone else would like to join, I can pass along the meeting ID information. Financially, we took in \$268.69 via PayPal, plus with at least one check we know of in the mail on its way to us. Leaving a balance of \$645.54 currently. I will have a final figure within the next week. I am extremely grateful for being given the opportunity to serve.

In loving service,
Sam D.

VRC Adhoc

No report yet

(ITCC task: update gsuite with Sam D's info as new vrc Adhoc chair.)

VRC 39

EMAIL, frazier.leighann@gmail.com

Hello Family,

I am prepared today to provide PPT of the 3 Hotel bids for the convention and the committee's recommendation.

I would like to request \$500 for the down payment the hotel is asking for. I would also like to request \$500 so the Treasurer can open the bank account.

The hotel is asking us to give a credit card to guarantee any overages. We will pay for the convention in advance, this is just common practice hotels engage to cover incidentals. Should we use a personal credit card, or does VRSC have one for us to use for this purpose?

I would also like to have the Treasurers email address. I will request the last two conventions financial data from Archives.

Memphis is looking forward to hosting an in person convention in 2021. With the approval of our hotel bids from VRSC there is some NA history to share. The University of Memphis, known then as Memphis State, was the location of the 3rd World Literature Conference when the Basic Text was being developed. The committee is drafting some exciting workshops to honor this important piece of literature.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Leigh Ann F

(ITCC task: need to add Leigh Ann to gsuite-create email.

Chair2021vrc, 2021VRCChair, or VRC2021Chairr – Using 2021 matches the vrc website. 2021.vrcna.org)

Chair report

Hello Everyone

There has been two In between meetings since our last Regional Service Committee Meeting (RSC). The topics we discussed were VRC XXXIX (39) Chair for 2021, Volunteer Region Convention (VRC) Survey, receiving electronic donation for Volunteer Regional Service Committee (VRSC), deposits and funding between the RSC meeting. We also received updates from our Regional Delegate, Public Relations Chair, VRC XXXVIII (38) and prospective VRC XXXIX (39) Chair.

Upon contacting the VRC XXXIX Chair (Scott B) which was voted in by this body I was informed that he had a new position on his job and would not be able to continue as Chair for VRC 39. There had been no committees formed and no other positions filled for VRC 39. At the time he had not informed the hosting Area Service Committee (ASC) but had spoken with some of its members. As I was giving report to my findings we were informed that there was an upcoming planning meeting of willing participants to establish a new committee with a prospective Chair that would attend our next In between meeting. There was some discussion about what the new Committee should be prepared to present according to the Convention time line, because they will be off to a late start. At the following In Between meeting there was a prospective Chair (Lee- Ann) with a report for the planning committee and their desire to address all concerns.

The survey for the Volunteer Region Convention was presented and agreed upon to be posted on our Region website. I am not sure how long it will be there, however, I would like to encourage everyone to take the survey so we can get as much response as possible about our Regional Convention. It's five questions and some request for comments.

As for receiving electronic donations into our Regional Service Committee bank account through Zelle. I was reminded that the task was for the treasurer and I to look into. I was not prepared at In between meeting. It is on the agenda under Old Business for further discussion.

Deposits and funding between the Region Committee meeting is an ongoing topic. Every circumstance and billing situation is not the same, some billings will receive checks, some will accept payment online, some we can pay through our banking system, some can only be paid with a card. There is establish billing, monthly and annually and there are expenses that may only be one time. Subcommittee Chairs pay bills and or expenses and receive reimbursement some Chairs submit the bill to the treasurer. I believe it to be prudent on our behalf to conduct money matters (reimbursements and one time expenses) at our Quarterly Committee meeting with the exception of established billings.

Just to mention the trusted servants who took time to attend and participate in the In Between meeting and give updates to the occurrences concerning their responsibilities, I would like to say thank you RD team, PR Chair, ITCC, VRC 38, VRC 39, VRSC Treasurer and to the attending RCM's Thank you.

VRSC Chair Dell E

Open forum

Internal co-op communications

Craig: HOT uses rural co-op for quite a while. Beneficial for having groups participate, beneficial for communication. Outlying communities have felt heard and valued and appreciated and show up to service bodies. In process, they allow outreach coordinator to fill that roll and act as gsr for multiple outlying groups that request this service. Outreach chair takes minutes to groups and carries votes back to area. Diagram is in GTLS. Function not form is mentioned in GTLS as well. Outreach chair reimbursed mileage of .14 a mile. Could be something that we could do as well for region.... Reaching out to RCMs. To be an inclusive welcoming committee is important. We would need to add something in our guidelines if we want to do this.

Greg: interested in doing something like this for tri-cities.

Lucy: has been in contact with Greg in Tri-cities and added their website to our meetings page and has mentioned we would love their participation.

Stephen: it would be good to have these outlying groups brought into the fold and how we can serve them.

Craig: they focused on how they (their area) can serve the groups.

Dell: lets move further discussions to our in-between meeting.

SZF PSA

We are asking the member Regions of the Southern Zone if they would like to support NA World Services by funding a Public Service Announcement Boost that would feature a Public Service Announcement video for the NA.org Website. The PSA is approved by NAWS and the link is uploaded to the NA.org website and the NAWS YouTube Channel here:

<https://youtu.be/cYJnZBg53vc>

The Fellowship would receive national level attention through Facebook and Instagram posts, similar to what NAWS is doing right now with it's Instagram Account.

I am suggesting a 5 day "campaign". Below are the potential # of people reached per amount spent:

- * \$100 total over 5 days= 5.5k-16k
- * \$200 total over 5 days= 11k-32k
- * \$300 total over 5 days= 16.5k-47.5k

A "person reached" is a community member who actually saw the "post" in their social media feed and either stopped over it to read it, or clicked the video and watched it.

So at the low end of \$100:

*5,500 people reached over the 5 day period = 1.8 cents per person reached (that's the bare minimum we get for our money)

And at the high end of \$100:

*16,000 people reached over a five day period = 0.6 cents per person reached (that's the most we get for our money)

* previous boosts by other service bodies have landed right in the middle, around 0.9 cents per person reached

For \$200, double the amount reached. For \$300, triple it.

Public Relations and Fellowship Development already have the funds available to support this project in their current budget.

This is a pay as you go system. (1) bill (1) time. Then we can renew the boost or extend it.

I can pay for the boost with my PayPal account and submit proof to the Treasurer to be reimbursed. Or the Zone could make a donation to an existing service body that is already set up to use these services.

I am suggesting that we consider (for 1 boost) collaborating with the NorthStar Online NA Group page because it is already built and has 3 trained Admins with PR experience (over 50 years PR combined) who are moderating the page. If the Zone would like to create its own page at a later date, I would be willing to help with that too. But that would require more volunteers and some accepted guidelines beforehand. Utilizing the NorthStar resources would save us time and responsibility until we decide if this is worthy of continuing. NorthStar is a member group of the Kentucky Survivors Area, the Bluegrass-Appalachian Region, and the Southern Zone.

You can see the NorthStar Online NA Community Facebook PR Page

here: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthStarOnlineNACommunity>

And you can see the exact post that the Zone could boost here: <https://fb.watch/1ZADhiYN9p/>

The NorthStar Group has funded 2 separate (\$25 total each)- 5 day campaigns for Virtual-na.org and the Kentucky Survivors Area. Both boosts have been successful. With new relationships built with the Professional community in the BARCNA Region based on they saw the PSA and called the phone line. The boost for Virtual-na.org has successfully linked over 40 people directly to that website, and had over 700 video "watches".

Several hundred people have actually seen these PSAs in their Facebook feed, but the ultimate # of people who will possibly choose NA from these campaigns will forever be an unknown. It is possible that they may choose to attend NA at a later date.

We need the member Regions to make the following decisions:

1) Do we want to support NA World Services through boosting a Public Service Announcement at the national level on Facebook and Instagram?

If the answer is "no, we don't", then there are no other decisions to be made.

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If you have questions, please call me at 8596990469.

<https://youtu.be/cYJnZBg53vc>

Jim – suggested move to new business

Craig - anything we can do to get the message out, we should do it.

All in favor of moving to new business.

More questions... about what we are voting on.

Flexible approach to funding

Missed what dell was saying...to begin with.

Clarification on what we mean by this.

Answer: we aren't locked into what is in the guidelines.

Lucy: utilize the in between meetings for voting on something that needs a decision before the next quarter.

Michelle: not for making money decisions in between the meetings. Budgets are important. We need to be mindful of spending money willy nilly.

Jim: right now because of the situation we're in, a lot of areas/service bodies have been struggling with finances. A lot of bodies are stringent with their policies. This starts the discussion to have our primary purpose first and foremost. We don't need to rewrite the wheel just because we are in covid, but we need to make some decisions and give the body that freedom.

Full conversation in audio file.

Jimmy: Kudos to HOT area. Understanding region as had guidelines in place for a while.

Tractions/concepts take precedence. Thought we had a prudent reserve we could tap into. Also, just watched psa, it's a beautiful psa it should be out there somewhere. Its important to look at what platform we will be using – who will we pay what to get it out there on social media. Sounds like some things need to go back to areas. Hearing a lot of things about in between meetings – has anybody thought about going back to meeting every other month to get business taken care of.

Hotel Bid

Leigh Ann presented hotel bids.

Straw poll on recommendation.

Will vote again in new business.

Q: does leigh ann need to make a motion for funds?

A: no it's in the VRC budget, just request it

Upcoming new business will be

Appoint Leigh Ann

Nomination Leigh Ann

Hotel bid

SZF motions.

- Dell appointed Leigh Ann as temporary Chair for VRC 39 until her vote comes back.

RCMs, Leigh Ann is appointed as VRC 39 chair, we'd like to change the order of business and present the motion for the hotel bid and nomination to go back to groups for VRC 39 chair.

Motion to change order of business by Dell passed unanimously.

- 11-29-2020-1 Nomination for Leigh Ann as VRC 39 chair.

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS.

Name: __Leigh Ann F

Clean date: 4/30/2007

Total Clean Time: 13

Position nominated for: VRC Chair

Term of Commitment: 1 ½ years

Nominated by: Lucy O, WTA RCM; seconded by: Stephen Z, Knoxville RCM

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: Some positons I have held are GSR 5+ years; Alt RCM 1 year; VRC 35 Interim Chair; Area Treasurer;

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: N/A

What resources and experience (school, work, volunteer, etc) do you believe you can bring to the position for which you have been nominated: Held various management positions in past 13 years for same company. Last two positons with this company were 5 years as the Business Director of a 12 million dollar operation; current positon Central Region Recruiting Manager

- 11-20-2020-1 motion

Motion reads: Enter a contract with Holiday Inn University of Memphis for VRC 39

By Leigh Ann, 2nd Lucy (*turned recording back on...*)

7 yes. Unanimous.

NOMINATIONS

- **Stephen Z, ITCC chair**

Chattanooga: 6 0 0 2
GNA: 3 0 0 0
HOT: 10 0 0 0
Knoxville: 11 0 0 0
Midwest: 6 0 1 1
WTA: 16 0 0 0
52 0 1 3

- **Lucy O, P & P**

Chattanooga: 6 0 0 2
GNA: 3 0 0 0
HOT: 10 0 0 0
Knoxville: 11 0 0 0
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- **Dell E, Chair**

Chattanooga: 6 0 0 2
GNA: 3 0 0 0
HOT: 10 0 0 0
Knoxville: 11 0 0 0
Midwest: 6 0 1 1
Mountain: 0 0 0 0
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- **Jesse O, H&I Chair**

Chattanooga: 6 0 0 2
GNA: 2 1 0 0
HOT: 9 0 1 0
Knoxville: 11 0 0 0
Mountain: 0 0 0 0
Midwest: 6 0 1 1
WTA: 16 0 0 0
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- **Michelle, Treasurer**

Chattanooga: 6 0 0 2
GNA: 3 0 0 0
HOT: 9 1 0 0
Knoxville: 11 0 0 0
Midwest: 6 0 1 1
Mountain: 0 0 0 0
WTA: 16 0 0 0
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- **Craig, PR**

Chattanooga: 6 0 0 2
GNA: 3 0 0 0
HOT: 10 0 0 0
Knoxville: 11 0 0 0
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Old Business

- **Receiving electronic donations**

Dell spoke with our bank. Zelle is what it is called. It's a between bank transfer system. Most banks do use it. We can receive it through email or phone number. If we used our treasurer's email's address, the money would be sent to email address and go directly into bank account.

Stephen: Sounds like a step in the right direction. Should be easy to set up PayPal as well.

Jimmy: is there a cost? PayPal has a cost associated with it. Venmo doesn't allow businesses. No fee for regular transactions. Does require phone number. (comment: no fee on Zelle)

Craig: none (Venmo, PayPal, cash app) charge a fee unless it is an instant deposit. This isn't an urgent situation.

New Business

- **11-29-2020 Motion 2**

Motion by (name): Jim B Area/Committee/Office: RD

Second by (name): Greg Area/Committee/Office: Mountain Area RCM

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5 yes, 2 no. (this part passes)

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2) Do we want the SZF to donate to another service body to fulfill the project, OR create our own (Southern Zonal Forum) Facebook Community PAGE to be moderated by the SZF PR and FD team (this not a Facebook Group, but a Facebook Community Page, there is a big difference)? (vote for one or the other)

Create SZF page to create/boost the PSA. 6 yes, 1 no (this part passes)

Donate money to another service body to boost on their page.

3) How much of the SZF budget (\$100, \$200, or \$300) do we want to allocate for the project? (vote for one of the 3 options). 100 (0), **200 (4 yes)**, 300 (2) (**\$200 passes**)

INTENT: To carry the message of NA

- **11-29-2020 Motion 3**

Motion by (name): Lucy Area/Committee/Office: WTA RCM

Second by (name): Vince Area/Committee/Office: Chattanooga rcm

THE MOTION READS AS FOLLOWS: Set up Zelle through our bank to accept 7th tradition contributions

INTENT: To establish a way to receive electronic contributions.

7 yeses, unanimous

Request – use treasurer@natennessee.org as the email. When setting up, get an embed code or link to add to our website to make it easily accessible.

Question from leigh ann about using region's debit card when reserving hotel. Yes (or if VRC gets one, it can be used).

Announcements

Open positions

Vice chair, secretary and alternate secretary, alternate treasurer, outreach

This was an appointed position, need willingness for VRC Adhoc.

Budgets needed by new business in February – sub committees & ITCC.

Include VRC survey link in minutes one more time (<http://tinyurl.com/VRC2020Survey>).

Add to Feb. Agenda.

Reviewed the day's business

Next in between meeting

Jimmy – slammed through the week. Just about the only day available.

Greg – Tabled regional donation to SZF.

Vince – only on weekends. Mon-Fri out.

Topic: VRSC In Between Meeting

Time: Jan 10, 2021 04:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89087306933>

Final treasurer's report

33073.92 – used 1000 of VRC budget

1 check written for 215.32.

Ending -1700.41 negative available to spend.

Next meeting

Time: Feb 7, 2021 09:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81714547168>

motion made and seconded to adjourn. All in favor.

Closed at 4:12 wth the serenity prayer.

ILS

Lucy O

Acting secretary for this meeting.

Audio of meeting uploaded to gsuite – if you're not able to access the file, please let me know.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/116OERleSdNYLXa8KXAtOrVjbTjVvk7Wdu?usp=sharing>