

Louisiana Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

RSC Minutes

Sunday, July 14, 2024

I. Meeting Convened:

- A. At 10:13 AM
- B. 3625 Lee Street, Alexandria, LA 71302
- C. Hosted By Central Area

II. Readings:

- A. Serenity Prayer
- B. 12 Traditions – Anthony L
- C. 12 Concepts – Jax W
- D. Purpose of the RSC – Amy G

III. Roll Call

A. Administrative Committee:

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| 1. Chairperson – Vacant | | | |
| 2. Vice Chair – Amy G | Present | 504-450-6839 | amygunity@yahoo.com |
| 3. Treasurer – Don B | Present | 504-234-8301 | donblarna@gmail.com |
| 4. Secretary – Allison L (acting) | Vacant | 225-571-2297 | allisonleblanc@live.com |
| 5. Regional Delegate – Bob S | Present | 225-335-4940 | bstorer79@gmail.com |
| 6. RD Alt – Scotty H | Present | 337-304-3419 | scottyhigginbotham@yahoo.com |
| 7. RD Alt. Elect – | Vacant | | |

B. Standing Committees:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| 1. A & F – Amy G (acting) | Vacant | 504-450-6839 | amygunity@yahoo.com |
| 2. H & I – Stephen L | Present | 337-263-3656 | s.losee@yahoo.com |
| 3. Policy – | Vacant | | |
| 4. Fellowship Dev – Richard T. | Present | 318-578-0344 | nlananet1@gmail.com |

C. Interested Parties:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------------|--|
| 1. Board of Directors – Ron D. | Present | 985-507-5685 | nacaveman@yahoo.com |
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D. Area Service Representatives:

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|--|
| 1. Acadiana – Anthony L | Present | 337-366-5369 | tony736@hotmail.com |
| 2. Bayou Recovery – Nancy S | Present | 225-241-4680 | nancy61088@gmail.com |
| 3. Central – Doug F | Present | 318-447-1241 | dfearon56@gmail.com |
| 4. Grtr. BR – Sherina J | Present | 225-937-7696 | sherinajames83@gmail.com |
| 5. Lake – Stephen L | Present | 337-263-3656 | s.losee@yahoo.com |

6. New Orleans – Arron M	Present	504-307-5742	aarontmckneil@gmail.com
7. North – Jax W	Present	No contact info given	
8. Northshore –Trent H	Present	985-801-9281	trenthowell@live.com
9. Unity – Robbie G.	Present	504-427-4401	robertguillot1955@gmail.com
10. Serenity – Daniel S	Present	318-245-0604	bigdaddystew1979@gmail.com

E. Others in Attendance

1. Taylor P - Alt ASR – Bayou Recovery 225-337-1635 lofyt@hotmail.com
2. Chari M – Unity 504-290-7888 flowerpower70094@gmail.com

IV. Quorum Established:

- A. Yes - 10 Areas present out of 10.

V. Approval of Previous Quarterly Region Minutes:

A. April 2024

B. **Motion** to Approve Minutes with Corrections by Daniel S (Serenity Area) 2nd. By Trent H (Northshore Area)

C. **Motion** to Approve Emergency Phone minutes as Typed by Daniel S (Serenity) 2nd by Nancy S (Bayou)

VI. Reports:**A. Administrative Committee Reports:**

1. **Chairperson** – vacant

No Report

2. **Vice Chairperson Report** – Amy G

No Report

3. Treasurer's Report – Dob B – Report Submitted**Louisiana Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous****July 2024 Treasurer Report**

Hi,

So, since the close of April's report, the following has occurred. The following expenses occurred: Debit Twillo \$22.10, Digital Ocean \$26.97, Ck#1026 Gus Levy CPA \$1350.00, Ck#1025 Stephen L. \$539.34 for Literature. This was a motion that was approved in April. However, I didn't write the check out until May, and it did not show up in the April Closing Report, and Ck#1027 Office Depot \$73.03 for Printing Policy. The following Credits occurred Northshore Area \$1067.60, Jack's Home Group \$100.00 and Open Mind \$50.00. Our current Account Balance is \$16490.82. *It Works Guy.*

IRS

Everything is Complete with the IRS.

Gus Levy CPA complete the 1024A form and filed it with the IRS. So, we should receive the certificate (determination letter) by the end of the year. The cost of the Application was \$600.00 and the fee for the CPA to look over everything and filed the application was \$750.00.

In Loving Service

Don B.

LA Regional Service Committee Treasurer's Report		Date:	July 13, 2024		
Income: Group Donations		Income : Other Funds Received			
Acadiana Area					
Bayou Recovery Area					
Central Area					
Greater Baton Rouge Area					
Lake Area					
New Orleans Area					
North Area					
Northshore Area	\$ 1,067.60				
Serenity Area					
Unity Area					
Jack's Home Group	\$ 100.00				
Open Minds Home Group	\$ 50.00				
Total Group Donation:	\$ 1,217.60	Total Other Funds Received:	\$	-	
Encumbered Funds or Budgets		Expenses			
Prudent Reserve	\$2,850.00	Checks	Ck#	Cash	
Fellowship Dev. Budget	\$2,291.32	Twillo(POS)	\$ 22.10	POS	*
H & I Budget	\$1,260.66	Digital Ocean (POS) M,J,J	\$ 26.97	POS	*
Gumbo Cook Off Lit. Prisons	\$1,709.36	Gus Levy (CPA)- 501c4	\$1,350.00	1026	*
RD Budget	\$3,366.48	Office Depot (Policy)	\$ 73.03	1027	*
Administrative Budget	\$ 235.00	Stephen Losee (Lit) 2nd Qtr	\$ 539.34	1025	*
Travel Budget RSC	\$1,871.20				
Seed Money for RSC Weekend	\$ 600.00				
A & F Budget	\$ 600.00				
Policy Budget	\$ 177.00				
Total Other Funds Received:	\$ 14,961.02	Total Expenditures	\$	2,011.44	
Opening Report		Ending Report Totals Information			
		Opening Balance	\$	17,284.66	
		Income: Funds Received	\$	1,217.60	
		Debit: Expenditures	\$	2,011.44	
		Debit: Encumbered funds	\$	14,961.02	
		Unencumbered Funds	\$	1,529.80	
		10% Donations Naws			
		3% Donations SZF			
		Unencumbered Funds - Donations	\$	1,529.80	
		Ending Balance	\$	16,490.82	



Account Detail

SMALL BUSINESS-0955

\$16,440.82
Available balance

Pending Transactions

No Records Available

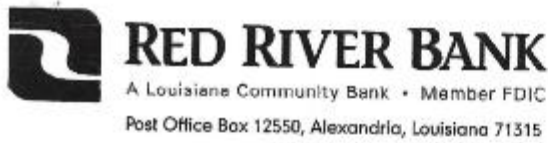
Posted Transactions

Date	Description	Withdrawal/Deposit	Balance
07/09/2024	CHECK 1027		
		-\$73.03	\$16,440.82
07/01/2024	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN DIGITALOCEAN.COM NEW YORK CITY TTADAY *****8246 07/01 06:08		
		-\$8.99	\$16,513.85
06/10/2024	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN TWILIO INC SAN FRANCISCO ZSQ12I *****8246 06/07 21:21		
		-\$11.87	\$16,522.84
06/07/2024	CHECK 1026		
		-\$1,350.00	\$16,534.71
06/06/2024	CHECK 1024		
		-\$564.99	\$17,884.71
06/03/2024	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN DIGITALOCEAN.COM NEW YORK CITY TTADAY *****8246 06/01 09:06		
		-\$8.99	\$18,449.70
05/16/2024	CHECK 1020		
		-\$241.31	\$18,458.69
05/16/2024	CHECK 1016		
		-\$1,008.91	\$18,700.00
05/09/2024	CHECK 1025		
		-\$539.34	\$19,708.91
05/01/2024	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN DIGITALOCEAN.COM NEW YORK CITY TTADAY *****8246 05/01 05:40		
		-\$8.99	\$20,248.25
05/01/2024	DEPOSIT		
		\$3,280.62	\$20,257.24
04/29/2024	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN NAWORLDSERV SAN JOSE CA 690338 *****8246 04/27 23:36		
		-\$1,883.29	\$16,976.62
04/22/2024	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN TWILIO INC SAN FRANCISCO ZSQ12I *****8246 04/19 22:46		
		-\$10.23	\$18,859.91
04/12/2024	CHECK 1021		
		-\$600.00	\$18,870.14

Account Summary

Available Balance	\$16,440.82
Current Balance	\$16,440.82
As Of	07/10/2024
Interest Paid YTD	\$0.00
Interest Rate	0%
Interest Accrued	\$0.00
Last Deposit Amount	\$3,280.62

A bank made in Louisiana. A bank made for Louisiana.



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Account Number: ***0955
Date: 04/30/24

LOUISIANA REGIONAL SERVICE
COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
1337 AVENUE C
MARRERO LA 70072-3829

We appreciate your business!

STATEMENT SUMMARY AS OF 04/30/24

Account Name	Account Number	Interest Paid In 2023	Balance
SMALL BUSINESS	[REDACTED]	.00	16,976.62
SMALL BUSINESS	LOUISIANA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS		Acct 3440955
Beginning Balance	4/01/24	23,783.93	
Deposits / Misc Credits	0	.00	
Withdrawals / Misc Debits	9	6,807.31	
** Ending Balance	4/30/24	16,976.62	**
Service Charge		.00	
Average Collected Balance		20,107	
Minimum Balance		16,976	
Enclosures		5	

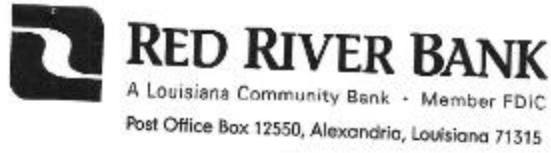
ATM/Debit Card Transactions

Date	Deposits	Withdrawals	Activity Description
4/01		8.99	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN DIGITALOCEAN.COM NEW YORK CITY TTADAY *****8246 04/01 08:20
4/05		15.00	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN LA SEC OF STATE BATON ROUGE 701328 *****8246 04/03 10:19
4/22		10.23	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN TWILIO INC SAN FRANCISCO ZSQ12I *****8246 04/19 22:46
4/29		1,883.29	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN NAWORLDSERV SAN JOSE CA 690338 *****8246 04/27 23:36

Checks

Date	Check No	Amount	Date	Check No	Amount
4/09	1015	3,895.00	4/09	1019	135.00
4/09	1018*	135.00	4/12	1021*	600.00





LOUISIANA REGIONAL SERVICE
 COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Page Number: 2 of 3
 Account Number: ***0955
 Date: 04/30/24

Checks

Date	Check No	Amount	Date	Check No	Amount
4/09	1022	124.80			

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Daily Balance Summary

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
4/01	23,774.94	4/09	19,470.14	4/22	18,859.91
4/05	23,759.94	4/12	18,870.14	4/29	16,976.62

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Primary Account:
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Louisiana Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous - L.R.S.C.N.A.
PO Box 1471
Metairie, LA 70005-1471

DATE 4/7/24

TO Mr. Walter Brock \$ 3,895.00

Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five dollars

FOR Mr. Brock
10000
Metairie, LA 70005

FROM Travel Fund

Don't know who to pay

04/09/2024 1015 \$3,895.00

Louisiana Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous - L.R.S.C.N.A.
PO Box 1471
Metairie, LA 70005-1471

DATE 4/7/24

TO Mr. Bradley Scott Higginbotham \$ 135.00

One Hundred and Thirty Five dollars

FOR Mr. Scott
10000
Metairie, LA 70005

FROM Travel Fund

Don't know who to pay

04/09/2024 1018 \$135.00

Louisiana Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous - L.R.S.C.N.A.
PO Box 1471
Metairie, LA 70005-1471

DATE 4/7/24

TO Mr. Nikki Bailey \$ 135.00

One Hundred and Thirty Five dollars

FOR Mr. Bailey
10000
Metairie, LA 70005

FROM Travel Fund

Don't know who to pay

04/09/2024 1019 \$135.00

Louisiana Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous - L.R.S.C.N.A.
PO Box 1471
Metairie, LA 70005-1471

DATE 4/7/24

TO Mr. Central Area \$ 600.00

Six Hundred dollars + 20 cents

FOR Mr. Central Area
10000
Metairie, LA 70005

FROM Seed Money R/C

Don't know who to pay

04/12/2024 1021 \$600.00

Louisiana Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous - L.R.S.C.N.A.
PO Box 1471
Metairie, LA 70005-1471

DATE 4/7/24

TO Mr. Don Bruce \$ 124.80

One Hundred and Twenty Four dollars

FOR Mr. Bruce
10000
Metairie, LA 70005

FROM Travel Fund

Don't know who to pay

04/09/2024 1022 \$124.80



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COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
1337 AVENUE C
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Account Number: ***0955
Date: 05/31/24

We appreciate your business!

STATEMENT SUMMARY AS OF 05/31/24

Account Name	Account Number	Balance
SMALL BUSINESS	XXXXXXXXXX	18,458.69
SMALL BUSINESS	LOUISIANA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS	Acct 3440955
Beginning Balance	5/01/24	16,976.62
Deposits / Misc Credits	1	3,280.62
Withdrawals / Misc Debits	4	1,798.55
** Ending Balance	5/31/24	18,458.69 **
Service Charge		.00
Average Collected Balance		19,115
Minimum Balance		18,458
Enclosures		4

Deposits and Other Credits

Date	Deposits	Activity Description
5/01	3,280.62	DEPOSIT

ATM/Debit Card Transactions

Date	Deposits	Withdrawals	Activity Description
5/01		8.99	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN DIGITALOCEAN.COM NEW YORK CITY TTADAY *****8246 05/01 05:40

Checks

Date	Check No	Amount	Date	Check No	Amount
5/16	1016	1,008.91	5/09	1025*	539.34
5/16	1020*	241.31			

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COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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Account Number: ***0955
Date: 05/31/24

Daily Balance Summary

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
5/01	20,248.25	5/09	19,708.91	5/16	18,458.69

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Primary Account: ***0955
Date: 05-31-24
Account: [REDACTED]

05/01/2024 \$3,280.62

05/16/2024 1016 \$1,008.91

05/16/2024 1020 \$241.31

05/09/2024 1025 \$539.34



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COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
1337 AVENUE C
MARRERO LA 70072-3829

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Account Number: ***0955
Date: 06/30/24

We appreciate your business!

STATEMENT SUMMARY AS OF 06/30/24

Account Name	Account Number	Balance
SMALL BUSINESS	[REDACTED]	16,522.84
SMALL BUSINESS	LOUISIANA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS	Acct 3440955
Beginning Balance	6/01/24	18,458.69
Deposits / Misc Credits	0	.00
Withdrawals / Misc Debits	4	1,935.85
** Ending Balance	6/30/24	16,522.84 **
Service Charge		.00
Average Collected Balance		16,891
Minimum Balance		16,522
Enclosures		2

ATM/Debit Card Transactions

Date	Deposits	Withdrawals	Activity Description
6/03		8.99	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN DIGITALOCEAN.COM NEW YORK CITY TTADAY *****8246 06/01 09:06
6/10		11.87	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN TWILIO INC SAN FRANCISCO ZSQ12I *****8246 06/07 21:21

Checks

Date	Check No	Amount	Date	Check No	Amount
6/06	1024	564.99	6/07	1026*	1,350.00

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LOUISIANA REGIONAL SERVICE
COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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Account Number: ***0955
Date: 06/30/24

Daily Balance Summary

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
6/03	18,449.70	6/07	16,534.71		
6/06	17,884.71	6/10	16,522.84		

Page: 3 of 3
Primary Account: ***0955
Date: 06-30-24
Account: [REDACTED]



06/06/2024 1024 \$564.99



06/07/2024 1026 \$1,350.00

4. Secretary Report – Vacant

No Report

5. Regional Delegate Report – Bob St. – Report Submitted

Regional Delegates Report for July 2024 RSC meeting

Hello all,

First, as I've said in the past, please feel free to interrupt us if we say something that doesn't make sense or that you have a question about. You won't hurt our feelings at all.

Scotty and I want to start out by giving you a “primer” of sorts regarding the Southern Zonal Forum (SZF). Actually, we want to give you a primer of zonal forums overall, and there's a video that we think does a pretty good job of it so let's show that now (Saturday)

(8 minutes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MRVrX5Z892Y>)

Questions about zones?

1. If a zone is made up of 10 Regions, and 2 of those Regions don't have voting rights at WSC, that zone gets voting rights at WSC, but how does it only represent the 2 Regions that don't have their own vote, and not be influenced by the 8 Regions who already have votes? How is this not like going to someone else's home group to vote and getting double your voting power?
2. If the agreed on purpose of Zones is to provide a place for discussion of common issues among the member Regions, why does SZF have a PR committee and a FD committee?

WORKGROUP ON INCORPORATION: You may remember that I reported to you at the last RSC meeting, SZF had formed a workgroup to investigate the possibility of becoming a 501 C 3 corporation. I was part of that workgroup and I think it followed a good model for addressing and answering the questions. First, the reasons for becoming a corporation were clarified. Some thought the reason was to have a bank account and EIN # for SZF, but it turned out they already had an EIN# and they established a bank account for SZF as a small business. Some thought that being a 501 C 3 would mean that hotel rooms, meeting rooms, and other products could be purchased without paying any sales tax. The primary reason for wanting to be a 501 C 3 though turned out to be that people wanted to be able to take advantage of the free and/or reduced cost for various services from copying to internet based software like “Slack.”

On the other side of the question was concern regarding how much it would cost to file, what would the ongoing costs be, would an attorney be needed, how complex would the application process be. What kind of restrictions would there be on how SZF money was used if it was a 501 C 3? Could the Board of Directors, who have control of the corporation and all its assets, be structured to ensure the corporation remained responsible to and directed by SZF? How would we deal with the information regarding members being public? Once all the goals and concerns had at least been talked about, a tax attorney was contacted and asked for his knowledge and recommendations regarding these issues.

We were able to talk with Mr. Will Patrick on a zoom call. Mr. Patrick's bio reads: *William H. Patrick, IV is an Associate at Taylor Porter practicing in multiple areas including commercial litigation, banking, taxation, bankruptcy, estate planning, and property disputes.*

Mr. Patrick advised us that while some states allow an exemption from sales tax for a 501 C 3 corporation (and Louisiana is not one of them), there is no reciprocity for that benefit. In other words, if you file for incorporation in TN, you would be exempt from sales tax for purchases made in TN, but when you make purchases online or out of state physically, you still have to pay that state's sales tax.

Mr. Patrick also advised us that while setting up a 501 C 3 and filing is not that costly (He estimated a start-up cost of 5-10 thousand dollars if he and his firm were to do it; And his normal hourly fee is \$310 per hour); and maintenance is not "tedious," or labor intensive, falling out of compliance is. He warned that if forms were not filed on time or filed incorrectly, there would be a cascade of problems that would follow from that and take a lot of work to correct and get back in compliance.

In the end, there was unanimous agreement among the members of the workgroup that SZF should NOT pursue 501 C 3 status as the potential problems simply outweigh the benefits of it.

VIRTUAL SZF MEETING 4/27/24

The April virtual meeting of SZF started off with a "workshop" presentation that was intended to be given in St. Louis but could not due to the presenter's illness. So, it was given as part of this meeting. I'll tell you up front, I do NOT agree with many of the things that follow. In this presentation, it was suggested that service bodies are holding on to too much money instead of passing it on. There also were comments that individual NA members are not contributing their fair share. For example, a cup of coffee typically costs \$3 or more and yet many folks will only put a dollar in the basket, or nothing at all. Several comments were made that, "We should educate the newcomer as to where the money goes and why it is important." There also was discussion about service committees can and should donate money directly to WSO.

During the actual business meeting, the Treasurer's report did not follow the new format as had been agreed upon at the St. Louis meeting, and instead simply gave the bank balance and offered to "post" a copy of the check register. Asking why the new format had not been used, the Treasurer said that she never got any guidance on what the new format should be. When told that it was sent to her on Slack, she stated she doesn't check that app. I re-sent the suggested format directly to her e-mail and to the SZF Facilitator. Hopefully the Treasurer's report will be in that format at the next meeting.

Other issues addressed:

1. Marc S wants to buy new software to improve on and fix problems with zoom functionality. He will likely be asking for money at the July SZF meeting
2. Lucy O (secretary), leading the "Communications" workgroup gave suggestions on what software SZF should be using in the future.
3. Marc S is leading the "Mentorship" workgroup and did not have a report as his group had not met yet.
4. Ruben (Texas Bluebonnet RD), and Alicia (AR RD) chairing the "Racism" workgroup reported that they have had a couple of zoom meetings and included people in NA from all over the US. Agreed that they need to refocus and "reign things in."
5. Marc S commented that he wants us to talk about how often we meet and whether it needs to be in person or can be virtual to save money. Scott said it will be on the agenda for July.

Conference Participants (CP) ZOOM MEETING

On May 18, 2024, we had a “Conference Participants” zoom meeting put on by the World Board. The focus was on how people are nominated and elected to the “Human Relations Panel,” which is the pool of people to work on all the various workgroups at the World level.

Basically, people cannot self-nominate. They have to be “recommended” by a Region, Board, or Zone and there’s a form that has to be used. After being recommended they are “vetted,” by the HRP and have to be OK’d by them! Eventually, some of the approved folks will be elected at the 2026 WSC. Deadline for recommendations is September 30, 2024.

2023 WSC MINUTES

The “draft minutes” from the 2023 WSC are now available. I would have attached them here to my report, but they are 114 pages and since Alison L was kind enough to fill in for us this Sunday as Secretary, I didn’t think it would be appreciated if I did that. I can, however, provide a link and/or copy to anyone who wants it.

Here are some highlights from it that caught my eye when I went over it.

1. They spent the first 1 hour and 45 minutes with introductions and going over logistics.
2. They spent the next 1 hour and 30 minutes essentially “sharing” in small groups (Community Building).
3. Next was “CAR related discussion and Decisions, which essentially lasted that entire day (6:20 pm.), and the next two! Makers of amendments had 2 minutes to speak and WB had 2 minutes to comment.
 - a. This is where they decided to do a 3-year conference cycle on a trial basis and virtual in between.
 - b. They also voted to fund RDs on request instead of automatically.
 - c. Lengthy discussion and changing FITP rules for review.
 - d. Stories in local language in BT.
 - e. Suspension of World Convention rotation.
 - f. Shot down NA having its own IRB.
 - g. Update the H&I manual.
4. Wednesday was “Collaborative Planning” or strategic planning, and the process to be used was discussed before breaking into smaller groups to do inventory. Went from about 9 to 1:30.
5. Budget overview was 3-4:30
 - a. Anthony E, NAWS ED said income was down from pandemic effect, but \$ losses were “offset by a dramatic increase in member contributions.”
 - b. There was \$500,000 spent on legal fees.... \$600,000 on the conference and upcoming WCNA.
6. Human Resource Panel from 5-6:30. Reviewed their “vetting” process for nominees to World Pool
7. Thursday was NAWS Report.
 - a. Said China and Cuba government has said “there are no addicts needing help in their countries.”
 - b. Said we don’t have a fellowship consensus on what we should say about DRT/MAT.
8. Budget Discussion and Decision Making/ CAR 2-3:15: Why discussion on DRT/MAT came up here I have no idea, but it did.
9. CAT Discussion and Decision making 3:45-5:30 that day (Thursday) and through 11 Friday:
 - a. This is where they decided on topics for upcoming IDTs and on Service Tools project plan
 - b. Seated new Regions (Iran, Brazil, Thailand)
10. Creating Our Future 11-12:30: Breakout rooms.
11. New Ideas Discussion: Breakout rooms. Wrap up Saturday morning
12. Moving Forward: Mostly about rules of procedure... odd hybrid of CBDM and RRO

13. Goodbyes 4-5:30...

- a. Certificates to all conference participants?

COMING UP

I hope that all of you know already that SZF is meeting in New Orleans in 2 weeks (July 26-27), at the Aloft Hotel, 225 Baronne St. Friday night there will be a PR training event put on by SZF PR guy, Craig G, who from what I've seen, does a really good job. Hopefully lots of you will be there and bringing folks who have interest in or are already doing PR work. Saturday morning is the business meeting, which you might enjoy if you're the kind of person that likes to go to the dentist. In the afternoon there will be the two workshops that this Region asked for. Getting in Touch with Newcomers from Treatment to Recovery, and Concepts and Service Etiquette. I don't want to say anything else about those workshops as Scotty has been working on those and I know he'll be talking about them in his report.

The SZF meeting will wrap up with another business meeting session Sunday morning. Again, if you're interested in that, feel free to swing by.

Finally, the SZF folks want to know if there are any plans for a function that Friday or Saturday night and if not, is there a specific meeting nearby that could use some support on those nights?

RDA Addition to the Report!

I am making my first report as the RDA for the Louisiana Region. I have two issues to discuss in my report. Please feel free to stop me at any time if you have any questions.

As Bob reported, the Louisiana Region will be hosting the Sothern Zonal Summer meeting next weekend at the Aloft Hotel in New Orleans, LA. We participated in a planning meeting Thursday July 11, 2024.

Effects of Racism in the Southern Zonal Conference Planning Meetings and Workshop

There were several planning meetings for the Racism in Southern Zone Workgroup with members of the Southern Zone. The Effects of Racism in the SZF was born from an inventory that was completed at the meeting in St. Louis in the winter. The zone was tasked to deal with **Racism in the Southern Zone**. This immediately became a national workgroup when one of the facilitators took it upon herself to include members of NA outside the Southern Zone. It was my understanding (my perspective, I know can be flawed) that this was a Southern Zone-specific issue that needed to be address and even though it is a great issue for NA as a whole to discuss, that was the request of the Southern Zone.

The first workshop was attended by over 70 members of Narcotics Anonymous from all over the country. The issue was brought up that the workshop grew larger than what was tasked to do. That was addressed and the scope of the workgroups were tailored to the Southern Zone and what particular needs in regard to combatting racism in our zone. The workshops were well attended, and the workshop leader will make a report at the meeting in New Orleans. I decided to take myself out of the workshop preparation and become a spectator because of communication issues and the fact that I felt the process was being manipulated by a rouge member of the Zone.

The other workgroups making reports at the zone in New Orleans will be communication, Incorporation (Bob S), Mentorship and communication.

There will be workshops at the zonal meeting weekend. Craig will be facilitating a PR workshop on Friday night. The other two workshops will be From Treatment to NA and Concepts in meeting Etiquette will be presented after the business meeting on Saturday.

In loving service;

Bob S. and Scotty H, Regional Delegates.

SOUTHERN ZONAL FORUM MINUTES BELOW:

April 27 Meeting

Opened 10 AM with the Serenity Prayer

Present: Adam S, AD MS , Bob, RD LA, Joseph N, AD TBRNA, Kevin D RD Kentukianna, Kristin, FD, Kristin Roach, Lucy O, Secretary, Marc S, IT, Rob B, , Ruben, RD TBRNA, Russ RD Lonestar, Scott K, ZD, Scott M, Facilitator, Scotty H, AD LA, , Sharon, Treasurer,

Fund Flow Workshop by Scott K was awesome. Great Discussion followed.

Treasurers Report

Bank balance: 13,971.75. Several donations have come in. We're ok going into the summer zone.

Question: talked about doing a treasurers report last meeting that summarized things like expenses, Sharon thought Bob was going to send an example. At bottom of the check register there was an explanation.

Bob sent an example in Slack but Sharon didn't see it and now it's gone since it was more than 3 months ago. Bob will send another example.

Nominations: Rob B for Secretary. Resume attached. We will vote in July.

IT – Marc

Zoom software solution for using more than one camera and mic. Powerbar with long extension cord and surge protector \$25 USB extension \$8 We can decide in July on these purchases and should also test the set up then to see if it can work for us. In the meantime, we can use member equipment to test out how well it will work.

Ruben's region is about to try the owl and will report back.

Comment made that the sound was much better when speaker / mic was in the center of a more closely set up room.

it@szfna.org email mailbox is being set up by Steve S to be used with Zoom etc, since Lucy is rotating off and it technically falls under IT since we created that position.

Slack: Joseph N and Kevin D requested to be added to SLACK and Lucy sent them Slack links by text.

Task Group Reports

Communications task group report

The Communications Task Group has met every other week since February 5. We've worke on the following portions of the Lack of Effective Internal Communication:

- Incorporate recovery meetings back into zonal forum
- Develop a set of values for trusted servants of zonal body
- Commit to communication methods for specific items

Under lack of external communications we've worked on:

- Develop Zonal Newsletter

- Develop & present Workshops to fellowship in between zonal meetings

We still need to work on these:

- Develop guidelines for disruptive behavior at service meetings
- Regular internal inventory of the body
- Zonal Pamphlet describing what the zone is and what it does

Racism Task Group

Ruben is now co-facilitator for Racism group and he gave a report

Next Task Group Meeting: May 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Next large group meeting is June 1 at 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Question: What is the difference between the 2 different meetings. This wasn't mentioned in st. louis.

Answer: Effects of racism was inventory topic. Put together a virtual meeting and opened up to all. It was a huge meeting and not what was expected.

Question/Comment: also confused. flyer said looking at racism in all narcotics anonymous, but we were tasked to look at the SZF issues.

Mentorship

Apology from Marc. He tried having a meeting but it was a bad time for people. No one showed up.

Regional reports

Tejas Bluebonnet had their regional assembly. New AD is Joseph. They are traveling to New Orleans together.

Lonestar: Russ said Kristen R is coming in May. Craig is coming to do PR extravaganza.

Arkansas: Contact Alicia for more info about a Social Media workshop in Searcy.

2nd Zonal Contact Discussed

Ruben: Most zones do have a 2nd zonal contact. 2nd zonal contact and thinks it should come from RDs if region is ok with the person doing 2 positions.

We can talk more about this in July – This is mostly referring to the US collaboration body. Scott M / SZF facilitator is willing to be that person.

Under Facilitator Duties: Possibly update guidelines to say in collaboration with rather than in absence of – Talk about in July

A Suggestion from Marc, IT

Meet in person once a year for longer time

SUGGESTION: changing how SZF meets Instead of meeting in person 3 or 4 times a year, we meet in person once a year for a longer period and meet virtually 3 times this model is followed by many other zones If we meet for one week, 5 days, we could really dig deeper with strategic planning, have time for workgroups to set a plan for the year to meet the plans goals, and conduct workshops and business. We

could meet Monday to Friday or Wednesday to Sunday. As it is, each of us sacrifices 6 to 8 weekdays a year. This model would sacrifice less days but allow us to get more done. During the virtual meetings every 3 months, we could hear reports and conduct business. We could also set up a yearly inventory to help us with the strategic plan at our in person meeting. The reduction in travel costs alone would reduce our budget or free up money for PR and FD as well as workshops. Just some ideas I'm throwing out there. We don't need to make a decision but maybe we need a workgroup to investigate this approach for us to serve our regions and areas.

Website Request:

Bluegrass still showing on website and request to add 2 financial forms to website.

Both have been updated.

Closed with 3rd step prayer at 11:54.

6. Regional Delegate Alternative – Scotty H

Nothing additional to Report

7. Regional Delegate Alternative Elect – Vacant**B. Standing Committee Reports:****1. Activities & Fundraisers – Vacant – Amy G open discussion**

a) Region had an open discussion about Activities and Fundraisers.

(1) **Gumbo Cook Off** –looking for food donations and participation

2. Hospitals & Institutions – Stephen L- Report Submitted

H&I Report

07/14/24

The Areas of Our Region currently ^{have} ~~has~~ 30 H&I commitments. I'll be passing around a sheet with them broken down by Area. Please mark any adjustments that need to be made. I've been working on getting a reliable contact from each Area. These people do not necessarily need to be position holders. On a similar note, I'm looking into getting literature into jails/prisons in Areas where we don't have a service commitment.

Several Areas have held H&I orientations so far this year. If possible, each is encouraged to hold at least one learning day per year. I'm available to help if needed. If finances are an issue, I'm more than willing to help from the Region budget. Each Area has a willingness to spread the message through H&I. A stumbling block for orientations can be organization and communication. Let me know what you have, and we can work together to make it happen.

I placed another literature order. It consists mostly of White Booklets for the jails. I've spoken with some Areas to give them out. If your Area needs some, I have them with me. Let me know if your Area has any special literature needs for the future of if your Area could use a copy of the H&I handbook.

In Loving Service,
Stephen L.

3. Fellowship Development – Richard T. – Report Submitted

July 2024 FD Report

Hello All!

FD is still plugging along. We're still running the video PSA.s on Facebook with good response.

The problem with the texting on the helpline still persists but I'm hopeful I can get it back going once we get our letter of determination on our nonprofit.

I've been staying in touch with the Natchitoches groups and visited the Real People group last night. They will be having an all day event on August 17th. I have a flyer for that and I encourage everyone that can to show their support. They're getting excited about NA. I'm hopeful that we can get them involved in some capacity within the Region.

Daniel S and I spent a Saturday a few weeks ago contacting and visiting recovery houses in Monroe. We contacted 24, hand delivered meeting schedules and business cards to 18 and sent packets to 6 more. The New Life Group in Monroe now has 5 home group members. That may not sound earth shaking but it's up from 2 home group members. We have some dedicated people that are in it for the long haul. Just do the footwork and leave the results up to our higher power.

Routine maintenance is being done on the helpline and the various other NA sites in the Region. I just rebuilt Acadiana Area and will be doing a refresh on most of the other sites over the coming months. I had some requests for an easier to use meeting finder site so I put up a basic site that covers meetings on the same droplet that hosts our helpline. You can search for meetings in all states in SZF and SEZF at <https://meetings.dontuse.org>. I've also got an android app in beta but it's real buggy,

The weekend of July 27 Southern Zonal Form will be meeting in New Orleans. Among other workshops they will be having a PR/FD workshop. Bob S has flyers for this event. I encourage everyone who can to attend. SZF puts on some really good workshops.

ILS

Richard T

4. Policy – **Vacant** – Don B Ad Hoc Chair

Motions to take back to Areas found under new business. ASRs bring proposed changes back to next Region.

C. Interested Parties:

1. **Board of Directors – Ron D. – Report submitted.** ** this report was 36 pages long therefore it has been appended to the end of this report**

D. Area Service Representatives Reports:

1. **Acadiana Area – Anthony L. – Report Submitted**

Acadiana Area NA
 ASR ~~PR~~ REPORT

Date: 07-13-2024

I am *Anthony*, a grateful recovering addict; it's an honor to service as PR chair of our Area!!

We have Updated the website with meetings that are back meeting in person again to the best of my knowledge.

Acadiana Area Service Committee of NA: Host meetings seven days a week!! We have 3 active NA Groups and 6 inactive, total 9 with a total of 31 meetings!! We have 3 H&I commitments, Tyler mental health, Victory treatment Center and Sheriff Rehab program. Next Learning Day Schedule for August 31 12pm at Acadiana Cares! *We need H&I list.*
 See our website for more info on the meeting list. Aascna.org

Loving service Anthony L.

2. Bayou Recovery Area – Nancy S – Report Submitted

We have 20 groups and 28 meetings. We have 3 H&I meetings, The Grove every Thursday in Sorrento, Progressive on Sundays in Zachary and LCIW/Jetson every other Saturday. All seem to be running smoothly at this time despite the fact we have no H&I chair.

Our Fellowship averages between 10 -25 people per meeting on average.

We have recently elected Brandon as our PR chair but there has not been a meeting scheduled as of today.

Kristie H., our Activities chair, has put on Unity Day, April 14th at Highland Rd Park with Chris H as our speaker. There was a Dodgeball tournament with Obrien House deemed the winners.

On June 15th, 2024 Stephen L. from Region along with Ric S. put on an H&I Learning Day.

On June 22, 2024 Kristie H., along with her committee put on Pancakes, Pamphlets & a Picture at Grace Baptist Church. It was for the newcomers with the older members helping out. I feel like it was a great idea & a success.

We don't have any problems other than a few vacant area positions.

We do have Taylor P. as our new ASR Alternate.

ILS

Nancy S.

ASR

3. Central Area – Report Submitted

CENTRAL LOUISIANA AREA REPORT

JULY 12,2024

DOUG F.-A.S.R.

My name is Doug and I'm an addict. We are grateful to be hosting Region this weekend. I gave Don are donation and half the seed money back Saturday. We have six groups in our area and have about seven to eight meetings a week. Last area we did not meet quorum so we just handled stuff that did not require a conscience. We are experiencing low attendance at all our meetings except for Sunday night. Any suggestions would appreciated about how to boost up attendance at the meetings. We have four H&I meetings a month: RedRiver(one for woman and one for men), Steps and Edgefield. You all be safe driving back home.

MORE WILL BE REVEALED,
DOUG F.

4. Greater Baton Rouge Area – Sherina J – No Report Submitted

5. Lake Area – Stephen L. – Report Submitted

Lake Area ASR Report

07-14-2024

The Lake Area currently has 6 groups that combine to hold 39 meetings per week. Our schedule is up to date online. In H+I, have 4 commitments. Sanctuary every Wednesday, Pathways every Sunday, women at CCC on Tuesday and men at CCC on Thursday. In upcoming events, Agape will be celebrating their 38th anniversary on Thursday, July 18th – Sunday, July 21st. Thursday night will feature 12 Traditions by 12 speakers at 8pm. Friday will have Donald F. (Agape) speaking at 8pm. Saturday will feature speakers and activities throughout the day and night with speakers from multiple Areas. Sunday will feature Katie B. (LC Freedom) speaking at 11am. Living Clean will be celebrating their 5th anniversary on Sunday July 28th. Doors open at 4pm, Amanda L. (Living Clean) will be speaking at 4:30pm and Sheryl H. (The Recovery Group) will be speaking at 6pm. Lake City Freedom will be celebrating their 20th anniversary on Sunday, August 11th. Flyers for events have been provided and are available on the LARNA website. Our 7th tradition is \$100.

In Loving Service,
Stephen L.

6. **New Orleans Area – Aaron M – No Report Submitted**
7. **North Area – Jax W – Report Submitted**

ASR Report North Area 7/14/24

North Area is doing well at this time. We have 8 meetings a week with 5 home groups. The meetings attendance is averaging between 20-30. We are extremely happy that we currently have all officer and subcommittee positions filled at this time!!!

Fellowship Development

We had a major disbursement of literature to facilities. A case of books each was delivered to the jails in Bossier Parish we started process of writing guidelines for fellowship development with hopes to submit them to policy for review within the next two months.

H&I

H&I is going really good with our panels going into CADA on Tuesdays at 7pm and Sundays at 6pm, Also uprising every other Saturday at 3 pm. Our subcommittees traveled to Tyler to help the East Texas area of NA with an H&I workshop at their request, this went really well and we believe they will be better able to get H&I re-established in their area.

Activities

I am happy to announce that we have an upcoming function on August 3rd. This will be a 90's theme, casserole cook off, 3 speakers, 50/50, auction. Best casserole will get a free registration to camp recovery. This will be from 1pm to 7pm. Also don't forget to register for Camp Recovery the first weekend of November.

ILS, Jax W.

8. **Northshore Area – Trent Howell – Report Submitted**

I'm Trent, I'm an addict,

The Northshore Area is doing well and growing. We currently have 11 groups and 29 meetings a week in our area. We have two H&I meetings, every Tuesday at Avenues / Townsend Treatment Center and every Thursday at Fontainebleau Treatment Center. We are currently looking into bringing an H&I meeting to a treatment center in Amite (Akron). We are unable to enter the jail at this time due to there being a new warden / sheriff. We have a donation of \$590.00 for Region at this time.

Thanks for allowing me to serve,

Trent H.

9. Serenity Area – Daniel S- Report Submitted

Hello y'all. Serenity Area had been doing fairly well. We have 5 home groups that are part of our area. We have 2 H&I commitments we keep up with. We haven't had any changes to our meeting schedule since the last regional meeting. The Crossroads group in Ruston will be hosting our next function on Saturday September the 14th from 1 to 6 pm. Please beware that I will be on the prowl this weekend looking for a speaker or 2. We also have a donation of \$100 to Region.

Our FD subcommittee obtained a list of recovery houses in Monroe/West Monroe and planned to visit them. We did so on June 22nd. We contacted over 30 houses and actually got the ok to visit about 20 men's and women's houses. We passed out current meeting schedules and visited with some of the folks there. I believe we had a good response and plan to do it again on a regular basis. It probably wouldn't hurt for other areas to compile lists of recovery houses in order to do the same thing.

Also I have some cool ass t shirts available with me as one of our fundraisers for literature. See me or Richard during the day to get yours before they sell out.

In loving service,
Daniel Stewart

10. Unity Area – Amy G – Report submitted.

- ① Seven teen Groups
- ② Four Active Subcommittee's
 - A - Hospitals + Institutions
 - 1. Grace House - All women meets twice Monthly
 - 2. Avenues - male + female meets four times a month
 - ③ LaFayette Parish Jail four monthly
 - B - Literature - supplies
H&I's and Groups Literature orders
 - C - Activities + Fundraising
 - D - Public Relations - No Champasans
We have a phone line, meeting lists, and face book page.

- ③ Elections are to be held on 7/14/2024.
- ④ we presently have no donation for RSC do to conflicting dates, we will however make one between RSC meetings.
- ⑤ We will be holding a learning day in the near future for H+I and Public Relations
- In Loving Service,
Robbie B.
- PS. We hold our ASC on the third Sunday every month at Good Shepherd Church 5122 W Esplanade Ave Metairie, LA 70006

VII. Nominations and Election:

A. Board of Directors: -

1. **Billie F** – Nominated by Bayou Recovery Area
 - a) Billie turned in Resume, Accepted the Nomination, and stated Qualifications via phone.
 - b) Vote was Called - **For: 9 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0**
2. **Stephen J**- Nominated by Lake Area
 - a) Stephen turned in Resume, Accepted the Nomination, and stated Qualifications via phone.
 - b) Vote was Called - **For: 9 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0**
 - c) Clean time requirement was waived by ASRs present.

RSC Nominations: (Resumes attached to end of Minutes) Voting will be at RSC in October.

3. **Chairperson** – Amy G
4. **Vice Chairperson** – Paul P
5. **Treasurer** - Don B.
6. **Secretary** – Jax W
7. **Regional Delegate** - Bob St.
8. **Regional Delegate Alt.** – Scotty H
9. **Regional Delegate Alt. Elect** – **Open**
10. **Activities & Fundraisers** – Mona L
11. **Hospitals & Institutions** – Stephen L.
12. **Fellowship Development** – Richard T
13. **Policy** – **Open**

*** All positions are still open for nominations we can have multiple nominations for any position.

*** All Nominee must be present at the October RSC in Shreveport Area In person or via speaker phone.

*** All Nominees must fill out a Service Resume Form. Please contact Don B. 504-234-8301 or donb.larna@gmail.com to get a copy.

VIII. Old Business (Unfinished Business):

A. Motion 2024-04-08 (from previous region) 2/3 Majority

Maker – Nancy S Bayou Region

2nd - Paul P

Motion: Page 9, #2 Hosting Region Weekend- Remove the convention as a donee from the split of funds from Saturday night fundraiser held by hosting area on region weekend.

Intent: The region cannot donate to the convention corporation. Remove from guidelines.

Call to Vote: For:7 Against:0 Abstentions: 2

Motion Passed

IX. New Business:

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A. Motions:

1. Motion #2024-07-01 2/3 Majority

Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc

2nd - Nancy S Bayou Area

Motion: Policy Change - Page 5. Add LRSCNA Meeting Format to Region Guidelines

Intent: To keep regional business meeting organized and flowing using the same format quarterly.

Call to Vote: For:10 Against:0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed

2. Motion #2024-07-02 2/3 Majority

Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc

2nd – Anthony L Acadiana Area

Motion: Policy Change - Page 6. Add 12 Traditions to the LRSCNA Guidelines

Intent: Traditions should be included in guidelines and service representatives are asked to have an understanding of them for service positions

Call to Vote: For:10 Against:0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed

3. **Motion #2024-07-03 2/3 Majority**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc
2nd – Anthony L Acadiana Area

Motion: Policy Change - Page 7. Add 12 Concepts to the LRSCNA Guidelines

Intent: Concepts should be included in guidelines and service representatives are asked to have an understanding of them for service positions

Call to Vote: For:10 Against:0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed

4. **Motion #2024-07-04 2/3 Majority**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc
2nd – Aaron New Orleans Area

Motion: Policy Change - Page 8. Add the name and service areas to the LRSCNA Guidelines

Intent: This explains to the members the name and use of LRSCNA as the acronym. Also gives a list of all service areas throughout region.

Call to Vote: For:10 Against:0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed

5. **Motion #2024-07-05**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc
2nd – Daniel Serenity Area

Motion: Policy Change - Page 8. Add the purpose of the regional service committee to the LRSCNA Guidelines

Intent: This explains to our members the purpose of forming this organization and why it's important to region.

Motion Referred back to Areas

6. **Motion #2024-07-06 2/3 Majority**
Maker – Admin Committee
2nd – Daniel Serenity Area

Motion: Policy Change - Page 9 #5 Remove after the convention every year the region will meet in July in the city hosting the convention.

Intent: Outdated information/practice and should be removed

Call to Vote: For:10 Against:0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed

7. **Motion #2024-07-07** 2/3 Majority
Maker – Robby G Unity Area
2nd – Nancy S Bayou Area

Motion: Waive clean time requirement for Stephen J to serve on Convention Board, who has 4.5 years and position requires 7 years.

Intent: To serve on convention board

Call to Vote: For:7 Against:0 Abstentions: 2

Motion Passed

8. **Motion #2024-07-08**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc
2nd – Doug F Central Area

Motion: Page 10 Add to the Agenda section that 1) The LRSCNA Agenda will follow the new meeting format on page 5 and 2) The chairperson can add any new business or revisit previous agenda items if they deem it necessary.

Intent: To ensure the meeting follows a logical format and give the chairperson autonomy to adjust the agenda if needed.

Motion Referred back to Areas

9. **Motion #2024-07-09** 2/3 Majority
Maker – Stephen L Lake Area
2nd – Anthony L Acadiana Area

Motion: Change the date of October 2024 region to the 2nd weekend in October.

Intent: Schedule October region meeting

Phone Vote Motion Passed

10. **Motion #2024-07-10** 2/3 Majority
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc
2nd – Trent H Northshore Area

Motion: Page 10 Add lines 10 and 11 to the general guidelines section.10 informs everyone that Saturday subcommittee meetings can be attended virtually and 11 gives permission for subcommittees and ad hoc committees to be able to use the virtual platform to hold meetings.

Intent: To inform members of the availability of virtual platform

Call to Vote: For:8 Against:1 Abstentions: 1

Motion Passed

11. Motion #2024-07-11**Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc****2nd – Nancy S Bayou Area****Motion:** Page 10 add Participants section which states:

1.Participation is open to any members of NA who are willing to be of service and provide needed support to those seeking help.

2.All Administrative Officers, Standing Committee Chairpersons, Area Service Representatives, ASR Alts, Members and Volunteers who act as an official representative of LRSCNA must be registered with LRSCNA.

3.All participants shall be subjected to LRSCNA guidelines

Intent: To inform members how they can be a part of LRSCNA**Motion Referred back to Areas****12. Motion #2024-07-12 2/3 Majority****Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc****2nd – Doug F Central Area****Motion:** Page 11 Add Members Section which states:

1)Voting participants- consists of Area Service Representatives (ASR) or the Area Service Alternate (Alt ASR) and the Administrative Committee only when needed to break a tie vote.

Participants are only allowed to vote one time. In case of ASR or ASR Alt serving as an Administrative officer, they waive their right to vote on Administrative Committee in case of a tie.

2)Non-Voting Participants- consists of Administrative Officers, unless needed to break a tie, Standing Committee Chairpersons, Interested Parties, Volunteers, Observers.

Intent: Informs our members about the two different types of participants at region**Call to Vote: For:9 Against:0 Abstentions: 1****Motion Passed****13. Motion #2024-07-13 2/3 Majority****Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc****2nd – Daniel Serenity Area****Motion:** Page 13-17 Add the Common Types of Motions Used to the guidelines

This section tells our members about the common types of motions that ASRs can use.

Intent: Informs our members about the common types of motions ASRs can use during the region meeting.**Call to Vote: For:10 Against:0 Abstentions: 0****Motion Passed**

14. **Motion #2024-07-14**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc
2nd – Nancy S Bayou Area

Motion: Page 18 Add information under Voting section:

If an Area has unexcused absences from two consecutive LRSCNA meetings, their voting rights shall be suspended. To reinstate their voting rights the following procedure will be added to the Area Membership Section:

- 1) A suspended Area can have their voting rights reinstated after attending one LRSCNA meeting.
- 2) An excused absence consists of notification to the LRSCNA chairperson prior to the start region meeting. Excused absences must have the chairperson's approval.
- 3) An unexcused absence consists of no call, no show, no ASR report submitted.
- 3) An Area report should be submitted by the absent Area's ASR when the Area will be unable to attend region.

Intent: Informs our members about the voting rights of the ASR and how they can be suspended or reinstated. Also defines what is excused and unexcused absences.

Motion Referred Back to Areas

15. **Motion #2024-07-15**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc
2nd – Daniel Serenity Area

Motion: Page 21 Add information under Non-Profit Section:

- 1) The LRSCNA will maintain a nonprofit status under the laws of the State of Louisiana and shall obtain and maintain nonprofit status under the Internal Revenue Code of the US.
- 2) In Louisiana, nonprofit status is obtained by filing nonprofit articles of incorporation with the corporation division of the LA Secretary of State and registering with the Department of Revenue as required by rules and statutes. 1.
- 3) The LRSCNA shall engage in lawful activity, none of which is for profit, pursuant to LA Statutes and 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Service

Intent: Informs our members of LRSCNA's nonprofit status

Motion Referred Back to Areas

16. **Motion #2024-07-17 2/3 Majority**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc
2nd – Doug F Central Area

Motion: Page 22 Add #4 to the Election of Administrative Committee and Standing Chairperson.

#4 Once the nominee accepts the nomination, they are required to fill out a current service resume to be included in the minutes.

Intent: Informs the nominee of the LRSCNA service resume requirement when accepting these positions.

Call to Vote: For:9 Against:1 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passed

17. **Motion #2024-07-18 2/3 Majority**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc
2nd – Anthony L Acadiana Area

Motion: Page 23 Add #5 to the Terms of Service section.

#5 No Administrative offices can serve more than two consecutive terms of office in the same position.

Intent: In keeping with the spirit of rotation this sets term limits for Administrative Officers with the exception of Regional Delegates.

Call to Vote: For:9 Against:0 Abstentions: 1
Motion Passed

18. **Motion #2024-07-19**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc
2nd – Anthony L Acadiana Area

Motion: Page 24 Add #1,#2,#3 to the Administrative Committee section.

#1 This committee consists of the Administrative Officers. All have equal voting rights at the committee level

#2 There are 4 Registered Administrative Officers with the LA Secretary of State. Upon election to the Administrative committee, the Treasurer will update all information with the Secretary of States office.

Chairperson
 Vice Chairperson
 Secretary
 Treasurer

#3 The following Administrative officers are not registered with the LA Secretary of States office:

Vice Treasurer
Regional Delegate
Regional Delegate Alt
Regional Delegate Alt Elect

Intent: Information being added to the guidelines, so our members know which officers are registered with the Secretary of State and which are not in compliance with 501© 4 status.

Motion Referred back to Areas

19. **Motion #2024-07-20 2/3 Majority**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc
2nd – Doug F Central Area

Motion: Page 25-32 Add to all service positions under Qualifications for each position that it is suggested that members should have knowledge of the 12 Concepts of NA.

Intent: This information is being added to guidelines so our service members will familiarize themselves with 12 Concepts of NA..

Call to Vote: For:9 Against:0 Abstentions: 1

Motion Passed

20. **Motion #2024-07-21**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc
2nd – Daniel Serenity Area

Motion: Page 43-44 Add the preferred Vendor section to our guidelines.

Intent: This information concerns the Louisiana Regional Convention Corporation and how our members bid for a convention.

Motion Referred back to Areas

21. **Motion #2024-07-24 2/3 Majority**
Maker – Nancy S Bayou Area
2nd – Trent H Northshore Area

Motion: Grant 2025 Regional Convention to Baton Rouge bid committee.

Intent: Award the convention to Baton Rouge bid committee

Call to Vote: For:9 Against:0 Abstentions: 1

Motion Passed

22. **Motion #2024-07-25 2/3 Majority**
Maker – Administrative Committee
2nd – Doug F Central Area

Motion: Set annual budgets for 2025

Administrative Committee	350.00
Regional Delegates	5500.00
Hospitals & Institutions	1800.00
Fellowship Development	6000.00
Activities and Fundraisers	600.00
Travel fund	2800.00
Seed Money	2400.00

Intent: To set annual budgets for 2025.

Call to Vote: For:9 Against:0 Abstentions: 1

Motion Passed

B. Host Area For July 2024 RSC: Central Area

Central Area returned the 300.00 seed money with an additional 356.00 donation to Region from net proceeds. They thanked everyone for their support and gave us a report showing expenses and revenues.

C. Host Area for October RSC:

Next Region will be held in the North Area on the 2nd weekend of October 2025

X. Treasurer's Report – Don B. - Closing Treasury Report

LA Regional Service Committee Treasurer's Report		Date:	July 13, 2024																																					
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XI. **Motion To Close Meeting:** Maker: Trent H Northshore Area 2nd by Anthony L Acadiana

A. Closing Serenity Prayer –

B. Meeting Adjourned 2:58pm

Minutes Prepared By: Allison L
Volunteer Secretary for this region mtg

Regional Rotation

January 6 – 7 New Orleans Area

April 6 - 7 Bayou Recovery

July 6 – 7 Central Area

October 5 – 6 North Area

Serenity Area

Unity Area

Lake Area

Northshore Area

Acadiana Area

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