



## 2020 WSZF

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### Delegate Report:

I submitted the Alaska regions report to the Zone on time. I was scheduled to arrive Friday; however, we changed the ticket because, after the zone experience in Alaska, they have made the wszf a four-day event, which includes Thursday to allow us to support the hosting community in fellowship development.

I flew in late Wednesday night and stayed at another delegate's home for that night at no cost to our region. I shared a room with a delegate during the event at half the price to keep costs low. I have yet to collect per-diem on any of these service commitments. This could end up being an issue for trusted servants in the future as we do not have an accurate snapshot of the costs associated with this service commitment. Our treasurer booked the tickets and will have a precise log of expenses.

We made our 2019 and 2020 contribution to the Zone. The annual contribution from each region is \$300. The contribution pays for the facilitator and co-facilitator expenses as well as the services the Zone includes for each region. There have been a few services added this year. I have posted all of the other regions reports to our Regional Facebook page for your enjoyment.

I also posted a video of a member named Tom and his exciting experience with H&I in his region of Rio Grande. He shares about doing virtual H&I meetings inside the prisons, which I believe would be fantastic for Alaska as we are limited in financial and human resources. Setting this up can come with some hurdles, and he suggests starting with one pilot prison and then going from there. He shares more detailed information in the video. If you would like his contact information, let me know. They are currently broadcasting into eleven prisons at one time. Members don't need to be cleared by the prisons to share their experience, strength, and hope. *Let's get on this, Alaska.*

I reported that Alaska had not been added to their website as a member region, and they elected an IT chair named Eric, who assured me he would get on this right away. Other regions expressed concern about the website as well.

### **WSZF:**

Meeting at the Zone is a collaborative experience where I learn what's working and what's not in other regions. This helps us not to use our limited manpower recreating the wheel when it comes to our service efforts. We also get access to world board members and NAWS employees for information. The agenda of the WSZF depends on where we are at in the World Service Conference cycle.

On conference years like 2020, a large portion of the agenda is spent on review the CAR & CAT to ensure we are informed and prepared to communicate with the members in our region and for the conference.

On-off conference years, we can collaborate, communicate, **train**, and plan to carry out our primary purpose. The training includes budgets, facilitating skills, project planning, and other topics. This is most helpful to our region if our areas utilize the delegates when they return. Otherwise, the information stays solely with the delegate and does not directly make it to our members.

I have taken the information provided and made it accessible to our region via Regional email reports, in-person, regional meetings, regional website, Facebook, and videos.

### ***What is the WSZF?***

Mission Statement the Western States Zonal Forum (WSZF) is a service-oriented sharing session that joins the regions of the Western States Zone to collectively share our service challenges and share our solutions to challenges through annual meetings and ongoing communication.

The Forum provides training opportunities to benefit zonal and local members and their service bodies. The interaction and collaborative exchange with NAWS and the World Board serves our body and helps us prepare for the WSC and supports Fellowship development

Member Regions of the Western States Zonal Forum

1. Alaska Region
2. Arizona Region

3. California Inland Region
4. California Mid-State Region
5. Central California Region
6. Northern California Region
7. Pacific Cascade Region
8. Region 51
9. Rio Grande Region
10. San Diego/Imperial Region
11. Sierra Sage Region
12. Southern California Region
13. Washington/N Idaho Region

Here is the link to the Western States Zonal Forum website, where you can find more information. <https://wszf.org/>

#### **The Saint George Fellowship Development activity:**

We did a fellowship development activity in Saint George, Utah. Included in this report will be the agenda for that activity which included, a World Board presentation, H&I presentations, and a presentation from the Alaska Delegate.

They have been working with the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, specifically the Shivwits, and wanted to learn about how to proceed with their efforts to support Utah's efforts to help the Shivwits establish NA.

#### **The California Collaboration:**

A time slot on the agenda that allows for the seven regions within California time to collaborate and discuss issues that pertain mostly to California. This year they asked to have access to the zonal facilitator, which will allow them to be better able to conduct business. In the past, the Zone asked them to meet separately as most of the information does not pertain to the rest of the regions. If they uncover something great in their discussion, they report back to all of us during the zonal business.

#### **Information on the Conference Agenda Report:**

We reviewed the motions in the CAR with two world board members named Hammed and Paul. This allowed us to ask questions, and many regions such as ours that have already begun providing car workshops were able to communicate and discuss issues that groups have shared with their delegates. This took some time, and a lot of facilitating, so thank you to Dave and Laura, our amazing facilitators.

#### **Information on the Conference Approval Track:**

We received a copy of the CAT hot off the press, and this was our first time digging into it. As I am new to this positions and the process of the conference, I focused on the content being discussed and also on the timeline.

The CAT has motions within that cover the business done during the conference. These motions are not intended to go back to the groups. It can; however most members do not want to discuss them. There are 17 motions in that CAT that speak directly to NAWs strategic plan, budgeting, the seating of new regions that meet the criteria, project plans, and other similar items. I will schedule a CAT workshop on zoom for all interested members to attend. This document is 178 pages long, and it will take some time for me to dig into the details before we meet.

A few members in our region were confused about the process. Let's take a look at what I uncovered.

#### **Our timeline:**

- November- CAR released
- December- Delegate reads it several times and meets weekly with the alternate to understand it in its entirety. We reach out to other delegates, world board members, or motion makers for questions.
- January- scheduled CAR workshops with each area. The delegate team conveys the information unbiasedly to each area and distribute tally sheets. We asked for additional feedback from the groups on the motions. When a motion is amended on the floor, we want to represent our region's voice accurately.
- Late January- CAT is released
- February- Regions report to world is due
- March- CAT workshop for interested members.
- April 1st- CAR tally sheets collected from the groups.
- April 16- amendments to motions can be made and submitted to the world board. These amendments are discussed on the floor of the world conference. (Our region meets quarterly, and because of that, I do not think we would have time to draft an amendment even though we started early with our car workshops. We may need to discuss this. One change that would help us is if our region met more often)
- April 23- World Service Conference

#### **Zonal business discussed:**

The Zone is requesting bids for 2021

- Meeting location will be decided at the yearly first quarter meeting in the year prior. It is suggested to bring bids for hotel locations to the annual gathering. The meeting must take place close to a major international airport with affordable transportation to and from the facility.
- Although any member region may present a bid to host the next year's WSZF; a letter of permission from that region must be acquired within 6 months. Reference the planning timeline on WSZF.org

We worked on the zonal report to world together.

A need to have a web-servant within our zonal body was expressed. Currently, the WSZF website has been managed by a member of the Southern California region.

**A proposal** was made to nominate an IT Chairperson who would oversee the website, BMLT, zonal email, and Zoom — passed 11-2.

Eric was nominated with thirteen in favor.

**A proposal** was made to have the Zone host a BMLT server that each region can participate in at a fraction of the cost, and it was passed. 12-1

**A proposal** was made to allow the California collaboration to use the facilitators for a couple of hours at the Zone. It passed

**A proposal** was made to allow the California collaboration access to the zones technology platform. It passed.

### **Work groups gave their report:**

#### *Guidelines:*

- The next revised copy of the guidelines will be out for review on loomio.
- Adding IT chair and responsibilities to the guidelines.
- 300\$ Regional contributions to Zone should be sent by Sep 30th.*Fellowship Development*

#### *Fellowship Development workgroup:*

- Best practices flyer distributed
- Questions for hosting region to add FD support
- H&I/ PR connect, bringing trusted servants together to collaborate. Scheduled for June 28 at 1 pm Alaska time.

#### *IT workgroup:*

- Set up a zone email
- Set up a zone zoom account
- Get the key to the hosting for the website and update
- BMLT- each region or area will have a password to update their information directly. Schedules are kept in a centralized location on the BMLT to allow printing anytime.
- \$500 working budget passed
- \$300 for a communication tool the Zone uses

### **Zonal Budget**

The facilitators are getting with a member to create an accurate spread sheet that includes a projected budget along with an actual budget from past years. This will be available as soon as they have it. They have each receipt with an accurate log that is up to date, and it needs to be compiled in a spreadsheet.

***Here is a snapshot***

Regional contribution \$1500

Expenses

WSZF Hotel \$420

Per-diem \$440

Total expenses \$860

Balance remaining \$2346.15

(Keep in mind we will be adding IT expenses in the future)

**H&I/PR Connect:**

We ended with our second connect done online so that members from each region could participate. Thank you to Doug from Oregon, who provided, set up and ran the equipment to make this possible.

The agenda included a PR mock panel presentation and an H&I orientation. We opened the floor to attending chairs to discuss or ask questions. We gathered feedback on what topics PR and h&I chairs would like to have added on the agenda for next time. We set a date for the next one on June 28 at 1 pm Alaska time.

Be on the lookout for the flyer to ensure our committee chairs to have access to it. It was nice to see a few peeps from Alaska present.

**Thank you for allowing me to serve.**

Mandy H