

## ARSCNA April 7, 2009 Meeting

Attending: Alan M. – Chair, Cory C. – Vice Chair, Lou Ann P. – Secretary, Sean C. – Treasurer, Kevin H. – H&I, Christine B. – PI Chair, Robert G. – RCM Juneau and Alternate RD, Christy W. – Kenai RCM, Anne H. – Golden Heart RCM, Tony L. – RD, Doug P. – Anchorage RCM, Charlotte D. – Prospective Treasurer.

Meeting opened with reading of 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts at 7:05 PM.

Doug P. moved to approve previous minutes – seconded by Robert G. All voted in favor of approval.

Agenda – Agenda was approved.

### **Chair Report – Alan M.**

Regional chair report  
April 09

I was able to attend the learning days in Fairbanks in February. The presentations by Doug p. and Tony L. were both well received and informative, I learned a lot, I hope the other areas in the state will follow and invite Tony to lead the area planning tool workshop the he learned at the world convention.

There was some concern a couple of weeks ago about access to the regional bank account. I got in touch with Shawn and the issue was resolved however we need to update the signers on our account. I spoke to Kim L. from the regional convention committee and she has a check for us from the Fairbanks convention we just need to get together.

In loving service,  
Alan M.

### **Vice Chair Report – Cory C.**

This is my first regional meeting and I am looking forward to serving the region.

**Secretary – Lou Ann P.** No Report.

### **Treasurer - Sean C.**

\$3875.88 balance as of report date.

Hi, Sean addict. I am happy to have served as your treasurer for the past year. Thank you for the opportunity. It has been a good experience for my personal growth and I appreciate your support and I am confident that the new treasurer will do an excellent job. The regional balance before deposits of approximately \$400 from Anchorage Area and a personal donation from an Anchorage member. Still missing the money from Fairbanks convention.

In loving service. Sean C.

**Alan M** – New treasurer and chair need to get together to sign new cards at bank. Doug P. is also on account.

**Tony L. - RD** – Anchorage Area is sponsoring a workshop on the Area Planning Tool on May 16 at 10:30 am. This is a potluck and will be held at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cordova – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. I am available for any other area that may be interested in this workshop. Just let me know.

**Christy W. - Kenai RCM** – Had our area meeting January 2009. All our meetings are going great. We've had to relocate the Clean Machine meeting because the Recovery Oasis is closing. Ron is chairperson for 2009 Campvention. We've distributed books for H&I and PI.

**Tony L.** – World is available to help with PI presentations. Just need to be contacted with enough lead-time. They have a booth and are willing to come.

**Anne H. - Golden Heart RCM**

The Golden Heart Area has 10 NA meetings and one H&I meeting. We alternate the men and women meetings every Friday night at the jail. While we have members willing to take the meeting into the jail, we no longer have an H&I Chair. We are considering combining H&I with PI and calling it the Public Relations committee.

The Learning Day was a success. The speakers were great. Doug P. talked about PI. Tony L. went over the Area Planning Tool. Our trusted servants really enjoyed it and we felt we uncovered some issues the Area can work on. We held a silent auction that generated some much-needed funds.

The Blow-Out is scheduled for July 17-19 at Chena Lakes Recreational Park. We will be having a meeting on April 26 to determine the theme and logo. Hope to see you there!!

ILS,  
Anne

**Doug P. - Anchorage RCM** – Anchorage Area continues to consider liability insurance. Elections were held at the April 2009 meeting and all positions have been filled except for literature. The Frozen Chosen NA Prom is April 25, 2009.

**As reported to Anchorage Area by Geoff V. –**

**Ad Hoc Liability Insurance Committee:** General Liability Insurance Report As I indicated at past meetings this issue would bring more questions before we can get to the answers. The accompanying transmittals are an indication of what we as an Area will have to be at peace with. The NA bulletin does encourage 'Regions' to move towards liability protection yet the level of that protection will need to be determined and the comments from Allan (a lawyer from the Chesapeake/Potomac Region) should be weighed. What is the level of risk that our particular meetings present to individuals in

the Fellowship 9burns due to coffee, twisted knee at a dance?) Injuries that may happen due to the facility setting (clipping on ice, roof collapse etc...) are items that fall under the Facility's policy intents. The policy providers for the Facilities that we rent from, it is in their nature, will try to limit their exposure. We do pay rent for our meetings and we should expect to have the protection that any group or individual receives in renting from a facility. We will need to incorporate (this limits liability exposure to the Insurance co.) this may not be a prohibitive cost depending on how we go about it. I have gotten a 'ball park' quote from a local insurance underwriter and they believe a million in coverage will cost around \$3,300.00 a year (\$275.00 per month). We still need to define what we are asking coverage for; are we covering meetings, meetings and entertainment functions, meetings, entertainment, conventions, workshops, indoor events, outdoor events, etc. There is an additional cost to any policy, if we intend to provide coverage for service officers.

The Fellowships Servant – Spike Special Thanks to Allan M. & Anne H.

### **Robert G. – Juneau RCM**

We are struggling trying to keep the doors open. Attendance is down.

### **Robert G. - Alternate RD Report**

No activity to report.

### **Kevin H. - H&I**

Regional H&I last met before the Anchorage Area H&I meeting at their request and had a concept study & went over the World H&I Do and Don't Sheet. Most thought this helped panel leaders and those serving H&I. We've been asked to continue this.

We still need H&I chair/rep names and phone numbers for anywhere in Alaska. We repeat this request to Fairbanks and Kenai RCMs so we can get in touch.

We just received our \$500 budget. Thanks to Sean our outgoing Treasurer & Alan M. for hand delivering the check.

As an attachment to this report you'll find the breakdown of our \$362.78 literature order to NAWS. We got books, IPs, and service tools. Some booklets, for instance, are available in H&I versions (without staples) and, of course, soft cover books (without staples). We may have a small food/ mailing get together to stuff and address. We've priced flat rate boxes for the 6-10 institutions getting books. We'll have postage receipts to provide later.

We spoke with Valdez and their campout is on May 29-31. They do not need regional funds this year. We (Sandy) spoke with Christine B.(PI) a month or two ago about "Outreach" campout \$. She said it's no longer under PI umbrella budget. Regional H&I would like to request that money tonight and put it under our umbrella this year. Sandy

P. and Lori Pl. are ready to scout locations & HP said, "Seward, late June", this year. Kenai H&I, the Seward hospital and have workshop/speakers to discuss H&I.

Please entertain a motion/discussion tonight so we can have these funds and get planning.

To our regional secretary – an electronic copy of this report will be sent to you later this week when Regional H&I secretary is back on-line. (*Secretary – did not receive report but typed from handwritten copy received at regional meeting*)

Blessed to be of Service – Kevin H.

**Kevin H.** – Valdez Campout is being held May 29-31. More details to follow.

**Christine B. – PI Chair** called in from New Mexico for a short time. Secretary read her report.

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#### Regional Public Information Subcommittee Report

Online meeting: We have purchased the software upgrade which will enable us to start the on-line meeting. The purchase price was \$125. Our webmaster has tested the software and we will be going forth with a beta version of the meeting (not open to public just yet) in the next month or so, to work out all the kinks. We will also be coming up with some guidelines for meeting monitors and some basic instructions for users to follow when joining on-line meetings. The big picture plan is to start with one meeting a week and see what kind of attendance we get from outlying areas. If the on-line meeting goes well and is well attended we will look into expanding to more meetings.

Golden Heart Area Learning Days: Doug P. traveled to Fairbanks and presented the Public Relations workshop at the Golden Heart Area Learning Days. It was well attended and well received. Thank you to Doug and Lou Ann who traveled to Fairbanks and to represent the Regional PI committee and give the presentation.

Translation Project: Doug P. and Peter A. have been working on our translation project. We initially had the White Booklet translated into Yup'ik. It turns out that NAWS has a spreadsheet to which they expect all translation projects to conform. In order to conform to the NAWS translation guidelines, we sought another translator, as Peter had moved back to Anchorage and was out of touch with the initial translators. Doug contacted Marie Meade, who is on staff as a Yup'ik translator and Yup'ik culture expert at UAA. Doug met with her for a couple of hours and they reviewed some of the translation in detail along with the NAWS translation spreadsheet, which is quite extensive in its detail. Essentially, the translation, in its Bethel form had errors, omissions and spelling errors. Marie indicated it would take quite a bit of work to revise it. When Doug told Marie that our translation budget was \$250, she candidly responded that "that is peanuts". Her normal fee for a project of this size would be more like \$2000. In the end, and because she too is in recovery, it was agreed that a fair amount would be \$1,250 (\$1,000 more

than the Alaska Region budget amount for the translation). I have contacted the Translations Team at NAWS and informed them of our financial situation. I had expected to hear back from them before today, but have not yet. I'm hoping this is a good sign and that my contact is making some headway with the Translations Team and that they may be able to help us out financially with the cost of the Yup'ik translation. As our Basic Text says: More will be revealed.

Regional Mail Outs: We have broken the state up into regions and committee members are confirming contact names and addresses for treatment and behavioral health centers for our first regional mail out. We plan to meet again on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at 1:30 at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cordova (lord willing and the volcano don't blow), to follow up on our mailing list information and create our cover letter and determine what IP's will be included in the treatment center/behavioral health mailout.

In loving service,  
Christine

**Convention Chair – Arlene L.** – Absent and no report.

**Tony L.** convention update – Hotels not finalized and they are waiting to hear from Alyeska. Have bids from Sheraton, Millennium, and Hilton. Have chosen logo and theme.

**Old Business:**

Treasurer nomination – Charlotte D. – Welcome Charlotte.  
Vote – 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

**General discussion:**

Discussion about 2009 budget for Region and committees. Anne H. moved to table budget discussion until next meeting. Doug P. seconded the motion. Alan M. will email out the previous budget.

We discussed the 1% of Anchorage Area's net income that is being sent monthly to Region. This led to discussion concerning Region's contribution to World and it was decided to include Region's donation to World in the budget review at the next Regional meeting where we will have a better understanding of what Region can afford. RD reiterated that we should be making a contribution to NAWS.

Discussed the liability insurance issue and the information included in Doug's report from the Anchorage Area Ad Hoc committee. No motion from Area just update. We will need an area to make a motion concerning liability insurance to move forward and get more concrete information.

H&I requested \$500 that was earmarked for Valdez campout be given to Sandy P. and Lori P. to use for Seward campout instead. RCM's discussed and decided since the money was in the approved budget this is a housekeeping item and could be voted on tonight. All RCM's voted in favor of using the \$500 for an event in Seward, Alaska. More details to follow. Sandy P. is the point of contact for event.

Yu'pik translation was discussed and request for additional funds to cover translation costs were considered. It was decided by all RCMs that Christine B. should use the current PI budget to cover the expense, and if the committee needs additional funds she can bring the request for additional \$ to a future meeting.

Zonal Forum discussion was tabled until Golden Heart Blowout in July. However, Robert G. suggested we add links to each forum's web site so members can review and find more information about each Zonal Forum.

Next Regional meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2009, in North Pole, AK at the Outlaw Group meeting location where we should be able to have a teleconference for members unable to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Heart Blowout.

**New Business**

Budget review – please review email with budget information Alan M. is sending out.  
Zonal Forums

Meeting adjourned and closed in usual manner at 8:25 pm.