

**AK Regional Meeting
February 1, 2011**

Attending: Mandy, Robert, Kathy, Corry, Doug, Lou Ann, Tiffany, Bill, Anne, Tabby, Dennis A.

The 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and Service Prayer read.

***Minutes approved from October 2010 meeting with one (1) change:
\$100 Donation should be changed to be shown under PI Budget. See PI Report
for Clarification.***

Chair – Corry C. - Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Kathy W. – No report. Read Tony L.'s report.

Note from Bill S. – pro temp treasurer – We are waiting on funds from 2010 convention.

Anchorage Area – Doug P.

General:

- Anchorage Area continues to do well.
- Anchorage Area is ready to vote on the motion
 - To amend the election rules.
 - To amend the budget guidelines.
 - To hold an Assembly.
- Anchorage is pretty enthusiastic about helping the Kenai area with its Convention.

Assembly Planning Committee:

- Assembly planning committee identified need for \$450 to hold the Assembly.
- We plan to hold Assembly in Anchorage at the Lutheran Church on 15th and Cordova
- We have drafted an agenda.
- We sent out letters to the Regions in December so they might vote to have the Assembly on April 9.

Golden Heart Area – Tabbey S. New RCM

My name's Tabbey S. and I have been voted in as the new RCM as well as Dan W as RCM Alt for Golden Heart Area. We are both looking forward to serving this next year with you guys :) Golden Heart is staying steady. We have finally filled our

Activities position after numerous years of having none and are starting to see more area functions, attendance has been outstanding and helped to bring in more newcomers. For the first time in a while ALL of our area level positions are filled, WOOT! As far as the motions for the February regional committee meeting, we are abstaining from all of them. We have no Regional donation at this time.

ILS,
Tabbey S

Juneau Area - Tiffany H.

Just a quick Juneau Area report...At the December Area meeting we voted to have a Spring Campout at the Methodist Camp and reserved from the Gotschall cabin for 1 night; noon April 2nd to noon April 3rd, flyer is on it's way.

We are struggling with membership but we are seeing more newcomers.

We did have an Area meeting in January and will hold our February Area meeting on the 2nd Monday at Udder Culture 7:00 p.m.

That's about it for Jtown...Tiff

Kenai Area - Mandy H.

Here is Kenzie report. No area meeting has been held since December of 2010.

Convention planning and fundraising is under way. No one has stepped up yet for Kenai annual Campvention.

We are looking to fill some area level service positions. More service than willing workers. We do have area meeting and convention meeting this weekend. Meeting attendance is wonderful. We are still growing strong and healthy. Thanks to everyone helping us through the process.

Subcommittee Reports:

RD - Tony L. (Absent) - Report read by Kathy W.

RD Report 02/01/11 I am Snow plowing and will not attend your meeting

The World Board has provided several workshops on the service structure, which we have not been attending. I personally don't feel that the direction the Service System Workgroup and the World Board have taken in regards to this project are a reflection of the "Will of the Conference". "We" have almost unanimously failed every motion that has come to the floor of the Conference on the issue of downsizing or somehow changing the way we send people to be at the conference. This group that wants to start the US conference does not want these changes to take place and is trying to break away. They want to print a new book and sell Na literature at cost. Read the "blue papers" they put out for some of the other ideas they have put forward. The spin they put on some of this stuff is a little different than the notes I read on the WSC 2002 Conference. Like I said there is a lot of stuff going on.....

As world is funded on the profits of lit sales as well as our contributions World Service will go broke quick if this new US Conference takes place. World is already

broke. By the way Alaska NA contributed \$1161.47 to world in 2010. \$452.19 by Anchorage Area \$630.00 from Walk your talk. and \$79.28 from Clean Machine group.. Not much.....

It costs \$500,000.00 to put on the Conference and we really do need to change the way we do things. World is broke. I do not think the US conference is a good Idea. Ask me And I will elaborate.

This is a worldwide fellowship and we need to really think out what we are doing and what direction we should go. Alaska should be involved in the discussion of these important items as well as all the other decisions that need to be made at this level. I believe we should be partaking in these events..

As I am phasing out and I feel my opinion is ignored I will not be attending any more meetings.

If anyone wants information on this stuff I am available. I do not get much response from my E-mails.

The fellowship is in the hands of a few trusted servants. I hope you have better luck than I have getting this stuff out.

Thanks, it has been very interesting.....Peace Tony

Alt RD – Robert G.

I have been monitoring our Zonal Forum, and WSO emails and websites. The Zonal Forums are service-oriented organizational structures designed to improve communication between RSCs. They are not decision-making entities.

What is hot; Service Structure discussions and presentations that the WSO did last year.

1. The upcoming WSZF main topics are the Human Resource Panel(How WSO nominees get on the Ballot).
2. Service Structure for WSO and NA as a whole.
3. US Fellowship, a pending move of some members to create their own US Service Body independent of WSO

My research to the cost to go to Albuquerque would be \$1,798.61 for airfare with layovers in Seattle, and Dallas, plus the lodging for the event.

Airfare	\$1,800
Lodging	500
Meals	<u>240</u>
Subtotal	\$2,540

Convention Chair – Dennis A.

AK Regional convention will be held October 7, 8 and 9 at the Challenger Center. Cost \$3700 for the facility. Hotels block of 30 rooms in each hotel, extended stay, Kings Inn – 75.99, limited housing at Challenge – bunks. Don't know cost of bunks.

Kenai Catering – Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The convention will cost less than last year. Fundraiser is going well. Donna would like to bring up someone from World for workshop and speaker. Positions are being filled. Next meeting Saturday, February 4. Logo competition is this weekend. Dennis will pass on when complete.

Hospitals and Institutions – Vacant – Need nominations

Public Information – Anne H.

I held Regional PI meetings for 4 months (Jul., Aug., Sept., Oct.). There were only 3 of us at one meeting and two of us at the others. I has been disheartening and I have been slacking these last few months, but I will get on board this upcoming month. Our next Regional PI Subcommittee meeting will be held the last Thursday of the month (2/25) @ 8:30 PM via teleconference: Call toll-free dial-in number: 866-390-5250, access code: 7488087 followed by the # sign.

I haven't been idle though. I have been updating the Regional meeting list (Ketchikan gave us updates, as well as Anchorage). The events on the Regional website should also be current (Anchorage: Volleyball - 2/12, Frozen Chosen: Prom - 2/11, and Golden Heart: Super Bowl Party – 2/6).

I have been distributing the Yup'ik translation of Who, What, How & Why. On the pamphlet, it states they should be mailed to the Regional PO Box. Who checks the mail box? Have any been returned?

We also mailed did the PI mailouts (approx 100 we mailed) at the convention. Did anyone respond via the mail/Phoneline? Were any returned in the mail box? It is important that we get the returned info so we can remove them from the mailing list and re-use the returned pamphlets for future mailouts.

Lastly, I would like to elaborate on the \$100 notation in the October minutes: On May 27th, there was a \$100 donation to Region. It is not technically a donation. It is to offset the 4/7 \$391 Region paid for Tony (RD) to come to Fairbanks. This \$391 came out of PI expense and the \$100 should go back into PI for that time period. I would like to see the Treasurer change the Regional Treasurer's report to reflect the \$100 credit back to Regional PI.

ILS,
Anne H.

Assembly Ad-Hoc Committee – Doug P.

Hello Areas and Groups,

Alaska Region formed an ad hoc committee to plan a Group Service Representative (GSR) Assembly this Spring. We are tasked with reporting to the region about these plans at the January meeting. In order to help the Regional Committee act in January, we are distributing information regarding the Assembly in time for the Area meetings in December. This in turn would prepare our Areas to vote at the regular Regional meeting in January.

Purpose:

The purpose of the GSR Assembly is to develop or define the role and direction of the Alaska Regional Service Committee (ARSC) within the Alaskan NA fellowship. To this end, we seek to draft an ARSC *Vision Statement*.

Also, we seek to promote unity by providing a communication platform for our groups. This is consistent with, even driven by; the concept that *the final responsibility and authority for (our) NA services rests with the (Alaskan) NA Groups*. Moreover, we want to find how we may better serve our constituent Areas and groups. Since the final responsibility of ARSC rests with the groups, it is natural that we seek direction from the groups.

Finally we seek to raise understanding of Regional issues so that the full fellowship may help resolve our challenges. These challenges include communication, fellowship development, finance and budgeting, and remote area outreach services.

Draft Assembly Agenda:

The following items constitute the draft Assembly agenda.

- Vision Statement Development -- This is a workshop to draft a vision statement. The Vision Statement would guide the ARSC: the ARSC would do what is in the Vision Statement and not do what is not in it.
- Regional Finances and Budget – This is an informational workshop regarding (i) ARSC budgets and expenditures over the last few years and (ii) the ARSC budget that will be in draft next spring.
- Narcotics Anonymous World Services (NAWS) – what is it? – This is a workshop on the basic structure of our NAWS from the NAWS Convention, the Conference, and Board to the Western States Zonal Forum. It would also include a brief update of any ongoing projects NAWS is doing.
- ARSC – What does it do? From translation to website, you might be surprised at what our Region does. This section will include a time to gather feedback, “What do the GSRs want to see of ARSC.”
- Rural Outreach -- How can we carry the message to our non-road system rural communities?
- Alaska Region on-line meeting.

Assembly Details

- April 9, a Saturday, has been set as the date for the Assembly. It will run from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The daytime Assembly will be combined with an evening entertainment event.
- The Assembly will be held in Anchorage, preliminarily at St. Patrick's (we do not have it booked yet).
- ARSC would fund the Assembly, while the entertainment event will be hosted by the Kenai Convention committee. (It will be a convention entertainment event held in Anchorage.)
- The Assembly planning committee will work to identify members of the Anchorage fellowship that can host GSRs and Alternate GSRs (or others coming from out of town to the Assembly) to keep costs as low as possible for our traveling fellowship.
- Committee Members are Doug P, Howie W, Terrie H, Allen M, Tammy M, and Robert G. Anne H and Kathy W have also shown interest in participating.

Action items

There are a couple of action items. The Regional committee made a decision to *plan* the Assembly, but no decision was made to actually hold the Assembly. It would be helpful if the Areas were prepared to vote on the following at the regular Regional meeting in January.

- Is your Area *for* or *against* holding the Assembly?
- Does your Area approve \$450 budget for the Assembly. (St Pat's rent @ \$100, lunch food @ \$150, copying @ \$200. Convention Committee could seed the entertainment.)

If you have any questions, call Doug Poage @ 244-6030, or any of the committee members. Of course you may email any of the committee as well.

Old Business:

1. H&I Nominations– No Nominations. Please bring to next meeting.
2. **Treasurer nominations – Bill S. nominated for treasurer.**
3. Motion to Amend RSC Guidelines Election of Officers – Passed 3,0,1
4. Motion to Amend RSC Guidelines Budget Process – Passed 3,0,1
5. Motion to form an Assembly ad hoc budget Committee – Passed 3,0,1

New Business:

1. Budget Planning Committee – formed with members Doug, Anne, Corry, Kathy, Bill
2. Not going to WSZF – Robert will check on Skype possibility. If not, he will get the agenda and minutes.
3. Next meeting April 9, 2011, during the GSR assembly.

Action:

- Please announce GSR Assembly and Convention!
- Need H&I Nominations
- Vote on Bill S. for Treasurer

Bill S. qualifications

November 1, 2010

All relevant service bodies:

In acceptance of the nomination for Treasurer, Alaska Regional Service Committee I would offer my qualifications and interest to serve in the position.

I have been a member of NA for 22 years, I work the steps with a sponsor, I work the steps with sponsees, I attend meetings regularly I reach out to newcomers and I have a desire to stay clean and serve the fellowship when I can. I have a working knowledge of the 12 steps and 12 traditions of NA and a basic knowledge of the 12 concepts. My clean date is November 19, 1996.

I currently serve as my home group treasurer; I have served as treasurer of each of my home groups, and GSR of some of them. I am the treasurer for the ARCNA XXVI convention until the end of this month. I have served on past convention committees as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and served on several sub-committees. I have served the Anchorage Area Service Committee as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, H&I Chair and PI Chair and served on other sub-committees. I have the knowledge and skill to perform the duties of treasurer and I am willing to serve in this position.

Hope to be of loving service,

Bill S.