

TO: All Members of Autonomy Zone
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SUBJECT: Summer Zonal Meeting, July 15, 2000

All five regions that make up the Autonomy Zone had some type of representation at this zonal meeting. Also in attendance were two representatives of the New York service office. Two main subjects were covered at the zonal; these were regional conventions and service offices.

Regional Conventions – Our conversation on regional conventions mostly surrounded the Region of the Virginias. They are having a lot of trouble creating a working relationship with their convention corporation. They don't feel they are getting enough information from the corporation, especially financial information. There were some addicts present who were able to give them some suggestions on how to handle these matters. They were told that there are legal statutes that require certain types of public reporting. Also we discussed that the corporations were set up to separate the conventions from the regions for protection in case of some type of legal suit that might arise from the convention. We went around the table to find out how the finances are handled for the five regions.

Free State – Sends all of its profits to WSO

Mountaineer- uses all of its profits from convention to help fund their region services.

Greater Philly- To date all of their conventions has broke even or lost some money.

C&P Region- Takes all profits and funds the region for entire year and sends rest to WSO.

Region of the Virginias- although the convention has made some money the region has never received any of these funds.

We will be updating are conversation on conventions as old business at are next meeting.

Service Offices – Present were representatives of three different service offices. It would be hard to report in writing the passionate feelings that were brought out while discussing this subject. First it is important to understand that service offices are run on funds that are raised by selling literature. The literature is purchased from the WSO at a discount rate and sold at the regular set-selling price as the WSO. The difference between

these two prices is what the offices use to pay their bills. Since the WSO is making the discount rate smaller it makes it tougher and tougher for offices to stay open. The offices feel totally helpless to do anything to help save themselves. Another problem that they are fighting is that there are very few regions that have service offices and so there are only a few regions that understand everything that is going on.

Although no concrete answers were found at this zonal the idea of communicating more often and communicating with other service offices on how best to run their office.

This is also a subject that we will be looking for an update on at are next meeting.

We wanted to discuss some PI needs at this zonal but there just was not enough addicts present representing PI. We will try again at are next meeting. Two PI subjects that came up are websites and multi-regional PSA's.

Another subject for are next meeting is the Local Guide to Service. Who has implemented it and how?

Are next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2001 in Richmond VA.