

Autonomy Zone Baltimore MD July 31, 2004

Attendance by Zone: Free State, Region of the Virginians, Eastern Pennsylvania, Chesapeake & Potomac Greater Philly, & Mountaineer.

Meeting Opened 11:55 with Serenity Prayer and introductions.

Disagreement over what was decided on at last zonal (WSC 2004) in terms of what to discuss and in what order.

Went into a discussion of having officers which switched to having someone to keep some type of records that show are history of meetings.

We discussed everything from only having a RD, RDA or RD2 fill position to opening up position to anybody. Also we discussed having the first piece of business at each zonal to be to pick a person to take notes and separately to appoint a point of responsibility to keep an archives in fact it was brought up we should appoint two people to keep archives. (Carey transferred all his archives to Sherry's Computer there is now two copies)

We will take a break and discuss each region and then go back to archive/secretary position.

C&P – We have elections coming up and out of 22 positions 11 have “NO” nominee.

Region of the Virginians – Issue to be discussed brought up about the Recovery Day material that was sent out by world. Talking about and choose to appoint a pro-temp policy chair and talked about getting a permanent regional special event committee.

Motion to have the region host speaker jams that revolve around region. The region of the Virginians have received a full financial report from the VRCC and a new level of trust exists.

Eastern Pennsylvania – Have growing pains however we are new and some of this is expected. 9 of 13 regional positions are filled. We are trying to keep in constant contact with Greater Philly and discussing some services that we are considering sharing.

Mountaineer Region - Regional service committee meets once every three months for a weekend. Sub-committees meet on Saturday and full region on Sunday. Phonenumber is an 800 number. Operator answers call and beeps appropriate area. Region has voted to do **business by consensus starting this October. Only ASR's will vote.**

Greater Philly - Have PSA's on public transportation for about a year now. H&I is doing a great job. Just had a final report from regional convention and everything was a great success.

Free State - Helpline is doing well but we do have some holes in coverage. The holes are covered by a recording. Have a regional each month. On even months we do regular regional business and in the odd numbered month we discuss issues.

Back to the discussion on keeping archives and minutes.

It is a consensus that who ever is hosting the zonal will facilitate the zonal. At each zonal we ask for a volunteer to take notes and to send them out.

As far as archives goes we will do more research on subject, will it be electronic on personal computers or on some type of web site or will it be paper that is kept someplace or possibly at the regional service offices. We have come to no consensus. So we will put on schedule for next time.

We are discussing having an Autonomy Zone 2006 CAR Workshop.

Negative - Would world participate, what would be getting that we don't currently get at MARLCNA. Financial concerns.

Pro – This is a way to introduce are areas and regions to the Autonomy Zone, also it would be a smaller environment and easier for others to be evolved.

Very very weak support for any type of an event other than what we did last time in Morgantown. However everybody has been asked to ask their region if there is any support especially financially for something else.

– Eastern PA has been researching insurance. They were curious as to what other regions are doing on this issue.

Regional Challenges to how many others are facing this obstacle. Free State has faced some insurance problems and it is becoming a growing issue. Greater Philly has an umbrella policy that covers all groups that are on regional meeting list. All groups are asked to donate \$50 to offset cost of policy.

Region of the Virginians – Because they do not have a Regional H&I Chair anymore they do not know how to handle correspondence from inmate mail. Free State, has an ad-hoc committee that handles the mail but they lack enough support and are concerned as to what to do.

Next Meeting Greater Philly
January 29th, 2005 12:00 – 4:00
Regional Service Office
6212 Ridge Ave
Roxborough Philly, PA

Agenda: Regional Challenges, Archiving, Info on CAR Workshop, Inmate Correspondence, Public Image.

Reminder that the order of our zonals is:

- Chesapeake & Potomac
- Eastern Pennsylvania
- Free State
- Greater Philadelphia
- Mountaineer
- Region of the Virginians