

Autonomy Zonal Forum
January 28, 2012

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Traditions and Concepts read

We would like to thank the World Board members for coming out to listen to us, and answering our questions today.

Regional Reports

Central Atlantic Region

I am happy to report that the Central Atlantic Region continues to grow and thrive. We have 17 areas with one on the way. We have just enjoyed celebrating recovery at our 30th Regional convention that was hosted by the Tidewater Area in Virginia Beach. We are waiting for results on its success at present but all who attended seemed to enjoy it. The Delegate Team presented a Town Hall meeting with discussion on the Service System Information giving interested members a chance to have question, answer and clarification on the information. At present our subcommittees are back in operation and rotating within the 4 quadrants of our region. We are currently looking forward to the upcoming CAR workshops that will start February 25th and run through the end of March. We will rotate them within our four quadrants for easy accessibility. After the CAR workshops we will have our GSR Assembly on the 3rd weekend in April. At that time we will gather the information necessary to have our voices heard at the upcoming WSC! The Delegate team in the meantime looks forward to attending MARLCNA.

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About 390 meeting, 416 H&I, 73 facilities

11 Areas: 5 in Maryland, 3 in Washington DC, and 3 in Virginia:

Battlefield
Central MD
DC
Dulles Corridor
East of the River
Frederick
Montgomery
Norvana
Rock Creek
South Potomac
Tri-County

C&P Region has recently determined to restructure/rename the CPRC, Inc (the corporation formed to oversee the C&P Regional Convention) & place the both the Regional Service Committee & the Convention Host Committee within one corporation.

This action was taken as a partial response to advice from Counsel concerning the role of the RSC in providing strategic direction to the corporation. While counsel did not opine that this violated either Maryland law or Federal requirements for 501(c) 3 determination, Counsel was concerned that this may somehow jeopardize the corporation's tax exempt status.

Our regional convention (CPRNA 25) last April was a success and continues to be among the largest and most successful conventions in NA worldwide. The Region has put into place strong financial and management controls that help guide Area Host Committees in the production of this convention each year.

The C&P Region's PI committee has been very active and will present a demonstration of the Region's new website. Of particular interest to the AZF is the ability of people to find cross-Regional meetings by accessing the website. The website is also available for smart-phones.

The H&I committee reports 416 H&I meetings taken into 73 facilities.

Freestate Region

The Freestate Region of Narcotics Anonymous comprises all of Baltimore, all of Eastern and Northern Maryland, all of Delaware and the northernmost tip of Virginia's eastern shore. Our region consists of 10 unified areas containing well over 800 meetings.

1. Baltimore Area- An Area of meetings of Baltimore City
2. Bay Area- An Area comprised of meetings in the south of Baltimore

3. Delmarva Area- An Area comprised of meetings in the center of Delmarva Peninsula
4. East of the Bay Area- An Area comprised of meetings on the eastern shore of Maryland
5. Northeast Freedom Area- An Area comprised of meetings in Baltimore City and on the east and northeast side of Baltimore
6. Northwest Area- An Area consisting of groups northwest of Baltimore
7. Ocean Gateway Area- An Area comprised of meetings in the southern Delmarva Peninsula
8. Small Wonder Area- An Area comprised of meetings in northern Delaware
9. Susquehanna Area- An Area comprised of meetings in the northeastern part of Maryland
10. Westside Area- An Area comprised of meetings to the west of Baltimore

On December 18, 2011, our region held a CAR workshop.

Today, January 28, 2012, the Susquehanna Area is hosting a Hotline Learning Day at St. Mark's Church in Perryville, MD.

Our next Regional Service Committee meeting will be held February 4, 2012. This will be held at St. Mark's Church in Perryville, MD and hosted by the Susquehanna Area.

On February 18, 2012, our Regional Assembly will be dedicated to the CAT. This will be held at Mt. Zion Church in Finksburg, MD from 10 am-4pm. This will be hosted by the Northwest Area.

On February 25, 2012, the Bay Area will be hosting a CAT workshop at NAC Church in Glen Burnie, MD. This will be held from 10 am-4pm.

On March 3, 2012, Baltimore Area is hosting a Q&A workshop on the CAR. This will be held at the Regional Service office from 9:30 am-11:30 am. Small Wonder is having a CAR workshop on this date as well.

On March 10, 2012, our off month Regional Meeting will be held at the Regional service office in Baltimore City.

On March 11, 2012, East of the Bay Area will be hosting a CAR workshop to be held at St. Mark's Church in Easton, MD from 11 am-4 pm.

On April 7, 2012 Westside Area will be hosting the Regional Service Committee. Site to be determined.

On April 14, 2012, Ocean Gateway Area will be hosting the Regional Assembly dedicated to the collecting the votes and input from all home groups in our region. This will be held at the Atlantic Club outside of Ocean City on Rt. 50.

In loving service,

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Eastern Pennsylvania Region

We have 4 areas within our region, including Bucks, Montco, Pure & Simple, and Twin Rivers). We host about 110 meetings a week. Our regional elections took place in December. We currently have a secretary, treasurer, and H&I chair. All other positions are open. The RD position has remained open, and the former RD continues to serve on an as needed basis, attending events and putting on workshops as requested by the region or areas. Donations have been down in general. We have been able to maintain our phonenumber and insurance. Our insurance covers all groups and any event which takes place within our regional boundaries. Each area purchases literature from different sources. There have been a variety of area-based unity events throughout the 4 areas. There has been some conversation within the different groups and areas about their participation in the CAR. As of now, only Pure & Simple Area has planned on holding a CAR workshop at the end of February. We plan on attending MARLCNA in February.

Greater Philadelphia Region

We currently have eleven Areas in our Region, host 365 meetings a week, and approximately 94 H&I panels each week. In addition we are in need of trusted servants in our Region as well as in our Areas however we are providing our needed services. Since our last meeting we held an IDT Self-Supporting Means Supporting NA Workshop on September 24, 2011 even with little participation we received valuable input from those members who attended. On January 16, 2012 our Literature Review Subcommittee held a speaker jam on Living Clean and it was successful in attendance as well as the discussion. We are having a CAR workshop on February 18, 2012 and we are attending MARLCNA from February 10 to 13, 2012. Our regional convention will be held from August 10-12, 2012, at the Dolce Hotel & Resort in King of Prussia, PA. All are Welcome. This is a different location and date from our past conventions. Our support for the phonenumber has grown. Our RCMs are also the Board of Directors for our corporation and they were orientation of what this means for him and they are currently having regularly schedule meetings now. Yours in Service,

Paula B. RD
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Mountaineer Region

Greetings from the Mountaineer Region of NA

We were grateful to the AZF for the opportunity to have hosted last summers Autonomy Zonal Form. Although the CBDM workshop did not go as I would had liked, I hope that it was informative and helpful.

The Mountaineer Region we support 10 areas with about 150 meeting around the state and we are continuing to grow at a steady pace. We understand that our numbers are not at the level of many of regions of our zone, the Mountaineer Region is carrying a strong and clear message of NA recovery.

Over the past six months regional and world service discussions have been laying the ground work for the release of the CAR. A few of the issues addressed have been.

At our fall Mountaineer Regional Service Form we reviewed the Social Media Service Pamphlet. We had a fruitful discussion and input gathered was submitted to NAWS.

Our region has been purchased a second billboard cover and we hope to continue these purchase these as funds become available.

Many area functions too numerous to mention.

We have at lease two CAR events planned as well as Regional CAR workshop March 3rd at Cedar Lakes, Ripley WV.

Chili Cook-Off and CAR workshop March 24th Charleston, WV

The regional PR committee has three events planned over the next few months. One important presentation coming up in the next few weeks is in WV State Capitol rotunda. We will be providing a PR informational table and discussions with state officials and social and mental health professionals.

Our helpline is functioning well; we are using One Box answering service to send every call directly to a recovery addict's cell phone. Phonenumber members are on a 4 hour rolling weekly schedule. It is working great.

The Mountaineer Region has two conventions each year. This year's annual spring convention will be May 11-13 at Cedar Lakes in Ripley West Virginia. This convention is held in a beautiful outdoor environment with 3 lakes, lodge, rooms and dorms. Region hosts a Mountaineer Regional

Service Form at every convention to present and discuss service related issues. Please visit our regional website at “mrsrna.org” for more information.

Gratefully serving,
David H., RD
Rob O., RD Alt.
Mountaineer Region

Open Forum/ Discussion

Carrying the conscience of a region which is non-seated

- With so many open positions, it is more important to fill those positions.
- Speak with other non-seated regions, and see how they are handling the topic of carrying our conscience.
- Core of NA is the meeting, and that is where everything starts. They can do workshops about building strong homegroups. Start at the beginning to build a strong base.

CAR/ CAT Discussion and Questions

- Service system
- Living Clean
- Regional proposals
- World Board resolutions
- Straw Polls; gets the pulse of the conference; helps determine if further discussion would be warranted; has 2nd session which is under Robert's Rules; it is a decision-making session
- Resolutions; will be voted on at the conference; handled through the process of discussion and then decision at the business session
- Analogy: come to the conference with seeds, and see what everyone can agree on
- If the resolutions are accepted or adopted, then further work will need to be done; they inform the next phase; they are considered the conscience of the conference; gives direction to the further work
- Questions about the “loss of rights” if the service system is adopted
- The service system proposal attempted to be group focused

- It was noted the suggestions around the Service System project is **JE** it is adopted, and this is stated in the CAR
- Everything seen in this structure is already found in the Guide to Local Services. By changing the service system, there is another level of service being added. How is that going to help us?
- Money was set aside for the work group, and then doubled, just to add suggestions. Why spend that kind of money when it is already in our literature?
- Concerns regarding the accessibility sharing and sharing of information to the members of the fellowship, and responses to the members
- Dislike of “us” and “them” talk.
- Concept of Jimmy K going not being just a U.S. fellowship
- The request for seating criteria was made by the fellowship, but not addressed in the service system project, but not downsizing
- There is an emotional attachment to the present service structure the same as there was with the medallions. The fellowship was under the impression that some of the issues could be addressed through the zonal forums.
- NA needs to be out there in the public, and accessible by all; there is a way of doing that through PI/PR.
- Geopolitical boundaries do not work everywhere
- One area is using an LSU structure, getting more service done in the past 1 1/2 years, and it is working for them.
- It was suggested that we give the fellowship time to try some of the suggested concepts and ideas being presented by the work group before making a decision about whether or not to adopt.
- The work group did not try to downsize the fellowship in their suggestions, but rather to draw a picture of what a healthy system would look like.
- This may not downsize the conference forever, since NA is continuing to grow all around the world.
- Lack of interest in CAT and CAR, giving reports, then hearing there was nothing to report
- How do we know which mechanism is the best one to use; i.e. straw poll vs. Robert’s Rules; some things are done experimentally, i.e. regional proposals, some things such as straw polling are used to get a sense of everyone’s feelings on an issue
- We are working toward agreements in principle, and all of a sudden there are things being offered, there are negative responses, rather than solutions.

- What is the non-U.S. perception of the service system project, and how it curtails the growth regions in the U.S.
- Why does the board get motions, and the regions get proposals? Why can't regions have both motions and proposals? In the 90's it was suggested/ requested by a region that the conference become more discussion-based. Instead of getting bogged down in procedure, we should talk. Everything should be done the same, and this is an experiment to see how it goes. It will probably be brought up in new business at WSC.
- Policy such as a motion to adopt the Living Clean book comes under FIPT, so there is no decision to be made about how to approach the issue.
- This policy is a dialogue which will be brought up at WSC.
- Can some of the proposals/ resolutions be split? Is there flexibility to tweak a proposal? If there is a ground swell about something, then we can make changes. Comes back to the idea that all regional motions have not been recommended.
- Are the notes from the work groups regarding what a healthy service system looks like available to the fellowship for review? Check with Travis at the office.
- Boundaries can be regarded as a positive product of the service system project
- The fellowship has the opportunity to effect changes in policy. The discussion-based format allows us to be expandable. Are services that benefit the suffering addict who has not yet found NA going to suffer, or will they be enhanced. Will this build better leaders? The whole thing is rooted in our vision and our primary purpose. We feel we should maintain the vision of expanding our base. This was considered by the work group when they were developing the service system.
- We are thinking about locally delivered services, making the home groups stronger
- Interim goals for leadership planning; being discussed a lot at the Board. Trusted servant development is the concept of developing people's talents. Calling it leadership has shown a tendency to separate people.
- Disconnect between local services and world services, service system project hopes to address these issues; communication issue, literature development are two of the issues
- Do I have the latitude as an RD to introduce motions during new business? WB members cannot vote during old business; but can in new business. For old business, the motions have already been presented in

the CAR. New business hasn't been part of the group conscience process. Anything can be presented in new business, and will be up for decision.

- Once a project has been completed, there is no way to impact what is in the piece. Impacting projects at the front end; this can be done during the input and review period. Financial restraints present a problem in getting input, and we use the discussion board concept to increase individual input.
- Did the work group think that the service system project addressed the fellowship's communication issues? Too many links in the chain might break down the true message. Holding a large group assembly could help get information to everyone without diluting or changing the message. It has been recognized that one break in the chain, stops forward motion and information sharing; we are screwed. It is important to find ways to address the largest number of people at one time to avoid the gaps in information.
- Some book length literature has been removed from the website. It has already been removed, but nothing has been bundled or changed as of yet.
- Motions 2 & 3 are too broad and general. With this motion we are giving the WB power to make changes without the approval of the fellowship. The fellowship would be giving up their rights to control what is changed if these motions are approved. This is an area of concern, because in the past changes were made that impacted our literature (specifically the 4th edition Basic Text).
- Why do we need to spend more money for the service system project, after already spending as much as we have? In order to have member participation (rather than only WB members) we would need the money for expenses.
- Motion 3; The motion is worded in a way that it appears/ sounds as if the WB will tell the fellowship of literature that is being changed, but that it is a done deal.

CPRNA.org Website presentation:

The Old: revisions were suggested to impact the way the website looked and read. A group of 8-10 members helped to put together the new website. They cooperate with neighboring regions to share resources for effective services, finding NA, providing information about what NA is, link that goes directly to PI committee, H&I.

How can we combine and coordinate services/ resources amongst the regions?

Uses a program called Word-Press

Agenda for July 28, 2012 hosted by Eastern PA Region

- Introductions
- Read Traditions and Concepts
- Regional Reports
- Discuss results of World Service Conference
- US Service Conference

Upcoming schedule for Autonomy Zonal Forum:

Eastern PA Region: July 28, 2012

Free State Region: January 26, 2013

Greater Philadelphia Region: July 27, 2013****WCNA that summer***

Central Atlantic Region: January 25, 2014

Mountaineer Region: July 26.2014

Chesapeake and Potomac Region: January 31, 2015

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In loving service,
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