



Autonomy Zonal Forum

Mission and Purpose:

The Autonomy Zone brings all elements of Narcotics Anonymous (NA) from its participating regions together to further the common welfare of NA by providing events which:

- Create an opportunity for Regions to come together to exchange experience, strength, and hope and collectively express itself on matters affecting Narcotics Anonymous as a whole
- Train, mentor and/or inform participants about the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.

The AZF is ultimately responsible to the groups it serves inspired by the joy of selfless service, and the knowledge that our efforts make a difference.

Meeting Agenda	September 20, 2021
Zoom Link -- https://zoom.us/j/87212116010 Pwd:121212	

Attendees:

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- Introductions; others in attendance; Craig, James S
- Overview of agenda
- Meeting opened at 7:03 pm; quorum established with 4 RDs/regions present; vision statement and service concepts were read

Agenda Items

• **Treasurer's Report:**

Good evening. Heading towards the January Zonal Forum which will be live, I spoke to Christian as he will be hosting the event. He has discussed with the region and they will be funding the event. I think we need to have a discussion on what I will do with the money in the Autonomy Zones account, what will the Autonomy Zone fund and when we will begin. There is a balance of \$2007.63 from donations thus far in the account. As the approved budget states, Rob and Merle will be funded up to \$375. each for 2 events. The treasurer as well however this is my region and I am within the miles from home and will not need to be funded. If directed, I would be able to reserve a room at a hotel for them for the event. If time doesn't allow for a discussion on this call, I'd like to add it onto the next meetings agenda.



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We received a \$500. donation from the Greater Philadelphia Region and a \$63. donation from Mark H. I have attached bank statements onto the end of this report.

Please send any donations from your homegroup, area or region to any of our accounts or you may mail a check made out to Autonomy Zone to 883 Brighton Pl. Glen Burnie MD, 21061.

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Trisha C.

- New guidelines are under review.
 - Review number of days approved for reimbursement
 - Discussed number of nights.
 - Proposed budget with 3 rooms for 2 nights
 - RDA CARNA/ Secretary and facilitator are not needed to be present on Friday night
 - DECISION
 - Vote taken for new wording (3 rooms for 2 nights) 3 in favor/1 stand aside. Move forward with this motion.
 - Proposal moves forward with consensus

Funding of Zonal Forum 2 day event

- Freestate is picking up the tab for the next Zonal Forum; who should pay for the zonal weekends; Regions or Zone
 - Right now we are building up funds, but we do not have any money after paying for the lodging.
 - Suggested to have the Regions fund the Zonal meetings
 - RDA Freestate: We discussed having the Zone fund the meetings at the last Zonal, but the budget is basically a plan.
 - RD GPRNA; In the past, other regions have helped contribute to the presenting region
 - RDA CARNA; Our ultimate goal is to make this a true AZF event, and to be fully self-supporting
 - The next Zonal Meeting after January will be in GPRNA; Regions have donated what they could. We do not want to be constrained by how much we spend by the Zone.
 - RD Freestate; take back to region a request for contributions
 - AZF Secretary: we have taken a request to our regions asking for contributions
 - Craig; We are hosting by the AZF, not a specific region. We delegate a group of people to determine what we present.
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- **Service Work Group** - FD/PR Creation – Craig
 - Recap was sent of most recent meeting in advance



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- There are 4 task teams for the goals that were chosen
- SWG meets every 2nd Thursday of the month.
- The task teams meet separately; they each have their own slack channel
- Reviewed the recap
- See slack for upcoming meetings for each task team
- Next SWG meeting will be October 8, 2021 at 7-8 pm
- **Communications Task Team** – Kim
 - Not present, final report is included as an attachment
 - John W gave a verbal update
- **Proposals/ open Forum**
 - **PROPOSAL:** RD GPRNA: change hotel not reimbursed if event is held within 35 miles from event(mileage from 50 miles to 35 miles
 - **DECISION:** Consensus: change to 35 miles
 - **PROPOSAL:**RDA CARNA; Create a summary of decisions for bottom of guidelines
 - Craig; maintain guidelines voted on for a minimum of one service cycle
 - Facilitator/ RDA CARNA: go over decisions for the past 3 years; enlist Merle/ start 2017
 - **DECISION:** NO OPPOSITION to the updates to the guidelines, Rob will go over the minutes
 - **DECISION:** look at guidelines, approve those guidelines; Rob; these are included as an attachment for further review
 - Under projects on website, nothing is listed. It would be beneficial to list what we are doing, and how to get involved
 - Communications Task Team met August 23, but no one on this call was present at the meeting and no information was provided in a report. Meeting for communications Task Team will be held September

Discussion for January AZF, hosted by Free State

- Prep for next AZF meeting in January
- One planning meeting so far, looking for where to hold meeting. Next meeting is 8:30 pm Monday September 27, 2021. Will email link to meeting.
- CAR will be part of the event, reached out to WB for representation. Needs to submit a request form. Looking for virtual participation.
- Looking to have a space for regional chairs to talk.
- Will this be a hybrid event? We have to discuss that
- Planning group may need to meet an additional time
- Additional AZF meeting to be held December 20, 7:00-9:00 pm



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Upcoming AZF Schedule

- January 29, 30 2022/ Freestate
- July 30, 31 2022/ Greater Philadelphia
- January 28, 29, 2023/ Central Atlantic
- July 29, 30, 2023/ Chesapeake and Potomac
- January 27, 28, 2024/ Eastern PA