

# Autonomy Zonal Forum Zoom Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Date: 3-18-19

Hosted By: Greater Philly via Zoom

Meeting opened at: 7:05 pm

Meeting closed at: 8:51 pm

Opened Meeting with Serenity Prayer

## Today's Agenda:

- Any updates on Facilitator/Sec't. Reminder of Schedule:
  - Nominations and resumes until May 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - June 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> interviews
  - June 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> will discuss candidates
  - July 1<sup>st</sup> vote in the candidates -July zonal meeting they will begin the positions
- Discuss request from World to have one or two contact names to be our link with them (refer to Email sent from Nick Elson NAWS below).
- Review Environmental Scan Questions Kim put together for this meeting
- Scheduling to do Regional Environmental scans using SWOT to share with each other.
- Continuing conversation on potential future events with NE Zone or others
- Has everyone checked the AZF Website to see if their info is correct?
- Update on next Zonal Forum in Philly July 27-28
- Best Practices/Open Forum: Regional Insurances discussion requested by GPR

Regional Reps Present	P-present A-absent V-vacant
Central Atlantic Region RD	Dee P - A
Central Atlantic Region RD Alt.	V
Central Atlantic Region RD 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alt.	Randy D - P
Chesapeake and Potomac Region RD	Darla - P
Chesapeake and Potomac Region RD Alt.	Greg J - P
Eastern PA Region RD	Merle S - P
Eastern PA Region RD Alt.	V
Free State Region RD	Trish - P
Free State Region RD Alt.	Christian B - P
Greater Philadelphia Region RD	Billy W - P
Greater Philadelphia Region RD Alt.	Clarence - P
Mountaineer Region RD	Ryan S - P
Mountaineer Region RD Alt.	Rob - A

Interested others: Sherry V, Kim A, Craig R, Greg B

## Notes on Today's Agenda:

**Facilitator/Sec't Position: Forms** are being uploaded to the Dropbox

Not all reps have brought these positions to their regions. There seems to not have been much interest so far. Some discussion surrounding the daunting task of filling out the forms.

**Contact for World – Nick's request:** Discussion: Trish: we don't yet have a secretary or Facilitator but this responsibility could be added in with their job descriptions – we re-read Nick's letter and discussion was surrounding the opportunity that Eastern PA would be afforded to be part of the information stream

We had a lot of discussion regarding what the actual responsibilities would be for the contact person(s), the term of the commitment and whether or not the contact person should be a member of one of the delegate teams or the facilitator or the secretary. Each region has access to all the info except Eastern PA so the discussion at times leaned toward having Merle or the current EPARNA rep be the primary contact.

**DECISION: TERM LIMIT FOR CONTACT PERSON:** Billy asked consensus on setting term limit. - 4 yes – Question put before the body... 4 yrs or 2 years. 1 in favor of 4 years - and 4 in favor of 2.

Length of term for this first Contact person was unanimously decided to be through the next conference.

We decided to name the EPARNA rep to be our current primary contact for the AZF until the end of the next WSC 2020 - STRAW POLL – unanimous

**Environmental Scan/Inventory:** Kim will send the two versions of the adjusted NAWS environmental scan she came up with out to everyone for further discussion.

**Craig reported on Symposium discussions from Northeast Zone:** there are 3 regions in the Northeast Zone who appear to be moving forward with this idea on their own.. not too interested in a collaboration. Craig felt they aren't receptive to the idea right now. Maybe some baby steps for our Zone for now. We will keep discussions going. Question – Multi regional symposium?

**AZF website:** polled to see if all regional info is correct: CAR – no longer has meetings in PA. Greater Philly has changes too and both will send info to Darla. Craig asked if he could send flyer to Darla regarding multi regional PR day in June. Consensus is there is not problem with sending flyers for the AZF website.

--- Next Zonal Meeting isn't posted yet. Darla will update it.

**Update for Next AZF:** Deposit to Hypnotist already made – Location is still being scouted – negotiations are happening. Flyer will be soon. Greater Philly will be tweaking format from last AZF – Greater Philly will be funding the event. Billy will come up with a location by end of next week.

### Open Forum:

**Best Practices — Insurance** – how are region's handling insurance needs/requests/claims – Greater Philly says they have gotten 3 claims – 2 are for incidents outside of meetings and 1 is inside. Uptick on people filing insurance claims. Greater Philly Region paying \$7000.00/yr (down from an earlier price of \$8,000.00) for insurance policy. Mountaineer says there was one claim and they just don't talk about it so people don't really know there's a policy. Darla – C&P – no regional policy- newly incorporated. Groups are carrying their own insurance policy's (@ \$200.00/yr) Personal injury or damage? Ideas: could check with insurance agents within the fellowship. Groups could have a rider? Greater Philly takes incident reports – print up an incident report and send out to the fellowship. Two regions have no regional insurance. An option is groups or Areas have their own policies...

— **Change the name of the AZF** – perhaps we should put in our name something that indicates our location. Maybe *Mideast Zone*? - not much discussion or interest for now

Meeting ended at: 8:51 with a moment of silence and the Third step prayer

## **Future Agenda Items:**

- Environmental Scan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Contact
- Update on Facilitator and Secretary Positions
- Update on July Zonal Meeting
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May 20<sup>th</sup> – next Zoom meeting

## **Upcoming schedule for Autonomy Zonal Forum:**

- Greater Philadelphia Region: July 27, 2019
- Central Atlantic Region: January 28, 2020
- Mountaineer Region: July 25, 2020
- Chesapeake and Potomac Region: January 30, 2021
- Eastern Pa Region: July 31, 2021
- Free State Region: January 29, 2022