

South Dakota Regional NA meeting : DRAFT FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS

Date 12-04-22

Time 1:00 MT 2:00 CT

Location - ZOOM

Attendance:

RD-Carol P - RDA-open - Regional Chair- Liliias J - Regional Vice Chair- Drew B. - Regional Treasurer- Steve P

Regional Secretary- Jim K - Convention Chair-*Jim K* - Web-servant-Sandi M. interim

(WRA CM-*Liliias J* - WRA Alt- *Steve P.* - *ERANA CM- area disbanded*) - **Guests: Larry J**

Open: Serenity prayer; 12 traditions; 12 concepts and introductions.

Quorum: Agreement to accept the involvement of all members present.

Reports: Secretary: September 2022 notes were read and accepted

Treasurer: SDRNA Checking

Beginning Balance 8/31/202 \$8405.56 - No deposits - Web fee \$217.00 - Ending Balance 9/30/2022 \$ 8405.56

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Beginning Balance 9/30/2022 \$8405.56 - Deposit 10/17/2022 donation Other Side Group \$136.00

No payments - Ending Balance 10/31/2023 \$8541.56

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Current balance 12/4/2023 \$8451.56 - No deposits - No payments

Chairperson: The discussion about the future of the Region has been healthy for our fellowship, and I think we need to keep looking to the future on a regular basis. I have been receiving questions about committee service from newer members and continue to encourage them to participate – as well as giving them specific instructions on how to do that.

I remain willing to vacate the Chair’s position, if people think there is a conflict with my position as RCM. If we okay the new Guidelines as they are currently written, this will become necessary. Another point for our Guidelines discussion is that neither our Area nor the Region has been following the approved decision-making format, and we may want to look at that.

Vice Chairperson: Dear Family: I would like to thank the RSC for your understanding during the prior RSC where I needed to leave on short notice due to a family emergency. At this point and time, the main thing I have to report is status of the updated RSC guidelines. I am complete with roughly 70% of that document. I plan on having the guidelines completed by late December or early January. I am going to request a meeting with Liliias in early January to review the document prior to submission to the ASC(s).

Vice Chairperson cont. - The other action item that is potentially on my shoulders is the RSC web site. This has been discussed, but that actions towards this fell through as what started as a subcommittee became a party of one. Sandra has continued to carry the maintenance of the site, but the revision of the site is quite a larger task. I am willing to work on the revisions, but I would prefer to do that after submission of the RSC guidelines. Both the guidelines and revision of the web site are sizable projects. I would prefer to put full effort towards one project at a time. I sincerely appreciate the RSC's support over the past 3 months, particularly given the family emergency I needed to address just prior to the SD RSC meeting. I continue to remain yours In loving service, Drew B.

RD: RD Report/ and 2023 proposal

PSZF met virtually last month. We forwarded over \$5000 to world for the year. The services that have been provided by the zone include: Sponsorship Behind the Walls, PR Presentations upon request by region, and collaboration with Multi-zonal Service Symposium. South Dakota is the only region who does not participate in the Sponsorship Behind the Walls from our zone. Our PR chair is attempting to organize the task of getting NA pamphlets on inmate note pads. Several States have done so and are collaborating with our zone to help with this endeavor. South Dakota will need some person to help with this as well.

WSC has been meeting virtually every two months to help frame the next in person meeting in April/May 2023. As RD I have asked the WB for assistance with my financial expenses for the trip. There are 25 motions in the CAR, a literature survey and new service material or revisions to be made. Our Zone Car workshop will be in Nebraska Feb 3-5. The next zone meeting will be at WSC in California. That will be followed by in person meeting in Best Little, and the last meeting for 2023 will be a virtual meeting.

My expense proposal is for the trip to Grand Island Nebraska for the CAR workshop in the amount of \$450: gas, room for 2 nights. - No expense for WSC - No expense for Texas, attend virtually

We can do CAR workshops virtually, or in person. If I am to travel for the CAR workshops, I will need gas funding for those trips. I can ask for that funding as the requests arise. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, - Carol P

Alt RD: Open Position

Web-servant: The web site SDRNA.com continues to be maintained. There has been no new activity for events since the convention. A separate email for webmaster will be set up so there is a point of contact for the web site notifications. The email and log in information will be shared also with the secretary and chairperson once this is done. Also contact information needs to be updated and the responsibility of payment needs to be determined. I would like to propose we use the SDRNA treasurer email as a point of contact for billing.

I would like to propose the region pursue a Tax ID number and a tax-exempt status so that we can proceed with online registration for conventions. That will allow us to have a seamless registration process and a better ability to predict quantities for merchandise.

The cost of the web site is \$0 for the domain and \$215.88 for web hosting. This cost is web hosting has reverted back to a yearly billing at a much higher cost than the previous 3-year plan at the cost of \$539.64, or a 2 year at \$383.76.

At this point it would be helpful to find someone to finish designing the web site. If the committee agrees I can look into the cost of a web designer.

Convention Chair 2022:

Convention financial report has been prepared by Steve P. - SDRNA Convention banking

Beginning Balance 8/14/22 \$2977.00 - Check: Basic stuff 4-U \$1898.22 - No deposits

Ending Balance 9/11/22 \$1078.78

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Beginning Balance 9/12/2022 \$1078.78 Check John S Badges \$45.16 - Check Jim K Hospitality \$239.36 -
Check event center \$1182.15 - Check Rooms \$602.93

Deposit \$4869.00 Ending Balance 10/16/22 \$3898.18

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Beginning Balance 10/16/2022 \$3898.18 - Deposit 10/17/2022 \$651.50 Return Basic Stuff/ Overpayment of room

Ending balance 11/14/2022 \$4549.68

Amount to forward to SDRNA \$1249.68 leaving start up balance \$3200.00

There was no bid submitted to the SD Region Committee for the 2022 Convention.

Members of the SD Region committee proposed and began contracts with Watertown Event Center to continue the practice of holding the Convention in Eastern South Dakota every other year.

Watertown NA members were informed of this once the communication had begun with the Event Center.

I was asked to take the position of Convention Chair for the purpose of close communication with the staff at the Event Center.

SDRNA Convention Guidelines adopted 3-20-2022 section titled Money Handling states that:

“The Convention Committee Chair, in close cooperation with the Convention Treasurer, is responsible for the handling of funds collected and spent in putting on the convention and for reporting those funds to the SD Region of NA.”

We had formerly discussed the need for the SD Region Treasurer to serve as the Convention Treasurer. Steve P did serve in that position. All of the 2022 convention moneys were handled by him and a second count of those funds were done by his assistant. (Larry?) Moneys from the Registration table were collected and counted by Steve P.

Hospitality room expense receipts were submitted to Steve. Steve left a check with me for the Event Center.

Final payment to the Event Center was made the following week.

Thank you for this opportunity. It was a wonderful experience.

In Service - Jim K Watertown NA

West River Area: The West River Area Service Committee met on November 12, 2022. The bank balance is good, and the Area is meeting all expenses. The Hospitals and Institutions/Public Relations subcommittee reports that women are needed for meetings on the women’s side of the Care Campus and men will eventually be needed for CABH. Pennington County Jail meetings are on hold at this time, but we are hearing about needs for both men’s and women’s meeting Literature sales are steady, and we are seeing copies of *Spiritual Principle a Day* in our meetings. So they are getting out to members. The Unity Subcommittee is starting to work on planning for the Serenity in the Hills event. Groups have been asked to sponsor some activities, as the Subcommittee has not been able to maintain the number of events that people would like to see.

WRA continued - With the return of the Sunday evening meeting, Rapid City now has daily meetings, as does Sturgis. Other groups are operating at their usual small size, like Custer's Saturday night meeting. There are no new meetings outside of Rapid City and Sturgis, and the Area Outreach position has been open since before covid.

The West River Area Service Committee discussed the possibility of disbanding our Region, and input was received from some groups. This topic was discussed with much interest. The general conclusion was that we need to continue strengthening our groups post-covid. This will, in turn, strengthen our Area and the Region. The discussion included carrying a positive message and that there was no deadline on doing this, but that we need to build newer members into service.

Project Groups Reports: Outreach- I will not be in attendance today as I will look into a furnace problem at my Dad's home in Sioux City that I became aware of this past evening. Nothing really to report; since the last Regional Meeting I have not initiated any contact with groups and am not aware of any changes otherwise. My apologies for the overall lack of effort on my part. In loving service (or not) – John S

Old Business: The revised Region Guidelines are still pending. Drew is 70% finished and will complete this update and then confer with the Region Chair after the holidays.

Home groups will need to talk about the convention. "Which convention? 2023?"

Post-convention meeting was not scheduled with the 2022 committee.

Question and discussion about the Regional Treasurer serving as Convention Treasurer at each Convention. Study of rules for Non-profits is suggested to answer this question and avoid liabilities for the SDRNA Chair.

Budget updates for Conventions in keeping with the Convention Guidelines are needed.

There was a concern discussed in Sept. over a convention banner. No further discussion at this meeting.

Current service opportunities: RDA position received no nominees as of this meeting and remains open.

New Business:

- 1) Website development – Hiring a Web Designer can cost around \$1500 (one-time fee). We chose to fund this as a Special Project and keep the Web Budget for maintaining the site at \$500. We need to define which features we need for our site. 1) Document Repository? 2) Payment processing? (for convention registrations – etc.) This can complicate the development. Drew offered to serve as a consultant on this project.
- 2) Convention Start-up amount increase from \$3000 to \$3200 Discussed and Approved.
- 3) We have not forwarded funds to World Services in the past. Our guidelines indicate that a Prudent Reserve is 60% over our annual budget. Funds in excess of 160% of the budget are to be forwarded. It is Discussed and Approved to forward \$1000 initially and to calculate the Reserve after the new budget has been approved.
- 4) Discussion about applying for an Employer ID Number. - "Our bank had asked if we have one and has allowed our business without having one." - "We have no need to have Federal Exempt status" - "Could we come under scrutiny with or without an EIN?" Take back to Groups for discussion.

Next Meeting: March 5 1:pm MT - 2:pm CT - Zoom Available

Signed: DRAFT FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS