



January 28, 29, & 30, 2011
Mt. Laurel, NJ

The Northeast Zonal Forum Purpose:

We, the NA Regions of the Northeastern states, have joined together to discuss issues of mutual concern, address common needs, exchange ideas, and share experiences, in order to further our primary purpose. As a clearinghouse for the discussion of common problems and their solutions, we complement the existing service structure of NA by addressing our own specific needs through unity, cooperation, and communication.

Friday, January 28th, 2011

8:00 pm: NEZF purpose >> Ground Rules >> **NEZF History** >> Introductions>> **Orientation** >> **Agenda**

Saturday, January 29th, 2011

Called to order: 9:07

>>> NEZF Purpose, roll call and introductions of participants

- 1. ABCD: Patricia F. RD, Mike RDA
- 2. Buckeye: *(absent)*
- 3. Connecticut: Jimmy C. RD, Adam H. RDA
- 4. Eastern New York: Richie S. RD, Yvonne M. RDA
- 5. Greater New York: *(absent)*
- 6. Mid-Atlantic: Shawn M. RD, Jenna T. RDA
- 7. Mountain Valley: *(absent)*
- 8. New England: Andrew L. RD, Jaime V. RDA
- 9. New Jersey: Kenny B. RD, Roger W. RDA
- 10. Northern New England: Harry D. RD, Marty M. RDA
- 11. Northern New Jersey: *(absent)*
- 12. Northern New York: Jabril S. RD, Alif C. RDA
- 13. Tri-State: Rochell RDA
- 14. Western New York: Jim L. RD, Steven D. RDA

10 regions represented

- Chair: Don B.
- Vice chair: Bill H
- Secretary: Judi M.
- Ad-hoc for ZPT: Bill H.
- Ad-hoc for ZWW: *absent*
- Ad-hoc for website: Richie S.
- Service System Workgroup members: Craig R., Tana A., Mukham (WB)

> Minutes corrections: *Approved*

➤ Secretary funding:

I made 10 copies of the minutes as per the Guidelines and in addition, I compiled the orientation packets described in the proposals passed at our last forum (5 copies each of previous 2 NEZF minutes, NEZF History, current approved NEZF Guidelines, and Vision and Mission statements). No one requested a hard copy so there were no mailing expenses.

For anyone who is not familiar with the procedure, the minutes are funded by the *incoming* hosting region according to our rotation. This NEZF, the cost to be incurred by NE is as follows:

>> **10 copies of minutes:** \$26.00 *(Andrew reimbursed the secretary envelope the \$26 and was provided a receipt)*

At the next NEZF (Summer, 2011), the cost will be the responsibility of NNE and so on, according to the rotation list.

➤ REGIONAL REPORTS

1.

ALBANY BERKSHIRE CAPITAL DISTRICT AREA

NORTH EAST ZONAL REPORT

JANUARY 2011

Our region has recently welcomed the return of the Berkshire County Area and the Mid Hudson Area has made the decision to join our region, as well. Along with the Albany Rensselaer Area, Mohawk River Area, and the Southern Adirondack Mountain Miracle Area, we now have five active areas and by our next meeting, in February, they should all have RCMs in place. Our regional meetings have seen a rise in attendance and there are members with a wealth of experience willing to serve. Nominations have been made to fill positions, some that have been vacant for a year or more.

The Convention Committee continues to progress toward the Regional convention to be held in 2012. All areas continue to host recovery events in their communities to further carry the message.

Elliot sends his love to you all and as much as I will miss serving with him, I look forward to serving the ABCD Region with our new RDA Mike over the next year and a half.

In loving service,

Patricia

RD ABCD Region

2. **Buckeye:** *(absent)*



3. **Connecticut Regional Report for Northeast Zonal Forum, January 2011**

Submitted by Jimmy C., RD

- Our boundaries are the entire State of Connecticut
- We meet monthly on a rotating basis throughout our nine areas which are comprised of: Greater Hartford Area, Greater Waterbury Area, Greater New Haven Area, Greater Danbury Area, Midstate Unity Area, United Shoreline Area, Southern Fairfield County Area, Tunxis Valley Area, and Central Connecticut Area.
- We have approximately 300 weekly meetings.
- We have a Regional H&I Committee and each area has an Area H&I Committee. We facilitate 99 H&I meetings.
- We have an active PI/PL Committee at both area and regional levels.
- We have a Board of Directors that oversees the operation of our Convention Committee. Our board is a 501c3 and is represented by members from each of the nine areas, five members from the current Convention Executive Committee, and up to two at-large members not to exceed sixteen total members.
- We have an annual regional convention traditionally the first full weekend of the year. In 2011 we celebrated our 26th convention.
- Our region has a blanket insurance policy covering meetings and events.
- We held a one-day Hartford Area convention in July of 2010 celebrating 25 years of service, which was successful and well attended.
- Our Pigs in Space group holds its annual Pig Roast.
- We held a History of Narcotics Anonymous Convention in November of 2011 which was successful and well attended.
- The United Shore Line Area of Connecticut will be hosting the 15th East Coast Convention of Narcotics Anonymous at Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT, June 24, 25, and 26 of 2011. For more info go to ecna.org
- Adam H. has been elected to serve as RD Alternate.

In loving service,

Jimmy C.

Adam H.

4. **Eastern New York:** *(Richie will forward)*

5. **Greater New York:** *(absent)*

6. Mid-Atlantic Region

- ❖ **Where is your region? Landmarks/Boundaries?** As far west as State College, PA as far south to Gettysburg. As far east to Bethlehem/Poconos.
- ❖ **How often does your region meet?** Quarterly
- ❖ **How many areas do you have in your region?** 15 Areas
- ❖ **How many meetings do you have?** 460
- ❖ **Do you have an H & I committee?** Yes
- ❖ **How many H&I commitments go in each week?** Approximately
 - Do you have a PI/PR committee? --- Yes
 - How many presentations do you do each month? --- none
 - Who are the target audiences that they are presenting to? --- **Rehabs and Institutions**
- ❖ **Do you have insurance?** Yes
- ❖ **Does your region have a convention?** Yes / Yearly - MARLCNA
- ❖ **What about the areas in your region?** 15 - Beehive, Capital Area, Central Susquehanna, Cumberland Valley, Lancaster County, Lebanon Valley, Little Apple, Mason Dixon, Pocono Mtn., Reading, Serenity in the Mountains., State College, Steamtown, Williamsport, and York.
- ❖ **What are the current regional issues of concern?** Our Convention Committee (MARLCNA Committee) is struggling with trusted servants serving the committee. We are also struggling with our region believing that the zone is a valuable asset to our region.
 - What are any recent region successes? --- We are glad to report to you that we decided to file an insurance claim and a police report against the previous MARLCNA treasurer and were able to recover \$10,000 of the stolen money. The previous MARLCNA treasurer was prosecuted. If we were not incorporated and had insurance we probably would have never seen any monies back from the theft.

In Service,

Shawn M. - RD

Jenna T. - RDA

7. Mountain Valley: *(absent)*



8. New England Region--Report to North Eastern Zonal Forum, January 2011

Greetings fellow Regions & members of the North Eastern Zonal Forum! Has it really been 6 months already? Since we last convened in July down in State College, PA, much has happened. Particularly with the Service System Proposals but, more on that later.

Eleven Areas of Narcotics Anonymous call the New England Region their home, and alphabetically they are: Boston, Cape Cod, Central Mass., Greater Providence, Free Spirit, Martha's Vineyard, Metro West, Nantucket, North East Mass., South East Mass. & South Shore which combined occupy all of the eastern half of Massachusetts, it's Cape & Islands and all of Rhode Island.

There seems to be no shortage of events within these Areas including conventions, campouts, speaker jams, service slams, group & area anniversaries, sponsorship breakfasts, dances & fundraisers during every month of the year. Some noteworthy ones coming up are the Martha's Vineyard Area Celebration of Recovery in May & the 3rd South East Mass Area Convention June 24th-26th in Mansfield, Massachusetts.

Some of our member Areas have had some challenges beyond the usual type, such as a reported stabbing death in a Fall River meeting, and a Cape Cod Area meeting which offered gym memberships & employment as well as Narcaine inhalers to its group members, and there are widespread allegations of steroid use & distribution in at least three of our Areas. Has anyone else had these struggles?

Points of interest in terms of our body's committee services include but are not limited to review & input on the Living Clean project through our Literature Committee, regular Public Information presentations at schools and health fairs and such, a dozen plus H&I commitments at Mass DOC facilities, regular H&I/PI Learning Days, and of course, the New England Regional Convention (<http://newenglandna.org/node/615>) this April 15th-17th at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, Mass which just happens to be the very same place we will be hosting this body in July for our Zone Wide Workshop.

Which is a nice segue into what Andrew & I have been up to since we've seen each other last. The Service System Proposals have been (and promise to continue to be) quite the endeavor. Starting with the Workshops which were a sort of "teach the teachers" effort, and moving through several smaller scale presentations to our Region & it's member Areas,

this project has been quite time and resource consuming, as I am sure you all know. We have not had to do it alone though since not only did a good handful of our members attend Baltimore & Orlando out-of-pocket, but we as a body also opted to send two additional pairs of Trusted Servants (aside from Andrew & I) to Dallas & to Oakland as well. We saw the soundness & wisdom of World's recommendation to do so and are very fortunate to have a solid team of well-informed addicts helping us as this undertaking moves forward. The folks we asked were then elected by the RCMs & equally represent both the geography of our Region, and its diversity. Therefore, we are able to reach more groups than just the two of us alone could possibly handle. This combined effort has allowed us to give several presentations disseminating this dense amount of data, and to then receive a great deal of feedback from our members which Andrew submitted to the Workgroup in time for the soft deadline of January 31st. A brief synopsis of this feedback would be impossible for someone as verbose as I am so I will simply say that it is quite a mixed bag. For the most part folks seem excited at the prospects of these proposals and seem to lean toward a nice blend of the two offered models right up to the Conference Seating segments whereupon we get a lot of strong contention, particularly from our Old Timers. This is, of course, a very general statement and not to be taken as our true and collective conscience but rather, an observation of trend. What has left the most impression on me has been the amount of interest in this, and the willingness of our members to imagination implementing the various aspects of the proposals. On a personal note, it has been inspiring & energizing to be involved and I am honored to call myself a member of the New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous.

We have created a page on our website (http://newenglandna.org/Service_Structure_Project) where we have posted everything from raw notes to completed reports from each member of the team involved in our efforts to keep our fingers on the pulse of this thing.

One reiteration in case anyone missed it is that we will be hosting the July 2011 North East Zonal Forum – Zone Wide Workshop at the Sturbridge Host Hotel & Convention Center in Sturbridge, Massachusetts (01566) at 365 Main Street on July 22nd-24th, and are looking forward to doing so.

Great to see you all again and thanks to New Jersey (wait, is this “bad” Jersey?) for having us!
Of loving service, Jaime V. – RDA, New England

9. New Jersey: *(oral, Roger W. will forward report)*

10. Northern New England Regional Report *(submitted by Harry D.)*

Hello Family:

Northern New England Region is comprised of three Areas: ***Granite State, Maine, and Seacoast***. We have approximately 121 meetings weekly .

We are struggling as our Region is comprised of only 3 Areas, at times we don't have quorum. We revised our guidelines so that a Regional Trusted servant could not carry their Areas Vote.

As some of you know Jeremy F. has been hospitalized for the last 3 ½ months and I'm filling in as RD until his return.

We will be hosting the Northeast Zonal Forum Dec.2, 3, & 4 in Manchester, NH. We will have more information at the Zone in July. We are planning on combining the Multi Regional Learning Event with the Zone

We have a RD, RDA, Chair, Vice Chair, Temporary Treasurer and Newsletter Chair. We are in need of a Secretary and Treasurer

Maine Area Winter Unity Fest Feb 18, 19, & 20 in Alfred Maine

Granite State Area “Fellowship in the Field XXI” Camp out will be June 24, 25 & 26 in Bethlehem, NH

Seacoast Area “Freedom Under the Stars XXI” Camp out will be July 15, 16 & 17 in Thornton, NH

11. Northern New Jersey: *(absent)*

12. Northern New York: *(oral, Jabil will send later)*

13. TRI-State Regional Report

Good morning Family,

Tri-State Region – www.tristate-na.org

Phone: 888-251-2426 or 412-391-5247

TTY/Hearing Impaired: 412-281-1875

Regional Meeting: Bi-monthly, 2nd Saturday at TSRSO, 322 E. 8th Ave., Homestead, PA.

Regional Chair: Mary P.

H&I meets 4th Saturday of each month

Regional Convention – *Champion, PA, November, 2011*

Spiritual Retreat - *1st fundraiser, Feb. 11, 2011*

There are 20 areas in the region, Steubenville, Ohio – Edensburgh, PA – Wheeling, WV

Regional Concerns:

- Attaining insurance for regional – as noted above with 3 different states
- TRI-State is not on NEZF web site
- Still unfilled positions of Trusted Servants
- How will Service System affect Helpline????

A regional inventory is underway.

Thanks for allowing me to serve

Rochell - RDA

14. Western New York:

To: NEZF

From: WNYRSCNA

Regarding: Regional Report

Date: 1/25/11

Hello Family:

WNYR remains up and running, meeting every other month, without issue. The region is still comprised of the following areas: Buffalo, Chautauqua, Niagara Falls, and Niagara Orleans. Since our last report, the number of meetings in our Region has remained somewhat constant at approximately 185. The online meeting continues to meet and can be accessed by logging onto nawny.org. The areas have had annual elections and none have reported difficulties filling service positions. Although fund flow continues to be a topic of discussion throughout the areas of WNY Region, they continue donate funds to Region and World. The home groups throughout the Region participate actively in carrying NA's message of hope and promise of freedom.

One area in particular (Alley-Catts), who in our last report to the Zone, was experiencing difficulty with keeping meetings open due to the lack of committed trusted servants at both the home group level and area level has disbanded.

The Buffalo Area's annual Recovery in the Woods (RITW) Labor Day Weekend event was once again well attended and can be described as a success.

Chautauqua, Niagara Falls, and Niagara Orleans are continuing to host recovery events in their perspective areas. Niagara Orleans hosted its NA Annual Picnic in August at the Outwater Park in Lockport, New York. This celebration of recovery enjoyed a great degree of participation.

The RD, along with the Region's Literature Chair, Bob Bishop continued to conduct literature review an input sessions on the *Living Clean: The Journey Continues Project*. We were able to complete the review of chapters 6 and 7 and the Preface. The practice of conducting review sessions at home group meetings has resulted in favorable responses and requests throughout the Region for assistance with setting up such review tables has gained popularity. Once again, we find the 90 day input and review period are seen as sufficient.

At this time nominations for Regional positions are being accepted in accordance with Region's BY-Laws.

The Region's convention committee successfully prepared, planned, and hosted its XV annual convention. It needs to be noted that this year's convention was held for the first time in downtown Buffalo at the Adam's Mark Hotel in October 2010. The Regional Convention Chairperson has been elected and is in the process of setting up the planning committee for Convention XVI. Look for upcoming information by accessing by the Region's website (nawny.org).

In keeping with NA's suggested fund flow, the WNYRCNA sent in 2010 donations totaling \$2000.00 to the WSO and has recently sent its first donation of 2011 totaling \$1500 to the WSO.

The Region's recent successes are all related to service projects and or workshops that included the following:

- Workshops in each area resulting in significant participation at not only the area level but at the home group level as well.
- XV Annual Convention.
- A second service systems structure workshop hosted by the Niagara Falls Area. It was well attended and stimulated significant dialogue and requests for further workshops.
- Review and input of the *Living Clean: The Journey Continues* project. Note: Member participation remained consistent and proved to attract more participation as is seen in the multiple request by home groups for assistance with setting up review tables even after due dates for review and input had passed..

Yours in Service,

Jim L. RD

PEACE BE THE JOURNEY

Don: *This is the most input and information that we have gotten in all the years I've been coming.*

➤ **Service System Project:**

Craig (liaison ("point person) between the workgroup and WB): Thanks to the Zone for inviting us. This gives us an opportunity to refresh and update. Thanks for your support for all these years. It's nice to know we're all on the same team. Please convey this message to your local areas/regions.

Project Background and Updates:

Commonly experienced, ongoing challenges in NA service:

- Ineffective communication
- Insufficient resources: *Why do we seem to do less with more?*
- Frustrated trusted servants: eg. Hundreds of meetings and only a fraction of H&I presentations. Dozens of meetings and little ASC attendance.
- Poor atmosphere of recovery in service meetings.
- Current system was designed to meet NA's needs in the 1970s
- NAWS restructured in the late 90s & haven't holistically examined local services-- until now
- Current structure designed to be cohesive with the Twelve Concepts...
- Our hope is for a system that more closely embodies the principles of NA service

We have an approved system that some people don't use.

Structure is just a part of the services; we have a system with many parts. Everything we do in service is to further our vision. In service systems, we need some planning, the key element in delivering services. How do we give back? How do we ensure that this is a divinely inspired? Our organization is one of the most misinformed/uninformed organizations in existence.

We need:

- Proper training/mentoring
- Match talent with task
- Service should be fulfilling, not draining.

We have this common vision

>>>What does a healthy service system look like?

Muk: First, I want to thank you for everything you do. Listening to the regional reports, I was really moved. Thank you for taking on the undertaking to disseminate this information to your local communities. We took hour after hour to put together these proposals. I have spent my adult life trying to make what is understandable to me, understandable to others. Thank you (to NJ) for training and mentoring me.

➤ **Foundational Principles for a Revitalized Service System**

It needs to be:

- **Purpose driven:** Each proposed unit answers specific needs and responsibilities should be clearly defined.
- **Group focused:** GSU focuses on aiding the groups in their efforts to carry the message
- **Defined by geographic boundaries:** Where practical, allow us to better interface w/professional and legislative bodies
- **Flexible:** having choices in the way we deliver services by offering optional service bodies (intermediate bodies) to answer specific needs
 - People are concerned about the group focused principle. Many groups are under the impression that somehow the proposal is going to isolate them. If success is based on the focus of group support; if this works and groups feel that their getting the support they need then I really feel we've accomplished something. Our attempts to do service have many times avoided giving the support needed for the groups. The health of our groups is most important.
 - If we don't do this, it could be putting the groups out there (outside of the U.S.) to live and die by themselves on their own. It breaks my heart. This is not in any way meant to dis-empower the groups.
 - Many have also said that we are already stressed for resources and you want more. The service system is hungry for more time, more money, more people; we could do more. I don't disagree. We want to reach more people, support more groups.
 - Some say this is not enough change; some say it's too much change

After our most recent meeting, we've now added a new *Foundational Principle*:

Collaborative: With service bodies working together, it was important to add this to the original 4. A system needs to provide the people who operate it with more cooperation/collaboration. There needs to be some sense of being able to work with other members and not be disengaged.

We've become certain that we don't want to tell local organizations how to adopt these proposals. What we do want is to assist systems that incorporate this group support.

In the updates:

- You will hear revisions to some of the seating proposals
- We ruled out, finding a way to integrate the zones.
- The December 31st input has been compiled and is being processed and is definitely contributing to changes based on the input.
- We also added the 5th *Foundational Principle*, "Collaboration". (see explanation above)

We've agreed that in the CAR statements of general principles, this will be a similar process as when restructuring in the early nineties asking first, "Do you agree in principle?" Then, "Do you agree in implementation?"

The GSU is intended to help groups better carry the message within their meetings by separating out the group support function from the "business" of NA. It's a dedication to the time resources to support the groups. It can also serve functions such as teaching members to do service to NA in an atmosphere of love and support.

Tana: First, the workgroup has members from all over the states and all over the world. GSUs will look different in different places, No matter where they're implemented, it's about helping people find NA. The rising of all tides, raise the ship. GSUs are the new means and mechanism.

Craig: The revised proposals will be available for review in March. RDs will get an e-blast. There will be another work group meeting in June, then we will formalize the proposal to be presented in the CAR. We are not going to give you one or the other model. We're going to give two choices; two examples based on the input. The GSU seems to be an essential element based on the recent input.

Muk: We can't end this session without some discussion of the Local Service Unit (LSU).

Tana: The LSU is proposed to be the work horse of the service system. Some people felt the LSU was the ASC with a new name however, it could be the county, city, or township you live in to be bound by geographic boundaries. A way to start and some key points would be:

- To set goals for the LSU, have an assembly and hope that all members will come.
- Take in inventory.
- After meeting, an LSU board might be a body that will oversee the carrying out of what we might want to see accomplished in a year.
- Goals might be about relationships w/ facilities, updating phone line.
- LSU could help facilitate and carry out the goals. They would be assigned specific tasks. Maybe a statewide helpline? We are all similar in our needs in this zone. We want to have good relations with our DOC, health care, >> bring those services back to the local communities.
- In my area, we started regional services in 1985. NA was new. We were creating and developing services that did not exist. It was an interesting and exciting time. Watched the cycles; addicts' enthusiasm and excitement about service; now we're trying to find members to fill basic positions and duties. We have developed a report system and embraced the idea to be of service to our communities and groups. The workgroup allows me to be of service.
- GNY: Had a project with the Department of Corrections (DOC) but they could not figure out how to contact NA. We tried to explain but what does that mean to DOC? We have some organizations that do not understand OUR organization and want our services and communication but can't reach us.
- Our structure is unable to deliver consistent services
- The challenges in our current structure: members unwilling to serve on subcommittees, meaning we have too few trusted servants.
- Key solutions for having an LSU >> *There's a place for everybody*. This is one of the reasons >>> project based.
- Our current atmosphere in ASC can be off-putting.
- Wherever possible, using CBDM.
- Currently, complex decisions are made by inexperienced members. The LSU solution: NA business separated from group concerns is more likely to be handled by experienced trusted servants who have already received mentorship at the GSU.

- There are proposed options and there's no one that is better than the other. The WB is not going to propose one or the other; there will be a choice. The different models may look different for each area.
- The LSU could provide more effective use of informational technology to distribute information and discuss ideas. We can do more communicating with the technology. Why don't we speak to each other? With today's technology, we can speak to each other. Carrying out this service project supports this.
- LSUs could hold quarterly or twice yearly meetings specifically to present updates and to evaluate the whole picture; what's successful and what's not.

Picture applying these models in your community? (Had us draw a sectioned circle)

How would these proposals help you to maintain what is positive in our current system concerning group support, or improve support to your groups?

What, if any challenges might these proposals create...?

- Providing essential services such as H&I, PR; make sure they are prioritized sufficiently to carry out the production of these services. There's a lot of concern about essential services.
- And phone line>>> I call it the social networking. Why can't we have one phone line in NY?

Questions & Answers Session

Q: The LSU & GSU: Did you say group meetings would not happen?

A: There would be no change. The GSU gives more time and opportunity to give voice and a new time to permit common needs to be heard.

Q: More like the sharing session at the ASC, separating it out from the business.

A: There would be more of an agenda that I learn from rather than just speaking my mind. Groups would get a chance to get information or similar concerns shared among groups.

Q: Would we expect any concerned members at a GSU?

A: Anyone who wants to attend the GSU attends. The GSU is to separate business from group concerns. Business is business. The groups would get help and give help. When we were talking about this weekend, some input came up: many people feel the GSU would NOT provide services. We can't possibly have a local service unit for some parts of the world; e.g. What if there are 3 groups and there's a thousand miles to travel to meet? It will not work for them.

Q: In the proposal, the same people go to GSU/LSU. Were there any revisions?

A: There seems to be a sense that we would recommend a particular model. No, we're not going to recommend any particular one. We're going to lay out some criteria for areas to choose, to make their own judgment on what they want.

Q: The areas that are favorable favor a two tiered system, to separate the group reports and bring to GSU. Would the forming of GSUs create racial separation, geographic separations? GSUs formed on county lines could form your own LSU: focus on what is of interest to carry. Are we exacerbating the racial or cultural barriers?

A: We go to meetings representative of demographics. Are we polarized, separating ourselves? Have we discussed a means to an end? I go to meetings closest to me. There was no *"Were going to do it this way because..."* We need to come together to mitigate the elimination of racial separations.. These are issues that we need to talk about.

Comment: We have areas that are bound by language. (Metro Area in ENY). They may have problems with being able to participate with GSU/LSU. Back in the 90s, we upgraded the service system. That system has brought us to the NA that we have today. I don't see the current structure incorporated into these proposals. We need to look at what has worked for us.

Response: We have talked about that at the GSU level and we don't see it (language bound areas) as a problem. They would participate with common needs/similar groups on the GSUs. The LSU? Depending on the distance; it might be the opportune moment to hash out services that are language based. In the U.S., there are huge Latino communities. They might want to participate at the LSU? They would then be participants in the decision making that would benefit their local needs.

Response: Like you Peter, I was a part of the inventory. All of the decisions made have been incorporated into the proposals. We take all of those successes and look at what worked well. The most important vehicle is the home group. Services (H&I, PI) bring people to our meetings. Personal recovery within the group is what attracts them to *keep coming back*. Now to put more emphasis on how to help better support the groups to do this. We have to ask, "what don't we do well?" People have come to our meetings and stayed and accumulated clean time. The best practices we have used, we want to assimilate that.

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Lunch

➤ **Service System Project**

➤ **Intermediate Bodies**

Craig: Intermediate bodies would be created based on a sense of need. Inefficient communications, distances between a gap, providing services. It will differ in different communities.

They would:

- occupy the space between existing service bodies, like pieces of an accordion.
- be formed based on need and can be structured to provide services to groups.

(The Proposed new structures for Intermediate Bodies are on pg. 12 of the Structural Proposals booklet.)

- It wouldn't be there to duplicate services.
- An intermediate body can function as a way station that can help rural groups more easily provide basic services, such as H&I in their immediate area.
- The role of the Intermediate body would be the give and take of information and to provide services.
- It could be our delegation stream. Urban LSUs can form an intermediate body to send a single delegate to the state/nation/province service body saving resources and preventing the service body from being too large.

➤ **State and National Bodies**

Our own boundaries can be an impediment to providing services to people. Desired outcomes don't come about. This particular model could be one state or a combination of states...

There's an impact outside of the US. We're referring to anywhere where they have states and provinces.

We looked at where the impact would be; out of the current 67 regions it would be 16 or so.

➤ **Intended services:**

Be responsible for all services that affect the whole of the state ensuring that all areas are served. Services need to be delivered to the people closest to the communities we provide the services to. Having one service body to cover the state (web sites) eliminates some of the confusion for the agencies.

Tana: I'm excited about both ideas. Many great services fall through the cracks. The proposals break up the limitations and create opportunities for us to better provide services.

➤ **Seating**

At the WSC, people come from all over the world. Many of you may suggest that we have the WSC in a stadium. Someone suggested that we do just that. How could any of us put on an event that size? We can barely carry out a WCNA. We're not ready yet. We can't grow a great deal larger; we can't handle it. The people at that level are barely able to carry out what we do now. And the expenses!! We just don't have the funds. We can't live as if we have an endless supply flowing to finance anything we want. This is becoming a logistics and financial problem. We have deep divides among us on how to deal with these problems. We have to talk about this because seating is a big part of our proposed service structure. The WB is not in agreement about what to do about this and YOU guys have even more opinions. The work group and WB came up with some ideas. One is to get rid of alternates. A very small percentage of outside communities send an RDA to the conference. The U.S. hated the idea.

Say we just stop attempting to operate as regions being participants, just as zones. We were reminded that we would take the Service System out to the fellowship. Third to half said, "We like the zonal model." The State/National model is most likely to be the proposed model.

Craig: Around zones; while we're not forwarding a proposal that recommends zonal representation, we did discuss what the zones would do. An advantage would be the zones could replicate the world subcommittees. If we build more value to the zones and what they do, the rumbings will probably diminish. How can we provide consistency across zones? We recognize that we need to provide more validity to what we do at the zones.

Muk: In the EDM, and in the APF, CANA Latin America; these are huge zones. What's their purpose? A significant amount of their functions include a great deal of fellowship development. If you all pay attention to what they do, you may say, "I want to do that." An activity that the zones could do: in Tampa, there's the Florida symposium created from the stimulation of the Southeast Zone. As you think of what these zones do, you may want to do the same. There's some probability that zones will be brought in as a voice.

Craig: We're still working on some processes that we believe would be beneficial to any service system. Compiling experiences and sharing the best solutions are best at home. Next draft you will see some information about those processes. For further discussion >>

- Fund flow
- How to distribute the funds.
- Determining planning cycles.
- Who creates intermediate bodies?
- Who determines the boundaries?
- Can we utilize shared services?
- Change seating criteria.

Muk: We have a lot of trying to understand each other. There has to be autonomy and cooperation and compromise. Sometimes we all take the autonomy to be, "This is mine."

There the issues of delegation and accountability. There is a range of meaning to it and you may see it differently. We will fail to come to an agreement.

➤ Questions & Answers

Q: The revised proposals coming in March; are there going to be opportunities for input?

A: We'll finalize the proposals in June and we'll need time. Input would have to be early in May. Nothing's in stone. We haven't made any major changes. You'll get these through eblasts.

Q: In the proposals, it seems that home groups would be less involved in the service to the area. How many GSUs would that entail?

A: They would be in the outer ring helping plan events, developing a process, training and mentoring... Certainly all GSRs would be invited to attend. In this vision it won't mean that they will not be involved in service. They would have a voice rather than a report shoved at them. They would be involved in the processes and in making decisions.

A: The GSU would map how everything looks, H&I presentations, how many meetings, the WB would provide the tools to undergo this development. It's important to look at the differences in the models.

Q: Will we be able to get a hold of the compilation of input, the pages handed out by Muk?

A: Yes.

Q: If we move to state representation, would each state have seating at the WSC?

A: If the fellowship decides to go with the state representation, each state would have a delegate. We want to allow the states to conduct themselves.

Q: At one point, when would local conventions combine?

A: That's the kind of issue that will be decided locally by the GSUs, then the LSUs. It's at least three years or 4 years off before any of these models could be implemented.

A: Nothing is going to change in the next 2 cycles. You might find that there may be the lack of need for the conventions.

Q: My understanding when you talked about the idea of moving toward states/national/provincial representation, I thought I heard you say that the zonal forum would be a part of the proposals.

A: People are thinking that it may be likely we move from state to zone. We don't think were ready to go there yet.

Q: We have so many units of service. Because of that, there's a lot of miscommunication. The quality of communication is important if we're trying to make human resources decisions. Most new areas are created out of resentment. How're we going to deal with resentment based splits? How do we handle the money? How do we divide that money up?

A: It makes sense that at some point, that we work together to get to the transition; we're taking half the money. The money belongs to ALL of us. Can't we have a reasonable discussion on how to work these things/issues out? There's nothing that we can't overcome together.

➤ Regional Concerns

Richie (ENY): Our last RSC had less people than the Regional convention committee. We have areas where they don't show up then they do and want to put up a big stink about things. In addition, these areas are not getting the information; they have no RCMs. The areas that are incorporating; they cannot give money to another body without it in turn being incorporated. The problem with that is, at one time there were NO conventions; now half the areas are having conventions. One of the RCMs reported that they have \$42,000 in the bank.

Shawn (Mid-Atlantic): Our region is incorporated. We donate to NAWS. MARLCNA is a part of that corporation. There is a way to get around the incorporation issue. MARLCNA writes a check to us... (501c3)

Nancy: Each state has a different set of laws. Our Bylaws state that one of our purposes is to raise funds for our regions. Every not-for-profit has to have it written in an article; there's a way to amend Bylaws. It's allowed if it's in your corporation's purpose.

Bill H (NE): My region is not incorporated, however, the convention is. Be careful about how you do your year-end stuff.

Adam (Conn): In western Mass., an area is incorporated and the region is not. We have it structured so that any proceeds from the convention are used to fund the expenses of the region, then we send to NAWS.

➤ ***OPEN FORUM***

Nancy: Regarding the area conventions, as a cynic by nature, it looks like this is the wave of the future. I don't even want to think about what your largest area is holding. It's a trend that's grown a heartbeat. Does a convention further our primary purpose? Is there anything to do? So do we watch the train go by? It's a big dissention in my local region; we don't have a clue what to do about it.

Lou: We have 70-90 meetings and it was said, "We have to have a convention..." Why? At the time, the area was losing money. The people on the convention committee said, "We'll raise our own money." What about raising money for the area? We want to help the addict who is still suffering.

Jabril (NNY): We have 3 areas with conventions and two retreats. We created guidelines and still we have problems. Our smallest area's is the most successful. It's a core group of people.

Jeff (ABCD): I've brought up the topic of conventions at the zone several times. Conventions were huge in the grassroots of building the current service structure. If we aren't able to provide basic services, do we deserve a convention?

Richie: You (Nancy) brought out a good point; carrying the message; carrying out our primary purpose. Think of it; if we took the same money and human resources it takes to put on a convention, think about what we could do to further our purpose. New GSRs don't understand that conventions don't fund area services. Every meeting seems to be about the convention and very little about providing services to our members. Does the work group figure conventions into the service systems?

Craig: While we haven't focused on where conventions fit into our system, we have focused on the processes of planning. There will need to be discussions about RSOs and incorporation. The problem I see is the attitude that the convention subcommittee is a separate entity. We have this overreliance on conventions raising money.

Peter (GNY): I own a business. I consolidate so that my income can cover my expenses. In order to consolidate, we need to let go of resentments, there's a certain inequity here. There has to be some way to successfully consolidate in NY with 5 regions. Maybe in the CAR, we need to begin to explore "what's consolidation". In examining this, we can decide if this is the direction we want to go. Regions need to start looking into consolidating.

James (ENY): One thing I like about the old ways is the fund flow process. After the group pays their expenses, extra funds go to ASC, then on to RSC and to NAWS. We can't keep blaming the WB and NAWS for money problems. We have to look at ourselves. When people start slinging stuff, I ask how much money did your home group donate? We've got to keep this thing going. I had the privilege to serve as RD of GNY and ENY. I served on the convention program committee for four years and it was like a prison sentence. When we handle money, we all should sign a theft policy. If someone has a problem with signing, we ask why doesn't he want to sign it? It protects us from ourselves.

Jaime (NE): Tomorrow morning part of the agenda is to pick a topic for the ZWW. Our convention took 3 years to put together. I was called the convention enemy number one and had to step away. I hear this controversy. Maybe we need to choose that as a topic tomorrow.

Jim: Even if we talk about conventions, we're too damn scared to address this with our area. What you do for NA is your business. It's ours if it harms NA as a whole.

Alan: The first time I came to NA, I was dragged to region. The only way to truly carry a message of change is through sponsorship. Some areas and regions will not want to change their names or the names of their conventions.

Roger: I'm not wired to NOT have an opinion. I had great friendships in the fellowship until I served on the convention. I'm an H&I guy and our area H&I commitments are suffering, but the convention is going strong. A convention has been shut down and the area has not turned over the money. At my area they now want to do basketball insurance!! I get the most out of the convention in the hallways sharing with people.

➤ ***Service System Project:***

Marty: You told us that when these things come out, they are not going to be specific >> "Do you agree in principle?" Then you guys can run with it. Can we have different language?

Craig: We didn't want to come with a motion that is "take it or leave it". We'd rather have the input then put it together to see what you think. As we get closer to the CAR, it has to be definitive. I can assure you that the WB is not a convention.

Marty (NNE): If we reduce the seating, isn't it reducing the voice that is heard?

Craig: The real key is that I have a vote in my home group and I can trust that I've had the opportunity to voice my opinion. I trust the process. In a state model, their voice will not be diminished in any way. Each one of us has the opportunity to express ourselves in our home groups.

Muk: One of the illusions is based on a voting pattern; the frozen voting that takes place at home groups is really not informative to an RD. The RD needs to know the discussion that forced the vote. If the RD has not gone around and heard the voice of individual home groups, that RD has nothing but the tally. We need to know what goes on in the group conscience. The GSRs need to be enticed to come to these assemblies. A good quarter of the RDs at the WSC have the vote of confidence from their communities and if they have only the tallies, they will be sitting uninformed.

Nancy: The wording, "Do you agree in principle?" Does that mean that the structural changes that may come into play will be out for a fellowship vote?

A: Yes

Nancy: We don't recognize mandates in NA. In order for these proposals to work there would have to be a buy in. How we would mandate is beyond me.

Muk: If in fact the general community refuses to cooperate and not go along with the conscience of the NA world community, there comes a time when based on autonomy, we have to let them go.

Richie: What Muk said before, an RD has the votes but doesn't carry the conscience. I understand the difference between voting and the conscience. If you are one of the people that comes to the WSC prepared and have done your home work, then you know the conscience of your region. As far as the Service proposal, what do we do about the members in our community who don't get this information?

Tana: My home group will be ok. I have faith and trust. We won't have to mandate; we will be inspired and we will be excited. There are many ways our services have been effected by these willy-nilly efforts. We will be inspired by what you're doing. I have faith it will catch on.

Peter: Has the WB considered giving up some of their votes? Has the office considered not funding service officers to the WCNA and using local resources?

Muk: I was never part of a conversation that the office would send less **staff** to WCNA. I *have* been a part of conversations about **WB** members not attending WCNA. In Barcelona, we decided to attend. Lessening the number of votes has been discussed.

Kenny (NJ): You use the concepts to have latitude and many decisions were made at the WSC. I was surprised to see a model out so shortly after the conference. Many groups didn't get it in time. I'm concerned about the lack of voice from the fellowship. Out of the discussions, are we going to come out with one model or two or none? It seems to be way too quick. Now we're going to see it in the CAR with "Do you agree in principle?"

Craig: Prior to the restructuring in the '90s, there was the Board of Trustees, the BOD, and the World Subcommittee chairs and they all had a vote. Now projects are brought to the WSC and our delegates make the decision on whether to carry it forward. What does need to come back to groups is the frame work. This is what you guys asked us to do. Now we're asking, "Is this ok?"

Muk: I wish I knew how to extend this out to all. What happened in Baltimore's (WWW) different than what happened in Orlando. Those people who were raised in NA in the 70s, 80s and early 90s were raised in a different NA. The first WSC I went to was not the same WSC that you attended. We can't replicate the past. With the new technology, we might try to electronically to collect the conscience. We cannot speak for the individual home group.

Broke for dinner at 5:59.

Sunday, June 27th, 2010

8:00- 8:55 a.m. Recovery Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 9:15

Roll Call:

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| 1. | ABCD: | Patricia F.RD, Mike RDA |
| 2. | Buckeye: | (<i>absent</i>) |

3.	Connecticut:	Jimmy C. RD, Adam H. RDA
4.	Eastern New York:	Richie S. RD, Yvonne M. RDA
5.	Greater New York:	<i>(absent)</i>
6.	Mid-Atlantic:	Shawn M. RD, Jenna T. RDA
7.	Mountain Valley:	<i>(absent)</i>
8.	New England:	Andrew L. RD, Jaime V. RDA
9.	New Jersey:	Kenny B. RD, Roger W. RDA
10.	Northern New England:	Harry D. RDA
11.	Northern New Jersey:	<i>(absent)</i>
12.	Northern New York:	Jabril S. RD, Alif C. RDA
13.	Tri-State	Rochell RDA
14.	Western New York:	Jim L. RDA, Steven D. RDA nominee

Chair:	Don B.
Vice chair:	Bill H.
Secretary:	Judi M.
Ad-hoc for ZPT:	Bill H.
Ad-hoc for ZWW:	<i>(absent)</i>
Ad-hoc for Web-site:	Richie S.

Old Business:

Proposal #1:

That during the Friday evening session, time is given at which delegates can briefly introduce regional concerns they have brought for consideration at the Saturday 'Open Forum'. ~~and that these concerns are prioritized on Saturday prior to the 'Open Forum'. It will be the responsibility of the executive committee to facilitate this identification and prioritization through a process of sharing and consensus, or straw polling in the interest of time~~

>>> **Votes: 8 – 0 – 1** Proposal passes

Zonal Planning Tool Ad-hoc:

Bill H. (ad-hoc chair): We did an inventory 2 years ago in Connecticut and completed the 1st six steps of the planning tool. At that time, an ad-hoc was created. Everything that was in the inventory has been adopted except the 3rd goal, to better define our purpose and determine where we fit in the service structure. That is way beyond the scope of an ad-hoc. It's easier to define what we are not. We haven't done much work in the last 6 months and feel that we've accomplished all we can. There's never been a written definition as to when our work is done. I would propose that we disband the adhoc.

Andrew: Bill, do you know how well a job you've done?!

Bill: I assume that's rhetorical. Anyway, during regional reports, we learned more about each other than we've known for years.

Roger: You said we should be regionally focused, not conference centered. Yesterday we focused on the Service System Project and at the same time, there was a stabbing at a meeting and there's \$42,000 in an area... it's like we need another session for regions. I guess the discussion board is the place for that in lieu of it being 6 months before we meet again. Also, what about the U.S. forum in March?

Bill: We can't predict what our reaction will be to the regional reports over time. I think we'll see going forward how to best address regional issues. People will be sharing the things that affect their regions. As we get used to hearing regional concerns, I don't have personal knowledge of the US assembly stuff.

Don: We've discussed making the sharing time for regional issues longer. If your concerns aren't met,

Kenny: I felt it hard to switch gears from the Service System on to regional issues. The Service System stuff is still on the mind. I have a check for \$60 to pay for the web site.

Don: At this time we'll dissolve the ad hoc. If there're concerns as to what was not covered, we can discuss that at a later time.

New Business:

➤ Vice chair report:

>>Web site was paid by *New England and New Jersey* for the 2011 year (\$60 per region)

>>Next regions for web site funding are *Northern New England and Northern New Jersey*

>>**Report on Funding of Non-funded Trusted Servants**

Final Regional Contributions

Judi's expenses (split in half by sharing expenses with a traveling companion)

Hotel:	\$109.00 + taxes
Gas: 706 miles @ 17 mpg. (42 gal. X \$3.50) >>>>	73.00 (half of \$147)
Meals: \$30/day	+ 90.00
	\$ 272.00 (+ taxes for the hotel)
Judi's expenses:	\$ 272.00 (+ taxes for the hotel)
Don's expenses:	(Don't have these figures yet)
Bill's expenses:	+ " " " " "
Total:	\$

➤ **July 2011 Hosting Report for ZWW in New England:**

NEZF Zone Wide Workshop Proposal

Purpose

To bring together the local fellowship of the hosting region and the zonal forum members in a day of brainstorming NA service topics.

Where and When

Summer 2011, location to be determined by further discussion (not necessarily according to the NEZF hosting rotation).

Topic(s)

Since the purpose of the Zone Wide Workshop (ZWW) is to foster discussion between the local fellowship and the delegates, the ZWW committee will consult with the RD of the hosting region, who will know best what engages the local fellowship. If the hosting region has no clear preference, topic will be chosen from WSC 2010 Issue Discussion Topics. ZWW Committee will develop a brainstorming program based on the topic (or topics) and facilitate the program at the Zone Wide Workshop.

Costs

• Wall-size Post its (three pads)	\$75.00
• Markers (three boxes)	21.00
• Flyers	100.00
• Workshop Agendas	+ 100.00
Total	296.00

Cost to be divided equally among our 14 participating regions, that is, \$21.14 apiece.

Treasury

Currently the zonal forum has no treasurer. If that changes, that person would receive, disburse, and account for the money. If that does not change, the NEZF vice chair will act as treasurer for this event. This treasurer will receive and disburse all money relating to the ZWW. He/she will be accountable for the money and will report to the zonal forum on all moneys received and disbursed.

➤ **Dates and hosting for Zone Wide Workshop in summer 2011:**

Andrew: We had our first meeting at State College, a meeting in Maine over the summer and we met 2 times yesterday. ZWW Planning Committee may pick a topic and/or New England region can choose a topic; one for a morning session, one for an afternoon session. Need to pick the date for ZWW; a potential was discussed for July 22, 23, 24, 2011.

Harry: When will there be a flyer?

Andrew: We're waiting to sign the contract as soon as the date is chosen; when that is secured, a flyer will be coming 4-6 weeks.

Richie: We're not changing the zonal forum agenda much at all. On Saturday, there'll be a morning and afternoon session. We also want to have an evening session with speakers.

Bill: The hotel (Sturbridge Inn) is on the corner of Rt. 84 and Rt. 90 in Mass. Rooms are \$107 + tax.

Don: I see no objection to the speaker jam type of event on Saturday night.

Patricia: Will you let us know when we can register?

Bill: As soon as we sign the contract.

Jaime: We meet again in two weeks. In that time frame, we should have the flyer and will send out an e-blast.

Adam: I want to thank this body for meeting on a weekend that my region (Conn.) does not meet.

Web site report:

Richie: Someone loaded a bunch of spam onto the site. We now have a newer version that has more spam protection. We should get everyone who is registered to log in and say who you are. I added Tri-state last night and added a forum for the ZWW ad-hoc. It's private so you have to be a member of the ZWW committee to log in.

You have to register first...

Username: *nezfna*

Password: *anfzen*

Photo gallery: *nezfnap* password: *panfzef*

Richie: If you want to look at the minutes, you need the password. There's another password to be able to upload stuff. You can read but not post. I wouldn't put passwords in the minutes. The minutes should be available to anyone, but the passwords should not be. I think they're only in two sets of minutes.

Adam: I'd volunteer to be web servant.

Shawn: Our region is opposed to ANY non-funded trusted servants. They believe that the NEZF costs way too much money and that RDs or RDAs could be officers. Look at the funding for State College. It was thousands of dollars. In our region we talk about this. We do nothing about here because we're afraid of hurting someone's feelings.

Kenny: I want to clarify >> there's no problem with us coming here. We, in Jersey did not support the web site, or funding the web site but still fund it due to our belief in group conscience.

Richie: I heartily endorse Adam.

Don: On the other side of the coin, I know that my region would not want our RD to be doing anything other than pay attention to the business of the zone.

Patricia: My region is also really uptight about funding non-funded trusted servants. It's also a spiritual dilemma; service work is recognized as a giving thing. Those regions that can see the value of having non-funded trusted servants, they donate, and the regions that don't, don't.

Bill: The way that we do it seems to be working. Only a few people are opposed. Now we do some things we didn't do before. We have the ZWW, a web-site. If we're going to do more stuff, this is a great time for us. We can continue to do inventories and discover what we find of value. I don't know if it's spiritual, but we've made some progress.

Shawn: It's not that we don't respect what we do. We had people here from my region in State College scratching their heads as to what we do here. We have a lot of talent here too. Jersey and we feel passionate about the non-funded trusted servants. They are looking at all this money it costs to have the NEZF. They are getting the minutes and are aware of all this money we spend.

➤ ***December, 2011 Hosting Report from Northern New England:***

Harry: The NEZF will be in Manchester, NH. It will be held during MRLE on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th 2011. We're looking into doing the CAR on Saturday. More will be revealed about the location as we are looking to a hotel that's close to an airport.

Winter of 2011-2012 will be hosted by the NNE Region and combined with Maine Regional Learning Event (MRLE), the weekend of December 2-3, 2011.

Topic selection for July

Suggested topics for ZWW:

- ENY: Conventions, the pros and cons. How conventions affect NA and add the fund flow topic.
- WNY: Service System
- Muk: Fellowship development, how it operates in other zones and the opportunities that may be useful to us.
- NJ: Inner workings of the zone as they pertain to standing committees. Mickey passed out some documents that specify how we could form standing committees.

Richie: The guidelines for the ZWW say that that's how we impact the local fellowship.

Steven: I take my service commitments very seriously and one of the most frustrating is the region. Early in recovery I liked conventions. Maybe we could have conventions as a topic and talk about reining these people back in; about how to about how to take back our conventions. Do we really need a convention? I can envision a world without conventions. Is there a way to have better conventions? I'm talking about trusting these trusted servants with certain tasks and responsibilities and making sure they do it.

Don: I know that the region where we're going for December's NEZF has a very successful convention so they may feel differently.

Richie: I think fund flow should be a separate topic. Solutions are always something we leave with.

Voting for topics:

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| 1. <i>Conventions</i> | 5 |
| 2. <i>Fund flow</i> | 2 |
| 3. <i>Service System Project</i> | 3 |
| 4. <i>Fellowship development w/in the zone</i> | 4 |
| 5. <i>Inner workings of the zone, involving standing subcommittees</i> | 1 |
| 6. <i>Regions, areas, groups and a single point of accountability</i> | 3 |

Muk: Fellowship development w/in the zone>> It's vision statement directed. Many zones don't have a system working toward fellowship development; some do. You might want to take a look at what others are doing and how it may impact the northeast. (e.g. "Who's missing from our meetings?")

Yvonne: This is an intriguing topic and it involves everyone. We could add our own spin on it.

Richie: Remember our lengthy conversation from yesterday about conventions.

Top 2 choices:

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| 1. <i>Conventions</i> | 3 |
| 2. <i>Fellowship development w/in the zone</i> | 6 |

Jabril: I'm requesting clarification on when NNY will be hosting.

A: Winter of 2012-13.

Bill: I don't think that other regions think that it's a waste; we respect those that don't contribute.

Roger: There're 14 regions. It would be prudent to divide the cost by the amount of regions. Our region supports though we were against funding trusted servants AND the web site. We don't support the concept but we pay our 4 share.

Don: We've had this discussion a number of times. It needs to come in the form of a proposal.

Shawn: I believe I clarified that in no way did I think that funding non-funded trusted servants was a waste of money.

Harry: We decided to have a zone wide workshop. How that gets funded has to be written somewhere and understood by all.

Richie: What we did was decide that funding of the ZWW would come from the hosting region.

(Read the ZWW proposal)

The hosting region would be paying for the cost. We voted for splitting the zone.

Bill: How do regions feel about the \$21 split?

Kenny: I'd have to take it back to my region. I'd guess that they would be ok with it.

Jim: I can't say what my region's going to make of this. We paid the cost for hosting.

Don: The ZWW is asking for the cost, not the hosting region.

Shawn: It doesn't make much of a difference; we have all hosted the zone.

Don: It's not about the workshop; it's about the materials. The cost is minimal. We have the proposal

Richie: We didn't have the expenses of the flyers, the post-its, etc. Anything over the \$296, our region took care of that. We voted to have a website and one of the regions didn't want it but came on board to fund it.

Don: The facts are that this is still a proposal. We neglected to vote it in to the Guidelines. If any region is willing to put forward some more funds that would be fine, but we need to vote it in or vote it out. We voted to have this and I would ask that in the spirit of unity, that regions contribute... *or not*. We'll solve the problem when it comes.

➤ **Hosting report (for this weekend):**

Kenny: I think it cost us \$1850 + \$200 to open the door.

Closed at 11:57.

In love with service,
Judi M. NEZF Secretary