

Since the last meeting of this body in November, this trusted servant has continued to work on the previous reported service commitments:

- ❖ As previously stated, discussions continue to address the events of the 2012 WSC, the attempts of regions and areas to experiment with aspects of the proposed new service from what is now PI to a PR based approach. Again, the role of regional servants regarding the outcome of the votes, what the Zones will be doing as the Fellowship moves forward, and what the New York State Delegates meeting would reveal concerning the possibility of a statewide service project are projected to be agenda items the next NEZF in January 2013. This is in addition to the planned agenda Issue Discussion Topic – Collaboration.

The discussion regarding NA services and how they might interact with the proposals of the SSP continue to gain momentum as we move toward a new reality regarding our service structure. NA World Services is requesting any input from areas and regions that are experimenting with aspects of the Service Structure Proposals; especially, those related to the GSU, LSU, and CBDM. The “field testing” that they initiated continues. A summary of what was previously reported can be found in this RD’s report dated 11/16/12. World has posted a field testing frame to the Service System webpage that provides an understanding of the field test in detail. All of this information can be found by going to WWW.na.org/servicesystem.

As far as the **State/Nation/Province Service Delivery: shared services and regional reunification** aspect of the proposal goes, World is reaching out to the regions so that they can gather more information about unification efforts or discussions, and cooperative statewide service delivery (the NY State Delegate Website project is an example of this). Again, as your delegate, I ask that we put the following on the agenda under New Business: Active participation in any effort or conversations regarding shared services or regional reunification. It is much better for us as a Region to respond to such topics, so that we do not have to react at a later date. More will definitely be revealed through participation rather avoidance. We can simply engage in the process by going to servicessystem@na.org

At this time one learning day has been scheduled by the NIO area – topic will be the SSP and the Fellowship in transition. Date: February 23, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to 6: p.m. Please take and distribute the flyers that are being made available here today to your homegroups and service committees. It is strongly suggested that all those interested in the future of service in NA attend.

- ❖ **WCNA 35.** NA’s 60th anniversary will be celebrated at this world convention to be held in Philadelphia. Early registration packages are available for \$79 until end January 31. Pre-registration will still be available for \$89. On-site registration will be \$99. It is highly recommended that hotel reservations be made if you wish to reserve a room in the reserved block of rooms. Updates can be accessed at www.na.org/wcna.

- ❖ World Service has started to gather ideas from the Fellowship on the Traditions book through the following:

1. Session profile and PowerPoint presentation workshops
2. Online submission area for workshop responses
3. Traditions Book Project discussion board

All these strategies can be accessed through the project page at www.na.org/traditions. Any input, such as worksheets used in the sponsorship/sponsee work or source materials is directed to worldboard@na.org.

- ❖ Out for review and input from the fellowship – *An Introduction to NA Meetings*. Deadline date for submissions is April 30, 2013. (This will be a 2014 CAR item.)
- ❖ Maintained open lines of communication regarding delegate project
- ❖ Finally, preparation has been made for our attendance at both the upcoming NEZF (Jan. 25-27, 2013 and MARLCNA in Feb 2013).

Again, I ask all the trusted servants to remind the homegroups of WNY that openmindedness and willingness is what will be needed if we are to work collaboratively and actively participate in shaping the new reality that lies before the Fellowship. If we are to actively participate in the process, I ask that the areas schedule workshops/learning days on service related topics such as: SSP and what it means for the Fellowship, PR vs PI, and/or consensus based decision making (CBDM). O, an item of specific concern an area would like to workshop.

So in closing, I remind us that: If we as a Region want to effectively participate “in matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole” (4th Tradition), then we need to be mindful of the 7th, 8th, and 9th Concepts of NA; as well as, the 1st Tradition.

- Tradition 1 “Our common welfare should come first. Personal recovery depends on NA unity.”
- Concept 7 “All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body’s decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.”
- Concept 8 “Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.”
- Concept 9 “All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes.”

With certainty ~ More will be Revealed ~ yours in service,
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