

**WNYRSCNA
RD Report**

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Since the last meeting of this body in May, this trusted servant has fulfilled the required NEZF service commitments. (See attached Addendum NEZF Notes)

Discussions continue to focus on the events of the 2012 WSC, the role of regional servants regarding the outcome of the votes, what the Zone 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.

It is evident that there is a future before us that will hold many challenges. How we approach the challenges may very well determine the quality of the outcomes. As I have been taught, by participating in the process there is no challenge that we can't meet head on. The first Tradition reminds us there is no challenge we can't work through.

The SSP for instance, as opposed as I was to it and as privileged I was to carry the conscience of our Region, its journey continues. We as a region can fight against the proposals or we can look at the proposals for what they are – proposals – that if we act on them will present benefits and challenges. (See attached Addendum WSC 2012 Notes)

As I have learned, challenges are, if one is proactive and positive, opportunities. We here in WNY need to participate in the process if we wish to contribute to NA's development. To quote the Vice Chair of the NEZF, "If you look beyond the structure, do environmental scanning, shared services, get people talking about what we are going to do to make NA a better fellowship, than we will have a better fellowship!" Have the areas and the homegroups throughout each area reflect on this: There are 15 states including New York that have multiple regions and as a result within each state there is duplication of services. Whether or not the SSP becomes a reality, we can consider what we could do together to decrease or eliminate all together the duplication of services.

With all that in mind the regional delegates from the five regions of New York, along with other trusted servants, began meeting. First asking would their regions support a NY delegate service project, and what project would best serve the regions of New York that would involve little or no financial resources. An ad hoc committee was formed, and the delegates returned to their regions to introduce the idea of shared services project and to see if there was regional support.

There was lengthy discussion regarding our services and how they might interact with the proposals of the SSP. The reality that the SSP would not be fully determined until 2014 for many was problematic, but it was realized that regardless of the SSP we could work on how to share services to better serve NA. The substance of the 2nd and 3rd meetings of the NY delegates was the development of a tentative PR project or a NY NA state website. We chose these two possibilities because there already exist an infra-structure and the cost would be minimal. The existence of 18 websites in New York grabbed our

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attention, and it was decided to look at the websites in other states to gain varied perspective. The possibility of creating a single website where all the existing websites of New York could be pages was placed on the table. More will be revealed. (See attached Addendum New York Delegate Meeting Notes)

It is amazing how time can help shape one's perception. It has been approximately 3 months since the WSC, the NEZF has met, and the trusted servants have returned to their regions to communicate their take on the events and discussions since. And, here I am still working on keeping myself open-minded and willing. NA just continues to blow my mind. Isn't it awesome, how when we all can come together – no matter how diverse our makeup – we continue to discover that we are more alike than we are different.

It is clear that the Fellowship is in a state of synergy. It is clear that the Fellowship is growing. It is just as clear that there are those in the Fellowship that are embracing the process, that there are those that are holding fast against the process, and that there are those that are unsure/undecided about all that is happening. The discussions leave this servant with much to share with the Region. I am now more than before asking all the trusted servants to remind the homegroups of WNY that, open-mindedness and willingness, is what will be needed to work collaboratively. As we collaborate we may find that we move into the future with all, part, or none of what was addressed at the 2012 WSC

So I conclude as I often do with the following: 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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