

Service Prayer- *“God, grant us knowledge that we may act according to Your Divine precepts. Instill in us a sense of Your purpose. Make us servants of Your will and grant us a bond of selflessness, that this may truly be your work, not ours- in order that no addict, anywhere, need die from the horrors of addiction.”*

1. Moment of Silence, Serenity Prayer
2. Readings:
 - a. Twelve Traditions – Robert B.
 - b. Twelve Concepts – George
 - c. Service Prayer – Sashua
3. Roll Call (see attendance sheet)
4. Approval of Minutes - Approved
5. Standing Reports:
 - a. Officers, Delegates, and Resource Persons
 - i. Chair – *Absent*
 - ii. Vice-Chair – Happy to be here and be of service. Will act as Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary today, so please be patient with me.
 - iii. Secretary – *Absent*
 - iv. Treasurer – Dorie – Apologize for not being here in September. Current bank balance is \$19,148.95, not including deposit that has not posted for \$841. Have another deposit to make for \$462. We got a check back, written for “Cavern City group” from a personal account that had a stop payment put on it. (This was the \$250 check that PVA discussed at September meeting). Paid \$1005.80 for phonelines and \$142 for storage. The storage has options for payment, either auto pay with a credit card or pay 3 months at a time. They didn’t charge us a late fee this time because of the change of positions.
 - v. Regional Delegate – Once we see the CAR & CAT we can start scheduling some workshops around it. We have typically done one in the north, one in the south, and one in Albuquerque. At the end of January, the next WSZF occurs. This happens more frequently during conference years. At WSZF we come up with some media for presentation to groups, which is what we will do at the workshops. The conference is the last week of April. This will all relate to the budget. For WSZF for both \$655.92 flight, \$278 plus tax, \$200 food. Suggesting \$1200-\$1250 for the trip. Conference will be approx. \$1200-\$1400 for RDA for the week. Stated purpose for WSZF.
 - vi. Alternate Delegate –As I enter my forth year as AD, gratitude is at the forefront of my thoughts. The conference year approaches and once again this region will have the privilege of weighing in on the challenges facing our worldwide fellowship. December 15 closes out submissions for the Conference Agenda Tract. As the Zonal Forum approaches welcomed input from our Region is requested. The CAT and the CAR will be available now in December for purchase, or on line. WSLD provided so much practical information and is freely shared and distributed. Tom K. and George M. Have eluded to in their reports. (It was so wonderful to have traveled and attended WSLD with them.) Because of their attendance, we collectively covered all workshops. I feel we bring back to Rio Grande Region a wealth of information. All the information better helps to more effectively conduct Fellowship Development to any group, on any topic, anywhere in our region.
Coming up:
 - Transition from a service “structure” to a service “system”.
 - Revision of literature distribution.
 - Resources to help Groups.
 - Fostering responsibility for supporting members and groups.
 - Fellowship Development around the world exploring the “Zonal Forum” model.
 - Fellowship-wide development and responsibility.

This is an exciting time for me to have the privilege of being of service in a rapidly growing and expanding NA fellowship. Receipts for WSLD are provided.

For the good of the fellowship: discussion about RD and AD Travel to upcoming Zonal

Forum. ILS Robert B. fyjimo67@gmail.com (505) 930-0654

vii. Regional H & I – Greetings Family, I'm very sorry not to be able to present in person. I took office at the last RSC meeting and there is a lot to do. The following is my plan and status on that plan

1. Get to know the H&I coordinators and volunteers across the region
 - I am attempting to set up an email distribution list but have not had much success getting people to email me.
 - Meet with several people in Albuquerque at the New Mexico state prison volunteer orientation
 - We WILL have an H&I panel meeting at the next Regional Convention. Laura has graciously allowed us to have a 90 minute time slot.
2. Develop an H&I newsletter.
 - I need email addresses. Does anyone have a dlist for H&I? Even an old one?
3. Research H&I in other regions, zones, and at world
 - Attended the Western Service Learning Day. My report was given to Robert B. and is included in his report.
4. Get personally cleared for H&I panel work and understand local procedures
 - I am now cleared for the San Miguel County Jail in Las Vegas NM
 - I am now cleared for the Santa Fe Jail in Santa Fe, NM
 - I have finished orientation for the New Mexico prison system but the clearance is not complete.
 - If someone can connect me to H&I people in El Paso, I would like to get cleared there as well.
5. Meet with various Chaplin and volunteer coordinators
 - I have meet with Chaplin Ortiz and Deputy Warden Work in Santa Fe
 - I have meet with Senior Chaplain Calvin Robinson in charge of the New Mexico State prison volunteers. He has created a single master list and anyone cleared on that list is cleared to do H&I panels anywhere in the state. It requires 3 years off probation/parole to qualify and completing the new training.
 - I met with the volunteer office at San Miguel County Jail in Las Vegas NM
6. Hold H&I learning days

H&I news (My start on a Newsletter)

Women and H&I

According Senior Chaplain Robinson, the fastest growing prison population in New Mexico is women regardless of race. Starting in January, the prison at Springer NM will also house women and NA needs to be there. Previously all the women were housed in Grants and that will continue but Grants is full.

Who is interested in helping me start a program called “Working the Steps with Inmates”?

This is a very successful program in use in various places. It works like this: Inmates write to a PO Box, that they want to work Steps with an outside NA sponsor. A letter is sent to the inmate describing what the program is and is not. No writing letters to family or parole board for example. Inmate must supply their own stamps. If the inmate agrees, then they are paired with a sponsor. The inmate never knows any personal information about the outside sponsor. The Sponsor gets a packet of Do's and Don'ts. It's only the

steps, no visits etc. alias names are suggested. The Sponsors get the pages for the first step from the Step Working Guide and send it to the inmate. The inmate sends the response to the PO Box and the facilitator gets the mail, and re-mails or hand delivers the letters to the sponsor. Many regions accept step working letters from all over the country.

I have experience in this program from my last region. Cost: A post office box and stamps.

This is a very good way for those who want to do H&I panels, but cannot get cleared, to do H&I work. It's also something that can be done without driving from remote areas. I will need to understand how much support there is in the region as we will need a lot of volunteers. It would start with a pilot program at a single prison.

Phone conference

I'd like to have a phone conference 4 times a year to understand concerns and hopefully provide a sense of community. We can use the Region conference phone number for this. In Service, Tom Kondo

viii. Regional Webmaster – Vacant

ix. Regional Phone Lines – Brian – 54 total calls 41, contact with operator, and 12 addict to addict transfers. We want to coordinate with webmaster so we can get phonenumber volunteers on the website without going through phonenumber chair. If you have updates you can contact Paul or Brian. Richard question – many of our Area members have not gotten a call in a very long time. We want to know how to get on the list so that we can get calls too. Brian – it's supposed to function that when someone calls addict to addict, they connect with someone in the area the caller is calling from. If you want to be on that list, send the list to Paul. Laura – we were recently given a training in this room for everyone who wanted to participate in the phone lines. We would like to know how people are selected. Dorie – I called the hotline when I first moved here and it took over an hour to get a call back. I was looking for an Area meeting and the lady on the phone didn't know what I was talking about. Brian K. – there are other IP phone options, which we could look at with our website upgrade and it would likely cost less.

x. Regional Convention Committee – Laura – Chair for convention is from El Paso, her name is Corina. We have most of the positions filled now. Things are moving and happening. I am staying in touch with Corina. Incoming subcommittees chairs got packets with all of the reports from last year's convention. Today we will have some discussion about RCC guidelines. We have a private Facebook page for the convention committee. It is open to everyone so let us know if you want on.

b. Areas

i. Bosque – Richard – Wow, I am so sorry you Jonathan cannot attend the meeting, you're so on point with so many of the issue Bosque Area has been so concerned with for year and are able to express them much better than I have been able to do so. I hope you're message can be expressed at the RGRSC Meeting today somehow. Thank You For Your Service!

This is BOSQUE Rcm1 Report:

- Bosque area donation- \$75
- Treasure wants to know if automatic transfer from Wells Fargo to Wells Fargo for donations from Area to Region (Answer is no, it's not possible)
- Bosque held elections and the following members we're voting in:

James A. Chair

Paula D. Vice-Chair

Marie C. Re-Elected Treasure

James W. Re-Elected Sectary

Bob C. Re-Elected Historian

Richard S. Re-Elected Rcm1

ShaRon D. Rcm2

James A. H&I

- Some concern members of the area that are on the call list for the phone line have not been receiving calls for a while. They were wondering if there was a problem with the phone line and connecting to members.
- BOSQUE AREA is having there ten-year celebration, happening Saturday, December 5 from 6 to 10 spaghetti dinner, speaker, and dance. This event will be located at 3905 Las Vegas Dr. SW. At the cornerstone Church in Albuquerque. The event should be on the website and I have a Flyers available.
- I also have T-shirt order forms for those who would like to order a T-shirt
Grateful service member, Richard S.

- El Paso - Vacant
- Four Corners – Leann – H&I – working on getting into the jai. New meeting Thursdays @ 7pm, Back to Basics, The Well. New RCM2, Rita, will be here soon!
- Greater Albuquerque – Monica – I'm the new RCM! 3 positions up next month; CTR= suggested clean time requirement:
 - Chair 5yr CTR
 - Vice-chair 4yr CTR
 - Treasurer 5yr CTR may choose an assistant treasurer to train.
 - Outreach 2 yr CTR
 - RCM2 2 yr CTR
 - Public Relations 2yr CTR

Also regarding California Steve's proposal our area gave a vote of confidence to move forward. (October Area)

There was an H&I training and orientation 11/14/2015.

H&I guidelines are being rewritten by GAC and Bosque Historian's Stu F and Bob C

Also a motion was voted on and received by the area to request a Service Learning Day for December 2015. I have been in contact with Laura B. and Freddy O

Service learning day – December 19th 10-3

Presented by RD and RDA Laura B and Freddy O, In Albuquerque, At the Sundowner which is now NewLife Homes not for profit, 6101 Central Ave NE., Albuquerque, NM 87108. This will include Group level service and Outreach and Public Relations. I was recently approached by a member wanting to know if there was room for a half an hour to an hour time slot, to do a traditions workshop. Let's discuss the details.

Loose Itinerary:

10:00 Half hour talk about traditions?

10:30 group level service

11:00 10 minute break

12:00 lunch Region provides lunch

1:00 Outreach

1:50 15 minute break

2:05 PR

Monica: will send flyer to communications and to all of Area and Region.

Badge Only Requirement discussion and feedback:

Was the Badge only requirement initially taken back to the groups for approval prior to being put into action by the conventions committee?

Theresa H. GSR her group has no problem with this badge only requirement, but feels that we need a PR blitz about it, signs on the door, make people hyper aware that the badge is an option for everybody.

Robert GSR

How many hours of service do you have to do to receive a badge?

Response: Laura B. Come one, come all if you can pay please pay if you can't pay anything or even less do it. If you want to be of service do it. If you can't, don't but all are welcome! No one is excluded; actually if we all have a badge then there is no way to distinguish between those who could not afford a badge and those who could. This is really and truly about numbers and how much that helps the committee to know how many people are attending and provide a great convention. Agrees that a big PR blitz would be helpful, and hears and that, and will convey that to the committee. California Steve says most hotels want a badge only event so they know who exactly is with the convention.

Mia GSR Says her group does not like 7th tradition money being used for or at the convention. Is there a way to request a free or low cost badge more anonymously? Can people pre-request, perhaps an inclusive option at the web registration level?

Area discussion in October: In the October area meeting there was some concern that despite what the badge only requirement policy means, some members at registration took it upon themselves to shame people and harass them about not having enough money. Despite what their intentions may have been, it caused others to feel embarrassed and less than and to not attend.

Conclusion: Please train people at registration about how to handle their position with integrity and sensitivity to any persons or possible scenario or situation that might come-up. Please do a massive PR blitz to train peeps at registration to convey the message you wish to send to the greater fellowship, and please do a PR blitz for the fellowship at large which mainstreams an all-inclusive judgment free experience with the badge-only requirement policy. (Jeff vice chair of GAA states) Be really clear no one will be turned away. Also make sure the statement sent out to the fellowship is congruent with this sentiment and all who echo it are saying the same thing. Last year everybody who announced it at group level paraphrased what they thought they understood about it, and the point and message was actually lost in translation and communication. Perhaps, a PR statement or a choice of PR statements can be developed by the committee and then the groups can approve it. This would involve the groups in making decisions directly linked to their needs.

- iv. LOMA – Love to all! I greatly regret that health issues prevent me from attending today's Regional Meeting. (Blood pressure is uncontrollably high, last thing I need is 300 miles of driving for a 4 hour meeting. Especially when I feel so strongly about the topics of the meeting...)

I read the RCC Treasurer's report with great interest, although I must respond to some of his points.

- 1) The report states that: *"The RCC was created by the region maybe 15 years ago, to be the single point of authority to facilitate our regional conventions."*

The RCC was created to protect members of the convention committee from personal financial liability. The only task assigned was to support the area(s) hosting the convention, by sharing their experience, strength and hope. The committee was advisory only, with no authority. My memory may not be perfect, but I was a member of the committee that wrote those guidelines.

The phrase "single point of authority" seems to be a corruption of "single point of accountability". If service boards or committees are going to be directly responsible to those they serve, then everybody needs to know who's responsible. That's the single point of accountability. When a service board or committee is created, it is also granted the authority necessary to accomplish the assigned responsibilities. But the authority remains with the body that created the service board or committee. That's non-negotiable. That's how we are all ultimately responsible to the groups.

The Articles of Incorporation of the RCC state that:

The purpose of this corporation and objects of the corporation shall be to unify and support the areas within the region, to carry the Narcotics Anonymous message of recovery, and contribute to the growth of Narcotics Anonymous.

The current By-Laws state:

The main purpose and intent of the Corporation shall be to sponsor the annual Rio Grande Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous and to support and be responsive to the Rio Grande Regional Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous.

The By-Laws also state that:

The corporation shall have one member which shall be the Rio Grande Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous (RGRSCNA),

and that:

An annual meeting of the members shall be held by the RGRSCNA in May of each year for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

In other words, the regional committee is the only member of the corporation. And it meets annually, to elect a board of directors and take care of "such other business as may come before the meeting." The region decides how much authority to delegate. The board can make recommendations, but ultimately the region decides. (See discussions of the Third Concept, and responsibilities of RCMs as defined in Guide to Local Services.

2) *Why has the RCC been directed to make our conventions profitable?*

Good question, and I don't think it was answered in the Treasurer's report. There's an argument that we need to fund the region, but I'm bothered by something from the Guide to Local Service:

Conventions and other regional activities should serve primarily as celebrations of recovery, not sources of RSC operating funds.... The region that begins depending heavily on income from regional activities for its operating funds may find itself less focused on the needs of its NA community....

It may have been necessary, a few years ago, to get the region out of a financial hole. But what's the right course for the future? Before we abandon the principles laid out in the Guide to Local Service, shouldn't we be certain that we're acting in accordance with a true group conscience?

What is the purpose of the convention? What do we really want from it? How do we effectively unify and support the areas within the region?

3) About the badges

I recently attended a meeting where the person giving out key tags finished by putting a white tag on the literature tale, "for anyone who's too high or too shy to stand up for one."

That's my fellowship. Carrying the message without conditions. Some of us are actually repulsed by organizations where badges are required. In any case, its not very attractive.

4) Finally

- LOMA cannot approve the proposed RCC guidelines as written. Biggest sticking point is selection of location by RCC rather than RGRSC. RCC should make suggestions and recommendations, but the decision belongs to the fellowship, through the RCMs.

- How can we possibly approve a new budget without an accounting of expenses for the past year?

- Any plans for changing the web site should consider the needs of the convention

Sorry to be sending this so close to the meeting time, but I had really planned on attending. With Gratitude, Jonathan C, LOMA

- v. Northern NM – The last NNMASC committee was held on October 4th in Santa Fe, NM. The NNMASC decided to have our ASC meeting every other month from the RGRSC meeting. Unfortunately I was unable attend the last meeting, due to the fact that I attended the 29th

WSLD that was held in Las Vegas, NV. I attended the meeting with Robert B., Tom K., and Laura B., however I was able to review the minutes from the ASC meeting to include into my report. I had suggested to the area in my report to make a donation to the RSC being that we hadn't done so since the beginning of the year I believe. The ASC voted and agreed to make a donation to Region in the amount of \$34.00.

I am glad that I made the decision to attend the WSLD convention 29, which was based around the service structure of Narcotics Anonymous. I am proud to be able to say that I attended the convention and learned did allot. I attended some really great workshops, and met some really great people from other regions and zones from across the country. The Three workshops that stuck out to me the most that I attended were, "Judges, School Boards, and Dept. Of Corrections OH MY!" Starting SBTW (Sponsorship behind the walls) & Phone lines workshop: Virtual PBX (Phone-Based Exchanges).

I was amazed on how supportive the Judges and court system in Las Vegas were of NA. The workshop was led by a panel of two Judges, a superintendent of the public schools and woman from the department of corrections. The Judges shared their experience of how they deal with drug offenders and how they refer them to NA meetings. They emphasized on how much they believe in Narcotics Anonymous. They have a drug court program that is based around attending meetings with the requirements of having to have a sponsor, attend meetings regularly and work the steps with their sponsor, it was amazing to hear coming from a Judge.

I also attended a workshop that was called "sponsorship behind the walls". A form of H&I that is its own functioning body and subcommittee that has its own guidelines with Do's and Don'ts. SBTW's is where NA members anonymously sponsor inmates who are incarcerated. The inmate writes into the P.O. Box that is created by the sub-committee and gets a response packet that includes IP's and information on what the program offers and what it does not offer. The NA member that is interested in becoming involved and willing to sponsor an inmate comes up with an alias and is never allowed to share personal information about them to the inmates.

The primary purpose is to further carry the message to those behind the walls. To help inform the inmate about NA who is interested in the program and membership. It gets the inmate involved in NA who want to stay clean and work the steps behind the walls, in hopes to when they eventually get released are already apart of NA and in recovery. For more information on SBTW and other areas that are already involved, go to the NAWS website. Click on the "for our members" heading, and then go to local services recourse to inmate step writing. That last link we provide you with more than a dozen different guidelines from different regions who have already been part taking in this service work for years. There is a great deal of information that is provided, Connecticut region had a 34 page PDF on how they interact with the prison system.

The last workshop that stuck out to me was the Phone line workshop called Virtual PBX (Phone-Based Exchanges.) The workshop was led by a member of the Sonoma area of NA from Northern California. The workshop was based are the virtual PBX program that is backed up by a cloud. The program is called Freedom Voice. It offers a wide range of tools that are very useful when wanting to operate a phone line. Freedom Voice offers call forwarding, voice recognition, audio recording (for voice messages) email, Directory option, over a hundred forwards for various directories. It offers call statistics, logs, records of each call that was answered, received, and messages left.

Freedom Voice is a low cost services with a flat monthly rate of 49.99 a month that requires no outside maintenance, world wide access, flexible programming & call routing. The program allows volunteers to participate from anywhere on the planet. Freedom Voice uses a find/me/follow me call forwarding. I found this program to be very interesting and easy to function. The Sonoma Area in California is currently using this program to run their

whole phone line. The Sonoma Area's account was on display up on a projector and was able to login into the phone line account and give a walkthrough of how the program functions. I found it to be very simple and convenient to have. I feel that this program would be very useful and suggest switching over to this program to operate our regional phone line on. If anybody is interested in hearing how the Sonoma Area is using this program on their phone line you can call in at 707-324-4062. Thank you all for allowing me to be of service, I look forward to learning more at the regional level and getting to know you all better.

- vi. Pecos Valley – Melissa, RCM1: Hey everyone! As you all know, we in the Pecos Valley Area have had some rough times recently, so we want you to know that we've been making some changes to prevent our previous issues from happening again. We have elected new trusted servants, we now have a P.O. Box, we are working on our incorporation as well as our 501(c)(3) status, and we are working on getting a bank account that will require 2 signatures. We are learning from our previous mistakes, and working hard to prevent them from happening again.

The Fixx group continues to host a speaker meeting the first Saturday of every month, just FYI. We also have our area's website at pecosvalleyna.org. PR has been flying in our area, especially Roswell, with a panel meeting at probation and parole. Efforts to make contact with individuals at Cannon Air Force Base are also under way in Clovis.

We spoke with our groups and everyone has stated how they like the idea of having a badge only event, but none of us like the language. Badge only sounds icky to many of us. In our September meeting we discussed saying instead that "registration is required, and if you can't afford registration we are happy to have you, and you can do service in exchange for registration." Can we make changes in the language, and maybe that will help get more members on board with this style of convention?

In regards to the GSR assembly, we think it should be in one place, however, we would like to see region budget for this event, including travel and accommodations for GSRs. Areas should be cognizant of expenses and try to reduce costs (share rooms, carpool, etc.).

Also, we took the idea of getting H&I monies back to our groups, and we want some of that! We could purchase white booklets with that for the meetings in Roswell, and also help out the Portales meeting. I have **attached** the last H&I order from the Fixx group, which included 50 introductory guides, 5 white booklets, and 45 miscellaneous IP's totaling \$201.55, as a sample of how we would use the money to carry the message ☺

I think that's about it. It's great to see everyone again, I've missed you all! ILS, Melissa D. (formerly Melissa W.)

Brian, RCM2: Hello All

Response to Bosque request to bring the badge only requirement at regional convention.

We have decided the badge only itself is fine but we would like to have the language modified to say "we will gladly accept service in place of money" we believe the badge only is for accountability and not forcing people to pay for a meeting.

Request for H&I money

Pecos Valley Area supports H&I at 2 separate institutions and both are supported at the group level we are requesting money for literature to bring into the institutes

After Action from the loss of Area Money due to former treasure "donating it"

PVA is incorporating under a non for profit status and is in the process of acquiring a non for profit checking account so the same mistake does not happen again.

Stop Payment on Check

It is our understanding that there was a stop payment on the check that was going to be returned to us. As stated above we are rectifying the issue so this does not happen again and if the money is gone we have decided to move on and let the healing begin.

5. Service Learning Needs

- a. Monica – GAA, group level service, outreach, PR topics. Scheduled for 12/19 from 10-3. Freddy, Laura, and Robert have agreed to commit. Also had a member request a small workshop on Traditions. Location: New Life Homes 6101 Central NE, Albuquerque. Lunch will be provided or food vendors are available close by.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Region Planning Session (Continued)
 - i. Region Budget - tabled. Sashua will get with Rand and Dorie to get a General Ledger for the year to date (2015) expenditures, so we can have a budgeted v. actual expenses accounting for the current budget. Sashua will then send out to all RCMs.
 - b. Task Based Committees
 - i. PR Guidelines Ad Hoc – Robert – discussing putting together a regional PR committee. I have gathered more information from the WSLD. Anyone interested in putting together a regional PR committee, please get with me. I’m very interested, but I can’t do it alone.
 - ii. Region Website & IT Strategy Team Ad Hoc – Freddy recapped the history of this plan. This committee might be dissolvable if we can resolve the website issue. We have no Website person. We will need a single point of contact for Steve if we accept his bid.
 - c. Guidelines approval/discussion – tabled until January. Sashua will invite the RCC to attend the meeting in January to answer questions and concerns, and to bring about a sense of “us” instead of “us vs. them”.
 - d. Follow up on Group Conscience discussion re: Badge Only convention – will be left on the agenda for January
 - i. Brian – PVA – we think the language to change to “we would gladly accept service in exchange for registration”
 - ii. George – Northern – would like to take it back to Area in December and bring it back in January
 - iii. Leann – FC – change the language, same as PVA
 - iv. Monica – GAA – was the badge only taken to the groups for approval prior to being taken into action by the RCC? One group has no problem, but make a big PR blitz so people are aware that a badge is an option for everyone. See RCM report.
 - v. Sharon – Bosque - didn’t discuss it because we brought this to region. My opinion – it sounds like double talk – ask for money but then say you don’t have to pay.
 - vi. Richard – Bosque – am so grateful and glad to hear everyone’s opinion. When it was presented we were just told that’s how it was going to be. It was never brought to groups for a decision.
7. Elections/Election Discussion:
 - a. Regional PR Resource Service Position/Person – not applicable right now
 - b. Regional Webmaster – need to make this position a “website liaison” in January.
8. New Business:
 - a. Proposal for website hosting by California Steve (see attached bid). Sharon – do your websites have assistive technology? Steve – all of my sites are ADA compliant. Brian K. **Motion** to accept Steve’s bid. Sharon 2nd. Passed unanimously. Steve will follow up with Ron to ensure a smooth transition. Steve would like to take a day and offer a q&a and get ideas from our members about what we want from this website.
 - b. Guidelines, Appendix A – Laura – Gave a little history on how we got to the place where the changes were suggested. Jonathan stated that LOMA. . . Richard, Bosque – the RCC was created and answers to this body, but it seems that you are saying that this switches that. It seems the control has now shifted to the RCC and I have a great concern that decisions are being made in that RCC that the RSC has no control over. Laura – I would like to know what those decisions are that are being made, because that is not my perception. Freddy – my understanding of how this works, either be incorporated or be nonprofit, like we are now, so we have to appear to look like we function as the state and IRS requires us for nonprofit status. I believe that the RCC knows that the RCC answers to

this body. Brian – if you have a concern, you could attend that meeting and ask. Richard – fundamental concern I have is that the RCC was created to make money for this Region. If that's their responsibility, then they can do whatever they can to meet that goal. I'm not comfortable with that purpose. Laura – that is not why the RCC was created. It was created to protect members from personal liability. About 3 years ago, this body directed the RCC to take the convention and make money because we were behind in taxes and in a bad way financially. Robert – didn't we see that in the information RCC gave us, handled all of this. Dorie – having 2 treasury jobs is not ok with me. If I am directed to be treasurer for both I will step down. There is no accountability in that. Freddy – the RCC and the RSC isn't "they". Maybe we all meet together, both committees. We are we! It hurts my heart when I hear this. I propose that we meet together and talk this out. Monica – I am new and haven't discussed this at the Area level and would like to not take action. And, is it a violation of traditions to be a 501c3? Laura – no it's not. Bottom line, **RCMs please take the suggested changes back to Areas, discuss the Appendix A and how the convention is run, to determine a group conscience about the changes. Bring questions and concerns back to the meeting in January. We will vote in March.**

- c. **Motion**: Made by Freddy, Second by George: "To fund the delegate team to WSZF in January 2016 in San Francisco, CA in the amount of \$1250.00 (Air \$655.92, Hotel \$655.92, \$278 plus tax, 3 days food \$200) Passed unanimously.
- d. **Motion**: Made by Dorie, second by Richard. "To pay the storage by auto bill pay with a debit card." \$71 per month. Passed unanimously. As a side note, Dorie will see if we can pay annually.
- e. **Motion**: Made by Brian, second by Sharon. "To request \$201.55 for H&I literature for PVA. (white booklets, intro guides and pamphlets.)" Passed unanimously.

9. Announcements / For the Good of the Fellowship

- a. Freddy – Looking forward to the next few months. WSLD and stuff to come. Glad I'm here.
- b. Robert – Have been following discussion boards at the world level. A lot of craziness and miscommunication at every level of service. As tedious as it may be, it comes down to honoring our 5th tradition. NA as a whole is at a transitional state. Every member has a say! NA works. I attended Colorado regional convention and RGR is the only region that only gets inmates to attend our convention. I was asked to participate in some H&I stuff in CO with the hope that another region might get inmates at their convention. CO did it. There were inmates at their convention.
- c. George – grateful to be of service for my area and for this region. Thank you for your service.
- d. Brian – thank you on behalf of PVA.
- e. Steve – Excited to be here. I love service. I like to know what's going on. ☺ For the last 6 years there have been inmates at the Tejas Blue Bonnet convention.
- f. Richard – Really dig the passion of the members here and of service. Sometimes I lose sight of that. Being here really lets me know that I'm part of that. I'm doing the right thing.
- g. Sharon – Really good to be back in service. Bosque anniversary 12/5 10 years! ☺
- h. Kelly – I'm good thank you.
- i. Monica – Don't have much to add. I'm excited. I like connecting with people.
- j. Leann – Thank you for letting me be of service. I always enjoy these meetings, even when I want to bang my head against the wall. ☺ It's enlightening and there is good learning from this.
- k. Kelly – just listening
- l. Dorie – Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to NA and for my recovery. I would like to let you know that what I hear, I feel like I never even left my region. WE are talking about the same things and we have the same passion. I feel like I'm at home when I sit here.
- m. Sashua – I am grateful to be of service. Thank you for having patience with me today. I hope we get our Chair and Secretary back soon!

10. Close with the Third Step Prayer