

Rio Grande Region Service Committee Meeting Agenda RGRSC Phonenumber – (866) 885-6562
January 16th, 2016 from 1 pm – 5 pm RGRSC Website – riograndena.org Santa Fe Recovery Center,
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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 – Jonathan
 - c. Service Prayer – Sashua
3. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes
4. Standing Reports:
 - a. Officers, Delegates, and Resource Persons
 - i. Chair – absent
 - ii. Vice Chair – Sashua – Grey should be back with us in March.
 - iii. Secretary – Monica – Will get my stuff together and do my job.
 - iv. Treasurer – Dorie – Beginning balance \$19,169.17. Deposit for \$1041.31. New balance, after expenses (listed below): \$17499.42.

1. Expenses:

Vendor	Amount
Answer NM	\$2124.71
LOMA (H&I)	\$105.45
Answer NM	\$502.90

- v. Regional Delegate – We are ready to attend the WSZF in two weeks. The Conference Agenda Report is out and available for reading or download from na.org/conference.
user name: wsc2016
password: CP2016
You can begin reviewing the material and be prepared for when your delegate team presents a workshop near you. On that note Robert and I discussed options this morning, and our tentative plan is to go with one event in the North (Probably Santa Fe), one in Albuquerque, and one in the south, either Las Cruces or El Paso. We will go wherever we are asked, but are trying to be practical and efficient.
We feel like the motions themselves are pretty straightforward, yet the history behind them, and the current planning for the shape of NA’s service conference are detailed and are the heart of what we need to carry from our region. We plan to form our workshops in a manner that is a discussion between the attendees rather than only a vote tally so that we can carry what our local fellowship contributes to the larger discussion at the conference. We will review the motions but spend a little less time on them other than the items the group wishes to focus on or ask questions about. Freddy Olsen, sevenpointed@gmail.com, 505-252-2504

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- vi. Alternate Delegate – We hope to spread the word of availability of on line videos and surveys in the CAR. The wonderfully presented information in the CAR give every NA member in the world a very easy way to understand issues facing NA's phenomenal growth. With the WSC rapidly approaching, George RCM NNMA and I are working to have a GSR assembly before this body meets again after the convention. We also hope to have Regional GSR assembly to collect the conscience of our region at some point before the WSC in April. Please encourage your GSR's around the region to collect each group's conscience on all issues. Let's all work to have a record of number of groups weighing in this conference cycle. Find all the info at: na.org/conference and na.org/future. I've talked up Regional PR everywhere I've had opportunity with no real committee commitment interest. I'm willing to further explore.
Let's have another great convention, yawl ----
ILC Robert B. (505) 930-0654 fjimo67@gmail.com
- vii. Regional H&I – **ATTACHMENT 1**
- viii. Regional Webmaster – *vacant but we do have a report from Steve, our web host.(email)***ATTACHMENT 2**
- ix. Regional Phone Lines – absent, Laura – don't have a direct report, but I spoke to Paul because GAA Chair appointed me to do an ad hoc PR event. Paul asked me to bring these flyers to Region to hand out, in case that the problem with lack of use of phonelines is that the phone number isn't being used. PR guidelines talk about posting these things – simple, easy, direct, research places for distribution, use a team system, refrain from putting them in places that local ordinances do not allow. Jonathan – in LOMA we have discussed it extensively. There is no first hand contact with an addict with an 800#; \$5500 a year is not serving our primary purpose. We have a burner cell that costs nothing and we pass it around among members in LC. We really question the wisdom of spending our money this way. Laura – I understand, and there is better technology available. Much discussion. LOMA burner cell should be added to the regional phonelines.
- x. Regional Convention Committee - Everything is on track. Online registration should be available by the end of January. May 19-22 at Crown Plaza, Albuquerque. When registration opens, we blast an email to everyone who has ever registered with registration and a link for the hotel. Registration is \$30 pre and \$35 onsite.

5. Areas

- a. Bosque – Richard – RCM1 - Richard S. - • Bosque had a successful 10 year Area Celebration in November 2015. Thank you all who attended and supported us. • Bosque will be hosting a Valentine's speaker meeting and dance next month. We will have a flyer and post it on the NA website after our next Area meeting. • The "Outreach Position" for our Area was set up to assist groups that needed support and has not been working. A member of our group suggested we pass around a "Wooden stick" and call it a "Sprit Stick" and be passed on by two members of each group and take to the next group, they then assign two members to pass it on to next

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assigned meeting. • Our Historian is working with the "Greater Albuquerque and Bosque Metro Area Meeting " to create Hospital & Institutions Subcommittee Guidelines. Thank you for allowing me be of service. Richard S. Sharon – I just keep coming back so I can get clarity. It's a bit overwhelming right now.

- b. El Paso – Good afternoon and sorry I cannot be with you. There was a mix up in not receiving the Region meeting info and coupled with a stomach virus, I opted out. I am now the new RCM I for the El Paso Area. and Jared V. has also been voted in as RCM II (915-383-7563 huffypro2@gmail.com). Love to all and it's great to be serving at this level and with great purpose. I have read the Region guideline and the November minutes and feel as prepared as I can be at this stage. We have 4 things really: 1) Jeff S., who's term just expired, was our H&I chair and was told a check for \$250 would be sent (approved in Sept minutes) and will be contacting Tom K. to follow up. 2) Our Area has voted against being a part of and helping pay for (nominal fee) the joining of the Texas Shared Services Project Phonenumber System ("Currently, addicts and those who come into regular contact with addicts find it difficult to get information about NA and meeting lists without first having knowledge of what region or area they are located in..... With the clever names we have assigned to our regional and area service bodies, it is difficult for inmates (or professionals, or to remember the Regional or Area website name)..... A Google search for "narcotics anonymous texas" yields results that point to Fort Worth Area Service Office, Dallas Area, Central Texas Area, Lone Star Region, Heart of Texas Area, Texas Tri-County Area, Big Country Area, and Esperanza Area. Clearly these types of results don't provide much clarity to an addict or professional who is trying to find resources that are local to them, which indicates difficulty for an addict trying to find a meeting, or for professionals who may be trying to access information about NA locally.) For more info contact: tuspna@gmail.com. Bottom line: we will continue to pay you and keep things the same. 3) We voted against putting in a bid for the 2017 Regional convention. 4) Some great news for our Area: I have been Treasurer for the past year and am happy to report we are back on track and financially stable once again. As of Dec. we are also able to send 10% to Region, which hasn't been done in years. My position is now vacant. I'm excited to see you down here in March. Please don't hesitate, should you need me. (915-204-5118) ILS, Chris S
- c. Four Corners – Leann - Valentines dinner at 2PM on the 20th at Bethel Baptist church. WE forgot half of our donation, but brought \$58.42. I think we agreed to \$50 a month. Rita – no report today.
- d. Greater Albuquerque – Nui – had 9 open positions, 7 got filled! H&I and PR are the only open positions now. Brought donations.
- e. LOMA - First, let me tell you about an event we're scheduling: July 16th, White Sands Potluck and Campout, Meeting Under the Full Moon, This is an annual event, and always a lot of fun. Hope you can plan to attend. A few bits of business from LOMA: - We now have an Area Phone Line, answered by an addict from the area. Number is [575-635-6193](tel:575-635-6193) - Before approving a new budget, we want to see the actual expenditures from last year - We are requesting

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support for a Service Learning Day, much like the one recently held in
Albuquerque. ILS, Jonathan

- f. Northern New Mexico - My name is George and I'm an addict. I send my love and regards to the RSC, I was unable to attend this months RSC meeting. I am out of town in California attending the 21st San Fernando Valley area convention. The NNMASC was held on December 6th here in Santa Fe. I was able to report back to the area and attend some home group consciences in regards to how members, groups and the area felt about the convention being a "badged only" event. I was surprised to find that allot of members here in the northern New Mexico were unaware of the changes that were made a few years back about it being deemed a badged event. There were also allot of members who are not informed enough to what that means and the purpose is. I also received allot of great and positive input, as well as ideas from various members. I also informed the area what other areas in the region had suggested towards ideas with this topic. Allot of members where in favor of the idea of the region hosting a PR blitz about the badged event to better inform the members about what the RCC motivations are behind keeping our convention a badged event. I also had a suggestion from a my home groups collective group conscience to keep the the convention a badged event but to just simply rename the wording from "Badged only" to just "badged event". The overall group conscience from the northern New Mexico Area was just about the same. To do away with the wording of "Badged only" and word on the program pamphlets "badged event" and maybe a brief description to what that entails and how it contributes to the spiritual principle of the the 7th tradition. The Area is still interested in hosting a service learning day as well. The planning is still up in the air as of right now and ideas are being exchanged but nothing is official. I plan to bring it up at our next area meeting in February that the RSC in encouraging areas to plan their own service learning day and that the RSC will gladly support and attend. I really wish I could have made this month's RSC because I really wanted to further discuss with this body about the importance and encouragement to look into switching over our regional phonenumber to the virtual PBX program freedom Voice. I spoke with Jeff R. From the Sonoma area in California who as you guys might remember in my last report gave a workshop presentation on this program. He affirmed to the cost who vary from \$50 to up to \$200 dollars depending on how many voice boxes we wanted for the different extensions. Anyway, I brought it up to my Area and they seemed very open and interested in switching over to this program if that meant still being able to save up to almost \$5000 per year. I also asked Jeffery if it was possible to still keep the phone line functioning as a regional phone line as we are now and he said not a problem. Jeffery R. said he would also be willing to give a Over the phone or Skype presentation to our region or any area interested in freedom voice. If anybody has any questions regarding freedom voice please feel free to contact me. This concluded as my RCM I report for now. See you guys in March. Thank you all for your service and for allowing me to be of service. -ILS George M.
- g. Pecos Valley – Hey everyone! Holy moly I'm actually here! I've missed you. Seriously. So, we are still working on our incorporation, 501(c)(3) status, and the bank account, just FYI, and to keep you all in the know 😊 Also, our area website is pecosvalleyna.org. The

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Fixx group continues to host a potluck speaker meeting the first Saturday of every month, just FYI, and the next one will be February 6th at 6:30. The Restored to Sanity group just got the okay to open another meeting, a literature meeting, on Thursday evenings, so we are super siked to have 3 meetings a week in our little town. We feel the need to say thank you for the H&I monies, we have distributed the materials amongst our groups (half to Roswell, half to Portales) and are grateful to carry the message in that area. We also used this “gift” to extend an olive branch to the Milagro group in Portales to see if they wanna rejoin our little area, and so far, they seem open. We discussed the idea of having a couple campouts this year in our area to promote our unity, which we lovingly would call our Campventions, and will continue to discuss this in months to come, and keep you all informed. Many of our members expressed interest in the CAR report and would like to know more about it, and how their suggestions matter. One of our members wanted to know exactly how her voice is heard, so any info we can take back to her would be great. I think that’s about it. It’s great to see everyone again, I’ve missed you all! ILS, Melissa D; Brian is going away.

6. Service Learning Needs –

- a. Jonathan – LOMA is interested in partnering with El Paso for the March Regional meeting, to hold a SLD for the next regional meeting. Nui, Tom, Freddy, Dorie, Laura, Sashua, Robert will all volunteer to help as needed.
- b. Michael D. – We would like some experience and help with H&I with AFB. Tom is willing to help with this.

7. Old Business

- a. Regional Planning Session
 - i. Region Budget -
 - ii. Planning –
 1. These items are together and one. Sashua was unable to get the actual costs vs budgeted costs together for this meeting, but has the information today to be able to make this information available. Freddy believes that the conversation needs to happen together. Phonerlines are a great example of this. We need an operational budget.
 2. CAR/CAT discussion for locations – 3 locations to bring all GSRs together to discuss ballots, etc.
 - a. Northern – George and Robert working on Santa Fe, Farmington, etc willing to drive to Santa Fe and bring GSRs
 - b. Central – Albuquerque and Bosque will get heads together and find a day and place
 - c. Southern – Look at Roswell or El Paso. RCMs will have a discussion about location.
- b. Task Based Committees
 - i. PR Guidelines Ad Hoc – Robert B. – anyone interested in participating please get with me.
 - ii. Region Website – Sashua disbanding the committee. Remove from agenda.
- c. Guidelines discussion – will happen in March

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- d. Follow up on Group Conscience discussion
 - i. George reported in Northern report. Jonathan agrees.
8. Election/Election Discussion – Sashua will take the small paragraph with opening positions to include with minutes
 - a. Regional PR Resource Person
 - b. Regional Website Liaison (being left on the agenda till we know more)
 - c. Regional Delegate – comes up in May
 - d. Alternate Delegate – comes up in May
 - e. Chair – comes up in May
 - f. Vice Chair – comes up in May
9. New Business
 - a. Phonelines – Sashua created an ad hoc committee, appointed George to chair. Jonathan and ShaRon want to work with. Will bring a proposal to move over. Will include Paul in the conversation. We will need to find out to roll over and determine if we have a contract with current system.
 - b. Regional Schedules – We can print them from riograndena.org
 - c. Dorie has asked if people with multiple location availabilities would include NE SE indicators on the meeting schedules. It is impossible to find meetings when these indicators are not present.
 - d. Some meeting spaces require insurance. Laura – this has come up before. The idea would be that regions should hold insurance. Philadelphia insurance company is a good one. Laura will bring the information for the insurance for budget.
10. Announcements/For the Good of the Fellowship
 - a. ShaRon – Wanted to clarify spirit stick – did it on Gulf coast. The purpose is for groups to show up at other groups and fellowship. The groups keep passing it on and supporting other groups.
 - b. Jonathan – Glad to be here. 7/16 full moon campout potluck. TorC 2nd Sunday of every month pot luck speaker meeting at 6:30PM.
 - c. LeighAnn – Valentines dinner 2/20 at 2PM at Bethel Baptist.
 - d. Rita – Very grateful to be here
 - e. Mo – Grateful to be here
 - f. Elijah – Having activities meeting in Santa Fe tomorrow – discussing winter/spring. Currently we don't have anything lined up – only ideas. No one showed up to last meeting, but we did have a good new year's event. Would like to be able to get more going.
 - g. Melissa – Speaker meeting in Roswell 2/6 at 6:00, Nui is going to be the speaker.
 - h. Dorie – Here. Thank you.
 - i. Laura- Thanks a lot.
 - j. Michael – Grateful to be of service.
 - k. Robert – Have a copy of the CAR here, if you would like to briefly peruse it. RCMs should encourage groups to have something in a group conscience and look at this stuff. It's all available online. Discuss it. You are a member when you say you are. If you say you're

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a member you have a voice. It’s really important that GSRs bring this to our events.
 Spread that message!

- l. Monica – I’m glad to be here.
- m. Nui – I’m glad to be here. I’ll be here for a little bit if everything goes right.
- n. Richard – Our area has a new activities chair who has done an excellent job. We are having another event. Valentines event – will get it on the web.
- o. Sashua – Grateful to be of service. Thank you for being patient with me. I’m glad Mo is here and glad Grey will be back!
- p. Freddie - *left early* He wore some kickin’ aviators as he exited stage right.

ACTION ITEMS

1. LOMA/El Paso/PVA to hold a conversation to discuss March Region meeting in Roswell, and CAR/CAT meeting in Las Cruces or El Paso. Will follow up with Region and Freddy/Robert re: CAR/CAT.
2. Michael and Tom will discuss needs for AFB H&I stuff.
3. March RSC meeting will be from 12-5PM and reports will be submitted ahead of time and not read during the meeting. The only items on the agenda will be Budget/Planning and Guidelines approval/Review.
4. Laura will send out current guidelines with suggested changes.
5. RCMS should study, talk with Areas, and come ready to discuss and vote on changes – we will need to separate Treasurer responsibilities at the very least.
6. Sashua will create budget actual v. budgeted for 2015 and send out.
7. RCMs will discuss budget needs of Areas and budget items and come prepared to March meeting to create an RSC budget.
8. RCMs will need to find out from Areas what NA does and what NA should do. Review the Planning Basics booklet. Go to na.org and search for Planning Basics.
9. Sashua will contact Geroge and tell him he’s a new ad hoc committee chair.
10. Northern will get together to talk about the CAR/CAT meeting to be held in Santa Fe.
11. RCMS will ask for whoever is responsible for meeting schedules and website schedules to be sure they update addresses for meetings to include directional locators (complete address).
12. Laura will bring insurance quotes to March RSC to be considered for budget.
13. Announce open positions and upcoming positions

Position	Opens	Description
PR Resource Person	Open now	Not yet created
Website Liaison	Open now	Main contact between RSC and California Steve (website host)
Chair	May 2016	Suggested minimum of three years NA clean time (continuous abstinence from all drugs); Suggested service experience at the regional level. Duties: Sets agenda for RGRSC meeting. 2. Presides at the RGRSC meetings. 3. Maintains archives 4. Contacts RGRSC members who have been absent from any meeting. 5. Is a co-signer of Regional

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		bank accounts 6. Corresponds within the region on matters affecting NA or the Rio Grande Region as a whole. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to matters concerning the 12 Traditions of NA. 7. Submits a report to the RGRSC of his/her activities. 8. Mentor Vice-Chairperson to move into Chair position. Serves a one year term.
Vice Chair	May 2016	Suggested minimum of two years NA clean time (continuous abstinence from all drugs). Suggested service experience at the regional level. Suggested service experience at the regional level. Duties: 1. Serves as liaison between the RSC and the Regional and Alternate Delegates, Resource persons, Subcommittees and Ad hoc committees. 2. Contacts Areas when there is no contact for more than 2 consecutive RSC meetings. 3. Assumes the duties of Chair in the Chair's absence. 4. Assumes the duties of Secretary in the Secretary's absence. Suggested 2 year term, with first year served as Vice-Chair and second year served as Chair. An election will still be held to move into the Chair position.
Secretary	May 2016	Suggested minimum of two years NA clean time. Suggested service at the regional level. Duties: 1. Keeps accurate minutes of each RGRSC meeting. 2. Prepares and distributes minutes no later than two weeks following meeting. Minutes shall be sent to the RCM's, Regional Officers, Regional Delegates, Resource persons, Subcommittee chairs, and the RCC. 3. Keeps copies on hand at each meeting of the current year's minutes and the most recent approved Policies and Procedures. At year's end, submits a copy of both to the Chairperson and the incoming secretary. 4. Maintains an updated list of the RGRSC participants and area secretaries. 5. Includes a copy of the updated mailing directory with each set of distributed minutes. 6. Submits a report to the RGRSC of his/her activities. 7. Is the custodian of the RGRSC Post Office box. 8. Is a co-signer on regional bank accounts. C) Serves a one year term.
Regional Delegate	May 2016	Suggested minimum of five years NA clean time. 2. Suggested previous service experience at the regional/world level. 3. The willingness and ability to attend the World Service Conference (WSC), the Western States Zonal Forum (WSZF), and other events that the RGRSC approves. 4. Suggested previous attendance to at least one WSC. Duties: 1. The primary responsibility of the RD is to work for the good of NA as a whole by providing communication between this region and the rest of NA. The RD is the Rio

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		<p>Grande’s link with the WSC and the World Board. Prior to the WSC, a vote of confidence shall be requested from the groups. This will allow the RD to vote on issues that may arise for which no group conscience has been taken. Specific voting instructions may be given to the RD on NAWs issues via the Regional Assembly. 2. Acts as a source of information and guidance in matters concerning the 12 Traditions of NA and the 12 Concepts. 3. Corresponds outside the region. 4. Participates at the WSC as the voice of the Rio Grande Region. 5. Is encouraged to participate in the HRP World Pool. 6. Submits a report to the RGRSC of his/her activities and WSC activities. 7. Submits a report to the WSC of activities at the RSC. Serves a four year term.</p>
Alternate Delegate	May 2016	<p>Suggested minimum of three years NA clean time. 2. The willingness to become RD following approval by the region. 3. Suggested previous service experience at the regional level. 4. The willingness and ability to attend the WSC, WSZF, and other events that the RGRSC approves.</p> <p>Duties: 1. In the absence of the RD, the alternate shall perform the duties of the RD. They may serve as relief for the RD at the WSC and vote in the RD’s place. 2. Submits a report to the RGRSC of his/her activities. 3. Assists RD in preparation of report to the WSC of activities of the RSC. 4. Is responsible for the coordination and execution of the Regional Assembly. Serves a four year term.</p>