

Lone Star Regional Service Conference (LS RSC)

Saturday, May 18 to Sunday, May 19, 2013

RSC Minutes

NOTE: abbreviations (acronyms) can also be found on the last 2 pages titled
"APPENDIX: Acronyms (Abbreviations)"

SATURDAY SESSION

Meeting opened Saturday morning at 9:03 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer (Serenity Prayer). Co-Facilitator (CoFac) read the Vision / Mission statements. Visitor Mary D. read the 12 Traditions; visitor Ernesto P. read the 12 Concepts.

Roll Call was taken (addendum) and 5 Areas present of 9 were present (quorum)

OPEN FORUM (summary)

1. The Regional Delegate (RD) reported that she heard inquiries regarding "What is the value of (attending) Region ?". She suggested having workshops and the Heart of Texas (HoT) Area mentioned that we used to do that, it was part of our mission statement and that "we need it". The relevant portion of the Mission Statement was read:

The mission of the Lone Star Region is to provide its members a diverse forum for training and support while cultivating leaders who can more effectively carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

Other Areas mentioned and supported having workshops while the CoFac asked if any RCM's had contacted the RD Team. If the Area RCM's request a workshop (presentation(s) / training) they can put one together. Examples were provided such as:

- What is the CAR ?
- What is the CAT ?

Since we have to start somewhere and Regional Assembly (RA) is in October this will be an educational forum. The CoFac also suggested eMailing the RD Team.

2. The Notestaker (Ntk) asked the Body about different versions of the guidelines. East Texas (ET) stated that this inquiry was in their report. Concerns were raised regarding the CoFac not being involved in Guidelines updates, approval, different versions, etc. For example, it was noted by the CoFac that "Open Forum does not have time limit". FW asked – and it was decided by acclamation (overwhelming approval) -- to go forward with business since we have basic outline and to decide (later on) when to do address this.

AREA REPORTS

Sp: AHHTXNA (Área de Habla Hispana TX NA) aka Spanish-speaking Area
absent – no report

Dls(A): Dallas Area
written -- report read by RCMA

H&I inquired asked who he might contact regarding the Kaufman County Jail. The RCM responded that several Area Groups are involved and that there had been mis-information and lost information. She will discuss with and get information to him.

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SATURDAY SESSION: AREA REPORTS (Dallas Area), continued

The RCM also clarified what their Area wanted information on the Regional Phone System Proposal (phone system / VirtualPBX): *they need it broken down and clearer picture*. The Communications Liaison (CL) stated it would be addressed in her report.

ET(A): East Texas Area

written -- report read by RCM

Regarding the Regional Inventory, the RD remarked that an inventory was done at her home group and that she thought this was a good idea. The RCM mentioned that we need all members to participate.

FW(A): Fort Worth Area

written -- report read by RCM

The RCM explained the new Area Helpline Subcommittee attendance guidelines: *attend 1 meeting and then once per quarter*. She also explained that the term 12-step volunteers meant those volunteers who handle "extended calls". She was not pleased with the decision to move forward on the phone system.

HoT(A): Heart of Texas Area

written -- report read by RCMA

After the report, FW commented that the phone system appeals to smaller Areas' phone line; Fort Worth has money but other areas may not. A minor discussion followed.

Ls(A): Lakeside Area

absent -- no report

PW(A): Piney Woods Area

absent -- no report

RC(A): Rose City

written -- report read by RCM

The RD asked if the planned Campout was annual; it is. There was also a question about the *Palestine Freedom Group* as to whether this was an H&I commitment or a meeting; it is an Institutional Group. RCM and CL will get together this afternoon to review the website, email, changes etc. DIs was unaware of requesting CL to make changes; the CL will have information regarding the website in her report. RC could not find information on this RSC. Later on, DIs remarked that information on this RSC is under "news" on the lsna.org site.

TX(A): Texarkana Area

written -- report read by RCM

There as a discussion regarding this Area rejoining the Arkansas Region or staying within the Lone Star Region (LSR). They are staying in the LSR.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

FAC: Facilitator

open position – no report

CoFac: Co-Facilitator

written / read

SATURDAY SESSION: ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS, continued

MH(A): Money Handler (Treasurer)

written – joint report read by Money-handler (MH)

The Notestaker (Ntk) asked for the January Report which was never received. The MH stated he would send January Report. The MH also asked the Body to turn in their receipts since it reflects on budget. There was a question about paper copies of the MH report and the Body decided by acclamation (overwhelming approval) to request 10 paper copies of future reports. The Body also approved a request by the MHA for a “thumb drive” to save backups and to physically pass on from Trusted Servant (TS) to TS.

RD: Regional Delegate

written / read

FW asked why the Southern Zonal Forum (SZF) minutes were not on the SZF website (www.szfna.org). The RD will get them for emailing. Dallas asked about the next SZF which will be: *July 26-28 in Flowood, MS.*

RDA: Regional Delegate Alternate

written / read

11:07am – “15-minute” BREAK / 11:29am – resume

The CoFac asked for any opposition (opp) for hearing the CL report after the Board of Directors Chairperson of the Lone Star Region’s Regional Service Office (BoD) Report and the Convention Administrative Committee (CAC) reports. ((no opp))

BoD / CAC REPORTS

BoD: Lone Star (LS) Regional Service Office (RSO) Board of Directors Chair

written / read

BoD remarked that she was “not comfortable with the current financial position. With “limited personnel”, she asked for volunteers with specific skills (POS, marketing, etc). The LS RSO was created when the Region was large and they used to have high-margin items. Literature is not considered High-margin. They want to be self-sufficient rather than using excess funds from the LS Regional (LSR) Convention. Specifically, they need people with business experience (since that is what they are – “a business”). The RSO Treasurer resigned so she does not have a Treasury report.

Discussions / Points:

- The Ntk asked about the status of “missing funds” reported on a couple of years about. She stated they had been unsuccessful in collection; they have passed it on to Law Enforcement.
- PRICING: some groups can’t go thru WSO; RSO gets orders out quicker
- RSO can sell Trademarked (™) products; licensed via the World Service Office (WSO)
- ADDRESS: 10420 Plano Road, Ste 101 / Dallas, TX 75238
- LOCATION: Plano Road just North of IH-635 LBJ Frwy on the right-hand (East) side
- PRICING: the WSO is trying to get other (satellite) Service Offices (SO’s) setup; other Areas save money by placing an order and having a representative drive to the RSO to pickup – they find it beneficial to them
- Point of Sale (POS): issue with POS / QuickBooks (QB) is a “known issue”; it is, however, very hard to pinpoint and therefore troubleshoot
- ET raised a question regarding medallions and quantity; he has seen other websites with less expensive pricing / quantity; questioned how WSO is helping the fellowship; ((discussion)); the RD questioned if the other sites sell medallions manufactured by the WSO
- **Next Board of Directors meeting: Sat, July 13th (10am) at the RSO**

SATURDAY SESSION: BoD / CAC REPORTS, continued

CAC: Convention Administrative Committee

written / joint report read by Convention Administrative Committee "Odd year" (CACo)

RC mentioned an incident with a newcomer going to the (Lone Star Regional) Convention and using someone else's registration – they were hassled; the CACo asked that if this happens to contact them ((discussion)). The Convention Administrative Committee "Even year" (CACe) stated that registrations are kept at the (Regional Service) Office. Refund policy is on the registration form. The RD asked if the CAC would consider putting this policy on the (LSR Convention) website.

The CL asked for CAC duties, qualifications, etc. in more detail (besides what are printed in our RSC Guidelines). The CACe explained that once Bylaws, etc are complete, the CAC will send them get them to us. The previous FAC had them but resigned.

MISCELLANEOUS "Action Items"

- The CoFac mentioned that \$50 previously-donated for food was leftover from last RSC; it was decided by acclamation (overwhelming approval) to have Sunday breakfast at about 7:30am followed by a recovery meeting
- The MH mentioned that no (2014) budget forms were turned in: please turn them in !!
- By acclamation (overwhelming approval), a decision was made to read the CL report, break for lunch, and then discuss (after lunch)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (Communications Liaison)

handwritten / read; no report received

Highlights / Points:

- went to the Spanish-speaking Area Convention (has CD)
- LSR email should work; she will check with everyone here; she has tested all accounts
- requests sent by eMail are received on her phone
- the "phone system" (VirtualPBX) will be reviewed after lunch

12:17am – "90-minute" BREAK until 2pm / 2:00pm – resume

The CoFac re-opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

CL: Communications Liaison (continued)

NOTE: for your information and review, the CL's notes from the January Minutes are presented below.

The Communications Liaison read her report. Ft Worth Area RCM requested upcoming Regional Service Conference dates and Regional Assembly date be posted on the website. The Ft Worth Area RCM also mentioned she had thought the Communications Liaison was providing more information on the Virtual PBX which is why she had not discussed anything with the Phonenumber chair about switching to a new system. Communications Liaison requested that all RCM's take back to their Areas to please go to VirtualPBX.com and review the presentations on the new system that is being proposed.

There was some discussion about how the system could work to replace the current phonelines. The areas currently have their own phonelines and if the region could provide the service the areas could quit using and paying for their individual phone lines. All areas would need to agree to move to the new service whether they used it or not. If an Area wished to keep their current service they can do that but may not have use of the 888-NA-WORKS number if they did not choose to be included. Ft. Worth Area RCM requested some type of visual diagram to describe how the service worked. After quite a few questions the Assistant Money Handler suggested that the Areas put their concerns in writing and forward to the Communications Liaison so that she could develop solutions.

SATURDAY SESSION: ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (CL), continued

Highlights / Points:

FW asked the CL if part of her job is to update the LSRNA.org (web)site: she replied "yes". FW mentioned that there were no previous minutes from past RSC's, but the CL stated that the only cleansed Minutes she has were from the January RSC and that she would post them soon. She will ensure that the next RSC and the Regional Assembly (RA) is also on the (web)site.

ET asked who was using VirtualPBX (phone system) now. The CL responded "*anyone who calls 888-NA-WORKS*" and also provided an explanation. Essentially, an out-of-town caller not calling from within the LSR reaches the Dallas Area. Any caller calling from within the LSR gets the Area from which they call:

- Florida number calling from Florida: reaches Dallas Area
- Florida number calling within Rose City Area: reaches Rose City Area
- Dallas number calling within Texarkana Area: reaches Texarkana Area

Concern was raised that a caller outside of the Area they are calling about (any of the examples above) might not be helped properly. The CL will explain the "current" versus the "proposed" systems.

Another discussion ensued regarding the issue of each Area's recording and the "3 major towns/cities" provided. There is a \$150 fee to change any/all recorded info but multiple changes can be made at the same time. Since the CL needs to add the Texarkana Area to the phone system, she will get this information to the Areas (who can then change the "3 major towns/cities"). Funding, per the CoFac, will come from the "General Fund" since this was not budgeted for; there was no opp to this request for \$150. A line item will not be added to her budget since according to the CoFac this is an "unusual change, and not recurring"; there is no need to add.

The CL explained our current 888-NA-WORKS (888) Regional phone number system vs the proposed 888 Regional phone number system. When a member calls 888, the new system changes where it goes: *there can be up to 20 numbers (or more)*. One can set availability (days / times) per number with rollover. The caller will eventually be sent to Voicemail (after 3 consecutive times). The new system would then will send alert (email / phone) to the helpline chair. An example was provided.

Questions were asked / answered and Points were raised:

- there can be 20 lines per extension per area
- the caller ID (C-ID) will say "Lone Star Region" on a landline and can also be programmed into a Cellphone as such
- a helpline chair can change the "ring order" and availability by using a phone; they can also use the world-wide web (WWW); changes are "unlimited"
- the cost is fixed for unlimited minutes but may be "per minute" in the future
- Texarkana RCM stated that their Area may use it but will keep existing phone line; they will setup a "new process: *using a "volunteer pool" rather than "shifts"*
- Dallas RCMA mentioned that the current price is \$612.59 and asked if this would increase if everyone joins. The CL believes this will not increase but also needs to know what we want to utilize (eg, "how many phones"). Does Dallas Area want 40 lines (for example) ? She is trying to get other options so if Dallas and Fort Worth do not join it would be OKAY
- The CL wants Area Helpline Chairs to contact her. East Texas has had the system previously. This will save money at the Areas.
- Dallas RCMA asked about "downtime" and the costs to change over. The CL responded that we have the system now: you can use it or not.
- Fort Worth RCM mentioned that Voice over Internet Protocol (Voice over IP or VoIP) is only for those with broadband (hi-speed) Internet. She keeps hearing "unlimited [minutes]" vs. "per min". The CL stated that this would change if we go to VoIP.

SATURDAY SESSION: ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (CL – Questions & Points), continued

- Fort Worth RCM stated that Texarkana is setting up a parallel system. She asked if this made any sense. Would the local number still get called? The CL stated that the local number does get called.
- East TX RCM asked that if you have the 888 number that routes to appropriate area would Areas that have a local number get called? They would get called.
- You can “try a trial: *contact the CL*.”
- The CL stated that VirtualPBX and Grasshopper are similar but **not** the same company
- ET mentioned that the CL came to their Area and they approved it and another area adopted it. We spoke about this in October [RSC] and the East Texas Area wants to use it. Six (6) months of information should be enough [information].
- The MHA asked why we were making it so complicated. We are getting “more” for “same” [money]. If every area gets on, we can save money. The RD asked if we really needed to vote on it.
- The CoFac stated that Grasshopper was setup for the Spanish Area and VirtualPBX is for Region. The CL stated that Areas would add [phone] numbers

The CoFac asked if Area RCM's had enough information to present to their Areas ((yes))

The RDA stated that he was here in October as RCMA but thought that all Areas must participate; is this true? The CL offered a trial: let HoTNA and East TX Area try; then send info to RCMS. If there is no cost increase and your Area wants to try it, she will see if they can do a trial. The CoFac stated that the smaller areas (HoTNA / East TX / Rose City) were approved. The CACo stated \$612.59 is being paid now for VirtualPBX and that all the technology was bundled. He asked if costs would not change. Dallas can get info from Fort Worth (FtW) Area and then bring it up at ASC.

The CL asked if FtW would like to try it. She will try it with 3 other Areas and “work the kinks out”. FW asked if costs would change. ((no change)) There was some discussion regarding normal shift calls vs “ trial calls”. The Ntk mentioned that VirtualPBX was “unlimited” [minutes] and that Grasshopper was only 500 minutes. He also mentioned that the local number would have to forward to the 888 [Regional] number. The CACo stated the total cost for Dallas was about \$116 / mos for the 972 number and the Voicemail System. The 972 number costs about \$35 / mos which could save money.

NOTE: 2 Graphics (previously-distributed) were provided to the Ntk by FW. They were sent to all Members prior to sending these minutes.

NOTE: The CL wants Area Helpline Chairs to contact her.

NOTE: if you change your lsrna.org password, please give it to Cindy

OLD BUSINESS / OLD IDEAS:

there was no old business from the last RSC in January

INCOMPLETE “ACTION ITEMS”

2014 BUDGET – laid aside until tomorrow:

The CL mentioned that forms should have been submitted back to MH to put together budget at this RSC to so Areas can take back and then ratify in September. ((discussion)) The MH stated that the 2013 budget on page 6 of the report is a starting point for 2014.

SATURDAY SESSION: INCOMPLETE "ACTION ITEMS", continued

2014 LODGING – laid aside until tomorrow

The CL asked if we were staying in the same place for the same budget. A discussion about the May 2014 ensued since it was noted that the 3rd weekend in May is also "Whitney weekend". The CoFac asked for opp regarding moving the May RSC to 3rd weekend in June; there was no opp. However, the CL stated that this would have to be locked-in since fishing tournaments may be held at the same time. She will inquire and bring back information tomorrow. The January 2014 and September 2014 will remain "as is". HoT inquired as to why moved RA was moved from August to October. The CoFac replied that the RD Team sets up the RA and they moved it, etc.

((discussion at 3:32pm: should we close or do more business – especially elections, extra beds, etc))

The Body decided to keep elections on Sunday but to let the nominees stay (per FW). The CACo asked about working on the Guidelines. The Body eventually decided to close early ("now") and do it. The RD will put together a schedule of elections based on the guidelines (ie, "pull from Guidelines). She asked the Body to review and approve approve what she sent out (today).

((discussion on guidelines))

FW was confused with the election timeline and the RD stated that elections were every 2 years in May. She stated we should change [alternate elections] to an "off year". ET stated that the Draft Guidelines are a starting point and that everyone is confused. He offered a side-by-side printed comparison. He also asked if we could get "something" from what we have ?

DECISION by acclamation (overwhelming approval): stop and close for 15-min break; those who want to stay and work on guidelines – especially RCMS's -- can stay.

Saturday Session ended at 3:54 pm

SUNDAY SESSION

Meeting opened Sunday morning at 9:00 am with the Serenity Prayer. Co-Facilitator (CoFac) read the Vision / Mission statements. Visitor Mary D. read the 12 Traditions; the RDA read the 12 Concepts.

The CoFac looked for quorum; there were only 4 Areas present (no quorum)

Announcements were made by the CL regarding RSC: breakfast still available; make sure to turn-in your keys; please do not put toilet paper in the toilets (ie, no paper in toilet); do not contact the "special worker" (ie, paid webmaster) – contact CL.

Roll Call was taken (addendum) and 6 Areas present of 9 were present (quorum)

INCOMPLETE "ACTION ITEMS"

2014 LODGING – laid aside from Saturday Session

all weekends requested are available and have been booked by Cindy (CL) on the 3rd weekends:

- JANUARY (3rd Saturday etc) / JUNE (3rd Saturday etc) / SEPTEMBER (3rd Saturday etc)
- Regional Assembly not yet planned; will check later

SUNDAY SESSION: INCOMPLETE "ACTION ITEMS", continued

2014 BUDGET (forms for RSC Trusted Servants only):

The 2014 Budget (Budget) needs to be reviewed and ratified. The 2013 budget is on page 5 of the Money-handler report. This was reviewed line-by-line. When it is reviewed, changed, and ratified, the MH will sent to NtK for distribution

((line-by-line discussion))

FW asked that those have not completed forms be provided with a zero-dollar (\$00.00) budget. There were multiple oppositions. It was agreed that if forms were not completed / submitted, the budget would stay the same.

((line-by-line discussion))

The RD asked why \$1200 was allotted for Regional Assembly vs. \$700. The CL responded that the Hall is included w/ rental and that \$700 was part of RD budget. The cost is \$1200.

((line-by-line discussion))

The Ntk asked why \$2000 for allotted for the 888 # and the CL stated that this amount is about \$620 for every 4 mos with a little "extra" as a cushion. One amount is for Bluehost (eMail) and another amount is for Domain hosting. Fort Worth asked why her budget increased from \$2000 to \$2500 and she responded that this would be for changes to VirtualPBX since each "group of changes" is \$150. The money spent on VirtualPBX (888 #) last year was \$1702.78.

((line-by-line discussion))

The PenPal made changes to her budget but is currently absent. Fort Worth asked what the "Professional Conference Work Group" was. The CL mentioned that this included the Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA) and that they coordinated with the Bluebonnet Region. The Literature Review and Input (R&I) Work Group's budget increased to \$500 since there will be work on the *Traditions Workbook*, etc

((discussion re Literature R&I Work Group))

Budget for the Literature R&I Work Group allows for photocopies and travel (\$900). The CoFac stated that the budget review was complete and would be sent by the Money-handler Team to the NtK f distribution to areas, etc.

10:26am – "10-minute" BREAK / 10:43am – resume

ELECTIONS

Facilitator

TX noted that this position was never officially notified to "post" (ie, bring back to Areas). The CoFac asked for any opp on keeping this position open until next RSC. There was 1 objection: ET (hereby noted). The position will be kept open until next RSC.

Communications Liaison Alt

There were no nominees. RCM's: *please take this back to your respective Areas for nominees.*

BOD Rep:

There were no nominees. RCM's: *please take this back to your respective Areas for nominees.*

SUBCOMMITTEE WORKGROUP REPORTS

H&I

written report -- read by H&I

COMMENTS:

- if you have felony in Smith County you cannot participate
- received a request for books yesterday by phone
 - he checked w HoTNA and they do not know of the individual making the request
 - he will drive to location to see if legit
 - does this body want him to do that
 - RDA (HoTNA): probably a rogue group/person but he will check it out
- various questions (missed) were asked and answered
- FW: regarding the [FtW] men's unit, do you take women ?
 - H&I: have you talked to FtW H&I ? ((no))
 - there have been relationship issues / past resentments
 - H&I: please contact them; he has lots of other facilities to handle

Pen Pal Coordinator

absent – report was eMailed and read by the Notestaker

FtW (statement to H&I): *make sure forms have correct RSO address*

NEW BUSINESS / NEW IDEAS

East Texas Area: Guidelines

IDEA: *First*, Change the Lone Star Regional Guidelines naming scheme from using only the month, day and year (only month and year in some cases) to allow for multiple revisions during one RSC in case of typographical error or missing text. For example, our April 2012 guidelines that was emailed our prior to RSC was changed during RSC resulting in multiple revisions with the same name.

Secondly, reconsider the responsible trusted servant or servants for updating the guidelines due to the continued vacancies of the co-facilitator position.

INTENT: Make it easier to identify revisions and prevent from duplicate naming. Secondly, we make sure there is an elected trusted servant assigned the task insuring the accuracy of the updating of our guidelines and to keep a point of accountability defined. (Concept 5)

DISCUSSION:

- ET: 1st part was dealt with yesterday (rev date / approved rev date)
2nd part: still an issue; mass confusion
- CoFac: regarding the 2nd part, the Ntk will get copy of "latest" [copy of the] Guidelines for distribution
- FW: Can we re-instate a "Peacekeeper" or another TS / TS's ? All options are "on the table". Could the Secretary (Ntk) do it ?? ((no -- would have to resign))
- DisA: there should be a PoA
- Dis: it should stay with CoFac; 2nd Point of Accountability (PoA) might be the FAC
- FW: ET is asking for accountability not delegation; wants Peacekeeper re-instated
- TX: we need better procedure for keeping up guidelines; does not want additional monies spent; HoT agreed

SUNDAY SESSION: NEW BUSINESS / NEW IDEAS (East TX: Guidelines), continued

- ET: wants a concession regarding maintenance due to recent troubles: The CoFac can keep as it is unless it does not get done
- Ntk: there would be no extra money spent; we need a PoA; someone who can refer to Guidelines [during RSC]
- DIs: things are going better; leave as is and if it does not work, then change it
- CL: we can utilize admin team
- RD: it is the RCM's responsibility to review minutes and guidelines; this has not been done; if it was we would not be in the position we are now ...
- TX: put into guidelines a procedure for maintaining guidelines

DISPOSITION (Outcome): The CoFac stated that the idea has basically been [re-]considered: “. [Should we] ...reconsider the responsible trusted servant or servants for updating the guidelines ...” ? Is there any opposition to leaving CoFac responsible ?

PASSES -- FW noted as opposing

East Texas Area: Inventory

IDEA: That The Lone Star Regional Service Committee conducts a Regional Inventory. “A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous” details an Area Inventory (Page 58), which can be a model to use.

INTENT: “For much as the same reasons NA members do personal inventories: to stop, consider their actions and attitudes, and rededicate themselves to their ideas.” (Supporting Traditions: 1, 2, and 12 -- Supporting Concepts: 2, 6, 8, and 12.)

DISCUSSION:

- ET: this weekend has gone well but our Service Structure [sic] supports the Groups, etc; we not asking to do this today; please go and consult your members; we can do better; perhaps this can be done in open forum
- CoFac: if inventory done it would fall under the CoFac [responsibilities]
- Ntk: I question doing it out of *Guide to Local Services* since this is old and outdated
- TX: What do I take back ?
- CoFac: We are deciding on what body wants to do
- HoT: Are you looking for willingness ((yes))
- FW: there are many sources for inventory; she wants questions from her Area and every Area; but the real question is “do we want it ?”; can the FAC [sic] get a “yes / no” before discussion

((the Body does want it -- there was no opposition))

- FW: I want time to solicit questions, etc for next RSC's old business or open forum
- ET: Can we amend the “time line”: when we come back in September, we generate what's to be done and then do the Inventory in January of 2014
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DISPOSITION (Outcome): The CoFac asked RCM's to ask their Areas what questions they want on the inventory. Please send the questions to the Notestaker (Ntk) and he will compile.

Laid Aside (pending more information per ABOVE)

RCMS: *ask your Area Groups what questions they want on the inventory; send the questions to the Notestaker for compilation.*

Dallas Area: RA Funding

IDEA: To fund Trusted Servants who are required to attend Regional Assembly (RA) for the present and future Assembly's.

SUNDAY SESSION: NEW BUSINESS / NEW IDEAS (Dallas: RA Funding, continued)

INTENT: Concept 5 and 11

DISCUSSION:

- RD: *funding what ... lodging ? ((yes))*
- DisA: stated 90% work done by 10% people; if they have a responsibility, the body should support it; this can't be changed (budget/guidelines) unless brought by body; consider lodging only
- Dis: we need it "spelled out"

((discussion – especially "required presence"))
- FW: on reviewing Guidelines, they state that the FAC, CoFac, MH, and RD team are not required (current guidelines); this is being revised; she wants idea revised since not all admin required
- DisA: MH asked him to submit an idea without any guidelines; he was not funded but is required to be at RA
- RD: would like to provide a list: *CL, Money-handler Team, Regional Delegate Team, Facilitation Team.*

COMPROMISE: To fund lodging for those elected RSC members required to attend RA (*CL, Money-handler Team, Regional Delegate Team, Facilitation Team*) retroactive to 2013 (per FW).

DISPOSITION (Outcome):

PASSES – no opp

- RCMS: take back to areas re "in budget" 2014 and for 2013
- FAC: covered in RA budget for this year; take back for 2014
- ((discussion regarding this year: covered w/ money left over and people paying))

ANNOUNCEMENTS / ETCETERA:

- FW: wanted to make a point regarding cabins vs. barracks (rooms in the main meeting hall) she was only one here in barracks !!
- CL: we have accommodations for all positions; if all positions are filled ... all beds utilized; we have 35 beds; we have 9 areas, the Admin [Committee], etc
If we did not pay for accommodations then we would have to pay for [this] meeting space

The next RSC is Saturday September 21st and Sunday, September 22nd here at the Lake Palestine Resort in Frankston, TX. Lodging is available from approximately 6pm on Friday, September 20th until RSC end.

Sunday Session ended at 12:24 pm

In Loving Service, your Notestaker

David M.

APPENDIX: Acronyms (Abbreviations)

Title and Phrase → Acronym (Abbreviation)

AHHTXNA (Área de Habla Hispana TX NA) aka <i>Spanish-speaking Area</i>	RCM	Sp
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Alt. Money Handler (Treasurer)		MHA
Board of Directors Chairperson (of the Lone Star Region's Regional Service Office)		BoD
Board of Directors Representative (of the Lone Star Region's Regional Service Office)		BoD Rep
Co-Facilitator (Co-Chairperson)		CoFac
Communications Liaison		CL
Communications Liaison Alternate		CLA
Convention Administrative Committee (in general)		CAC
Convention Administrative Committee -- Even year elected		CACe
Convention Administrative Committee -- Odd year elected		CACo
Dallas Area RCM		Dls
Dallas Area RCMA		DlsA
East Texas Area RCM		ET
East Texas Area RCMA		ETA
Facilitator (Chairperson)		FAC
Fort Worth (City of)		FtW
Ft. Worth Area RCM		FW
Ft. Worth Area RCMA		FWA
Heart of TX Area RCM		HoT
Heart of TX Area RCMA		HoTA
Heart of TX Area		HoTNA
Hospital and Institutions Coordinator		H&I
Lakeside Area RCM		Ls
Lakeside Area RCMA		LsA
Lone Star Region		LSR
Money Handler (Treasurer)		MH
Notetaker (Secretary)		Ntk
Opposition / Opposed (to an Idea)		Opp
Pen Pal Coordinator		PP
Piney Woods Area RCM		PW
Piney Woods Area RCMA		PWA
Point of Accountability		PoA
Regional Assembly		RA
Regional Committee Member		RCM
Regional Committee Member Alternate		RCMA
Regional Delegate		RD
Regional Delegate Alternate		RDA
Regional Service Conference		RSC
Regional Service Office		RSO
Rose City Area RCM		RC
Rose City Area RCMA		RCA
Southern Zonal Forum		SZF
Spanish Area RCM		Sp
Spanish Area RCMA		SpA
Texarkana RCM		TX
Texarkana RCMA		TXA
Trusted Servant		TS

APPENDIX: Acronyms (Abbreviations), continued

Acronym (Abbreviation) → Title and Phrase

BoD	Board of Directors Chairperson (of the Lone Star Region's Regional Service Office)
BoD Rep	Board of Directors Representative (of the Lone Star Region's Regional Service Office)
CAC	Convention Administrative Committee (in general)
CACe	Convention Administrative Committee -- Even year elected
CACo	Convention Administrative Committee -- Odd year elected
CL	Communications Liason
CLA	Communications Liason Alternate
CoFac	Co-Facilitator (Co-Chairperson)
Dls	Dallas Area RCM
DlsA	Dallas Area RCMA
ET	East Texas Area RCM
ETA	East Texas Area RCMA
FAC	Facilitator (Chairperson)
FtW	Fort Worth (City of)
FW	Ft. Worth Area RCM
FWA	Ft. Worth Area RCMA
H&I	Hospital and Institutions Coordinator
HoT	Heart of TX Area RCM
HoTA	Heart of TX Area RCMA
HoTNA	Heart of TX Area
Ls	Lakeside Area RCM
LsA	Lakeside Area RCMA
LSR	Lone Star Region
MH	Money Handler (Treasurer)
MHA	Alt. Money Handler (Treasurer)
Ntk	Notestaker (Secretary)
Opp	Opposition / Opposed (to an Idea)
PoA	Point of Accountability
PP	Pen Pal Coordinator
PW	Piney Woods Area RCM
PWA	Piney Woods Area RCMA
RA	Regional Assembly
RC	Rose City Area RCM
RCA	Rose City Area RCMA
RCM	Regional Committee Member
RCMA	Regional Committee Member Alternate
RD	Regional Delegate
RDA	Regional Delegate Alternate
RSC	Regional Service Conference
RSO	Regional Service Office
Sp	AHHTXNA (Área de Habla Hispana TX NA) aka Spanish-speaking Area RCM
Sp	Spanish-speaking Area RCM
SpA	AHHTXNA (Área de Habla Hispana TX NA) aka Spanish-speaking Area RCMA
SpA	Spanish-speaking Area RCMA
SZF	Southern Zonal Forum
TS	Trusted Servant
TX	Texarkana RCM
TXA	Texarkana RCMA