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Motion: To keep \$2,500.00 from visit Erie.com from the Start to Live Convention.

Intent: To allow home groups to make the decision on what to do with NA funds.

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Motion: To amend TSRSCNA Motion #3 from the December 2018 RCS meeting. To leave wording motion as is with the following update: (1) remove Clearfield County, PA and Jefferson County, PA update the number of counties in PA from "23" to "21".

Intent: To update and provide accurate information regarding our Region boundaries.

Thanks for letting me serve,

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Date: November 16, 2018

Maker: Steve S. and Sam L.

Position: Northern New England Region RD and RDA, respectively

Seconded By: Troy B. and James P.

Position: RD, CT Region and RD, New England Region, respectively

I Propose:

To agree in principle to modify NEZF Guidelines: Section 4- Trusted Servants and Section 8- Financial, creating a single point of accountability for management of NEZF funds under the Vice Chairperson position.

Intent: To ensure a single point of accountability and financial responsibility within the NEZF administrative committee in keeping with our fifth and eleventh concept for NA service.

Financial Impact: None.

Policy Affected: Section 4- Trusted Servants, Section 8- Financial

Rationale by Maker:

The NEZF currently has ongoing expenses to fund the NEZF website at \$90/year, a zoom account at \$182/year, secretary expenses and optional donations for unfunded trusted servants that compose the administrative committee of the NEZF (meals, travel and lodging).

The current methodology for managing these expenses is that the 12 member regions bring cash or checks that are made out to the web servant (for website expenses) or the vice chairperson (for unfunded trusted servant donations) and the secretary (for secretary expenses). Until recently, the chairperson paid for the zoom account out of pocket without reimbursement.

These trusted servants deposit the funds into their personal bank accounts and pay the expenses from their personal accounts because the NEZF does not have a checkbook or alternative mechanism for managing income and expenses. There is currently no budgeting process for the NEZF and the financial reporting is informal. The Northern New England Region does not believe that the current process for managing NEZF income and expenses is responsible and this proposal seeks to resolve that issue.

The Northern New England Region strongly supports the creation of a single point of accountability within the NEZF administrative committee for the management of NEZF income and expenses, including making the requisite revisions to the NEZF Guidelines and authorizing the accountable position to open an NEZF checking account for future NEZF fund management.

While the Northern New England Region would not oppose the creation of a formal Treasurer position at the NEZF, its preference is to consolidate financial responsibilities under an existing administrative committee position so as to avoid the creation of another potentially unfunded administrative committee position at the NEZF and because there seems to be general agreement among NEZF member regions that the existing responsibilities of the Vice Chair position is sufficiently light so as to be able to take on these additional responsibilities without issue.

If the body supports the spirit of this proposal, we would propose that a workgroup or ad hoc be formed to create draft revisions to Section 4 and 8 of the NEZF guidelines for consideration at either the February 2018 NEZF Zoom Call, or the April 2018 NEZF in-person meeting.

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Seconded By: Troy B. and Wilvena G.

Position: Connecticut Region RD and Eastern New York Region RD, respectively

I Propose: To modify 'Section 2: Purpose' of the NEZF Guidelines, adding the following sentence as highlighted in bold below:

Section 2: Purpose

*We, the NA Regions of the Northeastern states, have joined together to discuss issues of mutual concern, address common needs, exchange ideas, and share experiences, in order to further our primary purpose. As a clearinghouse for the discussion of common problems and their solutions, we complement the existing service structure of NA by addressing our own specific needs through unity, cooperation, and communication. **We identify our member regions' common needs, and work with member regions and their respective subcommittees to plan and facilitate multi-regional service efforts that address those needs.***

Intent: The intent of this Proposal is to more effectively utilize the significant financial investment member regions make in the NEZF by allowing it to identify, plan and facilitate multi-regional collaboration efforts prioritized by its members regions.

Financial Impact: None.

Guideline Affected: 'Section 2: Purpose'

Rationale by Maker: The NEZF is a repository of long-time service experience that has unique potential value to accomplish great things in support of its member regions. However, recent NEZF discussions have included Regional Delegates reporting discussions within their regions about: (1) whether the expense to participate in a "discussion-based" forum is a responsible expenditure (as each member region fully funds their Regional Delegate teams to attend the NEZF); and (2) voicing strong support to broaden the scope of the NEZF beyond simply being a discussion-based forum. This Proposal addresses both discussions. Policy-focused members have historically looked back to Section 2 of our guidelines and characterized any service efforts that are beyond 'discussion-based' as overstepping the purpose of the NEZF, so before we can take steps toward becoming more effective by assisting member regions with planning and facilitating multi-regional service efforts, a revision to Section 2 of the NEZF Guidelines must be adopted by its member regions.

If the body chooses to accept the spirit of this proposal, the NEZF could then:

1. Draft and deliver an environmental scan to member regions to identify project ideas that would benefit from multi-regional collaboration.
2. Facilitate discussion and prioritization of project ideas among member regions, establishing consensus on top priorities.
3. Form an NEZF Ad Hoc Subcommittee or Workgroup composed of members of appropriate subcommittees from member regions to facilitate discussion and planning for the project.

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Financial Impact: None.

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