RCM Report January 3rd 2016

Hello there South Hills Area. There were 12 Areas in attendance out of 21 at the December 12th Regional Service Committee Meeting at the TSRSO in Homestead.

* The Old Business of the Policy for use of Credit Cards was Passed.
* Dennis H. was elected as Treasurer of the Region.
* The Spiritual Retreat logo was voted on and passed. If anyone is interested in seeing it you can come see me.
* I tried to the best of my ability to get all of the meetings in our area to be as accurate as I could for the meeting list. I tried to attend the "We Are Miracles" meeting in Carnegie 2 times but 1st time I was too late and the 2nd they were not meeting. There was a big sign on the window of the building that said the name of their meeting and seems as if they are still meeting with no verification that they are still apart of the South Hills. I was able to verify that the "Tuesday Noon Gathering" group is no longer meeting. It was removed from the meeting list. I did all that I could do and if there are any more problems with the new printing of the meeting list when it comes out, please contact me or Lauren to correct the problem. I still have the most current list with me, so if you have not spoken with me about your meeting please do so before leaving today.
* The CAR (Conference Agenda Report) is now out with 2 motions from the World Service of NA and 12 motions from regions around the world. This is a bit of a lengthy CAR so myself and Lauren will be having at least 2 workshops to better inform everyone regarding the motions. We are looking for home groups willing to host the workshops. We also encourage GSR’s to attend these workshops to better serve their home groups with the information contained in the motions. Anyone is invited and we will possibly get some pizza and pop. With 2 weeks notice, we will be able to attend anyone’s group conscience so that we can be on hand to help answer any questions. Our contact information is always on our report so please feel free to contact us to better serve you. I do have a hardcopy with me today, and if you would like to access the CAR for yourself it can be found on na.org. Go to the “For Our Members” tab and go down to the “World Service Conference” Title and click on it. Click on “2016 CAR Material” and enter the log in information as stated below the link. Now you can download the 2016 CAR as well as the draft of the “Traditions Workbook” which is the 1st motion of the CAR. I know that this can be overwhelming information but this is why “WE” took on this commitment to better serve the South Hills, so once again please reach out to us to help you better understand what you will be voting on. Attached on the last pages will be the CAR motions.
* Lauren and I will be traveling to MARLCNA (Mid Atlantic Regional Learning Convenference of NA) in Lancaster the 1st weekend of next month as representatives for the South Hills Area. This is where we will sit through about 16 hours of back and forth between the Northeast of America's regions, areas, and the World Board. The World Board sends 4 of their members to go over and answer any questions we may have about the CAR. Once again, all are invited to come. If anyone needs any information on the details of the Convenference, please come see myself or Lauren.
* As a fellowship, we approved a Regional Assembly about 6 months ago. This will be another way for all of us to better understand the CAR. We will all be able to attend and get more answers for the CAR motions. More information will be presented at the next RSC meeting.
* The New Business is just a 2 motions, The 3rd being tabled:

Motion #1: To add email/mail to anywhere it refers to mailing (us postal).

Intent: To update policy

Initiated by P&A, 2nd by Laurel Mountain

Motion #2: To add to Secretary duties to have basic computer skills.

Intent: To update policy

Initiated by P&A, 2nd by Kinzua

Motion #3: That the guidelines on page 12 of the Regional Policy states, “TSRSCNA PR guidelines state that anyone serving on the Helpline be required to attend a Helpline workshop once a year be changed to read TSRSCNA PR guidelines state that anyone serving on the Helpline be required to attend a Helpline workshop every two(2) years.

Intent: To lessen the demand on the PR subcommittee

Initiated by PR, 2nd by North Pittsburgh

Tabled Initiated by East End, 2nd by Central Westmorland

Please get a vote from your home groups on just the first 2 motions, as the 3rd was tabled.

* Lastly, I am attaching another paper that says “Literature Survey Results Summary.” We need you to take these back to your home groups and pick 2 topics in each category that your group believes to be the most important for discussion at the World Service Conference of 2016. Our regional delegate will be submitting the results of this regional conscience. This will allow the World Service Office to better understand which literature the fellowship as a whole believes should be next in line for development.

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**CAR Motions See Attached:**

**2016 CAR Motions:**

***World Board Motions:***

**Motion #1:** To approve the book contained in Addendum A, “Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions,” as Fellowship-approved recovery literature.

**Intent:** To have an additional piece of Fellowship-approved material available about our Traditions for use by NA members, groups, and service committees.

**Motion 2:** To approve the following changes to the World Board External Guidelines contained in A Guide to World Services in NA (GWSNA):

♦ To change the size of the Board from up to 18 members to up to 15 members.

♦ To remove the obligation for staggered terms if more than eight (8) members are elected at one time.

♦ To change the limitation from two consecutive terms to two terms in a lifetime.

**Intent:** There are actually three intents: one to reduce the maximum size of the World Board for effectiveness and financial sustainability; second, to eliminate the requirement for terms of less than six years for some members; and third, to limit the number of terms for which any member is eligible for election to the World Board.

***Regional Motions:***

**Motion 3:** That the NA World Board develop a project plan which includes a budget and timeline to create an informational pamphlet specifically about mental illness and recovery for consideration at the 2018 World Service Conference.

**Intent:** To have a fellowship approved, clear Narcotics Anonymous message about the important issue of mental illness and recovery that is available in a pamphlet format.

**Maker:** Eastern New York Region

**Motion 4:** That all future approved World Board Minutes be posted on na.org for download.

**Intent:** To create accessibility to all World Board minutes.

**Maker:** Show Me Region

**Motion 5:** That all Financial Reporting for the World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous be provided in a detailed line item format and not in a summary as is currently available. This report will be posted on na.org and be downloadable.

**Intent:** Financial Transparency

**Maker:** Show Me Region

**Motion 6:** That all face to face World Board meetings be open to any NA member on a space available basis;  unless the topic(s) being discussed are required by law to be confidential.

**Intent:** To return the WB to the common practice that other NA boards and committees follow.

**Maker:** San Diego Imperial Region

**Motion 7:** That if there continues to be a WSC Participants Discussion Board on NA.org that it be made accessible to non WSC participants; only for viewing, not posting.

**Intent:** To allow any interested member to see what our WSC participants are discussing regarding fellowship and world service issues.

**Maker:** San Diego Imperial Region

**Motion 8:** To direct NAWS to produce a low‐cost paperback English version of the Basic Text which contains only the first ten chapters called “Our Program”.

**Intent:** To provide a cost effective means to carry our message and fulfill our primary purpose.

**Maker:** Oklahoma Region

**Motion 9:** To direct the World Board to post a PDF version of all approved English and translated Basic Texts on na.org for free download.

**Intent:** To provide no cost access to our main piece of recovery literature.

**Maker:** Western Russia Region

**Motion 10:** To hold every other WSC outside of the US and to begin this rotation with WSC 2020 to be held in Moscow, Russia.

**Intent:** To launch rotation of the location of the WSC in order to provide local fellowships around the world new opportunities for growth and development.

**Maker:** Western Russia Region

**Motion 11:** To allow a delegate from any Zonal Forum who requests it to be seated at the WSC as a non‐voting participant. The expense of attendance will be the responsibility of the Zonal Forum and not the WSC.

**Intent:** To involve zones at the WSC.

**Maker:** Western Russia Region

**Motion 12:** That Narcotics Anonymous World Services add the following “What is NA Service” card as part of the Group Readings offered by the World Service Office. What is NA Service? This is a very important integrant of our recovery, this is how our gratitude speaks, yet this is a way to carry the message of recovery to those addicts who still suffer. We usually begin being of service in NA making coffee/tea or cleaning our rooms after meetings. As we get some experience serving at the group level, many of us try ourselves out at a different point of service structure, for instance, ‐ area or region. Being of service in NA is for any of us. True service can be expressed by simple words quoted from the Basic Text:《True service is "doing the right things for the right reasons"》. Being of service at a group level helps to strengthen the very foundation of our recovery because it could probably be the first time when we something for others without seeking to profit, expecting nothing in return. Serving at a group is another motive that helps us to attend meetings regularly. And our experience tells us that those who keep coming back regularly stay clean. Being of service in NA is our gratitude to the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous for a new clean life. Many of us always wanted to be "a part of something". Service in NA indeed gives us a chance to become a part of a fellowship that saves our lives and helps addicts all over the world to stay clean and follow the way of recovery.

**Intent:** To provide NA groups with an approved piece of literature to use as a tool to foster a culture of getting involved into service.

**Maker:** Western Russia Region

**Motion 13:** Each World Board member votes only in Elections and may make motions in all sessions. The World Board has one collective vote (made by the Chairperson of the World Board) in new business sessions.

**Intent:** This motion would change World Board voting in new business from (up to) 18 individual votes to one collective vote.

**Maker(s):** South Florida, Michigan, and Mid-Atlantic Regions

**Motion 14:** That the World Board or members of the World Board no longer make motions or proposals for decision at the WSC. The World Board may still forward ideas or work that regional delegates may present as a motion or proposal to the WSC for a decision.

**Intent:** To remove the ability of the World Board and World Board Members to make motions or proposals in old business or new business at the WSC.

**Maker:** Mid-Atlantic Region