

Louisiana Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

RSC Minutes

Sunday, October 7, 2023

I. Meeting Convened:

- A. At 10:15am
- B. At MLK Community Center, 4000 Gus Young Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70802
- C. Hosted By Greater Baton Rouge Area

II. Readings:

- A. Serenity Prayer – Doug F.
- B. 12 Traditions – Amy G.
- C. 12 Concepts – Stephan J.
- D. Purpose of the RSC – Doug F.

III. Roll Call

A. Administrative Committee:

1. Chairperson – Doug F.	Present	318-447-1241	dfearon56@gmail.com
2. Vice Chair – Nikki B.	Present	337-884-0231	nbailey@randrconst.com
3. Treasurer – Trevis J.	Present	706-231-5991	lester40@att.net
4. Secretary – Don B.	Present	504-234-8301	donb.larna@gmail.com
5. Regional Delegate -	Vacant		
6. RD Alternate -	Vacant		
7. RD Alt. Elect –	Vacant		

B. Standing Committees:

- 1. A & F **Vacant**
- 2. H & I – **Vacant**
- 3. Policy – **Vacant**

4. Fellowship Dev– Richard T. Present 318-578-0344 nlananet1@gmail.com

C. Interested Parties:

1. Board of Directors – Bob Si. Present 225-978-4749 rsinger@tgpohio.com

D. Area Service Representatives:

- 1. Acadiana – Anthony L **Absent** 337-366-5369 tony736@hotmail.com
- 2. Bayou Recovery –Allison L. Present 225-571-2297 allisonleblanc@live.com
- 3. Central – Robbie L. Present 318-201-9383 robbie@deltamerchantsservices.com

4. Grtr. Baton. Rouge –Roy M.	Present	504-606-8988	mitchellroy036@gmail.com
5. Lake – Stephen J.	Present	337-353-7227	stephenjeane@gmail.com
6. New Orleans	Present	Absent	
7. North – Dani K.	Present	318-918-9761	danikirknalana@gmail.com
8. Northshore – Ronnie P	Present	225-229-6396	sirrpope@yahoo.com
9. Unity – Robbie G.	Present	504-427-4401	robertguillot1955@gmail.com
10. Serenity -	Present	318-578-0344	nlananet1@gmail.com

E. Others in Attendance

1. Nancy S.	H&I	225-241-4680	nancy61088@gmail.com
2. Trent H. - Alt	North Shore	985-801-9281	trenthowell@live.com
3. Amy G	Nominee	504-450-6839	amygunity@yahoo.com
4. Ric S.	Nominee	225-803-5668	brricsmith@gmail.com
5. Paul P.	BOD	504-701-0396	ppayne23@yahoo.com
6. Ron D.	BOD	504-701-0396	nacaveman@yahoo.com
7. Scotty H.	Nominee	337-304-3419	scottyhigginbotham@yahoo.com

IV. Quorum Established:

A. Yes - 8 Areas present out of 10.

V. Approval of Previous Quarterly Region Minutes:

A. June 25, 2023

B. **Motion** to Approve Minutes as Typed with amendments listed below - Ronnie P. (Northshore Area)
2nd. By Dani K. (North Area)

- Pgs. 1 & 2 Roll Call on 7/5/2023
- Pg 24 Rotation of Region on 7/16/2023
- Pg. 20 Motion #2023-04-03 on 10/07/2023

VI. **Motion to Suspend the Rules of Order** by Administrative Committee, 2nd By Dani K. (North Area) to read a Grievance from Pixie S. Pixie emailed the LRSCNA the following Grievance. Don B. Read Grievance to RSC and Then the RSC heard from 4 Convention Committee Members which verified that all action taken by Pixie was in accordance with the information that is in her email below. The opinion of the Convention Committee was that Pixie did not act with any malice toward handling the situation which occurred with Roy M.

Pixie's Email:

Doug,

I am writing this to ask for redress of a grievance against the RSC. After being nominated for the LRCC Board and giving my qualifications, I was asked to leave the room while the nomination was discussed and voted on. When I returned I was told that it had been a tie vote (4 in favor and 4 opposed), and that the administrative committee had voted against my election, meaning I had not been elected.

In my many years of service work I have not always agreed with group conscience, but I have always gone along with it. In this case, however, I am told that in my absence, accusations and allegations were made regarding how I handled my job as the Treasurer for the Host Convention Committee and that these things made me unsuitable for election to the LRCC.

Only after leaving the RSC meeting did I find out that, specifically, I was "accused" to have "overstepped" my authority as the Treasurer in telling the then chair that he was not allowed to take shirts for sale. I did NOT say this of my own accord. When the then chair announced his intention to sell shirts, I went to the LRCC Board and asked for guidance. You may not realize this but there are three positions with the convention committee that are responsible directly to the LRCC Board. The Chair, Vice-chair, and Treasurer, work directly for the Board and are given oversight from them. In this case, I asked how to handle this situation and was instructed by the LRCC Board to tell the then chair that he was not allowed to sell shirts. I certainly did NOT overstep my authority. I was acting in line with the direction of "my boss", the LRCC Board.

Also, I understand that the then chair alleges that he was advised of this in public, in a way that was embarrassing to him. That is simply not true. I did not want hurt his feelings and certainly did not want to embarrass anyone. Once the HCC meeting had closed and people were going their ways, I asked the then chair if I could have a word with him. We stepped to the side, away from everyone and I told him the LRCC had directed he not be given shirts to sell. He then began to yell at me. It was he himself that told those few people left in the room what was happening and why. There are witnesses to this.

I ask that I be given the opportunity to respond to these accusations and allegations directly to the ASRs and the RSC as well as any other allegations or accusations that were made. To deny me this would be a gross miscarriage of procedures and fairness.

After that, there can be (and I believe should be) a motion from an ASR who voted against my election, for reconsideration.

Pixie S

VII. Reports:

A. Administrative Committee Reports:

1. Chairperson – Doug F. – Report Submitted

My name is Doug and I'm an addict. I have an agenda for this R.S.C. and hopefully everything will be smooth sailing. We have elections today and we will read the process of electing people from the guidelines. There will be two conference calls from two nominees. We need to come up with two workshop topics for the SZF in July that will be in N.O. We also need

a t-shirt design by next region for the SZF. If we elect a RD Sunday hopefully, he can represent us at the forum this month.

IN LOVING SERVICE, DOUG F.

2. Vice Chairperson Report – Nikki B. – Report Submitted

Hey y'all Nikki and I am an addict.

Thanks for allowing me to serve and thank you to the Greater Baton Rouge for hosting an awesome weekend full of fun food and fellowship. Some noteworthy discussions for the Saturday Regional meeting are as follows:

Activities - Gumbo cook-off as the only regional event we got a work group working on details. It will be at the rising star 45418 Durban Rd. Hammond La on Nov 18th from 1:30-5:30. If your area is bring gumbo let Stephen L know and if you have any auction items get with Nikki B. Flyer attached.

There are many events going on around the region (flyers attached and also some printed out on the table. Bring back to areas, let's support each other and build a stronger bigger foundation. Two convention fundraisers are coming up. The Halloween Bash in Lake Area on Oct 21st and Pre-Christmas Night of Fun in Metairie on Dec 2nd. Flyers attached.

H&I - need more volunteers for Angola. Have four approved and need about 14 more or will need to drop that commitment. Nacey S said LCIW is going great and she has packages if anyone would like to get involved.

In loving service

The name change from Louisiana Area Region of Narcotics Anonymous (LARNA) to Louisiana Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous (LRSCNA) has finally been changed with the IRS on 8-7-23 and I will attached that letter with my report. The IRS said that it will take another 30 to 60 days for it to process through the entire system. I accidentally deposited \$99.00 from the Central Area into the Regions account on 9-21-23 and the bank fixed this on 9-25-23. All other deposits and previous written checks have been processed.

It has been a pleasure to serve this Region as Treasurer and I will make sure that the new treasurer has all the information that they need for a smooth and successful transition.

Respectfully Submitted
Trevis J
Regional Treasurer

- a) Trevis and Don notified the Region that the New Treasurer will have to be issued a check to Amend the Articles of Incorporation To include the changes of new officers



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LOUISIANA REGIONAL SERVICE
 COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
 % TREVIS JOHNSON
 6136 DIXIE LN
 ALEXANDRIA LA 71301-2225

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Taxpayer Identification Number: 88-1492016

Dear Taxpayer:

Thank you for the inquiry dated May 10, 2023.

We have changed the name on your account as requested. The number shown above is valid for use on all tax documents.

If you need forms, schedules, or publications, you may get them by visiting the IRS website at IRS.gov/forms or by calling toll-free at 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have any questions, please call us toll free at 877-829-5500.

If you prefer, you may write to us at the address shown at the top of the first page of this letter.

Whenever you write, include your telephone number and the hours we can reach you. Also, you may want to keep a copy of this letter for your records.

Sincerely yours,

Cynthia Crowell

Cynthia J. Crowell
 Department Manager, Entity

Enclosure(s):



Account Detail

SMALL BUSINESS-0955

\$17,629.88
Available balance

Pending Transactions

No Records Available

Posted Transactions

Date	Description	Withdrawal/Deposit	Balance
09/25/2023	DEBIT MEMO	-\$99.00	\$17,629.88
09/25/2023	DEPOSIT	\$59.46	\$17,728.88
09/21/2023	DEPOSIT	\$99.00	\$17,669.42
09/12/2023	CHECK 129	-\$134.94	\$17,570.42
08/02/2023	CHECK 127	-\$300.00	\$17,705.36
07/27/2023	DEPOSIT	\$376.11	\$18,005.36
07/10/2023	CHECK 126	-\$449.81	\$17,629.25

Account Summary

Available Balance	\$17,629.88
Current Balance	\$17,629.88
As Of	10/05/2023
Interest Paid YTD	\$0.00
Interest Rate	0%
Interest Accrued	\$0.00
Last Deposit Amount	\$59.46

A bank made in Louisiana. A
bank made for Louisiana.

4. Secretary Report – Don B. – Report Submitted

Greetings Family,

I emailed everyone copies of last quarter's minutes and sent out several flyers throughout the past three months. If any Area's would like me to forward flyers out to the other Area's as well as to PR, please send them to my email address: donb.larna@gmail.com .

Welcome to all the new ASRs we are glad to have you be of service to your Area's. All information can be found in the copy of the minutes anything that we would like you to discuss with your Area will be **highlighted** to make it easier to pick out.

If anyone needs to contact me about the minutes, please feel free to call me 504-234-8301.

I have a question about recording votes on Motions. Would the ASRs like me to record the actual vote from each Area or continue to record the votes the way we currently do it?

Also, I went to the Post Office to check the P.O. Box and the keys did not work. The Current Post Office Box has been suspended due to lack of payment. So, the Region currently has NO post office box in service. I am notifying the Region that we need to purchase a new one and will be asking for funds estimated at \$170.00 to purchase a new post office box in New Orleans Metro Area where it will be monitored by me.

In Loving Service,
Don B.

5. Regional Delegate Report – **Vacant – No report Submitted**

6. Regional Delegate Alternative – **Vacant - Nothing to Report**

7. Regional Delegate Alternative Elect – **Vacant -Nothing to Report**

B. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Activities & Fundraisers – **Vacant – Open Discussion**

- a) Region had an open discussion about Activities and Fundraisers.
- b) Regional Fundraiser – Lake Area Halloween Bash – Saturday 10/21/2023
1217 Broad St. Lake Charles, LA 70601 3pm – till
- c) Halloween Party – North Area – Saturday 10/14/2023 5pm
1321 Airline Hwy, Bossier City, LA
- d) Halloween Pizza Party – Open Mind Group - Monday 10/30/2023 6:30pm – 9pm
7100 St Charles Ave, New Orleans LA
- e) Camp Recovery – North Area – November 3rd – 5th
Lake Bistineau Park, Group Campground 1, Doyline LA 71023
- f) Halloween Dance – Central Area - Saturday 10/28/23 – 6pm – till
River City Club House, 3623 Lee Street Alexandria, LA
- g) Regional Fundraiser GUMBO Cookoff - Saturday 11/18/2023 – 1:30pm to 5:30pm
The Rising Star – 45418 Durban Rd. Hammond, LA
- h) Convention Committee XL Meeting – Saturday 10/21/23 - 1pm
1217 Broad St. Lake Charles, LA 70601
- i) Halloween Costume Party – Unity Area – Saturday 10/14/23 6pm – 10pm
(1) 5122 W. Esplanade Ave. Metairie LA 70006

2. Hospitals & Institutions – Vacant

- a) **Need trusted servants to carry the message to Angola and LCIW**
 - (1) **Contact – Bob Si.** - 225-978-4749 for Angola Information
 - (2) **Contact – Nancy S** -225-241-4680 for LCIW Information

3. Fellowship Development – Richard T. – Present - Report Submitted

Hello all!

FD has been plugging along. The meeting list database is being kept up to date thanks to the dedicated trusted servants in each area. I can't thank these guys enough. The area websites are being utilized more effectively thanks to the web servants in each area. Again, thank y'all so much for your service. The Region helpline is now being utilized by most areas now and the utilization rate has picked up. Currently the texting function is down due to new laws requiring a mass of paperwork to Twilio but I'm working on getting that sorted out and hopefully we can get that back up soon. The private ecommerce site that was set up for Serenity Area can easily be exported to other area sites if it would be of any benefit to you.

Posting events to larna.org is now self-service. Steve has set up a public facing event submission that is extremely user friendly. I sent out emails to each area months ago but apparently no one read them, and they kept sending them to me and they didn't get posted. If you want your event posted to larna.org use the event submission form or it won't get posted.

I've been working FD really hard in my home area and responding to or passing along inquiries that have been passed to me from NAWS to other areas. Any way I can help please let me know. I need ideas and help in implementing them. I haven't had any FD meetings this year because

frankly I'm having an idea deficit and need input. No point in having a meeting if there is no agenda. If I do this again for the coming year then we need to have a zoom meeting to develop an agenda and goals for the coming year and develop a budget. Due to business demands and the demands of building a new area I have been unable to get this done on my own.

We have spent \$86.72 so far this year on the help line. We have spent \$247.74 for Facebook PSAs since the April RSC. I have attached the receipts to this report. At April RSC we had an unspent budget balance of 3,038.56. We now have 2,704.10 left in this year's budget.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

ILS

Richard T

4. Policy – Ad Hoc Committee Report on Guideline Revision – Don B.

- a) The Ad Hoc Committee is submitting their suggestions to the Areas for a vote in January. There are several changes that is being suggested if a certain Area does not approve of something that is in the revised guidelines please write a motion to have that information voted to be removed at the next RSC meeting in January.
- b) All suggestion changes from Saturday Sub Committee work group have been address.
- c) Any questions or need anything explained please contact Don B. 504-234-8301 or by email donb.larna@gmail.com

C. Interesting Parties:

1. Board of Directors – Bob Si. – Report submitted.

Greetings from the convention board

Things have been very busy since the last regional meeting. The board has met twice, awarded the convention, elected the convention committee confirmed the Chair and Vice-Chair, attended the first convention committee meeting in Lake Charles. and closed out the last convention. We met on Sunday July 30 th to review the bid from Ronnie P for LRCNA XL and discuss with anyone from the LRCNA 39 convention committee any changes they would like to see made in the convention guidelines, based on their experience using them. The meeting was also available on zoom in case anyone wanted to attend. We had people in attendance from the bid committee on zoom and in person to put in a bid. They stated that they had people willing to serve in key positions and were confident that the convention could attract additional members. After a brief discussion the board awarded the LRCNA XL convention to the bid committee. Elections were

scheduled for August 13, 2023, at Grace Baptist church and was also made available to anyone who wanted to attend on zoom.

The next order of business was discussion on any changes to the convention guidelines. We went through them line by line with attendees at the meeting. We agreed to several of the changes and incorporated them into the updated guidelines (which are included in this report and have been sent to the Regional Secretary) The changes are as follows:

- o Page 5: General Required Qualifications A. Live within the geographical boundaries of the Louisiana region.
- o Page 5: C. Secretary - add three years clean in narcotics anonymous.
- o Page 5 D: Hotel Liaison - 1. three years clean in Narcotics Anonymous.
- o Page 6: Chairperson - 5. Votes at HCC meetings, in case of a tie vote.
- o Page 6: edit or remove the names listed for the fundraisers at the bottom of page 6, and top of page 7.
- o Page 8: Hotel Liaison- 6. Add A/V and electronic equipment, etc..
- o Page 9: Meetings and Voting Procedures - 3. Remove “the HCC Chair” from the first sentence about voting rights.
- o Page 10: Duties and Responsibilities of all Subcommittee chairs - Add 10. Must attend orientation meeting set by the board of directors.
- o Page 10: Arts and Graphics - add that the banner cost comes out of the arts and graphics budget.
- o Page 11: Program - add that the 3 speakers that need one hour each to speak.
- o Page 12: Factors to be Considered with the Convention Program - in the last sentence at the end of the second paragraph about the Saturday night schedule, remove the word “usually” in the last sentence. It should state the rollcall of the states and clean time countdown are done before the meeting is opened.

Just to clarify, we review the guidelines after the convention is over to review any changes to the guidelines that the outgoing committee and current board members might suggest and vote on any appropriate changes. The next order of business was discussion on securing a zoom account subscription. After discussion it was decided to subscribe to zoom for a cost of \$16.70 per month.

This account can be used by the convention committee for their meetings as well as by the board to interact with each other as well as attend the convention committee remotely. This option allows the convention committee to greatly expand their ability to recruit members they would not normally have access to. And in fact, elected a committee chairperson at their September meeting, who was unable to attend in person.

We have had a resignation from the board, Serena P. has resigned. She has since moved back to Texas; I would like to thank her for her service. We received the checkbooks and associated paperwork from her. And her name was removed from the Secretary of State, Inc. website. Denise and I will be handling the treasurer's duties until the Region elects someone to the board who can assume those duties, or until elected at our November meeting. We held elections on August 13, 2023, at Grace Baptist church for all convention committee positions. Elections were held live as well as on zoom. These are the minutes from that meeting:

Meeting minutes 8/13/23

Introduction

Read structure of Louisiana Regional Convention Corporation and Purpose, Election of host convention committee (HCC) members, Removal of HCC members and qualifications for administrative members and committee members.

Elections

Position	Nominated	Second	Outcome
Chair: Ronnie P	Stephan J.	Pixie S.	elected
V-Chair Nikki B.	Ronnie P.	Stephan J.	elected
Treasurer - No nominations			
Secretary - No nominations			
Hotel Liaison Waymon B.	Nikki B.	Steven J,	elected

At this point the convention Chair Ronnie P. conducted the meeting for the rest of the elections as well as scheduling the next meeting.

Program	Scotty H.	Nikki B	Stephan J	elected
Arts and graphics	Stephan L.	Nikki B.	Waymon B.	elected
Merchandise	Stephan J.	Scotty H.	Nikki B.	elected
Hugs	Amy G	Nikki B.	Waymon B.	elected

Hospitality - No nominations

Entertainment - No Nominations

Open positions

Treasurer

Secretary

Hospitality

Entertainment

The next meeting will be Sunday, September the 10th In Lake Charles. A flyer with the address and zoom information will be available next week. The Chair and Vice chair will be confirmed at the BOD meeting on Saturday, September 9th at Grace Baptist Church, Richland Ave., Baton Rouge.

Bob Singer

Attendance 8/13/23

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Pixie S. debstorer@gmail.com (225) 335 4941

Bob S. bstorer79@gmail.com (225) 335 4940

Amy G. amygunity@yahoo.com (504) 450 6839

Bob Singer rsinger@tgpohio.com (225) 978 4749

We met again on September 9th for our regularly scheduled meeting and to confirm the Convention Chair and Vice-Chair. After the appropriate questions, Ronnie P. was confirmed as Chair and Nikki B. was confirmed as Vice-Chair. I then read my Chairpersons report which summed up the pros and cons of the financials on the LRCNA 39 convention. This is my report:

Greetings

We have several pieces of business to attend to today:

- 1) Confirm the Chair and Vice Chair of the convention.
- 2) Review the budget for the upcoming convention.
- 3) Review the timeline for the next convention with the incoming chairs.
- 4) Set the amount of the money to be sent to the Region.

I spoke with Ronnie Pope, and he confirmed that he would be attending the Board meeting on Saturday as well as the Convention committee on Sunday. He also said that Nikki would be in attendance on Saturday as well. I am not aware of any other attendees at the board meeting.

I sent you both a copy of the budget from last year's convention, I also printed a copy and made a couple of copies on thumb drives. Last year was an anomaly, as we had money from previous years from registrations from LRCNA 38 and from past fundraisers. I am not at all sure how they handled registrations from the previous years, but money from past year fundraisers was mixed in and slightly inflated the final dollar amount. The numbers from the convention work out like this: The closing bank statement dated August 31 st on account ending in 2285, was \$23,506.93. I spent several hours sorting out the bank statements, receipts and looking at reports. A lot of the items and committees were intermixed, but I

sorted out most of them, for an approximation on how much each committee spent. Keep in mind, committees are interdependent on each other. However, the numbers of incoming and outgoing are accurate to the penny.

The convention started with:

\$5,000.00 seed money

+\$2,483.53 from previous fundraisers, between 2020 and 2022

+\$37,000.00 total income including fundraisers, registration, shirt sales, etc.

+\$44,650.67 total income

-\$21,143.74 Total expenses

+\$23,506.93 total after expenses

If it was only that simple. I broke the numbers down by committee:

Hotel Liaison: \$8,007.07, this includes any equipment that we had to rent from the hotel, corkage fees for hospitality, the banquet (90 tickets sold), coffee, and any rooms for the speakers that were not covered by the room sales concession (1 room for every 50 sold). This also included the tax and gratuity. This is hard to filter out from hospitality, as there is \$475.19 included in this total that was for coffee, that should/could have been budgeted to hospitality.

Merchandise: \$4492.02, this includes pre-convention merchandise, convention merchandise and t shirts that were included in the hugs committee. There are probably expenses for registration as well, in this amount as they used their connection with the merchandise printing company for bags and other items.

Entertainment: \$2,263.00, this includes the DJ, the entertainers for Saturday night, Photo booth, printing costs as well as flyers promoting the Saturday event. This is where we were way off on our budget and need to increase the budget.

Inflation really took hold in this area, and we badly figured the projected costs. This is another hard one to calculate out. They did not keep the best records and worked and intermingled budgeted items in arts and graphics. Generally, entertainment takes care of the banquet table arrangements, but in this case arts and graphics made the arrangements. The other thing to point out is each table got a book to give to the person with the least clean time. At this point it is hard to figure which budget this came out of.

Hospitality: \$281.87, this number has got to be wrong. We could have included a portion of the costs budgeted for the Hotel Liaison in this committee. Additional coffee costs came to \$475.00 and overall coffee costs were well over \$2000.00. The snacks were donated at a greatly reduced fee and there was a \$250.00 corkage fee for Saturday. Keep in mind that coffee was \$49.00 per gallon plus 9.95% tax and 26% service charge. Although the reduced price on pre-packaged snacks helps the bottom line, they skew the budget.

Hugs: \$11.97, this was for stickers. Apparently, stickers are cheap, or the additional costs are buried in printing costs. The cost of t shirts for hugs came out of the merchandise budget, but I would estimate the costs at \$200.00.

Registration: \$1312.64, This was for items included in the registration packets and printing costs of tickets, program, etc. Some of the costs for this committee are tied into merchandise and administrative costs.

Program: \$2143.18, including Flights for the speakers, basic texts, printing, readings, and a gift for them. This does not include hotel rooms as this came out of the hotel liaison's budget.

Arts and Graphics: \$217.55, another got to be wrong number. The receipts do not really tell you what printing costs for what were purchased. I would estimate that the true costs were in the \$1,200.00 price range. This committee never had an arts and graphics chair. The person who did it did a wonderful job on the art.

Admin: I put all the other expenses into this category. They include, but are not limited to: PO box (\$166.00 per year), printing, rent for the meetings, fees (2 cent fee for square? \$14.85 cash deposit fee?) and any other costs not directly noted in the report.

The board picked up some of the expenses of the convention: two (2) square readers, two (2) cash boxes, event insurance and web site fees. We will be passing these items along to the committee, as well as leftover merchandise (after we inventory the items), convention packets, envelopes, and anything else that is in the boxes that were handed over after the convention. I will seek help in getting a spread sheet made of all the checks written and income and where it came from.

We will have to review costs and the budgets for LRCNA 40 and adjust as needed. After, we will set the board budget and forward the rest to the Region. One thing I learned after going through the financials, we need to have expenses noted better. We set budgets based on expenses of the subcommittees, if we do not know how much they spend, those budgets will be off. This convention did very well financially. We brought in \$44,650.00 and spent \$21,143.74, we had \$23,506.93 left. If you start backing out the numbers, you wind up with:

\$23,506.93 ending balance

\$7,483.53 seed

\$16,023.40 total money made (profit)

Just for the record, I sent a copy of the convention guidelines to attendees at the election meeting and sent out a summary of the election process.

I have been corresponding with our contact at the Marriott, Michelle Philips, and she is working on a new contract. It most likely will not include language on a banquet, so the committee has time. We also need to start soliciting bids for the LRCNA in 2024 and additional board members. I approached Ric S. at the last meeting, and he said he would get back with me before the next area meeting if he is willing or not. I will be attending the CC meeting in Lake Charle tomorrow (9/9/23), hopefully the new format will bring willing participants.

In Service Bob Singer

One of the things to take note of is the effect that inflation had on the budget. Everything has gone up, airfares, printing, transportation, coffee, cost of merchandise, in other words, everything. The convention was profitable however the board has made changes to the amount of the budgets as well as to amount of seed money the convention committee receives to start the convention with. This amount may change depending on data from 2024, but these are the changes to the budgets and seed money.

Seed money: \$7,500.00, previously \$5000.00

Budgets: 2023 2024

Merchandise \$5000.00 \$5000.00

Registration \$1200.00 \$1700.00

Admin (misc.) \$500.00 \$1000.00

Serenity keepers \$300.00 \$300.00

Arts & Graphics \$1000.00 \$1000.00

Programing \$2000.00 \$3000.00

Hotel Liaison \$3500.00 \$4000.00

Hospitality \$1000.00 \$2300.00

Entertainment \$2000.00 \$2000.00

The amounts of the budget used depends on several things, for example Hotel Liaisons budget includes things like the banquet and coffee served outside of the hospitality room. This year the banquet costs were \$3240.00 plus tax and gratuity (9.9% tax and 25% gratuity), coffee was \$49.00 per gallon, we used 16 ½ gallons, plus, plus. It adds up quick. Naturally the banquet costs were offset by the sales of banquet tickets. And if the convention decides not to have a banquet, the total costs will decline accordingly as will the revenue. Anyone who would like to discuss this in greater detail is welcome to speak to me after the meeting or can call me. This is true to all the other budget items; all expenditures require convention committee approval.

Since 2019 we have provided a laptop for the committee to use for registration as well as the Treasurer to use to keep the spreadsheet and track the various expenses the committee may incur. Now that we are using zoom and the fact that the old computer is getting slow, and the screen is very small (we bought it used), it was decided by the board to purchase a new computer for use by the convention treasurer and to pass the old one on to registration, if they need one. We will be purchasing a new computer, case and any accessories not to exceed \$1500.00. I will be doing the purchase and will be reimbursed by the board. I will be consulting with the incoming treasurer on what they think might meet their needs.

Ron discussed a new contract with Parable designs, he will have a new contract ready for us at the next board meeting. Parable has been our jewelry vendor for the past 28 years that I am aware of and has done an excellent job and has been

very dependable, as well as delivering an excellent product. The person doing the taping is another matter. Taping conventions have become a bit of a loser for the person doing the taping. We were trying a few different things, hopefully there will be more information at the next board meeting.

The board agreed to a \$2000.00 board budget, this will include the cost of zoom subscription, event insurance, banking costs, secretary of state filings, costs associated with the web site, rent, printing and any other costs of the convention not covered in their budget. An additional \$1500.00 for the new computer for the convention as well as \$2000.00 contingency for the convention, in case there's any kind of shortfall. We will be forwarding a check in the amount of \$15,854.71 to the Louisiana Regional treasurer at the October Regional meeting. The bank balances will be:

For the account ending in \$500.00 currently \$500.00

for the account ending in \$5500.00 currently \$21,354.71

for the account ending in \$7500.00 currently \$6000.00*

*There are currently 2 checks that have been written on this account for seed money for fundraisers.

I was informed about the discussion regarding Roy M's grievance and the request for a written apology in the regional minutes. After consulting with board members present at his confirmation; all board members confirm the minutes accurately reflect the conversation.

According to the convention guidelines,

- 1) members of the HCC can resign by announcing it during a meeting or by submitting a written resignation to the HCC Chairperson.
- 2) Resignations from the Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, or Treasurer are directed to the LRCC Board of Directors in a similar manner.

If Roy had presented his grievance to the board, we could have potentially reconsidered the matter. However, that was not the case. Consequently, we do not believe that Roy is entitled to a written apology or any other form of apology. Moreover, the process followed in this issue was notably unfair to the board, as we were not given the opportunity to respond to his allegations.

It's important to note that both current and past board members are also NA members. Accusing fellow members of dishonesty would set a precedent for an endless stream of grievances based on the 10th concept. The board invests significant time and effort into ensuring a smooth convention and minimal controversy. We simply ask for the same courtesy in return. Hopefully we can disagree rather than be disagreeable.

We scheduled the next meeting in Lake Charles for September 10th . The meeting was to be available on zoom as well as live. They elected Don B. as Treasurer and Shirly C. Don will be confirmed by the board between now and the October 21st meeting in Lake Charles. They also voted to send \$300.00 to Lake Area to seed the Halloween fundraiser and \$1200.00 to the pre-Christmas Nite of fun committee. The next meeting will be in Lake Charles October 21st as well as on zoom, there will be a flyer. There are still open committee positions:

Secretary, Hospitality and Entertainment

Using the zoom format is something new and will take a little bit of tweaking. It does allow others who would not normally be able to participate in the convention committee experience to do so. It also allows for people outside the host hotel radius to participate and gather experience as to how to put on a convention. We currently have members from 4 areas on the convention committee, Northshore, New Orleans, Unity and Lake Charles. The hotel will be the Marriott Baton Rouge, the same hotel that was used last year. We had an excellent turnout from all over the state. We currently have a contract proposal from them that we are reviewing (we=myself, Ron, Denise, Waymon S. and Ronnie P and anyone he has shared it with) We also need a bid for the 2025 convention. I have included bid guidelines to this report if anyone is interested. I have included the minutes of the convention committee meeting with my report as well as bank statements from my last report until the present time. We also need board members. Although it may seem like a thankless job, it is actually very rewarding on convention day. Most of the people who attend don't have any idea what drama unfolded during the year, nor should they and to see the face of the person with one or two days clean, makes up for any of that stuff.

In service

Bob Singer

D.

I am *Anthony* a grateful recovering addict; it's an honor to stand in the Gap for our Area!!

We have Updated the website with meetings that are back meeting in person again to the best of my knowledge.

Acadiana Area Service Committee of NA: Host 35 in person NA meetings and 1 Zoom meetings seven days a week!! We have 8 active NA Groups and 2 inactive, total 10, See our website for more info. Aascna.org

H&I commitments of total of 3: Lafayette Behavior, Victory Treatment, and Lafayette Sheriff Work Release Program

Announcements:

Area has a donation of \$52.00... For July, Aug, and step. 2023

Loving service Anthony L.

2. Bayou Recovery Area – Allison K. – Report Submitted

Bayou Recovery Area ASR Report: Oct 2023

Number of Groups: 12 individual home groups holding 16 meetings weekly

- Number of weekly meetings in person, zoom, and hybrid along with average meeting attendance:
 - o 14 in person meetings, 1 zoom meeting, 1 Hybrid in person and zoom meeting.
 - o Average meeting attendance: approx. 20+.
- Number of H& I meetings per week:
- Number of treatment centers and locations Commitments: Bayou Recovery Area currently serves 3 treatment centers:
 1. The Grove, Sorrento - * *all outside meetings are currently on hold due to a facility issue but an NA member who is an employee of the facility is having an in-house meeting weekly for clients of facility (not open meeting)
 2. Woodlake, Ethel, LA- every Monday
 3. Progressive, Central/Zachary- every Sunday
- Number of Correction Facilities and Locations Commitments:
 1. Angola- 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month There have been a lot of issues with the facility and an overall lack of support.
 2. DCI- 2nd & 4th Wednesday or Saturday each month
 3. LCIW-1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday mornings Avg 20-25 people
- Total size of Bayou Recovery Area Fellowship: approximately 150+.
- H & I Activity/plans:
 - o Angola/DCI - Bayou Recovery Area is continuing to work with the DOC on volunteer orientation and clearance issues. Bob S is in communication with a DOC staff person and there is finally some movement to get everyone cleared to go into the facilities.
 - o Bayou Recovery Area hosted an HI Orientation workshop on Oct 1st.

- LCIW — annual re-orientation process is in October. Everyone must be recertified each year. Nancy S is working to recruit new volunteers and recertify existing volunteers. ● PR Activity/plans:
- The focus of the PR Committee for the new year will be collaboration with community organizations such as Capital Area Human Services, Louisiana Department of Health, Drug Court, Pre-Trial Intervention, Community Health Fairs, Community Substance Abuse Program Initiatives etc.
- Other community activities: None planned.
- Major accomplishments: None
- Specific problems or situations: The Bayou Recovery Area has a current issue with getting members to commit to service positions. Our Area has several vacant positions.
- Area plans for upcoming year: None as of June 2023
- Region Donation: No Region donation for this quarter.
- Bayou Recovery Area Nominations for Region: Ric S- LA Region Convention Corporation- I have service resume to turn in

Louisiana Region N.A. Service Resume

This Service Resume is used to send information about RSC nominees

3. Central Area – Report Submitted

Hello family my name is Robbie, and I am an Addict, ASR CenLANA.

The Cenla Area is doing our best to carry the NA message. We still have 10 meetings a week at 2 clubhouses. Our H&I are currently holding its obligations at 3 different treatment centers. Holding 4 meetings. 2 co-Ed, 1 Men's & 1 Women's. Public Relations is working with the local tv stations to get the PSAs with some airtime. PR has also been in communications the the rehabilitation team at the local jail. We are still waiting for an official meeting to discuss what NA is able to offer their inmates. I was hoping to get some clarification on the money set aside for literature for jails. Our upcoming activity is a Halloween Party Oct. 28th. @ The River City Clubhouse. Flier attached.

I Have a Passing Vote on the motion taken back to homegroups.

I have questions for details on Regional Insurance and if it covers events held in the Areas? How are NA events usually covered under insurance policies?

We had no nominations to send to the region at this time.

We have a Donation of \$59.46 to the RSC.

Thanks for allowing me to serve,

Robbie L.
CenLANA ASR

4. Greater Baton Rouge Area – Roy M. – Absent – No Report Submitted

Good morning, all. The GBRANA is chugging along. We currently have 11 meetings in-person, 5 groups. Most of our meetings are small in attendance, big on carrying the message. We have experienced an increase in newcomer attendance. The annual Labor Day Fish Fry was a rousing success. The annual sponsorship Banquet is tentatively scheduled for a weekend in November 2023. Upon election of Activities Chair, Mona Lisa B., Our fundraising has improved. A “Sneaker Ball” was held last night during Region Weekend. It was a success in carrying the message to a lot of newcomers present. We received \$300.00 seed money to host Region Weekend which we returned \$300.00 to the Region from the proceeds of the function. We had 2 – 31years celebrations in September Day M and Brent D

Hello everyone. I am grateful to represent the Lake Area. We currently have 6 groups and 38 meetings every week. The Agape Group also has virtual meetings every night at 8pm. For H&I, we go to New Beginnings every Wednesday at 8pm and we go to Odyssey House every Sunday at 6:30pm. We bring meetings to CCC, our local jail, with the women going Tuesday nights @ 7:00 and the men going Thursdays at 7:00. We held an Area H+I learning day on August 27th. We were able to get a good number of new volunteers involved and came up with a couple new formats to help keep our message clear. In PI, we're transitioning to the Region's helpline. Our meeting schedule is up to date.

In upcoming events, We will be holding a Halloween bash Convention fundraiser on Saturday, October 21st at the Agape Group. Doors open at 4:00, Trunk or Treat, a DJ and dance are some of the featured activities. A flyer has been provided. The Regional Convention Committee will be meeting at Living Clean on the same day @ 1:00. This is a hybrid meeting that can be attended online. We are looking for members to be apart of our multiple committees. A flyer has been provided. Each group is holding regular Birethday celebrations and speaker meetings.

In Loving Service,

Stephan J.

6. New Orleans Area – Absent – Nothing to submit**7. North Area – Dani K. – Report Submitted**

The north area currently has 5 homegroups holding 11 meetings weekly. Average meeting attendance is 30-40 attendance has been growing rapidly we have seen such a huge influx of newcomers which is amazing! H&I holds a panel at CADA on Sunday's at 6pm & Tuesdays at 7pm. We were holding an H&I panel on Saturdays at 4pm at CADA adolescent center, due to the facility closing down we will no longer be holding a panel there. We have been going into uprising with one speaker a month that has been received well. Our policy chair is planning to hold a subcommittee meeting to discuss adding fellowship development to our policy, once we have added it to our region policy. Fellowship development has been receiving several calls through our area hotline. We have recently developed a QR code that is being added to our flyer and our cards to help further carry the message. We do currently have a Halloween function coming up on Oct. 14th. There will be a costume & spooky treats & eats contest. Winner will receive a free registration to camp recovery 2023. As always, our annual camp recovery is coming up November 3rd-5th. I do have camp recovery shirts for sale with me if anyone is interested. It is \$40 before the camp out is \$50, but NO ADDICT IS TURNED AWAY. This will be my last RSC due to personal circumstances as north area ASR, Jax will be taking over the ASR position in the North Area.

ILS,
Dani.K

8. Northshore Area – Ronnie P. (Alt) – Report Submitted

Hello from the Northshore Area,
We have 11 groups and 29 meetings a week in our area. We are still having low attendance at majority of our meetings with the exception of the meetings in Slidell. At our last ASC we discussed doing our on PSA's in our area. A member has reached out to several local radio stations and this looks like a good option. I look on the WSC web site, and I could not find any Radio PSA's. We will discuss this more at our Oct ASC. We do have treatment centers in the Northshore area and currently have two H&I meeting a week, every Tuesday at Townsend Treatment Center and every Thursday at Fountain Blea Treatment Center.
We are currently working the Madi Gra Ball for Feb 2024. It will be at same location as last year, Abita Springs Town Hall. We are making a \$420.80 donation to region.

In Loving Service,
Ronnie P

Lunch Break: 12:15pm to 12:50pm**9. Serenity Area – Richard T. – Report Submitted**

Hello all!

Serenity Area is doing well. We celebrated one year in existence in July. Currently we have six groups with 10 meetings per week and another meeting in Monroe starting in the next couple of weeks. We have groups in Springhill, Homer, Ruston, Farmerville, Monroe, and Columbia and hope to get a group going in Minden in the coming year. We are small but have some dedicated addicts that are concentrating on the footwork and have faith that our higher power will take care of the rest by the Hope Group. We have an area function every other month rotating between the groups and hope to start doing it monthly sometime next year. Our next function is a Halloween Bash on October 28th hosted by the Hope Group in Homer, LA.

In order to service our member groups, we have set up a closed ecommerce site open only to groups in the Serenity Area. Orders can be placed up to two weeks before ASC and the area places a combined order to be picked up at the next ASC. We don't have the funds to tie up in a large stock of literature so this allows us to furnish literature on a "just-in-time" basis and frees up funds for H&I, Fellowship Development, etc.

ILS

Richard T

10. Unity Area – Robbie G. – Report submitted.

- The Unity Area has 15 meetings weekly.
- 1 – H&I meeting at Grace House
- The PR Committee has a website, a Facebook page, phonenumber, and produces a tri-area meeting list.
- The A&F subcommittee is having a Halloween Function and is planning a Thanksgiving marathon meeting.
- We have a functioning Literature Committee, and we order from the Florida Regional Service Office.

VIII. Election:

A. Discussion was held about members being elected to position by speaker phone. The RSC approved the election process to be done by phone during the Nomination Process in June. Two positions were held by phone vote. Both positions were discussed and voted on before we contacted the members by phone. Both positions had no opposition so a vote of acclimation was unanimous with no objections or others nominated to the positions.

- 1. Regional Delegate – Bob St. – Elected** (Position can started immediately so RD can partake in SZF. (Motion #2023-10-03)

- 2. Board of Directors – Pixie S. – Nominated and Elected** - Nomination for Pixie S. was made by Dani K. (North Area) after the redress of her Grievance. The RSC approved Pixie to the Board Vote was For: 6 Against: 1

B. RSC Results:

Position	Name	Results
Chairperson	Nikki B.	Elected
Vice Chairperson	Amy G.	Elected
Treasurer	Don B.	Elected
Regional Delegate	Bob St.	Elected
Regional Delegate Alt.	Scotty H.	Elected
Regional Delegate Alt Elect	Vacant	
A&F	Vacant	
H&I	Vacant	
Fellowship Development	Richard T.	Nominated and Elected
Policy	Vacant	
Board of Directors	Ric S.	Elected
Board of Directors	Pixie S.	Elected

IX. Old Business (Unfinished Business):

A. Motions Sent Back to Areas:

- 1. Motion #2023-06-05: Maker – Dani K. (North Area), 2nd By Stephan J. (Lake Area)**
Motion: Change clean time requirements for RD Alt. and RD Alt. Elect.
- Pg 12 #3c RD Alt. from “five years” to “Three years”
 - Pg 12 #4c RD Alt Elect from “four and half years” to “Two years.”
- Intent:** To attract more members to service and RD Alt and Alt Elects clean time requirement will meet RD requirements by the end of rotation.

Call to Vote: For: 5 Against: 1 Abstentions: 2
Motion Passed

X. New Business:

A. Southern Zonal Forum Topics

- 1. Getting In Touch With The Newcomer From Treatment To Recovery**
- 2. Concepts and Service Etiquette**

B. Motions:

- 1. Motion #2023-10-01: Maker – Bayou Recovery Area**

Motion: RSC to appoint 3 – member ad hoc committee to fully investigate what happened and why regarding Roy M’s grievance and report findings back to ASR’s at Region in January 2024.

Intent: To investigate both sides of the grievance issue raised at Region by Roy M.

Pro: 2 Con: 1

Call to Vote: For: 1 Against: 5 Abstentions: 2

Motion Failed

2. Motion #2023-10-02: Maker – Bayou Recovery Area

Motion: To Request \$145.60 for 10 SPAD books to be given out at the LCIW.

Intent: Carry the Message

Call to Vote: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed

3. Motion #2023-10-03: Maker – Dani K. (North Area), 2nd By Robbie L.

Motion: Regional Delegate nominee to assume all duties and responsibilities at the time of election.

Intent: To have a representative at Southern Zonal.

Call to Vote: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed

4. Motion #2023-10-04: Maker – Trevis J. (Treasurer) 2nd By Dani K. (North Area)

Motion: To write check to Don B. to file proper paperwork with the Secretary of State. Check Amount \$75.00

Intent: To update the Secretary of State paperwork with the new agents and officers.

Call to Vote: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed

5. Motion #2023-10-05: Maker – Trevis J. (Treasurer), 2nd By: Dani K. (North Area)

Motion: To write a check for Don B. to Open a New Post Office Box in the New Orleans Metro Area. (Marrero Branch) Amount to be determined by US Post Office. Estimated at \$170.00.

Intent: For Region to have a post office Box to receive Mail.

Call to Vote: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed**6. Motion #2023-10-06: Maker – Nikki B (Vice Chair), 2nd By Amy G.**

Motion: Write Check for seed money for Gumbo Cook Off in the amount of \$300.00

Intent: Regional Literature Fundraiser out of the Activities and Fundraisers Budget.

Call to Vote: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed

**7. Motion #2023-10-07: Maker – Trevis J. (Treasurer),
2nd By Dani K (North Area)**

Motion: Write Check to NOASCNA for \$600.00 for seed money for RSC Weekend in
January 2024

Intent: To host RSC Weekend

Call to Vote: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed

C. Host Area For October 2023 RSC: Greater Baton Rouge Area

The Greater Baton Rouge Area asked for seed money from the Region of \$300.00 and returned \$300.00 seed money to Treasurer.

Thank You Greater Baton Rouge Area for Hosting a Wonderful Weekend

D. Host Area for October RSC:

1. New Orleans Area will Host Region Weekend in January 2024. We sent check of \$600.00 seed money with Don B. to the New Orleans Area. Contacts will be Don B. and A&F Chair Krischelle.

E. Checking Account Changes:**1. Remove Signees**

- a) Trevis Johnson
- b) Doug Fearson

2. Add Signees

- a) Amy Galland
- b) Nikki Bailey

3. Change Account Name

- a) From: Louisiana Area Region of Narcotics Anonymous
- b) To: Louisiana Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

XII. Motion To Close Meeting: Maker: Richard (Serenity), 2nd by Allison L (Bayou Recovery Area)

A. Closing Serenity Prayer – Doug F,

B. Meeting Adjourned 2:02pm

Regional Rotation

January 6 – 7 New Orleans Area

April 6 - 7 Bayou Recovery

July 6 – 7 Central Area

October 5 – 6 North Area

Serenity Area

Unity Area

Lake Area

Northshore Area

Acadiana Area

Greater Baton Rouge Area