

Louisiana Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

RSC Minutes

Sunday, October 13, 2024

I. Meeting Convened:

- A. At 10:20 AM
- B. 1321 Airline, Bossier City, LA 71111
- C. Hosted By North Area

II. Readings:

- A. Serenity Prayer – Amy G.
- B. 12 Traditions – Stephen L.
- C. 12 Concepts – Bob St.
- D. Purpose of the RSC – Amy G

III. Roll Call

A. Administrative Committee:

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| 1. Chairperson – Vacant | | | |
| 2. Vice Chair – Amy G | Present | 504-450-6839 | amygunity@yahoo.com |
| 3. Treasurer – Don B | Present | 504-234-8301 | donblarna@gmail.com |
| 4. Secretary | Vacant | | |
| 5. Regional Delegate – Bob St | Present | 225-335-4940 | bstorer79@gmail.com |
| 6. RD Alt – Scotty H | Present | 337-304-3419 | scottyhigginbotham@yahoo.com |
| 7. RD Alt. Elect – | | | |

B. Standing Committees:

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| 1. A & F – | Vacant | | |
| 2. H & I – Stephen L | Present | 337-263-3656 | s.losee@yahoo.com |
| 3. Policy – | Vacant | | |
| 4. Fellowship Dev– Richard T. | Present | 318-578-0344 | nlananet1@gmail.com |

C. Interested Parties:

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| 1. Board of Directors – Ron D. | Present | 985-507-5685 | nacaveman@yahoo.com |
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D. Area Service Representatives:

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| 1. Acadiana – | Absent (E) | | |
| 2. Bayou Recovery – Taylor P. | Present | 225-337-1635 | lofyt@hotmail.com |
| 3. Central – Doug F | Present | 318-447-1241 | dfearon56@gmail.com |
| 4. Grtr. BR – | Absent (E) | | |
| 5. Lake – Stephen L | Present | 337-263-3656 | s.losee@yahoo.com |

6. New Orleans –	Absent (E)	
7. North – Jax W	Present	318-272-1324 jwebb925.jw@outlook.com
8. Northshore –Trent H	Present	985-801-9281 trenthowell@live.com
9. Unity –	Absent (E)	
10. Serenity – Daniel S	Present	318-245-0604 bigdaddystew1979@gmail.com

IV. Quorum Established:

A. Yes - 6 Areas present out of 10.

V. Approval of Previous Quarterly Region Minutes:

A. July 2024

B. **Motion** to Approve Minutes As Typed by Taylor P. (Bayou Recovery Area)
2nd. By Daniel S. (Serenity Area)

VI. Reports:

A. Administrative Committee Reports:

1. Chairperson – vacant

No Report

2. Vice Chairperson Report – Amy G

I would like to thank all the sub committee chairs for their reports. I would like to thank Richard for the training on the Louisiana Regional website on how ASR's & A&F chairs can post there up coming events on the Regional Callander. With that I would like to ask the ASR's to please post them or teach your A&F Chairs how to do it. Also would like to thank Bob the RD for his report. I know it was long but had lots of good information and recommend that reiterate to your GSR's to please read his report and Worlds response letter. I would like to thank everyone for there service, especially North Area for their wonderful hospitality & Hosting a successful Regional weekend.

In Loving Service,

Amy G
VC

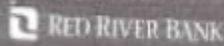
3. Opening Treasurer’s Report – Dob B – Report Submitted

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October 2024 Treasurer Report

So, since the close of July’s report, the following has occurred. The following expenses occurred: Debit Twilo \$20.78, Digital Ocean \$26.97. The following Credits occurred Louisiana Regional Convention Corporation \$10,000.00. Our current Account Balance is \$13,081.55.

LA Regional Service Committee Treasurer’s Report		Date:	October 10, 2024	
Income: Group Donations		Income : Other Funds Received		
Acadiana Area		Louisiana Regional Convention Corp (8/26)	\$	10,000.00
Bayou Recovery Area				
Central Area				
Greater Baton Rouge Area				
Lake Area				
New Orleans Area				
North Area				
Northshore Area				
Serenity Area				
Unity Area				
Total Group Donation:	\$ -	Total Other Funds Received:	\$	10,000.00
Encumbered Funds or Budgets		Expenses		
Prudent Reserve	\$2,850.00	Checks	Ck#	Cash
Fellowship Dev. Budget	\$1,048.59	Twilo (7/22)	\$ 10.77	POS
H & I Budget	\$1,183.56	Digital Ocean (8/1)	\$ 8.99	POS
Gumbo Cook Off Lit. Prisons	\$ 989.10	Digital Ocean (9/3)	\$ 8.99	POS
RD Budget	\$3,366.48	Twilo (9/9)	\$ 10.01	POS
Administrative Budget	\$ 235.00	Digital Ocean (10/01)	\$ 8.99	POS
Travel Budget RSC	\$1,171.20	Office Depot (Printer) (10/10)	\$321.42	DC
Seed Money for RSC Weekend	\$ 600.00			
A & F Budget	\$ 600.00			
Policy Budget	\$ 177.00			
Total Other Funds Received:	\$ 12,220.93	Total Expenditures	\$	369.17
		Ending Report Totals Information		
		Opening Balance	\$	13,450.72
		Income: Funds Received	\$	10,000.00
		Debit: Expenditures	\$	369.17
		Debit: Encumbered funds	\$	12,220.93
		Unencumbered Funds	\$	10,860.62
		10% Donations Naws		
		3% Donations SZF		
		Unencumbered Funds - Donations	\$	10,860.62
		Ending Balance	\$	23,081.55



Account Detail

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\$23,081.55

Available balance

Pending Transactions

Date	Description	Withdrawal/Deposit
10/10/2024	OFFICE DEPOT #56 HARVEY LAUS Tran Date/Time: 10/09/2024 17:45:39	-321.42

Posted Transactions

Date	Description	Withdrawal/Deposit	Balance
10/01/2024	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN DIGITALOCEAN.COM NEW YORK CITY TTADAY *****8246 10/01 09:44	-\$8.99	\$23,402.97
09/09/2024	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN TWILIO INC SAN FRANCISCO ZSQ12I *****8246 09/07 22:36	-\$10.01	\$23,411.96
09/04/2024	CHECK 1036	-\$456.92	\$23,421.97
09/03/2024	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN DIGITALOCEAN.COM NEW YORK CITY TTADAY *****8246 09/01 08:31	-\$8.99	\$23,878.89
08/26/2024	DEPOSIT	\$10,000.00	\$23,887.88
08/14/2024	CHECK 1035	-\$90.00	\$13,887.88
08/01/2024	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN DIGITALOCEAN.COM NEW YORK CITY TTADAY *****8246 08/01 09:17	-\$8.99	\$13,977.88
07/30/2024	CHECK 1030	-\$178.78	\$13,986.87
07/26/2024	CHECK 1031	-\$750.00	\$14,165.65
07/26/2024	CHECK 1029	-\$238.32	\$14,915.65
07/26/2024	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN NAWORLDSEV 8187739999 000000 *****8246 07/24 21:33	-\$1,523.10	\$15,153.97
07/24/2024	DEPOSIT	\$1,772.29	\$16,677.07
07/22/2024	POS PURCHASE NON-PIN TWILIO INC SAN FRANCISCO ZSQ12I *****8246 07/19 21:55	-\$10.77	\$14,904.78
07/19/2024	CHECK 1037	-\$444.98	\$14,915.55
07/16/2024	CHECK 1034	-\$797.39	\$15,360.53
07/16/2024	CHECK 1028	-\$282.90	\$16,157.92

Account Summary

Available Balance	\$23,081.55
Current Balance	\$23,402.97
As Of	10/09/2024
Interest Paid YTD	\$0.00
Interest Rate	0%
Interest Accrued	\$0.00
Last Deposit Amount	\$10,000.00

4. Secretary Report – Vacant

No Report

5. Regional Delegate Report – Bob St. – Report Submitted

Regional Delegate Report for October 12-13, 2024

Hello all,

I'm going to try and go through things in chronological order, but as always, feel free to stop me/us with questions and comments about the issue or issues at hand.

On July 20, 2024, we had a Conference Participants Web meeting.

We had our first inklings of storm clouds on the horizon for WCNA then. Anthony, the ED for NAWS, told us that the break-even point for WCNA was 24,000 paid registrations and that they only had about 14,000 at that time. He also commented that hotel reservations were lagging behind as well.

Hotel reservations are important because as some of you know, convention planners typically make deals for reduced rates on all kinds of things based on a guarantee of a specific number of room rentals. If you don't hit that number, you owe extra money to the hotel.

How much money was at stake for WCNA in total? One way to answer that is to look at the number of paid registrations needed times the cost of registration. With 24,000 needed to break even at \$175 per registration, that means approximately 4.2 million had been spent or committed to. We'll come back to this in a bit.

We were told that the European WSO office was "temporarily" closing and that there was or would be a letter in our "dropbox" explaining this further. I never saw such a letter and can't tell you anything more about that.

We were told that reorganizing had prevented an updated financial statement.

Focus groups were scheduled for the "H&I Basics" and the "Virtual Service Basics" projects. The CAR survey creation was about to begin with the goal being recommendations for new literature and service material will come from the survey and not through motions and project plans at WSC. They seemed happy that last year's CAR survey had about 7,000 responses, although that's only about .3% of the NA membership.

They also talked about a proposal that in 2026, when conference participants indicate that 80% are in favor of something before the conference, that will then become a decision and not further discussed during the conference.

On July 26, 27, and 28, Southern Zonal Forum met in New Orleans

A PR event held on Friday evening was top quality according to those who attended, and there is a recording of the presentation available on the SZF web site if anyone wants to check that out for themselves. Our regional representation, however, was abysmal. According to the

attendance sheet, there were 4 people from the Louisiana Region in attendance. It wasn't any better on Saturday, when the SZF did two workshops on topics specifically chosen by the RSC.

Then too I saw no more than 5 people from the Louisiana Region. The easy out is to blame apathy, timing, location, or any of a whole slew of other problems here in Louisiana. I don't think that's the root problem though. I think the root problem is that these presentations and workshops were not really asked for by us. We were essentially told, "We've brought things for you. Where do you want them?" It wasn't us asking them for assistance. It was them telling us they were coming, that they wanted to do something, supposedly for us, and we had to then make a forced choice on what they would do. I think this is the wrong model for SZF to follow and that instead they should let the member regions know what they can do to help in specific areas and then respond when a member region actually asks for help.

In any case, thankfully there were a good number of SZF folks there Friday evening and as I said,

the content of what was presented was actually quite good.

Weekend business:

Arkansas Region is discussing 1 v 2-day meetings for themselves; Looking at insurance for the Region; Still working on getting literature into the jails; and getting ready to host the next SZF meeting in October.

Lone Star reported that they discovered a sizable amount of money had been embezzled from their service office by trusted servants. There is a police investigation/prosecution underway; They have decided to go back to a 2-day format for RSC meetings.

Show Me Region is using zoom at RSC meetings but having technical problems; They are considering doing RSC meetings virtually only; Trying CBDM at RSC; They were incorporated but

failed to submit required filings on time and ended up being dissolved! They are getting ready to do SMCRNA (10/27?)

Tejas Bluebonnet Region says all areas are using CBDM now; South Padre area has dissolved due to lack of people to do service; AD resigned saying overwhelmed; Regional convention in Houston Feb 14-16; Doing August RSC virtually; Disruptive behavior at RSC... Treasurer and RD

got into physical/near-physical confrontation at RSC?

Treasurer absent due to family illness? Report submitted said a "full report" would be submitted soon and gave bank balance of \$14,466.64.

Sharing Session:

ZD asking for clarification of his role with US Collaboration of Zones

PR: Craig reported he had been working on event for Lone Star's upcoming RSC, but confusion over funding precluded his being able to go or to send a committee member. Asked for language in guidelines for future that says a committee is approved for funding as opposed to a particular person.

FD: Kristin reported they continue to work on Arkansas project of getting literature into the jails; Trying to get content for tablets; Presented at Lonestar RSC; Will get available workshops up on the SZF website.

Elections: Kristin was nominated for another term as FD. Craig was nominated for another term as PR. These will be voted on in October meeting.

Workgroup reports given:

Incorporation- Don't do it

Communication-
Mentorship-

Racism- Of note, this workgroup was asked to focus on the original task of establishing ways that

racism in SZF functions can and should be addressed. They also asked to be able to present a report to the US Collaboration of Zones and this request was not approved.

Open Forum:

Discussion about costs and budgets for meetings, as well as proposed budgets for PR and FD for the next year led to the establishment of a workgroup to look at this further. We don't know what has been being spent, don't know what we've had in donations! Scotty and I were both asked to be on this workgroup. We'll come back to this.

There was discussion about whether the ZD should be going to the WSC. This was tabled since the next in person WSC is not until 2026.

New Business:

Rob B nominated for Secretary. Elected

Regular inventory every 2 years. Will be in guidelines that strategic planning process will be initiated every other year in summer.

Brochure for SZF. Communication Wkgrp will work on this

SZF Newsletter. Responsibility to be assigned by Steering Committee each year.

Wkgrp to look at how often guidelines need to be reviewed.

Discussion about who approves budgets for PR and FD. Some want it to go back to RSCs for voting?

WCNA:

Facebook page allowed people to make ANY comments they wanted during WCNA, and they did.

Conflict and complaints about moving chairs.

Conflict with people outside the convention center presenting/selling altered or old literature.

Sales pitches for NA members to commit to monthly contributions directly to WSO.

Anthony, ED of NAWS, comments while speaking on Sunday morning

September 21st CP Web meeting

NAWS: Anthony reported that the planned new website had to be brought online early, because the old site crashed.

Still no full financial report, but said "6.88 million in cash accounts," (3.5 million is income from WCNA) and "Don't think we will use all cash reserves paying bills for WCNA."

Asked about losses from WCNA, he replied, "Too early to tell... Will be a significant loss." Said while we needed 24,000 paid registrations to break even, we only had 17,160 paid registrations... Lowest onsite registration rate ever... Don't know why numbers were down."

Said they published "myth busters" to counter misinformation on social media.

Asked later about cost of venue, Anthony replied, "190,000," and said they are expecting some kind of rebate or kickback from the city on this. He also talked about expecting rebates from vendors, merchants, and properties as well as revenue from merchandise and entertainment, but all of this is up in the air.

Asked about the Non-NA material outside the convention center, Anthony said, "We threw it in

the trash can.”

Asked about videos being taken and made by WSO during the convention, he said these are for NA events, not social media.

Asked about soliciting direct recurring donations from members, Jack responded “We want to be less reliant on money from literature sales.”

Irene, World Board Chair, said they have surveys planned on multiple topics, input to be used in making changes in the future. Not sure how the balancing act will be accomplished of weighing input from RD’s potentially representing the group conscience of thousands of members against the input of individual members through surveys.

Items for decision in the upcoming interim conference: Draft budget; Procedural issues; Require all candidates for world level service to come through RBZ process; Repurpose the World Pool; Utilize CAR survey for literature and service material; and accept straw poll consensus as decision.

Questioned about the PPP loan(s) and forgiveness of some of it, Anthony said: “We determined that forgiveness was no different from being exempt from sales tax... We did pay back the 250,000 loan because conditions it was provided in were not the same... Board decided forgiveness part was no different from tax exempt benefits... This has been written in previous reports.”

SZF workgroup on budget met on zoom 10/9/24:

The gist of it is that SZF has had donations over approximately the past year of 12,812.13, and they have spent 12,743.81 on travel and lodging alone. The workgroup concluded that this spending

cannot be sustained, and is recommending that SZF budgets for the upcoming year be what was spent last year, and that SZF move to meeting only once per year in person, and twice per year virtually. If adopted, this will reduce costs for the next year by about \$6,000.

Nominations for World Board:

As we outlined at the last RSC meeting, persons wanting to serve with the World Board, WSC, or HRP, have to be nominated by a Region, Zone, or the World Board. I suspect almost everyone here knows Bob Singer.

He has been involved with pretty much every aspect of service to NA in this Region for many years. His latest completed stint was two terms on the LRCC Board and now he’s serving as the chair for the next LRCNA. He has expressed his interest, and I would like have the Louisiana Region nominate him for the World Board. I presume this will come under New Business on Sunday.

Finally, I’ve made hotel reservations for SZF in 2 weeks in Rogers Arkansas and plan on driving there from home. The hotel costs \$272.51 and the round trip milage is 1,102 miles.

In loving service,
Bob Storer, Regional Delegate

6. Regional Delegate Alternative – Scotty H

Nothing additional to Report

7. Regional Delegate Alternative Elect –**B. Standing Committee Reports:****1. Activities & Fundraisers – Vacant – Amy G open discussion**

Discussed the Calendar & Training on how ASR's & A&F Chairs can upload their own flyers to the Regional Calendar on Website. Also discussed the upcoming Gumbo Cook Off.

ASR please go on the LARNA.org website and list all upcoming events in your areas.

2. Hospitals & Institutions – Stephen L- Report Submitted

In H+I, the Areas of our region combine to fulfill the responsibilities of 29 commitments. Please mark any recent updates to position holders or commitments on the sheet I am passing around. Region helped with a learning day in August in the Unity area. It was very well attended and informative. An updated orientation packet is available for any Area that would like a copy. If your Area has any requirements or issues that aren't addressed in it, a custom one can be made. I am willing to help out with planning and/or attending learning days. Each Area is encouraged to hold one per year.

I will be placing a literature order after this Region for jails and institutions. If you would like to have you Area included, let me know. I have spoken with a couple individual Areas about helping them expand their literature rack placement. H+I has money available in our budget. I support using these funds for this purpose.

For the year, The funds raised at our annual gumbo cook off have been used to purchase 51 Basic Texts, 20 Step Working Guides, 10 Living Clean text, 10 Just for Today, 1350 White booklets and 350 IPs. The total spent was \$2,201.12. H+I spent \$129.10 on literature and \$130 on food and gas reimbursement for learning days.

In Loving Service,
Stephen L.

3. Fellowship Development – Richard T. – No Report Submitted

4. Policy – Vacant –

C. Interested Parties:

1. Board of Directors – Ron D. – Report submitted. – BOD Minutes and Convention Minutes will be sent out in Separate email.

BOD Report to Oct 2024
Region

Greeting All,
First of all I would like to thank the Region for electing 2 new board members, Billie F. from B.B and Stephan J from Lake Charles. At our August 11th BOD meeting I was elected chair, Pixie-V. chair, Ric S. -Treasurer and Denise H. as secretary. We had a meeting on July 21st to elect convention chair, Vice chair and treasurer, Bob S as chair, Troy G. -vice chair and Pan Bas treasurer. The BOD got together and ratified all 3. Then Bob S. took over and ran the convention committee. They elected Bob St. as progaming chair, John P. as hospitality chair, Kristie H. as entertainment, Amy G. as Serenity keepers, Rodney S. for registration and Scotty H for Hotel Liason. Kristie and Rodney resigned in between meetings and Toby M. was elected for Entertainment and Nancy S. from Ponchartraine for Registration Zack G. for Arts + Graphics. They still need a secretary and a merchandise chair. The HCC printed 500 cards to take to world convention.

The Program Committee submitted a first draft of their program and are reviewing Speakers. They passed a motion to give Lake Charles \$300 in seed money for their Halloween Bash on Oct 26. Also \$1700 for prexmas to be held on Dec. 7th at The Jewish Community Center in Uptown N.O. The next HCC meeting will be Oct. 20th at Grace Baptist church at 2:00. The next BOD meeting will be Nov. 10th at the same place. I will be giving Region minutes from the BOD meeting and the HCC meetings. We sent \$10,000 to Region and put \$7,000 in the convention account, that leaves \$4,000 in the BOD accounts. We hope to be signing a contract next week. Denise is also talking to the marriott in N.O. about a convention in 2026. A committee approach the board about it and nobody else has come to the board. So Region needs to decide if they want it in N.O. in 2026. They OK'd it with the N.O. AREA.

D. Area Service Representatives Reports:

1. Acadiana Area – **Absent**
2. Bayou Recovery Area – Nancy S – Report Submitted

We have 20 Groups and 29 Meetings, two of which are Zoom Mtgs.

We have need of trusted servants in our Area & almost all of our Area Service Committee positions are up for nominations and election. We are still short of H&I trusted servants and we are down two H&I meetings.

Our Annual Moonlight Madness Campout is being held on October 25th thru the 27th at Tickfaw State Park @ 27225 Patterson Rd. in Springfield, LA. This campout has been held for 40 years. Please contact our Activities Chair for a campsite since we have already have reserved the campsites. A flyer is included. ILS, Taylor P.

3. Central Area – Report Submitted

My name is Doug and I'm an addict. We still have meetings every day. We have six active groups in the area. We are donating \$10.75 to the region. We have a conscience on all the motions that I brought back to our area. We have two motions that I gave to Region concerning H&I. We have a Halloween Dance on October 26 this month. I brought some fliers. We have four active H&I meetings in the area. We still can't find an ASRA to come with me but will keep trying. Our meetings have low attendance except for Sunday Night. PR was able to get a PSA on radio with the help from a JF working for the Station.

More will be Revealed

Doug F.

4. Greater Baton Rouge Area – Absent

5. Lake Area – Stephen L. – Report Submitted

The Lake Area currently has 4 groups that combine to hold 37 meetings per week. Living Clean disbanded shortly after their 5th anniversary. Spirit of the Bayou will be changing locations in November. The Recovery Group has added a Sunday meeting. Our Area schedule is up to date online. In H+I, we have 4 H+I commitments: Sanctuary every Wednesday, Pathways every Sunday, women at CCC on Tuesdays and men at CCC on Thursdays. In upcoming events, The Lake Area Halloween bash will be held on Saturday, October 26th at the Agape group. The event is a convention fundraiser. A women's retreat is being held at Chicot state park in Ville Platte on October 18th

- 20th and a men's sponsorship campout is

being held November 1st - 3rd at Methodist Landing park in Leesville. Our 7th

Tradition is \$100
In Loving Service,
Stephen L.

6. New Orleans Area – Absent**7. North Area – Jax W – Report Submitted****ASR REPORT NORTH AREA**

10/13/24

Hello all. North Area is doing well at this time. There are currently 5 homegroups with 11 meetings a week with 30-40 in attendance growing. Unloaded has added a meeting on Thursdays at 6:30pm. H&I is going very well with Panels going into CADA on Thursdays at 7 pm, Sunday's at 545 pm and Uprising every other Saturday at 3pm. Our Halloween function will be on October 26th from 4-9pm. Camp Recovery is in Doyline, La November 8th, 9th, and 10th. Registration is \$40 before Halloween and \$50 November 1st, Day Rate is \$20. We have flyers if you want to take some with you to take back to your areas. We also have Camp Recovery shirts for sale. They are short and long sleeve and both styles are \$20.

ILS, Jax W.

8. Northshore Area – Trent Howell – Report Submitted

I'm Trent, I'm an addict,

The Northshore Area is doing well and growing. We currently have 11 groups and 29 meetings a week in our area. (Currently working on verification of meetings and times). We have two H&I commitments, every Tuesday at Avenues / Townsend Treatment Center and every Thursday at Fontainebleau Treatment Center. Currently working on getting men to go into the Amite facility on Wednesdays twice a month. We are holding an H&I orientation on October 20th at 2pm. We have a donation of \$412 for Region at this time.

Thanks for allowing me to serve,

Trent H.

9. Serenity Area – Daniel S- Report Submitted

Hello y'all. Serenity Area had been doing fairly well. We have 6 home groups that are part of our area. We have 2 H&I commitments we keep up with. Crossroads group dropped there Saturday afternoon meeting due to lack of attendance and we will be adding a group in Bradley Arkansas. Our last function we had in September went fairly well. We want to send a big thank you to Sara K from North Area for speaking and thanks to all the members from North area that came out to support her and us as well. Our next function will be something for New Years. We also have a donation of \$100 to Region.

Our Area is planning to submit a motion for H&I literature racks and pamphlets. We plan to use them in our current H&I facilities. Our area will commit to keeping them stocked in the future. We have more facilities that have requested us to bring in H&I meetings but we don't quite have the manpower at the moment to cover them. We will likely provide literature racks for them in lieu of us actually being able to go in their facility.

Our Monroe groups attendance has more than quadrupled since our FD drove around to a large portion of the recovery houses in Monroe/ West Monroe passing out meeting schedules. They were averaging 2 people per meeting before and now average 15 to 20 each meeting. We plan to continue doing this as part of our regular FD activities and plan to expand to other locations in our area. Our local treatment center in Ruston provided us with a list of recovery houses for the Monroe/West Monroe area for that initial run. I'm working with them in hopes of getting their entire recovery house list that they know about to pass out to other areas.

10. Unity Area – Absent

VII. Old Business:

1. Motion #2024-07-05
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc 2/3 Majority
2nd – Daniel Serenity Area

Motion: Policy Change - Page 8. Add the purpose of the regional service committee to the LRSCNA Guidelines

Intent: This explains to our members the purpose of forming this organization and why it's important to the region.

Vote: For 5 Against 1 Abstention 0
Motion Passed

2. **Motion #2024-07-08**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc 2/3 Majority
2nd – Doug F Central Area

Motion: Page 10 Add to the Agenda section that 1) The LRSCNA Agenda will follow the new meeting format on page 5 and 2) The chairperson can add any new business or revisit previous agenda items if they deem it necessary.

Intent: To ensure the meeting follows a logical format and give the chairperson autonomy to adjust the agenda if needed.

Vote: For 5 Against 1 Abstention 0
Motion Passed

3. **Motion #2024-07-11**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc 2/3 Majority
2nd – Nancy S Bayou Area

Motion: Page 10 add Participants section which states:

1. Participation is open to any members of NA who are willing to be of service and provide needed support to those seeking help.

2. All Administrative Officers, Standing Committee Chairpersons, Area Service Representatives, ASR Alts, Members and Volunteers who act as an official representative of LRSCNA must be registered with LRSCNA.

3. All participants shall be subjected to LRSCNA guidelines

Intent: To inform members how they can be a part of LRSCNA

Vote: For 5 Against 1 Abstention 0
Motion Passed

4. **Motion #2024-07-14**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc 2/3 Majority
2nd – Nancy S Bayou Area

Motion: Page 18 Add information under Voting section:

If an Area has unexcused absences from two consecutive LRSCNA meetings, their voting rights shall be suspended. To reinstate their voting rights the following procedure will be added to the Area Membership Section:

1) A suspended Area can have their voting rights reinstated after attending one LRSCNA meeting.

2) An excused absence consists of notification to the LRSCNA chairperson prior to the start region meeting. Excused absences must have the chairperson's approval.

- 3) An unexcused absence consists of no call, no show, no ASR report submitted.
- 4) An Area report should be submitted by the absent Area’s ASR when the Area will be unable to attend region.

Intent: Informs our members about the voting rights of the ASR and how they can be suspended or reinstated. Also defines what is excused and unexcused absences.

Vote: For 5 Against 1 Abstention 0
Motion Passed

5. **Motion #2024-07-15**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc 2/3 Majority
2nd – Daniel Serenity Area

Motion: Page 21 Add information under Non-Profit Section:

- 1)The LRSCNA will maintain a nonprofit status under the laws of the State of Louisiana and shall obtain and maintain nonprofit status under the Internal Revenue Code of the US.
- 2)In Louisiana, nonprofit status is obtained by filing nonprofit articles of incorporation with the corporation division of the LA Secretary of State and registering with the Department of Revenue as required by rules and statutes. 1.
- 3) The LRSCNA shall engage in lawful activity, none of which is for profit, pursuant to LA Statutes and 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Service

Intent: Informs our members of LRSCNA’s nonprofit status

Vote: For 3 Against 2 Abstention 1
Motion Failed

6. **Motion #2024-07-19**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc
2nd – Anthony L Acadiana Area

Motion: Page 24 Add #1,#2,#3 to the Administrative Committee section.

#1 This committee consists of the Administrative Officers. All have equal voting rights at the committee level

#2 There are 4 Registered Administrative Officers with the LA Secretary of State. Upon election to the Administrative committee, the Treasurer will update all information with the Secretary of States office.

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer

#3 The following Administrative officers are not registered with the LA Secretary of States office:

- Vice Treasurer
- Regional Delegate
- Regional Delegate Alt
- Regional Delegate Alt Elect

Intent: Information being added to the guidelines, so our members know which officers are registered with the Secretary of State and which are not in compliance with 501© 4 status.

Vote: For 4 Against 1 Abstention 1
Motion Passed

7. **Motion #2024-07-21**
Maker – Don B Policy Ad Hoc
2nd – Daniel Serenity Area

Motion: Page 43-44 Add the preferred Vendor section to our guidelines.

Intent: This information concerns the Louisiana Regional Convention Corporation and how our members bid for a convention.

Vote: For 3 Against 3 Abstention 0
Motion Failed

VIII. Nominations and Election:

A. Board of Directors: -

1. Pleas C. – Nominated by North Area
 - a) Pleas C. turned in Resume, Accepted the Nomination, and stated Qualifications.
 - b) Vote was Called - **For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0**
 - c) Elected
 - d)

B. Regional Service Committee Elections:

Position	Name	For	Against	Abs.	Results
Chairperson	Amy G.	6	0	0	Elected
Vice Chairperson	Vacant				Vacant
Treasurer	Don B.	6	0	0	Elected
Secretary	Jax W	6	0	0	Elected
A&F	Vacant				Vacant
H&I	Stephen L	6	0	0	Elected
Fellowship Dev.	Richard T.	6	0	0	Elected
Policy	Vacant				Vacant

IX. New Business:

A. Motions:

1. **Motion #2024-10-01 Majority
Maker – Don B. (Treasurer)
2nd – Daniel S (Serenity Area)**

Motion: To Give Seed Money of \$300.00 for the Annual H&I Gumbo Cook Off Fundraiser.

Intent: So we can raise money for Literature for Jails and Prison throughout the State of Louisiana.

Call to Vote: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed

2. **Motion #2024-10-02 - Policy Change - 2/3 Majority
Maker – Taylor P. – Bayou Recovery Area
2nd – Motion Came from an Area**

Motion: Policy Change – Area have voting rights when they join the RSC. The Area can be removed from Quorum Count due to absences, but never lose their voting rights.

Intent: This will keep the RSC responsible to those they serve.

Referred Back to Areas for a Group Conscience

3. **Motion #2024-10-03 Majority
Maker – Doug F. – Central Area
2nd – Motion Came from an Area**

Motion: To Buy Nine Basic Text for Treatment Centers.

Intent: So, Area can bring books to treatment centers for use on H&I commitment.

Note: this purchase will come out of H&I Budget. Cost \$122.40

Call to Vote: For:6 Against:0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed

4. **Motion #2024-10-04 Majority**
Maker – Daniel S. (Serenity Area)
2nd – Motion Came from an Area

Motion: To utilize Region H&I Funds to assist in the expansion of the Serenity Area H&I Literature racks and IP Pamphlets. To purchase 2 literature racks and 700 IP's. Total amount before shipping \$223.76, Serenity Area will cover all shipping cost.

Intent: To provide literature to facilities we don't have the manpower to commit to going in.

Call to Vote: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passed

5. **Motion #2024-10-05 Majority**
Maker – Doug F. – Central Area
2nd – Motion Came from an Area

Motion: To utilize \$230.00 from the H&I Budget to assist in Central Area H&I efforts.

Intent: Get Literature into treatment centers.

Call to Vote: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passed

6. **Motion #2024-10-06 Majority**
Maker – Stephen L. – H&I Chairperson
2nd – Don B. - Treasurer

Motion: To reimburse Stephen L. \$39.19 for gay money spent on traveling to August H&I Learning Day. – Funds from H&I Budget

Intent: Reimbursement of expenses.

Call to Vote: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passed

7. **Motion #2024-10-07 Majority**
Maker – Don B. - Treasurer
2nd – Dainel S – Serenity Area

Motion: To give \$600.00 seed money for hosting RSC for January 2025.

Intent: Money needed to Host Region weekend

Call to Vote: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passed

8. **Motion #2024-10-08**
Maker – Administrative Committee
2nd – Jax W. – North Area

Motion: To Add to Policy that the Secretary is responsible for the Printer.
HP Office Jet Pro – 9120 e Series – Serial No. TH45RF60Q1
Purchased at Office Depot #56 By Don B. – 504-234-8301
Purchase Date: 10/10/2024 With LRSCNA Debit Card #8246
Amount: \$321.42

Intent: 1) For Secretary to utilize for printing Document and Minutes.
2) Responsible to bring printer to each Region Weekend.

ASR’s override sending back to Areas for Group Conscience 2/3 Majority.

Call to Override: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Call to Vote: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed



9. **Motion #2024-10-09 Majority**
Maker – Taylor P. – Baton Rouge Area
2nd – Motion Came from Area

Motion: To nominate Bob Singer to World Board from the Louisiana Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Intent: Is for Bob Singer to be elected to serve on the World Board.

Note: Regional Delegate Bob St. will handle writing the Nomination Letter and be the Point of Contact for the LRSCNA.

Motion Call to Vote: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passed

10. **Motion #2024-10-10 Majority**
Maker – Daniel S. – Serenity Area
2nd – Doug F. – Central Area

Motion: To Accept the Bid Proposal for LRCNA XLII to be held in New Orleans.

Bid Proposal – Convention Dates May 22nd – 24th 2026

Hotel Info: New Orleans Marriot Warehouse Arts District

859 Convention Center Blvd.

New Orleans, LA 70130

504-613-2888

Approval of New Orleans Area was granted on 8/18/2024

Intent: To start working on the 2026 Convention.

Motion Call to Vote: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passed

11. **Motion #2024-10-11**
Maker – Jax W. – North Area
2nd – Daniel S Serenity Area

Motion: To Nominate Pleas C. to the Louisiana Convention Corporation Board.

Intent: To Serve as a Board Member.

Motion Call to Vote: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passed

12. **Motion #2024-10-12 2/3 Majority
Maker – Administrative Comm
2nd – Stephen L. – Lake Area**

Motion: To add to the Policy that all Policy changes require a 2/3 Majority vote.

Intent: To be consistent and follow Roberts Rules of Order.

ASR's override sending back to Areas for Group Conscience 2/3 Majority.

Call to Override: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Call to Vote: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion Passed

B. Host Area For October 2024 RSC: North Area

We did not take any seed money, so we do not have to refund anything to the region. Last night we made \$346 in total with the auction. We are going to discuss sending a donation to region at area next weekend to send in January. Thank you all for showing up and we have enjoyed all of you being here with us.

C. Host Area for January RSC:

Next Region will be held in the Serenity Area on the 2nd weekend of January 2025

X. Treasurer’s Report – Don B. - Closing Treasury Report

LA Regional Service Committee Treasurer’s Report		Date: October 14, 2024	
Income: Group Donations		Income : Other Funds Received	
Acadiana Area			
Bayou Recovery Area			
Central Area	\$ 10.75		
Greater Baton Rouge Area			
Lake Area	\$ 100.00		
New Orleans Area			
North Area			
Northshore Area	\$ 412.00		
Serenity Area	\$ 100.00		
Unity Area			
Total Group Donation:	\$ 622.75	Total Other Funds Received:	\$ -
Encumbered Funds or Budgets		Expenses	
Prudent Reserve	\$2,850.00	Checks	Ck#
Fellowship Dev. Budget	\$1,048.59		Cash
H & I Budget	\$ 568.21	Bob Storer (RD SZF Travel)	\$ 1,010.85 1038
Gumbo Cook Off Lit. Prisons	\$ 989.10	Don Buwe (Seed Gumbo)	\$ 300.00 1039
RD Budget	\$2,172.23	Don Buwe (Travel Fund)	\$ 286.98 1040
Administrative Budget	\$ 235.00	Amy Galland (Travel Fund)	\$ 310.50 1041
Travel Budget RSC	\$ 573.72	Serenity Area (Seed January)	\$ 600.00 1042
Seed Money for RSC Weekend		Bradley Higginbotham (RD T)	\$ 183.40 1043
A & F Budget	\$ 300.00	Central Area (H&I Lit)	\$ 352.40 1044
Policy Budget	\$ 177.00	Stephen Losee	\$ 39.19 1045
		Serenity Area (H&I Lit)	\$ 223.76 1046
Total Other Funds Received:	\$ 8,913.85		
		Total Expenditures	\$ 3,307.08
		Ending Report Totals Information	
		Opening Balance	\$ 23,081.55
		Income: Funds Received	\$ 622.75
		Debit: Expenditures	\$ 3,307.08
		Debit: Encumbered funds	\$ 8,913.85
		Unencumbered Funds	\$ 11,483.37
		10% Donations Naws	\$ 1,148.34
		3% Donations SZF	\$ 340.50
		Unencumbered Funds - Donations	\$ 9,994.53
		Ending Balance	\$ 18,908.38

XI. Motion To Close Meeting: Maker: Jax W. North Area 2nd by Doug. F. Central Area

A. Closing Serenity Prayer – Amy G.

B. Meeting Adjourned

**Minutes Prepared By: Don B.
Acting Secretary**

Regional Rotation

Jan. 11th – 12th Serenity Area

April 5th – 6th Unity Area

July 12th – 13th Lake Area

Oct. 4th – 5th Northshore Area

Acadiana Area

Greater Baton Rouge

New Orleans Area

Bayou Recovery

Central Area

North Area