

REGION 51
REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 17th, 2009

Opening:

At 12:00 PM Region 51 Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Chris S. with the Serenity Prayer & Twelve Concepts.

Attendance:

Chair (NXNWANA)	Chris S.	Present
Treasurer (ELVANA)	Tommy C.	Present
Secretary (SNANA)	Michael H.	Present
RD	ShellyS.	Present
RD-A	Ira Z.	Present
NXNWANA	Angela P.	Present
NXNWANA	Joey A.	Present
SVANA	Mitch G.	Present
SVANA	Suzette W.	Absent
ELVANA	Jeff H.	Present
SNANA	Isar K.	Present
SNANA	Dan R.	Present
REGIONAL ACTIVITIES	Traci M.	Present
REGIONAL P.I.	Tina G.	Present
REGIONAL Phone line	Tom L.	Present
REGIONAL H&I	Anthony P.	Present

Minutes were approved.

**Open Sharing –
Topics:**

- 1) Discussion on Regional Committee meeting every month.
- 2) Ad-hoc committee through with guidelines. Ready to be sent to areas for approval.
- 3) Discussion on services on area level verses regional level Lack of support for Regional H&I.
- 4) Move next meeting because of CAN area convention.

REPORTS:

Activities Subcommittee Report

May 17, 2009

R51 – ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSON REPORT

ATTENDENCE:

Brad M., Greg O., Jerry S., Kelly F., Kelly M., Lisa S., Scott C., Traci M.

We had several topics that were discussed;

1.) Nominations for R51 Activities Chair and Vice Chairperson

All Area Activities Chairperson / Vice Chairs will take back to there A.S.C. that the Region Activities Chairperson Service Commitment is available.

As the outgoing Region Activities Chairperson I will continue serving as Chairperson through the “Day of the Dinosaur” Event, and hope to have nominations in July. I will also work with the new Region 51 Activities Chairperson with any help that is needed.

2.) Unity Day Picnic

The Unity Day Picnic Event has been restructuring the rotation of service for this event. As the newest Area Activities Committee; South Valley Area Chairperson will take back to the South Valley A.S.C. to determine if there Activities Committee will be willing to take on this event as the “Hosting Area” for the 2009 Unity Day Picnic.

The R51 Activities Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and other members of our fellowship who would like to be of service are welcome.

3.) Region 51 Activities Guidelines

I have been going over the Region 51 Activities Committee Guidelines and there are a quite a few changes that are needed. Each Area Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson’s will review and send ideas and suggestions before the next R.C.M.

4.) Region 51 Activities Committee will have three to four events each year.

Day of the Dinosaurs - July
Unity Day Picnic - October
New Eve’s Event – December

It was decided that the Women’s Spiritual Breakfast Committee will not be a Regional Activities Event. Their committee has had their own on going committee and has been very successful with their Annual Event. Their committee has been financially accountable to the Region and their donations are appreciated.

It seems that the Women's Spiritual Breakfast Event is not truly a Regional Event (a regional event should include everyone in Region 51 – Men & Women). Just as the Men’s Spiritual Breakfast has also stayed separate from the Region.

NEW BUSINESS:

World Unity Day; August 22, 2009. This will be an event that will allow our fellowship to join in the celebration of World Unity Day. It is a two-hour telephone hookup to the Saturday night main meeting of the World Convention in Spain. The Region will provide the costs for refreshments, facility and the registration for the telephone hook-up.

The committee for the "Day of the Dinosaur" Event is going really well. We provided the "Day of the Dinosaur" Event flyers today to all RCM's.

Thank you for being of service.
Traci M.

REGIONAL H&I REPORT

Dear Region I am excited to report all areas of H&I are going strong and doing well. H&I Regional meeting was attended by NXNW Area. SNA Area called and gave a verbal report. ELVANA was a no show no call. NXNW Area reported a substantial improvement in H&I support and hopes to continue to grow.

As a Region we have a secretary, Jennifer B. who will be organizing notes and minutes. On July 23rd, 09 our Regional H&I Learning Day will be At West Sahara Library from 1:00pm till 4:00pm.

In Loving Service Anthony P.

REGION 51 PI SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS 3-14-2009

MAY 15th 2009

Region 51 PI subcommittee report

Meeting Schedule:

The schedules are printed and ready for distribution. Total order was for 3550 copies, with a cost of \$840.45 running \$90.45 over budget. Our request for next years' budget will be \$5200.00 to allow for some growth. If CANAC joins the region, we will have to seriously look at options to include their groups. Jimmy P. is assuming the service position for meeting schedules, and has been trained in all aspects of the procedure. I have great confidence in his ability to carry forward on this project.

Literature Distribution:

Ed S. has done a fantastic job of meeting our commitment to UMC and Parole and Probation. We are in contact with Sunrise hospital, and hope to place another rack this year. Our budget requirements for the next fiscal year are \$250 bi-monthly, or \$1500 yearly. This entire amount is for literature, as the meeting schedules come out of the previous amount. I hope the Region will see the need for this front line effort to carry the message.

Phoneline:

This has been a challenging but rewarding project. 1st quarter results have been compiled, and our successful completion rate to connect to a live responder was 83%. Over 100 literature packs were distributed, either by e-mail or regular mail. 18 requests for NA service were processed. We expanded services to include a Spanish option, and my gratitude goes out to the 5 volunteers who are covering that option 24/7. We plan another enrollment campaign soon, and hope to add 15 more members to fill the gaps that the usage analysis revealed. I would like to suggest \$110 per

month for the budget, or \$1300 yearly. This will allow for potential addition usage minutes if they occur.

In service, Tom L.

WEB COORDINATOR REPORT

Hello Region 51! I am very excited to serve my region as web coordinator. Things have been going well and I have progress to report! Based on the information that has been provided to me, the na.org meeting search for our region is up to date! I have done my best but would appreciate extra eyes for proof reading. Please go to na.org and click on meeting search and look up your group's meeting. Help me verify that information is current. When you are in the search screen, you may need to expand the search area to 10 or 15 miles as our city is larger than the default setting of 5 miles. Please verify your meeting's wheelchair accessibility and format. I had to choose from different format labels than we use in our region. We can select up to 5 from the following list: Beginner/Newcomer, Basic Text, Candlelight, 12 Concepts, Children Welcome, Discussion/Participation, Gay/Lesbian, IP Study, It Works Study, Just for Today Study, Literature Study, Men, Meditation, Non-Smoking, Questions & Answers, Restricted Access, Smoking, Speaker, Step, Step Working Guide, Topic, Tradition, Format Varies, Women, and Young People. Wheelchair accessibility and closed meeting can be selected in addition to the formats listed.

I would like our Spanish community to carefully review their meetings as I do not feel like the information provided to me was current. Next, I would like to update the NAWS list of trusted servants but I will need your assistance for this. Please provide me with name, address, phone numbers and e-mail address for our trusted servants as well as what capacity they are serving for our areas as well as our region. For any additional updates or corrections, please contact me by e-mail with "Meeting Update" or something similar in the subject line so I do not delete it as junk mail. Thank you for allowing me to give back to the program that saved my life!

In loving service,
AJ S. AnJaneen75@aol.com (832) 618-9959

North by Northwest Area Public Relations / Information Subcommittee Report

Greeting From Public Information,
Everything is going good with Public Information/ Public Relations. We have five very active members in our Area and Participate at the Region. Our website has been updated and is receiving 5 -15 inquiries a week for information on Narcotics Anonymous in the Las Vegas Area. We are answering all inquires.

We have updated the literature order form to reflect the new contact for literature distribution. If you have any announcements from your group or subcommittee that you would like to be posted on our website please email them to me at Public-Information@nxnwana.org.

On a personal note, while I will still be involved with Public Information / Public Relations both on an Area and Regional Level, I no longer will be attending ASC. If the Area would like me to still like me to administer the Area website I am willing to fill this role until someone steps up to fulfill this commitment.

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Thank You for allowing me to serve
In Fellowship
Chris B.

Southern NV:

Things are going really well with Public Relations! We had a total of 6 people at our meeting. We are still meeting at Applebee's off of Warm Springs and The 215 at 6:30pm. We meet the

Thursday before ASC. If you would like to know what's going on in the world of PI, please feel free to sit in on one of our meetings!

Our website is going to be updated after this area service and I would like to remind you that the Regional Website is now up and running. The Meeting Schedules were handed out last month. If you need any extras, please ask the Literature Chair. If she doesn't have any left, you can print copies at www.region51na.org. Once again, I would like to remind you that it is best to put out only a portion of your stack at a time. This will help conserve resources.

We had two booths for the region this past month. We held a booth at the Behavioral Conference at the Palms, which had people from all the area's representing the Region & World sent literature for the event. We also had a booth at the Stop the Violence Picnic. That booth was completely manned by Southern Nevada Members.

The Regional Phone Line is in need of more members willing to serve. At this time, I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve this area in a time of great change. I am proud to say I was a part of the growth in this area and region. I am excited to pass the honor of PI Chairperson to Terry H. Please remember, we are still in a time of change and are growing into a bigger service committee. If you have any questions or considerations, please feel free to email me at TMGibons83@gmail.com or call me. Thank you for this opportunity of growth.

Sincerely,
Tina G.

Regional Convention Ad-Hoc

Verbal Report. Continue to meet monthly to have outline for guidelines. Received input from areas regarding questionnaire.

Regional Guidelines Ad- Hoc

Disbanded ad-hoc based on approval of new guidelines from areas.

Regional Chair Report

Greetings Region, I am asking this body to seriously consider having business meeting next month as we have nominations and elections around the corner, but have pending guideline change which would create new positions and eliminate edibility for RCM's to hold these positions.

We are also drafting our convention guidelines and making head way, too./ I have the most recent draft of these if anyone wishes to see them. I will give these to Mike to add to the minutes.

Shelly, Ira and I recently attended CANAC ASC in Laughlin, Nv. We are met with the warmest of welcomes. We introduced ourselves, and answered some questions. The CAN area decided to bring joining our region, back to home groups. They also decided that if they did join our region, they would wait until after their convention on July. It is my wish that we have an insurance policy in place by then as that was one of their only concerns.

On a personal note, it was a learning experience for me and my recovery serving as your Regional Chair. I am sustaining this position until we get a new trusted servant to

commit. I really feel grateful this body saw fit to elect me and I will assist the member who is elected in as my replacement in any way. Thank You ILS, Chris S.

March 14, 2009

Regional Delegate/Alternate Report

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NAWS News:

WCNA 33-Barcelona, Spain

Registration available online at www.na.org. Pre-registrations until July 1, 2009. As of April, 2009, there have been approximately 2500 people registered.

World Unity Day-August 22, 2009

A 2 hour phone hook up will be available for 50 Euros for the Saturday night main meeting. Our regional activities committee should put an event on for this and our region should pay for the phone link and set up.

Product Update

25th Anniversary 6th Edition books will be out soon. Only 10,000 more will be published and numbered and limited quantities are available. An unnumbered gift boxed 25th anniversary, 6th edition book will be available in the future. We don't have the cost on that just yet.

Work Groups in Process

You can still participate in the Living Clean online survey. The link is www.na.org/conference/LC/index.htm. The review and input period for the beginning outline and first 2 chapters will be out this summer.

"In Times of Illness" has the input draft available until May 31, 2009

Publications

The Meeting by Mail newsletter will be discontinued after the July issue. The NA Way Magazine is published in 6 languages and available through electronic subscription. Reaching Out is available online only. Discussion boards are still available to discuss recovery related items.

Western States Zonal Forum

Held July 24-26, 2009 in Phoenix, Arizona. Ira and I will be attending.

In Loving Service,

Shelly Seebeck-Silverman
Region 51 Delegate

Ira Zimmerman
Region 51 Alternate Delegate

May 17, 2009

Dear RSC,

Shelly, Chris, and I were warmly welcomed at the CAN Area Service Committee meeting and their Convention Committee Meeting on May 3rd. We were asked to introduce ourselves we talked about what we are trying to accomplish as a Region; new guidelines, insurance, and a regional convention. The RCM and GSR's present were very positive about moving their Area to Region 51, however they were concerned about regional insurance and wanted to bring the question whether to move or not back to their groups. We will know their decision by June 7th. I feel very confident we will have five Areas in our region very soon and we will also have their convention experience to draw on as we begin to plan for our regional convention.

I sit on both the Regional Guideline Revision committee and the Regional Convention Guideline committee. I am very happy to announce that the Convention Guidelines are proceeding at a steady pace. We brought a copy of the guidelines that we are working off of, and as you can see we are progressing nicely. The Revisions to the Regional Guidelines, I believe, are very close to being complete, if you didn't receive an emailed copy; I brought a few hard copies for your perusal. I believe we as a body should see if we can get these approved as the elections are coming up and we need to know if our structure will be changing and adding an Administrative Committee. If so there will be new positions created and we need to bring this to the Areas for their input and support.

On the last page of the revised guidelines there are a few recommendations, one of which is the RSC and subcommittees meet every month (I suggest on different days). As we pick up more services from the Areas, I believe it will be imperative to meet monthly. Also, a few of the other recommendations will be taken care of if we do meet monthly.

Gratefully,

Ira Z.

Regional Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance as of 1/18/2009

\$9490.87

Expenses:

3/03	Debit	Marriott Oakland City RD accommodations World Workshop	\$193.71
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3/03	Debit	Marriot Oakland City RDA accommodations World Workshop	\$264.18
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3/06	Debit	One Box	\$79.95
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3/14	Check #1416	Tom Lies Reimbursement Lit Order \$150.18 Lit Order \$33.50 Stamps \$23.50	\$207.28
3/14	Check #1417	Ira Zimmerman Reimbursement Workshop Supplies	\$33.47
3/14	Check #1417	USPS	\$190.00
3/14	Check #1419	Jim Lawrence Non-Profit Filing Service	\$412.00
3/14	Check#1420	Kelly Dukes Adapter cord for Regional Assembly	\$26.93
3/14	Check#1421	PCM Printing	\$930.96
3/14	Check#1422	WSO Literature Order	\$101.65
4/06	Debit	One Box Phonenumber Service	\$89.95
4/09	Debit	Foundation Associates Recovery Conference	\$600.00
4/13	Debit	Southwest Air RD Travel-Zonal Forum	\$159.20
4/13	Debit	Southwest Air RDA Travel-Zonal Forum	\$159.20
5/17	Check#1423	Ira Zimmerman Guideline Copies \$4.59 Guideline Copies \$10.81 Workshop Material \$16.17	\$31.57
5/17	Check#1424	Tom Lies Interim Lit Order \$82.23 Interim Meeting List \$43.10	\$125.33
5/17	Check#1425	PCM Printing	\$840.45

Regional PI- Meeting Lists

<u>Total Expense:</u>	<u>\$4445.83</u>
Income	
Group Donations (see report)	\$34.14
Area Donations: NXNW Area of NA	\$464.23
Area Donations: South Valley Area of NA	\$2000.00
Area Donations: East Las Vegas Area of NA	\$1605.37
<i>Total Deposits on 3/23/2009</i>	<i>\$4103.74</i>
Group Donations (see report)	\$138.44
Area Donations: Southern Nevada Area	\$240.00
Area Donations: North by Northwest Area	\$773.87
Area Donations: North by Northwest Area	\$744.01
<i>Total Deposits on 5/16/09</i>	<i>\$1896.32</i>
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$6000.06</u>
Checkbook Balance as of 5/17/2009	\$11,045.10

Regional Secretary Report

No report

NXNWA RCM REPORT

March 17, 2009

Hello Region, The North by Northwest Area is doing well. This May we just had elections and have most positions filled with a good rotation in service for the most part. We would also like to introduce Angela, our new RCM. She has a lot of experience in service and we look forward to having her part of this conscience.

Chris S.

RCM – North by Northwest Area

Dear Region 51

Sorry I was not able to attend the last Regional committee since I had to work that day

The NxNWA had elections at our last A. S. C. and Has Filled All Positions except Vice Treasurer. We

Also Elected a New RCM; Please Help Me Welcome Angela P.

In Our Open Forum We Went over Questions for the Regional Convention and I Have the Results.

In loving service
RCM-1 Joey A

SNANA RCM Report

No Report

ELVANA Report

The East Las Vegas Area of Narcotics Anonymous continues to look at ways that we can better carry the message and serve our member groups. This ASC we are having an inventory weekend to focus on the positives and take a critical look at how we can improve as GSR's, Area officers, and area committees.

We are currently revising our area guidelines which may include an abbreviated version of Robert's Rules of Order to better facilitate our decision making process and provide a more clear direction when carrying out the will of our area.

ELVANA will hold our annual convention on September 25 – 27, 2009, at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino. Please look for flyers coming to your area soon. Also, we will be holding our area picnic at Mission Hills Park this month on May 31st.

Lastly, we held a Learning Day on April 18th, which was a complete success. The leaning day provided information from group level service to world. We were fortunate to have members from all levels of service to share their experience, strength, and hope.

In loving service,

Jeff H. and Tommie C.
ELVANA

South Valley Area

Suzette could not be here today as she is out getting spiritual. The South Valley Area is doing well. We recently put out Area Activities Guidelines for approval by our groups and they should be approved next month. We continue to average more than a \$1000.00 per month in donations and are still growing strong as and area. We continue to be supportive of the region and are grateful to be a part of.

In Loving service, Mitch G.

Old Business:

Insurance for region was approved.

NEW Business:

Postpone Regional elections and nominations till new guidelines are approved.

To continue to meet every other month for time being.

To move next Regional Committee Meeting to June 27th, 09. 11:00am Subcommittees,
12:00pm Committee.

Subcommittees bring forth nominations at next meeting.

Next meeting will be at Flamingo Library June 27th, 2009.

11:00am-12:00pm: Regional Subcommittees

12:00pm-1:00pm Regional Committee