

REGION 51
REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Nov. 23rd, 2008

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	Chris B.	Present
NXNWANA	Joey A.	Present
SVANA	Mitch G.	Present
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	OPEN	

Minutes were approved.

Open Sharing –

Topics:

- Shelly (RD) Brought up the possibility of having a hand out at convention to survey the fellowships history of members.
- Tommy C. (treasurer) was asked to black out routing numbers on report.
- Palm's addiction convention will not be attended by WSO and asked PI to attend if possible. Tina (PI) will check for a reduced registration cost.
- Tom L.(PI) addressed the lack of budgeted amount to cover cost of meeting schedules. Presented new format with area info(some areas info was left out) to try and cut cost. NXNWA,SVA, and ELVANA all use only regional schedules. The new regional phone

line in is up and running. ELVANA has forwarded their phone number; call 898-1111(ELVANA) to check the format.(see PI report for more info)

REPORTS:

Activities Subcommittee Report

Region 51 Unity Day Picnic – 2008 Chairperson Report – November 23, 2008

Our 2008 Region 51 Unity Day Picnic was very well attended by all areas.

Our budget was \$ 2,200.00; our Treasurer sent a money order for \$2,439.72 to the Region 51 P.O. Box. With generous donations and the t-shirt sales the event paid for itself – with an additional amount of \$ 239.72.

We had sent out flyers at the picnic to announce the “After the Event” Committee Meeting – on November 9th. We hoped for a larger attendance, some of our members who have been of service for this event during the last few years are unable to participate next year. Due to not having a Vice Chairperson, we do not have a Chairperson for next year. It is our recommendation that the Regional Activities Chairperson during 2009 be the Chairperson for the Region 51 Unity Day Picnic and set up for elections for all service commitments in May or June of 2009.

Most of the members who have been of service these last few years will help the new members next year. We have accumulated a few years worth of documents and experience in which we will provide to the new committee members. We also discussed where and when we should have next year’s event. Due to the weather in October being cool most of the time *(this year was the exception) we are looking at a tentative date of Sunday, September 27, 2009 and the location will be in the South Valley Area.

John M.

Region 51 Committee Meeting – November 23, 2008 Region 51 - NYE EVENT Report

We are requesting a check today for \$2,500.00.

We would like to have the areas with websites post the flyer for the R51 NYE Event.

We will have pre-sale tickets for \$10.00 – they will be more at the door. We will start selling the pre-sale tickets the 1st of December. We will have 300 tickets printed (75) per area will be circulated to be pre-sold.

The doors will be open at 6:30pm – and the activities will start at 7pm.

Activities for the event will be as follows;

Speaker Meeting
Marathon Meeting
Hospitality Room
Game Room
Wi Game
Dancing / Dance Contest
Food, Fun and Fellowship
Serenity Keepers

We had a meeting last week at the facility to discuss how we will set up for the event.

NEXT MEETING:

December 11th – 5:30pm
2931 N. Tenaya Way, Suite 206, Las Vegas, NV 89128

Thank you.
Traci M.

Dear Region 51,

The Women's Spiritual Breakfast committee is doing good. The date for our event is Sunday May 17th 2009 at The Wild Horse Golf Club. This will be our 10th year and we are pretty excited. We decided on a theme and our working on the logo. We meet once a month at Myrna's house. Our next meeting is December 14th at 10:30am. We are pre-selling tickets for \$30.00 and \$35.00 at the door. As always we are looking forward to another great year.

In Loving Service,

Lisa D. Chair

Our committee is as follows:

Chair	Lisa D.
Vice chair	Myrna W.
Secretary	Suzette W.
Alt. Secretary	Cheryl H.
Treasurer	Christine H.
Registration	Shelli O.
Co-registration	Paulette H.
Program	Myrna W.
Merchandise	Nancy S.

REGIONAL H&I REPORT

Anthony P. voiced willingness to be chair. Nominated and elected. (Tammy R.) as vice-chair.

Regional Public Information Report

Public Information November 2008

ELVANA P.I. Subcommittee

Much that is new is on the agenda. The new phone services are in place and operational. The ELVANA area has authorized the forwarding of 898-8111 over to the new service, and that cutover is complete. Cost for the OneBox service thus far is about \$80 per month. Requests to speak to a live person are being forwarded to the Southern Nevada area line. Requests for literature and meeting schedules are being recorded, and forwarded to ELVANA for processing. The reading of the meeting schedule by day of the week is working, and although a rather long process, now includes all the meetings of our region. Now the work begins on the ability to offer 12 step return calls, set up multiple call taking abilities, and the training of new members for the service. Please keep in mind that this is a work in progress, and the committee welcomes your feedback about this new technology.

The new format regional meeting schedule is available, and reflects our commitment to provide better service and still stay within our budget constraint. 2250 schedules were printed for distribution to the groups, and 900 H&I style were made for meeting our service commitments. Cost was the controlling factor as paper price increases of 10% affected the cost per copy. The new wide format is \$.24 per copy, which is a \$.02 saving over the old three page design. The new H&I design has a cost of \$.16 per copy, providing a substantial savings. This printing was completed staying \$13 under the bi-monthly budget of \$750.

Now we must talk of the hard choices to be made by the areas. I would be wonderful if every group could have all of the schedules they want, tossing out the excesses when the next printing is delivered. The reality is that this is a huge waste of NA funds, and needs to be discussed. I have prepared the following table to try and illustrate the breakdown.

	Southern Nevada	East LV	NxNW	South Valley
# of meetings	114		15	27
% of total	68%		9%	16%

Of course, many meetings are huge, and some have only a few newcomers a month. It is not the desire of Public Information to dictate to the groups how many schedules to ask for. It is, however, a fixed resource we must all draw upon and share. Please discuss this and send us some direction for the future.

In service, Tom L 287-2691

North by Northwest Area Public Information

Greeting From Public Information,

Everything is going well with Public Information. We have five very active members in our Area and Region. We continue to support the regional PI efforts. We now have three literature racks in Probation and Parole and in UMC Emergency Room. We donated 100 Regional Meeting Lists and some IP's this past month to help keep the racks stocked.

Look's like the region is close to implementing the Regional Helpline. If you volunteered you should be getting contacted by the Regional Phoneline point person Tom L. of East Las Vegas on becoming orientated on handling Helpline calls. More will be revealed at the Regional this Sunday at the Flamingo Library. The PI Subcommittee meets at 11:00AM all are welcome.

We also have a "New Literature Order Form" on the North by Northwest Area website. This is an interactive form in which you can download fill out, print and email to the literature distribution chairperson. This form does all the calculations for you. I have brought a sample of a completed order form to show the GSR's. This form is also available on PDF form for those who may not have Excel. The old order form is also still available on the website while we are in this transition of changing order forms.

Also, 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.

We meet the last Thursday of every month with H&I at 6:00PM at 101 Rancho Room5.

In Fellowship

Chris B.

Public Information – North by Northwest Area

Southern Nevada Area of Narcotics Anonymous

This month has been a time of change for our committee. We are still in need of trusted servants. We still need a vice chair. (Clean time req. 3 years) We need someone to do the meeting schedules. (6 months clean time). Someone to handle the website and we are also in need of someone to handle communication with print such as newspapers (18 months clean). This month we have area schedules in pink and I have about 120 regional schedules left. If your groups are in need of regional schedules please let me know and I will gladly drop some off. There were some issues with the phone line this month due to personal hardships but we are sailing past that and working to make things better. The regional phone line is under way and should be done shortly. We are working on mailing lists and presentations on PowerPoint. If you have any more questions or considerations please feel free to contact me at TinaG816@gmail.com or on the phone at 538.4248. Thank you for letting me be of service. Tina G.

Regional Convention Ad-Hoc

Dear Region, I am pleased to inform you all that our task as an Ad-Hoc Committee has been completed. We were asked to investigate the feasibility of a Regional Convention. We have decided it is definitely feasible. We discussed several factors such as time of year, location, budget, and support of the fellowship. I requested from each of our four areas to bring back a vote on if the convention was something they would support and at least three of the four were in support of a Regional Convention. I also requested that Southern Nevada vote on if they would discontinue their area convention which they agreed following their last convention in 2009. I also requested a decision from ELVANA on if they would discontinue their convention and they decided to keep their area convention. I am suggesting that each of the four areas send two representatives to the region to take part in a Regional Convention Committee. What is left to do is write convention guidelines, secure a hotel, and put on a convention in 2010.

In Loving Service, Mitch G.

Regional Chair Report

Hello Regional body, I just signed the contract for the next year with the East Flamingo Library. I reserved rooms a year in advance. All of these dates will be added to the Regional calendar for the next year to insure we get access to either the conference room or the jewel box room. We also switched signers

On our regional bank account. This region is still in the process of incorporation and will notify the bank when our processed as such.

Thank You ILS, Chris S.

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November 2008 Regional Delegate Report

NAWS News:

WCNA 33-Barcelona, Spain

Registration started October 17th and is available online at www.na.org. Please note that all prices are in Euros and that limited onsite registration will be available. So if you plan to go, preregister. NAWS will not be contracting large amounts of convention space in advance to then get stuck with it like what happened in San Antonio in 2007.

Product Update

The 6th Edition/25th anniversary edition of Basic Text available late November, 2008 for \$25. Service Pamphlets to be released later this year, 2008 include: An Introduction to NA, Leadership and the Benefits of Service.

Work Groups in Process

NAWS is asking to collect members' thoughts and experiences by inviting everyone to visit and participate in the Living Clean online survey. Here is that direct link:

www.na.org/conference/LC/index.htm

Also, the "In Times of Illness" workgroup is working on updating the booklet. NAWS will have an input draft available in the next NA Way and out by February 1, 2009.

NA Worldwide Workshop Presented by NAWS

Held February 27, 2009-March 1, 2009 in Oakland, California to focus on local and global recovery and service issues, find out what is happening in NA around the world, Medication and recovery, the new book length project "Living Clean" and more. Ira and I will need to get the debit card to secure airfare for this NAWS event.

Leadership Workshop

To be held in March at our next assembly. Many regions across the U.S. have already done their workshops and have had over 100 people in attendance and it was well received. We will need a space for a 100 people with round tables set up (approximately 10) and a head table for our regional committee to sit at. I need a projection screen and a projector. Some place that food will

be allowed will be a big crowd pleaser. Most of all, I need all of the RCM's enthusiasm and excitement when announcing it to your areas and getting your GSR's pumped up. I will make a flyer up and it will be distributed at the January meeting. I would also like to invite any home group meeting chairs, subcommittee chairs and convention committee chairs. Let's bring them all!

In Loving Service,

Shelly Seebeck-Silverman
Region 51 Delegate

November 22, 2008 Regional Delegate Alternate

Dear Regional Service Committee,

Shelly and I have been looking into a regional insurance policy to cover all recovery meetings, service committee meetings, and up to four regional activities. I have been in touch with Dennis Martinez of Assurance Limited; found out it will take up to two weeks to get a full quote, so as of today all I have to report is a ball park figure of \$3,500. I suggest we take it up again at our January meeting.

I spoke to Jim L. during the week as I needed our tax I.D. number to get the insurance quote, and I found out that all we have is a tax I.D. number, nothing has been done about our non-profit status with regards to the IRS, and I suggest we continue the process.

The only other things I have to report come from the NAWS News. First, the World Board has plans underway to capture the experience of NA's earliest members on video and they are asking for our ideas on any specific members we believe should be included in this program.

Three new service pamphlets will soon be released: *Leadership, The Benefits of Service, and An Introduction to NA Meetings.*

It is suggested that we have workshops on the three Issue Discussion Topics for this cycle, they are: *Leadership, Communication, and Our Freedom, Our Responsibility.* There are tools on our world website to help with these workshops.

There are four new project workgroups created for the Self-Support pamphlets, revisions to the *In Times of Illness*, the Service System, and *Living Clean*. Ongoing workgroups include *Reaching Out, the NA Way*.

The new Sixth Edition Basic Text, the Roman numeral medallions, the commemorative edition of the Sixth Edition to celebrate the book's twenty-fifth anniversary, and the tri-plate medallions are all now available from the WSO.

We still need to find someone willing to update our meeting schedule information to NA.org.

In Loving Service,

Ira Z.

Regional Treasurer Report

Dear Region 51; The report includes a breakdown of Regional Subcommittee's Budget's and Expenditures to date for the fiscal year. Please look over this carefully for accuracy. One adjustment I did make was removing the amounts budgeted for Western States

Learning Day travel from H&I and PI Subcommittee budgets. The documentation for budgets provided to me includes a WSC donation of \$2000.00, with no indication of when this donation is to occur, I am seeking clarification on this matter. An amount was returned from the Unity Day Picnic, I am unsure as to whether this is a return to Activities Budget, or if it is a donation to Regional 51 or World. With the help of Shelly, Ira, Mike and Chris, we have changed the signer's on the Regional bank account. I spoke with the regional accountant Jim L. to begin the process of incorporating the Region and securing a tax id number. Unfortunately, I've not followed up with him as promptly as I should have, And I have no new information to report at this time.

In Loving Service, Tommie C. Regional Treasurer

<u>Beginning Balance as of September 21st, 2008</u>		<u>\$8402.29</u>
Expenses:		
9/21 Debit	FedEx Kinko's Treasurer's report copies	\$35.01
9/21 Check #1405	Chris Brekka Region 51 Picnic Committee	\$700.00
9/21 Check #1406	PCM Printing Regional Schedules	\$915.88
11/05 Debit	One Box Regional Phone line start up service	\$99.85
<u>Total Expense:</u>		<u>\$1852.39</u>
Income		
Group Donations (see donation Report)		\$27.00
Area Donations: NXNWA		\$472.47
<u>Total Deposits on 9/22/2009</u>		<u>\$499.47</u>
Group Donations (see donation Report)		\$77.69
Area Donations: ELVANA		\$423.05
Area Donations: SVANA		\$1000.00
Area Donations: NXNWANA		\$1270.17
Regional Unity day Picnic		\$2439.72
<u>Total Deposits on 11/22/2008</u>		<u>\$5210.63</u>
Total income		\$5710.10
Checkbook Balance as of 11/23/2008		\$12,260.00

Regional Secretary Report

I request that area RCM's only turn in one report for area, rather than individual reports. To simplify minutes and avoid duplication of information.
Michael H.

NXNWA RCM REPORT

Hello Region, The North by NorthWest Area is doing well. We have made a donation to the Region for the amount of \$1200.00 We have also made a donation to NAWS. We, as an area, have elected to carry our own insurance at this time. We are completing the process of being incorporated and are filed with the IRS as a non-profit organization We have also started registration for the "Dopes on Slopes" event. And have a lot of other cool activities in the works.
Thank you Chris S.

SNANA RCM Report

SNANA decided to go through with it's 2009 convention. More than likely the last. The amount we owe Riviera is at \$1000.00. We will not have a standing committee, as long as the Region decides to establish a regional convention for 2010. We continue to carry the message in meetings in Pahrump, daily Spanish meetings and strong H&I service to facilities all over the valley. We are looking at stopping printing of our meeting schedules and having our phone line in co-ordination with the region. And plan on being able to sending some of these funds to the Region51.
RCM's- Michael H., Isar K. and Dan R.

ELVANA RCM report

The East Las Vegas Area of Narcotics Anonymous has decided to discontinue our area meeting list and help support the cost of the new regional directory. We also are in support of the new area phone line and will be following the regional suggestions regarding the implementation of the new phone service. At our last two area meetings we discussed ways that we can better support our region financially. Currently, we allocate 20% of general funds to region and 80% to world. At our next ASC meeting in December, we hope to implement a new funding formula to increase our donations to Region51. Are area wanted to know what our guideline is for donations to the world as well.

Our area currently provides our groups and activities with liability insurance. Before we make a decision to renew or cancel the policy, we would like more information regarding riders and the pricing for large events such as conventions and area activities. We had several questions that we would like to forward to the committee in order help us make a decision. Our area had the following questions:

1. Would a group be able to cover a \$500.00 deductible?
2. Can the region look at the costs associated with lower deductibles?
3. How would groups and areas obtain riders?
4. Can an individual group and area contact the agent for rider cost?
5. Is coverage available for ASC meetings and subcommittees?
6. Page 7 of the policy refers to injuries for volunteer workers. They are classified as "excluded" from coverage. How would this effect assacts who work events?
7. Will they be covered if an accident occurs?
8. When would coverage start so that areas can make a decision regarding renewal?

In Loving Service, Jeff H. and Tommie C.
RCM's ELVANA

South Valley Area

Greetings from South Valley, All is well in the greater south. Just a couple of items of business. South Valley is having an activity to celebrate our 1 year anniversary. The activity looks to be put together for Jan. 17th,09 t the church on Pecos/ Pebble location. The prelim looks to include speakers, a desertathon and games. Would ask all to come.As all are welcomed. Stay tuned flyers to come. This could be my last region as RCM. Elections will be next ASC. I would like to thank the region for letting me serve as this has been exciting to see the region grow and change into a bigger and better things. Thanks for letting me serve, Allen D.

Old Business:

- Ira is still looking into insurance. And with 2 areas having their own policies at this time the region is not going to go forward with a policy for areas. Region will still need to cover regional events and committees.
- Guidelines on 2 or 3 RCM's for each area. Guidelines state 3 RCM's as of now.
- To have ID number changed on bank account to tax ID #, Chris will verify if it can be done individually or if all signer's need to show together.

NEW Business:

- Have a Region51 convention committee with members from all areas to start writing guidelines.
- New Ad-hoc committee to add and change guidelines to clarify treasure's responsibilities regarding donations to WSO, what kind of reserve to keep on hand. Address the means which to change guidelines. Group's approval?
- To move forward with incorporation.
- As soon as possible get ID changed on bank account information. Meet Dec. 6th, 9am to resign documents.

- Send RD and RD Alt. to Oakland, Calif. for Regional Workshop. Give Shelly debit card to secure travel funds.
- Discussion on sublimating meeting schedules cost with having them added to literature order, and groups would be charged 5 or 10 cents each. Areas would stock certain amount per each area.(Left for discussion at later time.)
- Closed meeting with the 3rd Step Prayer.

Next meeting will be at Flamingo Library, Jan 18th 2009. Subcommittees at 10:00am and Region Service Committee at 12:00 pm.