

REGION 51
REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 14th, 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	Shelly S.	Present
RD-A	Ira Z.	Present
NXNWANA	Chris B.	Present
NXNWANA	Joey A.	Absent
SVANA	Mitch G.	Present
SVANA	Suzette W.	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	Anthony P.	Present

Minutes were approved.

Open Sharing –

Topics:

- 1) CAN area sent reps, Laura G., and Don G. Casino attended to learn more about how Region 51 might be able to support them as a Region.
- 2) Shelly's report reflects going to zonal forum and is making arrangements for her and Ira to attend.
- 3) Discussion on insurance policy and suggestions to get at least one more quote.

REPORTS:

Activities Subcommittee Report

R51 – ACTIVITIES REPORT

ATTENDANCE:

Janice M., Johnny Y., Kelly M., Lisa S., Melissa S.,
Rachel G., Scott C., Scott F., Traci M.

We discussed all individual area activities;

ELVANA

April 18th – Learning Day's

May 31st – Annual Picnic

NXNWANA

April 26th – Spring Fling Picnic

Discussing a Campout at Mt. Charleston / Mahogany Grove

R51WSB

May 17th – Women's Spiritual Breakfast

SNANA

March 14th – Speaker / Dance

April 9th – 12th – Convention

SVANA

South Valley is currently working on their guidelines for their Activities Committee.

All areas are in agreement of working together, so that activities are not overlapping.

All area and regional activities are listed on the Regional Calendar. The area(s) websites have our regional calendar, flyers and information for upcoming events.

NEXT REGIONAL EVENT: Saturday, June 27, 2009 - "Day of the Dinosaur"

At our last RCM meeting in January the "Day of the Dinosaur" event was discussed and approved with a budget of approximately \$1000.00. We are going to have our first sub committee meeting on Thursday, April 2nd at 6pm; 2931 N. Tenaya Way, Suite 206, Las Vegas, NV 89128. Due to this being the first "Day of the Dinosaur" event - I will bring more information to our next RCM Meeting in May. I may need to contact Tommy C.; Regional Treasurer if funds are needed, we may need funds to secure a location for the event.

Thank you to all for being of service.

Traci M.

REGIONAL H&I REPORT

Anthony P. said the subcommittee is planning a Learning Day in July 26th, 1:00pm-4:00pm West Sahara Library.

REGION 51 PI SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS 3-14-2009

Literature Distribution Project:

Since its' inception, this project has served the purpose of carrying the message to the community. Meeting schedules and pamphlets have been consistently moving from the racks at an impressive rate. The following breakdown lists the sites, with the count of schedules and literature taken in the last two-month period. (1-1-09 / 3-1-09)

UMC Emergency Parole and Probation (3 sites) Drug court Flamingo Lib.

136 schedule/85 schedules/35 sch./150 sch./491 IP's /285 IP's

The remainder if the inventory is used in the phonenumber response mailing efforts. This is an unbudgeted expense to the region, and we will ask if, in the 2009-2010 budget, our expenses will be added as a line item of \$150 bi-monthly, or more if we expand our outreach to another emergency room. Please consider this request. In Service, Ed S. 336-4345

Regional phonenumber project:

The month of February numbers are in. We received 327 direct connect to an addict; with 302 call being successfully answered! 15 calls hung up during the waiting time, and only 10 calls rolled over to voicemail. I am proud of the team I have the privilege to coach in this effort to reach out to the community. We also had 9 service requests, and 33 mail or e-mail literature and meeting schedule requests. Somehow, we managed to stay under the 2000-minute limit, so our cost was the budgeted \$79.95. All in all, an amazing month, and a bargain investment for the Region.

In Service, Tom L. 287-2691

Regional Meeting schedules:

The meeting schedules are at the printer, and should be available for area distribution at this meeting. 3000 color area schedules were ordered, with the additional going to SNA for the convention, with a check to cover the over budget amount authorized. We also ordered 900 H&I / PI style lists, to meet our current obligations. We are starting to see more change requests coming to the region51meetings@live.com address, so please emphasize using this address as a better means for groups to update the region of changes. In Service, Jimmy P.

Tom L

North by Northwest Area Public Relations / Information Subcommittee Report February 10, 2009

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 is still receiving 5-15 inquiries a week for information on Narcotics Anonymous in the Las

Vegas Area. We are answering all inquires . We also now have two local members who are being trained on administering our areas website. We will be doing a booth event on February 18, 2009 at the Foundation for Independent Tomorrow (FIT)

Health and Community Awareness Day from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. I have placed a literature order with the literature chair to help with supplement putting on this event. (It is in our budget). We have five members from three of the four area who will provide support services for this event. Public Relations / Information at Region 51

- Regional Phonenumber orientation went very well. Over 50 members who went through the Orientation and are working shifts on the phonenumber. I will let you know when the next phone line orientation will be. You can always call 888-495-3222 and press option four leave your information if you have the willingness to serve.
- The Region is looking for a web servant to manage the upcoming Regional website. If you know someone who is willing please come to the regional PI/PR subcommittee meeting before the regional assembly on March 14, 2009
- As of now there will be no change to the Regional Meeting Lists. We should consider adding this item to our literature order form and groups would order them as needed.

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.

In Fellowship Chris B.
Public Information/ Public Relations – North by Northwest Area

North by Northwest Area Public Relations / Information Subcommittee Report

March 10, 2009

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. We will all be attending the Regional Assembly this Saturday at the Sahara Library. Our website is still receiving 5-15 inquiries a week for information on Narcotics Anonymous in the Las Vegas Area. We are answering all inquires. We also now have two local members who are being trained on administering our areas website.

We have been busy this month doing a booth event and a PI/PR Presentation. On February 18, 2009 at the Foundation for Independent Tomorrow (FIT) Health and Community Awareness Day we had a information booth. It when very well. We gave out lots of literature, meeting lists and information on Narcotics Anonymous. We had 4 volunteers from three areas and it was a great success. At this event we were approached by the Public Information Coordinator from the local AA community in Las Vegas. They have asked us if we would be interested in a cooperative effort to do a few PI/PR Presentations together to the court system here in Las Vegas. We are currently in communication with them and are working on setting up these presentations. More will be revealed.

Also, today we did a thirty minute presentation to the Clark County School District Social Workers. This when very well. There was 15 Social Workers and we informed them about Narcotics Anonymous in Las Vegas. They were very interested and asked Nemours questions. We had four PI/PR members from three areas. We gave out IP literature, meeting lists and information on Narcotics Anonymous. For two of the members it was there first presentation and they did really good. They have asked us to come back in a few months to expose other potential key staff members about Narcotics Anonymous.

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.

In Fellowship
Chris B.
Public Information/ Public Relations – North by Northwest Area

SNANA Feb: Things are well with public relations. We had a total of 6 people at our meeting on Thursday. Two were visitors from out of state with ideas for public interaction. Terri H has stepped up as Vice Chair of PR. Our website is up to date. The meeting schedules are available. I would recommend only taking what you need and only putting out part of your stack this month and part next month. To better distribute meeting lists I would like to see area put "Meeting Lists" on the areas literature order form. We have 3 upcoming booths for the Region and phonenumber orientation went well. We have about 25 people manning the phonenumber and last month we did over 200 calls for direct connect with an addict, 175 for meeting lists, 22 for mails of schedules and literature, 7 for service requests and 3 email me a schedule last week. We continue to service the addict who still suffers. Thank You For Your Support & allowing me to be of service, Tina G

March: PI meetings Thursday before area @ Applebee's Off the Warm Springs and 215 Ramp. We had two people at the meeting this month. We discussed upcoming events and better ways to reach the still suffering addict. The Regional phone line is working great. As a whole we are working to better service all our addicts and are in need of Spanish speaking addicts to take phone calls for our Spanish speaking callers. We have ordered 1100 meeting schedules to be giving out at area by the Lit. chair with your orders. Please put the number of meeting schedules you need on your order form. I would recommend only putting out half your inventory to allow it to last longer. We also ordered 500 meeting schedules for

the convention. Diana is still working with media outlets. Michael has updated the website. And we have two upcoming events to attend. Thank you for allowing us to service the still suffering addict.
Tina G

Regional Convention Ad-Hoc

Dear Region 51,

The convention committee has met on two occasions and began the process of writing regional convention guidelines. Due to some miscommunication some of the members were of the misunderstanding that this was an ad-hoc committee and that we did not have a mandate from the fellowship to elect a chairperson or secretary of the committee. I believe that since three areas voted on having a regional convention that the groups have already expressed their conscienc e. Below you will find my report to the region indicating an initial core of the regional convention committee being comprised of two members from each area. South Valley and North by Northwest areas elected two representatives each to serve on the committee. Unfortunately, East Las Vegas and Southern Nevada were under the impression we were simply writing guidelines. Therefore we have had heated discussions in both of our two meetings. I would like to propose that we elect a convention chairperson at this time to give the authority needed to provide direction to the committee. Below are some answers to questions from some of the committee members:

Answers to Questions and Issue From Convention Committee Members

There is no debate from Region 51 on the status of the members from each area who are participating in writing the guidelines for the regional convention. It is clearly stated in Mitch G's. (my) Final Ad-Hoc convention committee report and in new business in the regional minutes on November 23, 2008. Below is the report and new business:

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 at 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.

In new business at the November 23, 2008 the first item discussed and approved by the region. Below is the consensus discussion item:

-Have a Region51 convention committee with members from all areas to start writing guidelines. This was the direction from the region on November 23, 2008. To start writing convention guidelines as most committees write their own guidelines before having them approved. One of our members proposed a timeline that would push back our convention to at least 2011. My response: A timeline is an excellent idea. However, the process should take much less time in order to meet the fellowships request to have a convention in 2010. Here is a proposed timeline.

- **May 2009 Regional - First draft of the convention guidelines distribute to the fellowship. All Areas in Region 51**
- **July 2009 Regional – Input on all changes to the first draft regional convention guidelines.**
- **September 2009 Regional – Final draft of the convention guidelines to area’s for fellowship approval.**
- **November 2009 – Approval of Regional convention guidelines. Possible special general assembly if need.**

As far as looking into a convention corporation, it is too premature to look at this at this time. This would be putting the cart before the horse. The Region has asked us to write guidelines first. Region 51 is in the process of incorporating and purchasing insurance for the region. The convention committee could be responsible to the Region 51 administrative committee. The convention would be able to purchase a rider on the regional insurance policy to cover the convention. After the first convention the next convention committee a long with the Region 51 Administrative Committee could inventory the first convention and see if it is prudent to look into a convention corporation. One of our members asked my to present some questions for your consideration, Enclosed is that survey.
**In Loving Service,
 Mitch G.**

Questions for Region 51

The regional convention committee is seeking input and direction from Region 51 and its member areas regarding the following issues. Because there is disagreement and confusion within the committee, it seems prudent at this time to seek direction from the member areas on the following yes or no questions.

1. There has been debate within the committee regarding elected positions. Some committee members believe they already have been elected to be a regional convention committee, while others on the committee believe guidelines should be written first detailing convention policies, committee positions, (including responsibilities and minimum requirements) and operational procedures with elections to be then held by the Region after the guidelines have been written and approved.

Do you want to wait until after the guidelines are written and approved to hold committee elections based on the newly created guidelines?

Yes No

2. Some committee members would like to begin planning the convention right now, while others—due to there being no current mechanism in place for accountability from the groups to the region—want to write guidelines and have the guidelines approved before beginning to take action to put on the convention.

Do you want us to wait until guidelines are written and approved by the areas and region before taking any action?

Yes No

3. Convention Corporation: To ensure that there are no financial implications or liabilities that would affect the member areas, groups, or individual members of the fellowship; some members of the committee would like to form a Regional Convention Corporation before proceeding with putting on a convention. If the areas direct the Region to form a corporation, this will influence the writing of guidelines, specifically regarding whether to have a convention board or committee, the makeup of the board or committee, the requirements of the board and committee, etc. Attempting to secure a hotel or accomplish other business without a corporation will place liabilities on individuals. Other committee members do not feel the need to have a convention corporation at this time and would like to simply proceed with writing guidelines and putting on the convention.

In the guidelines we are writing, would you like us to include a mandatory provision for the establishment of a convention corporation, which will be accountable to Region 51?

Yes or No

4. Since a Regional convention would affect all member areas, we would like to demonstrate accountability to our member areas. As there currently is not a process in place to make motions and to vote at the Region, we are seeking direction.

Would you like draft copies of the guidelines to be sent to member areas for input and revision?

Yes No

Would you like the final version of the guidelines to be sent to member areas to be voted on?

Yes No

5. Some committee members feel it is our fiduciary responsibility (according to the Eleventh Concept) to develop a budget for the regional convention before moving forward with any planning.

Once the committee guidelines have been approved, would you like the regional convention committee to develop and submit a budget for approval and input from member areas and region?

Yes No

6. Some members are in conflict over whether member areas still holding an area convention either conflicts with a regional convention or will not allow them to support a regional convention financially or physically.

Do you believe this is

True or False

The one thing that the members writing the guidelines are all clear on is the desire to have a regional convention. We feel that if the above questions are answered we will have direction from the areas on how to best make our first regional convention an initial and ongoing success. It is, of course, our desire to avoid any potential negative financial impact on any of our member areas and the region. Thank you for your input and providing us with a true group conscious so we can comply with our Second Tradition in moving forward.

Regional Guidelines Ad- Hoc

Ira gave hand outs for changes to boundaries, purpose and changes to function. He is going to get more info from other Regional guidelines at next meeting. April 25th, 2009. 12:00pm

1) Changing administrative body to non-RCM positions. Intent - to free up RCM's to focus more on their responsibilities as RCM's

Discussion followed.

- A) Qualifications for Chair, Vice, and Treasurer.
- B) Nomination and election procedure, by who, when.
- C) Length of commitment- 1 or 2 years?

2) process to change guidelines?

Discussion followed.

- A) Propose changes to guidelines via RCM's, to take back to groups. And bring back to Area approval.
- B) Area majority or unanimous?
- C) Wait till Assembly.

3) Financial responsibilities.

Discussion followed.

- A) Prudent reserve amount.
- B) WSO donation, when and how much.
- C) Theft Policy Form on fill and signed by all responsible parties.
- D) Budgets submitted and approved when and how.
- E) How to approve money spent over and above budgets.

Michael H.

Regional Chair Report

Verbal

Thank You ILS, Chris S.

March 14, 2009

Regional Delegate/Alternate Report

NAWS News:

WCNA 33-Barcelona, Spain

Registration available online at: www.na.org. Less than 1600 people registered so far. Only 100 people signed up for the cruise.

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.

Review-and-input Drafts

The self-support pamphlets, *Keeping it and Giving it Away*, and proposed revisions to *In Times of Illness*, are out for fellowship review until 30 May 2009. You can access these drafts online at www.na.org/conference with the username and password to access these is WSC2010. You can also provide feedback online.

A survey is online to gather fellowship input for the book project, "Living Clean." Participate by going to www.na.org/conference/LC?index.htm.

NA Worldwide Workshop Presented by NAWS

Oakland, California Feb. 27-March 1. Shelly attended the 2 sessions of the leadership sessions and the building communication session. Ira attended the Strategic Planning session and the Our Freedom, Our Responsibility session. We both attended the opening session on Friday night, the Building Strong Group session on Sat. a.m., and the wrap up session on Sunday a.m. We covered a lot of material and focused on ways to improve our communication in our local fellowship through hands on workshops and different strategies.

Western States Zonal Forum

Will be held the last week in July, 2009 in Phoenix, Arizona. Room rates are \$75 per night plus tax. We have put a travel request in for NAWS to be present to continue with "training the trainer" types of format instead of discussing the same topics that always seem to be on the agenda.

Beta Testing of New Website

<http://web.na.org> The new version of the website for the fellowship. It includes new design features focused on user-friendliness. Please look around and test it out. If you find any problems, please email webmaster@na.org.

In Loving Service,

Shelly Seebeck-Silverman
Region 51 Delegate

Ira Zimmerman
Region 51 Alternate Delegate

Regional Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance as of 1/18/2009

\$7781.64

Expenses:

1/05	Debit	One Box Regional PI- Monthly Phonenumber	\$79.95
1/18	Check #1412	Shelly Seebeck Silverman Copies for Leadership Workshop	\$21.55
1/18	Check #1413	Tom Cook Copies of Treasurer Report	\$21.53
1/18	Check #1414	PCM Printing	\$801.66
1/18	Check #1415	Mike Hlady 3/14/09 Regional Assembly Expense	\$300.00
2/06	Debit	One Box Monthly Phone Service	\$79.95
12/27	Debit	Shelly Seebeck Silverman Per Diem- NA World Wide Workshop	\$200.00

Total Expense:

\$1504.64

Income

1/14	Business Check Card Cash Back Reward	\$4.90
	New Year's Eve Event	\$20.00
	New Year's Eve Event	\$1000.00
	New Year's Eve Event	\$120.00
	New Year's Eve Event	\$716.25
	Group Donation(see Donation Report)(not attached Mike H.)	\$20.00
	Area Donations: SNANA	\$120.00
	Area Donations: NXNWA	\$657.24
	Area Donations: NXNWA	\$555.48
	Total Deposites on 3/02/2009	\$3208.97

Total Income **\$3213.87**

Checkbook Balance as of 3/14/2009 **\$9490.87**

Pending Transactions

Expenses:

3/01	Debit	Oakland Marriot RDA room World Workshop	\$264.18
3/05	Debit	One Box Regional PI- Monthly Phonenumber Service	\$79.95
3/14	Check #1416	Tom Lies Reimbursement: Literature Order	\$207.28
3/14	Check #1417	Ira Z. Reimbursement: Workshop Supplies	\$33.47
3/14	Check #1418	USPS PO Box Renewal	\$190.00

Total Pending Expenses **\$774.88**

Income:

Group Donations	\$34.14
Area Donations: NXNWA	\$464.23
Area Donations: SVANA	\$2000.00

Total Pending Deposits **\$2498.37**

Pending Checkbook Balance as of 3/14/2009 **\$11,214.36**

Regional Secretary Report

No report

NXNWA RCM REPORT

March 14, 2009

Greeting From North by Northwest Area,
Everything is going good in the NxNW Area. We currently have 21 groups and 27 meetings a week in our Area. We have one new meeting "Freedom to Recover" Saturday at 12:00 Noon at 21 East California Street. This is an open literature study and is for 1 ½ hours.

At our ASC we have had 90% to 100% attendance from our GSR's and Trusted Servants. All trusted servant positions are filled except for vice literature. H&I – is going strong with 10 active members and 4 commitments weekly. PI/PR has 5 active members and has participated in numerous PI/PR events with the region. Our website is updated and now has an announcement and birthday form on the home page. Activities has over 10 active members. Our next event is the Spring Fling Picnic April 26, 2009 at Mountain Crest Park 4701 Durango Area "B" \$5.00 suggested donation. One issue the NxNWA has asked us to bring back to the region is how often is the regional PO Box being checked? It seems our donations to the region are not being deposited in a timely manner. Our past two donations were deposited in early March. In Fellowship
Chris B.
RCM – North by Northwest Area

SNANA RCM Report

SNACNA XXIII is April 10th- 12th 2009. Starting Thurs night with a Speaker Jam. This is our last convention. All come support it at the Riviera Hotel And Casino. Room rates are reduced to \$59.00 a night, reference Narcotics Anonymous. Hope to see you all there! RCM's- Michael, Izar, Dan R.

ELVANA RCM report

3/14/2009

Dear Region 51:

At our last ASC, ELVANA reviewed the information presented at the last Regional Committee Meeting regarding a Regional Insurance Policy. At this point, ELVANA is not ready to commit to canceling our Area insurance policy and solely use a Regional Policy. ELVANA does suggest that the Region consider seeking at least two other quotes from other brokers for comparison, and suggest possibly seeking quotes from the companies that currently provide insurance coverage for our Areas.

ELVANA recommends to the Regional Guideline Ad-Hoc that regional guideline changes be sent to the groups for review prior to approval at an assembly or regional committee meeting.

ELVANA will be hosting a Service Learning Day on April 18, 2009 at Green Valley United Methodist Church, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

ELBANA is looking at hosting its next convention at the Gold Coast September 25 through 27, 2009.

In Loving Service,

Jeff H., RCM
Tommie C., RCM

East Las Vegas Area Of Narcotics Anonymous

South Valley Area

Suzette W. is new RCM

Old Business:

NEW Business:

Regional Assembly Leadership Workshop

Next meeting will be at Flamingo Library May 17th, 2009.

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

12:00pm-1:00pm Regional Committee