

Minutes for the 206 Regional Service Conference  
 Central Atlantic Region  
 December 19, 2020 Zoom meeting

Open Forum began at: 10:00

RSC began at: 11:15

**Serenity Prayer:**

**Reading of Purpose, Traditions, and Concepts:**

**Open Forum:**

Roll Call: We did not meet quorum.

Executive Body			Areas		
Chair	Etta F	P	Almost Heaven	Monica	
Vice Chair	Antoinette B	P	Appalachian	Absent	
Secretary	Julie T	A	Beach	Joe B	
Treasurer	Brian C	p	Blue Ridge	George S	
Regional Delegate	Dee P		Gateway	Absent	
Regional Delegate Alternate	Randy D	p	New Dominion	Kurt D	A
Regional Delegate Alternate 2	Sherry V	p	Outer Limits	Absent	
VRCC Chair/Vice Chair	Michelle		Peninsula	Absent	
Hospitals and Institutions Chair	Joe B		Piedmont	Chris P	p
Policy Chair	Lisa B	P	Rappahannock	Jarren F	
Public Relations Chair	Richard S	P	Richmond	Angel B	
Speaker Jam Chair	VACANT		Roanoke Valley		
			Shenandoah Valley	David T	
			Southside	Helen M	
			Tidewater	Roland C	
			Tri-Cities	Tim B	p

Note: Any area that missed two consecutive RSC will be referred to the Outreach Subcommittee (Project Driven)

Recognition of new attendees / identify members willing to mentor that they could sit next to.

Approval of Prior Minutes:

## **Trusted Servants Report**

### **Chair Report:** Happy Holidays,

I have a short report today. I am working with PR to Update an archives section of our webpage. There has been PR and H&I info and history in our Region that has been misplaced or never captured. It is my wish to create and ad hoc committee to correct this. I was not here last RSC and have no other new information to bring except to wish you a safe and healthy holiday season and new year.

ILS Etta J

### **Vice Chair Report:** Good Afternoon,

The Vice Chair was in attendance for the Subcommittee held via Zoom November 21 st 2020. The Policy Chair did not have any motions however held a review of Policy. H&I Chair was present and announced that he would be stepping down to focus on his personal recovery. Richmond Area did a presentation on setting up the format for virtual meetings that will be shared with the Region. The Inmate Step Writing status questioned regarding manpower and moving to be project based. PR Chair was present and it was discussed with Joe B & I would work on reclaiming archives to preserve the history of the Central Atlantic Region we have yet to work on this project however the Vice-Chair looks for to being an active part of this project. The Vice- Chair has nothing further to report I have a committee at 12noon today I will return to the body once I have completed this commitment I apologies to the Body .

In Loving Service,  
Antoinette B

**Secretary Report:** Good Morning I apologize for my absents on Dec 19<sup>th</sup> due to me not being at the regional meeting my report is limited.

**Treasurer Report:** Good afternoon. During the past two months we have had \$5,866.51 in income and \$1,437.71 in expenses, resulting in a current bank balance of \$20,367.51. We have received donations totaling \$238.90 from PayPal, and an additional donation of \$403.68 that are currently being processed by the bank; these will be reflected in the next Treasurer's report.

We are currently \$4,161.26 over prudent reserve and will be donating these funds to NAWS this week.

Thanks for the opportunity to be of service. Brian Campbell 804.513.7484

**RD Report:** No Report

**RDA Report:** Greeting RSC Family, I am happy to be at this conference. This was my weekend to work and my co-worker switched with me s o that I could be here with you folks.

Autonomy Zonal Forum last teleconference communication was on December 13, 2020 in regards tot the planning of the January 30, 31 2021 2Day Virtual Autonomy Zonal Forum. I could not attend because of work being very demanding with expansion. We met before that on November 23, 2020 to conduct a virtual Interview with 3 candidates for the positions of Facilitator, Secretary and Treasurer positions for the new conference cycle 2020 – 2022. In October teleconference we discussed our Zonal contacts and how this role has changed. WE will have further discussion on this matter at our January 2021 Autonomy Zonal Forum on Sunday January 31st as the establishment of a US Zone is here. The flyer for this Zonal forum is on our website. I am sending the flyer also as an attachment to my report. We have new Alternate Delegates John W for Free state, Patricia J for Chesapeake and Potomac, Sean J for Eastern Pa, and Ted D for the Greater Philadelphia Region. The next AZF communication is set for January 12, 2021 for voting on AZF positions.

Everything NAWS update I will start with petition filed in court from the Autonomy Region that was denied and now has been appealed. The question was asked how much this costs our Fellowship and the answer is about half of what it would cost to hold an in-person World Service Conference (approximately about \$250,000.00). We have not responded to the appeal. NAWS reported that our financial situation has not change very much. We are changing from literature sales model to self-contribution model because of the rise and fall of literature sales due

to the Pandemic. (Anthony E. Executive Director NAWS) NAWS News cover all the updates and that can be found at [NA.org/NAWS](http://NA.org/NAWS) news. Today is webinar for Carrying the Message Effectively & Virtually. Anyone can attend. [www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox) for login information. Starts at 2pm – 4pm our time. NAWS have added a media page [www.na.org/media](http://www.na.org/media). If you would like to see anything added; [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org). Virtual meeting survey ending on December 31, 2020. [www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox).

Fellowship Intellectual Property and Trust review draft and bulletins

We have posted two different items related to the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust, or FIPT for short. The first is proposed revisions to the FIPT that are posted for six-month Fellowship review from 1 December 2020 through 31 May 2021 at [www.na.org/fipt](http://www.na.org/fipt). In 2018, the World Service Conference decided to make zones with two or more unseated communities full voting participants at the WSC. Currently, the FIPT refers only to regional delegates as the decision makers, not to zonal delegates. WSC 2020 passed a motion to begin the process to revise the FIPT to reflect this change in Conference participants and approved a project to draft the proposed revision. The revision being proposed would allow seated zonal delegates to participate in FIPT and recovery literature decisions at the World Service Conference (WSC), in keeping with the 2018 Conference decision. If changes are made to the Trust, corresponding changes will need to be made to the FIPT Operational Rules, but those changes can be made by the WSC itself. Any proposed changes to the Operational Rules will be discussed with Conference participants after the Fellowship review deadline for the Trust document and before all this material is finalized for inclusion in the 2022 Conference Agenda Report (CAR). The cover memo of the posting explains the revision and background in more detail. Please check it out if you have questions, and do not forget to send in any input by 31 May 2021.

The other posting related to the FIPT is two new official World Services bulletins. You may already be familiar with the two communications from the Board: Group Conscience and NA Literature and Narcotics Anonymous Copyrights and Literature. Because these two pieces so clearly spell out some of the issues surrounding NA literature, copyrights, and group conscience, we have decided to make them Bulletins #34 and #35, respectively. You can find them with the other FIPT material at [www.na.org/fipt](http://www.na.org/fipt) and on the page that lists the other bulletins, [www.na.org/bulletins](http://www.na.org/bulletins).

As you may know, World Services was recently involved in a US court case in which a group of members sought to remove NA World Services as Trustee of the FIPT. The judge's final order has been issued, and the judge ruled that the members did not have standing to bring such a case. It seemed like a good time to issue these bulletins.

We have written a new introduction to Bulletin #34, and here's a passage from that:

Decisions in NA are made by group conscience, and the vehicle to hear group conscience on a world level is the World Service Conference (WSC). The WSC is how "NA groups have a mechanism to guide and direct the activities of NA World Services" (WSC Mission Statement).

No matter how convinced a group of individual members may be that their cause is legitimate, "we can only be governed by a loving God as expressed in our group conscience." The individuals who brought the legal action were seeking to cancel the WSC decisions through a legal court. That is not how we make decisions in NA. We have paths to follow for issues that the Fellowship wants to discuss. When those paths tell you no, guided by our Second Tradition, the answer is not to try to go outside of NA to change that outcome.

We are unified as a Board in our commitment to the Fellowship's conscience.

Dee P last RSC as Regional Delegate thanks for your service to Central Atlantic Region. WE have done planning, workshops, conferences, symposiums, reports, flights, and a host of meals together. I wish you well in your next NA endeavor of NA service.

Thanks for allowing me to serve. Randy D. RDA

**RDA2:**

Hi Everyone

Happy Holidays and hope everyone is safe and healthy. The past two months have been busy. I am serving at the zone as an interim treasury task group of two persons establishing for the first time in the Autonomy zone a bank account with 3 methods to donate. PayPal, Venmo and Cashapp. The links are on the autonomy zone website: <http://autonomyzonalforum.org/> I am also serving on the AZF collaboration task group. We are looking at ways to collaborate with our regions better and with the Northeast Zone. We are going to be sending out a survey shortly to all five regions in our zone asking for your input. We hope to have this out within the next week or so.

I also listened in on the conference participates webinar on my phone through Dee's phone. Thanks Dee.

Naws now has an Instagram account some the posts are listed at [https://www.na.org/?ID=social\\_media](https://www.na.org/?ID=social_media) Including the info on setting up the Instagram with naws. This is being used in lieu of the events calendar due to the reduction in staff.

I have also attended for the last two month the North east zone PR and Fellowship development and the South East zone PR task force. I also attended the Meeting of the US Zones that members from all eight zones are coming together. They have two task groups that I am aware of ...strategic planning and the vision purpose task group that I am a member of. For the first time observers were allowed in the meeting of the US zone. Next one will be January 10th. They are also hosting a 3-day holiday event it is or soon will be on the carna website.

I participated in an AZF and NEZF collaborative planning workshop during the NEZF's 2-day event held Oct 23-25th.

I attend CARNA subcommittees and that weekend was the Western States Learning Day.

There is also a collaborative sezf/nezf and some azf member video project. They are creating video for many different service efforts. The YouTube they have created at this time can be found also with others on <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdpKihOC2FNWzBwZS5e4big>. Great resource area. Called na. Virtual.Outreach.

We also received a request send from Steve R. from fellowship Services at NA World service about a fairly new member wanting to start a meeting in Pearisburg, VA. We have email him and gave him the link to the new river website with info that we have not been in contact with them for a long time. We receive back in Sept a request from a Chief of Police in Rich Creek. We had thought it was for a PR presentation but found out it was also for info on how to start a meeting. We gave the member from Pearisburg the info from Chief. More will be revealed. There are minutes on the NRV website and emails were sent to chair, vice chair and a member of a closed meeting with not response back in September.

I also worked with our web servant and was given the ability to assist in updating the delegates page and putting some events. We hope to have more info on our pages soon.

And to finish up...some changes in events: as most already know our regional convention in January AVCNA is cancelled. Marlcna is cancelled in February. The Florida Service symposium Mar 25-28, 2021 is virtual, April CPRC cancelled may consider virtual and the Multizonal Service Symposium is still listed as face2face at this time August 27-29, 2021 in San Antonio TX. ILS  
Sherry V. CARNA RDA2

#### **VRCC Report:**

Hi Family,

The 39th convention committee will commence with meeting again for the 39th convention to be held in January 2022. The hotel contract for the 40th is being negotiated at this time, more will be revealed. The policy adhoc subcommittee has been meeting regularly to begin overhauling the policies of the VRCC. I believe our donation from the 378th AVCNA has been received by the regional Treasurer. I have sent the financials to the Vice Chair at the October meeting so they can be made available to any member of this body that wishes to review.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Michelle M No employee or agent is authorized to conclude any binding agreement on behalf of the Virginia Regional Convention Corporation with another party by email without express written confirmation by the chairperson of the corporation.

**H&I Chair Report:** No Report

**Policy Chair:** Hello RSC Body and trust-ant service members I policy chair Lisa B, attended the sub-committee meeting where we discussed issues, but nonetheless none has affected any changes this far to the policy, therefore there very little to report at this time, thank you all fir allowing me the opportunity to be if service in loving service Lisa B.

**Public Relation:** Sherry was given administrative access to the car-na.org website. Kim reminded me that she was censured by the body for an earlier incident, and maybe shouldn't be given any access. Sherry can just send content to me and Ann and we can place on the website for her. (Straw Poll confirmed access)

We still need Areas to have their PR committees get involved to make sure BLMT is up to date, that their phone line volunteer list is accurate, and that we configure YAP phone line appropriate for your Area's needs. Please have your PR Chair contact me at [pr\\_chair@car-na.org](mailto:pr_chair@car-na.org) to make sure everything is set up.

Attended Peninsula Area Service, will work with their PR chair if they get one.

Website Traffic up 23.21% Users (637) and 22.83% new Users (565), Total sessions 1004 up 26.77%

Phoneline Usage: 43 Meeting searches, 9 volunteer calls answered 17 attempts (47% abandoned), 4 Just for Today's.

**Phoneline needs volunteers.**

**NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NEEDED NORMAL PC USER SKILLS REQUIRED.**

**Will Train!**

**Web Site Administrators**

**Phone Line Administrators**

**Meeting Information Administrators**

**Call 804.519.7367 or Email [pr\\_chair@car-na.org](mailto:pr_chair@car-na.org)**

**Speaker Jam Report:** No Report

## **Area Reports**

**Almost Heaven:** No Report

**Appalachian:** No Report

**Beach:** No Report

**Blue Ridge:** No Report

**Gateway:** No Report

**New Dominion:** I'm sorry that I am not able to attend this months rsc. At decembers asc we had three voting gsr. At novembers area service we had 11 voting gsr. We did meet quorum and were able to conduct business. The open positions we have currently is area chair, vice chair, secretary and literature chair. H and I are still only carrying the message into two facilities, the men's healing place and the women's side of the chesterfield county jail. PR reports that our website traffic has increased. Special events said that the campout was a success but they did have to cancel the 5k. Due to the governors restrictions there will be nothing else planned for special events until after the new year sometime. The campout committee is planning a campout in april at powhatan state park. April 16-18.

The topics that we discussed were pertaining to the governors new restrictions and what that means for our individual meetings and their meeting spaces.

Clarification of campout policies and practices.

Also a motion that will be brought to the table next month discussing and asking our area to cover the cost for a blanket insurance policy to cover our meeting spaces. I do not know more info on this but I do know that my area would like to know if the regions knows anything about this. Please email or call me if anyone has info. 804-999-1212 In loving service Kurt D.

**Outer Limits: No Report**

**Peninsula: No Report**

**Piedmont:** A. Groups 19 Home groups with 29 weekly meetings. only 3 meeting in person as of the week of 12/13  
Online meetings taking place twice daily and can be found at <https://piedmontvana.org/zoom-meetings>

B. ASC Attendance

quorum was met both months with good gsr attendance

C. Open Positions

VRCC Alt Director, Alt Literature Chair, PR Vice Chair, H&I Womans Regional Jail panel leader

D. Elections

Lawrence E was voted in as Alt Secretary

Ben C as PR Chair

E. Group News

N/A

F. Area News

N/A

G. H&I

meetings have mostly been suspended. Boxwood Treatment Center resumed meeting however the area has low willingness currently.

H. PR

Continued discussion on the IP to be stocked in lieu of meeting lists and cost to the area.

online meetings continue with about a 20% drop in attendance from May.

I. Special Events

No special events are being planned. the regional speaker jam is being discussed

J. Area Concerns

Our area PR has some concerns about the regional phone line. We seem to get very little in the way of phone calls, so it was tested

by three of our PR committee. All three reported a bad experience. Piedmont Area would like to do whatever it can to help make this a

better system for addicts in our area to find a meeting especially in this unprecedented time.

K. Brief Summary

All is well in the Piedmont area

L. Next ASC January 3rd 2021

January

ILS, Chris P

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**Rappahannock: No Report**

**Richmond: No Report**

**Roanoke Valley: No Report**

**Shenandoah Valley: No Report**

**Southside: No Report**

All New Business Motions turned in before lunch

**Tidewater: No Report**

**Tri- Cities:** \_Good afternoon everyone. The Tri-Cities area meets on the first Sunday of the month. We're still struggling a bit, only takes 3 groups to make quorum. With the new governor's man date all but one group have gone back to Zoom meetings. H&I don't into any facilities. We are in the middle of elections. I'm staying on as the RCM for one more year. Will a full list in February Happy Holidays from the Tri-Cities Area! In Loving Service Tim B.

**ELECTIONS & NOMINATIONS**

1-Vice treasurer: Open (open since 173<sup>rd</sup>) no nominees at 204.

2-Treasurer: No nominations

3-Speaker Jam: No nominations

4-RD I RDA Randy D automatic nominee

**Old Business:**

**204-1** Maker: Policy Subcommittee

Second: Joe B Beach Area RCM

Change

Addendum 1 Subcommittee's Creation and Purposes (Rev 2019): 7. Regional

Speaker Jam: Section A

From:

A. Dates are to be the second Saturday of March and September (138th RSC)

i. (Dates may have to be change due to other Regional events or conflict in dates)

To:

A. Suggested dates are the spring and fall

i. (Dates may have to be change due to other Regional events or conflict in dates)

Change

Addendum 1 Subcommittee's Creation and Purposes (Rev 2019): 7. Regional

Speaker Jam:

Section E

From:

E. Bis are to be turned in at the speaker jam. The Area selected will be selected by the subcommittee and announced by the second RSC after the speaker jam.

To:

E. Bids are to be submitted to the Speaker Jam. Ninety days before proposed date. The Area selected should be selected 60 days prior to the event (Regional Speaker Jam) 8 yes 2 abstention 0 No

**New Business:**

Randy D automatic Nominee Qualifications I have 24 years clean, I have an NA sponsor who has an NA sponsor. WE are working and living steps, traditions, and concepts. I have sponsees in service. I have a home group Experience Strength and Hope. I have been the RDA2 for 2 years and the RDA for almost 2years.I have been to 2 World Service Conferences in the last 4 years. I am willing to serve. Randy D.

Next RSC will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 Zoom CARNA Regional Service ID 304 156 278 : Updates on CARNA.ORG  
Close with the Serenity Prayer