Louisiana Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

RSC Minutes

Sunday, April 2, 2023

I. <u>Meeting Convened:</u>

A. At 10:02amB. At 1217 Broad St. Lake Charles, LA 70601C. Hosted By Lake Area

II. <u>Readings:</u>

- **A.** Serenity Prayer Doug F.
- **B.**12 Traditions Dani K.
- C. 12 Concepts Roy M.
- **D.** Purpose of the RSC Doug F./Richard T

III. <u>Roll Call</u>

A. Administrative Committee	:		
1. Chairperson – Doug F.	Present	318-447-1241	dfearon56@gmail.com
2. Vice Chair –	Vacant		
3. Treasurer – Trevis J.	Present	706-231-5991	lester40@att.net
4. Secretary – Don B.	Present	504-234-8301	donb.larna@gmail.com
5. Regional Delegate - Lee P.	Present	972-898-2796	leejster@gmail.com
6. RD Alternate – Nancy S.	Resigned	225-241-4680	nancy61088@gmail.com
7. RD Alt. Elect –	Vacant		
B. Standing Committees:			
1. A & F	Vacant		
2. H & I – McNeal L.	Absent	251-656-1746	mcneallewis22@yahoo.com
3. Policy – Ruthie C.	Resigned	318-423-3255	ruthiecriddle@gmail.com
4. Fellowship Dev– Richard T.	Present	318-578-0344	nlananet1@gmail.com
C. Interested Parties:			
1. Board of Directors – Bob Si.	Present	225-978-4749	rsinger@tgpohio.com
D. Area Service Representatives:			
1. Acadiana – Anthony L	Present	337-366-5369	tony736@hotmail.com
2. Bayou Recovery – Allison K.	Present	225-571-2297	allisonleblanc@live.com
3. Central – Frank A	Present	318-787-3596	f.abboott72@yahoo.com
4. Grtr. Baton. Rouge – Roy M.	Present	504-606-8988	mitchellroy036@gmail.com
5. Lake – Stephen J.	Present	337-353-7227	stephenjeane@gmail.com

 6. New Orleans – Herbert H. 7. North – Dani K. (Alt) 8. Northshore – Ronnie P 9. Unity - Amy G. 10. Serenity - Richard T (Rep) 	Present Present Present Present	504-919-1919 318-918-9761 225-229-6396 504-450-6839 318-578-0344	hherbert1973@gmail.com danikirknalana@gmail.com sirrpope@yahoo.com amygunity@yahoo.com nlananet1@gmail.com
 E. <u>Others in Attendance</u> 1. Nikki B. 2. Paul B. 3. Robbie L – Alt 	Lake Area	337-884-0231	nbailey@randrconst.com
	North Area	318-470-3217	mpaul_bass@yahoo.com
	Central Area	318-201-9383	robbie@deltamerchantservices.com

IV. <u>Quorum Established:</u>

A. Yes - 10 Areas present out of 10.

V. Approval of Previous Quarterly Region Minutes:

- A. January 8, 2023
- **B.** Motion to Approve Minutes as Typed by Ronnie P (Northshore Area) 2nd. By Allison K. (Acadiana Area)

VI. <u>Reports:</u>

A. <u>Administrative Committee Reports:</u>

1. <u>Chairperson</u> – Doug F. – Report Submitted

Hi, my name is Doug, and I am an addict. We had a great Saturday this weekend at Region. I feel we need to get someone to update our guidelines. I think we should get an ad hoc committee together to do so. We are going to have a special session at this RSC for an addict that has a grievance.

Doug F.

2. <u>Vice Chairperson Report</u> – Vacant

Nothing to Report

3. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Trevis J. – Report Submitted

04-01-23

Regional Treasurer's Report

I have filed our IRS form 990n which I will attach with my report and I also filed our Annual report with the Secretary of State where I updated our current officers which I have on file for anyone to view. I need to be reimbursed \$15.00 for the Annual report fee. Now that all of our annual legal documents have been filed, I can proceed with changing the name on our account to better reflect our purpose and mission. The proposed name will be changed from Louisiana Area Region of Narcotics Anonymous (LARNA) to Louisiana Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous (LRSCNA). If the GSR's vote for this name change, the fee will be \$75.00 and I will have to file an amendment with the IRS which is free and I will need to change the name on our bank account. I'm not sure if the checks need to be changed but the fees for new checks are minimal if we have to.

I stated in an email exchange that was circulating about our legal status that the Organizational Charter and the Bylaws are not filed with any State or Federal Agency. Some banks require this and the IRS suggests that this documentation be available due to our 501(c)(4) status so this is a nice to have document just in case. This can be amended as necessary but we are not bound by this document because this document states that our Regional Policy Supersedes it. If the GSR's vote differently, we can work on it. The duties and responsibilities of the treasurer was amended in policy so that this legal process is maintained on behalf of Region.

> Respectfully Submitted Trevis J Regional Treasurer

RED RIVER BANK

Account Detail

SMALL BUSINESS-0955

\$18,272.11 Available balance

Pending Transactions

No Records Available

Posted Transactions

Date	Description	Withdrawa@Deposit	Balance
03/20/2023	DEPOSIT	\$100.00	\$18,272.11
03/17/2023	CHECK 111	-\$200.00	\$18,172.11
02/13/2023	CHECK 110	-\$166.47	\$18,372.11
02/13/2023	CHECK 107	-\$161.32	\$18,538.58
01/31/2023	CHECK 108	-\$249.65	\$18,699.90
01/31/2023	CHECK 104	-\$154.75	\$18,949,55
01/31/2023	DEPOSIT	\$100.00	\$19,104.30
01/27/2023	CHECK 109	-\$554.89	\$19,004.30
01/13/2023	DEPOSIT	\$500.00	\$19,559.19
01/11/2023	CHECK 106	-\$199.00	\$19,059.19
01/11/2023	CHECK 105	-\$134.95	\$19,258,19
01/11/2023	CHECK 103	-\$118.26	\$19,393.14
01/11/2023	CHECK 102	-\$200.00	\$19,511,40
01/11/2023	CHECK 101	-\$50.00	\$19,711.40
01/10/2023	DEPOSIT	\$1,438.24	\$19,761.40
12/30/2022	DEPOSIT	\$17,662.84	\$18,323.16
12/29/2022	DEPOSIT	\$90.00	\$660.32

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- EIN: 881492016
- Tax Year: 2022
- Tax Year Start Date: 01-01-2022
- Tax Year End Date: 12-31-2022
- Submission ID: 10065520230446154211
- · Filing Status Date: 02-13-2023
- · Filing Status: Pending

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- Q: Bayou Recovery Area questioned why the 501c4 did not go back to the Area's for a group conscious.
- A: The ASR's chose to vote in at Region. The process was approved by the Administrative Committee and Voted on by the ASR present.
- Q: Lake Area asked about the Name change.
- A: The name change will be on all government paperwork and bank account.

4. Secretary Report – Don B. – Report Submitted

Greetings Family,

I emailed everyone copies of last quarter's minutes and sent out several flyers throughout the past three months. If any Area's would like me to forward flyers out to the other Area's as well as to PR, please send them to my email address: <u>donb.larna@gmail.com</u>. Welcome to all the new ASRs we are glad to have you be of service to your Area's. All information can be found in the copy of the minutes anything that we would like you to discuss with your Area will be highlighted to make it easier to pick out.

If anyone needs to contact me about the minutes, please feel free to call me 504-234-8301.

In Loving Service, Don B.

5. <u>Regional Delegate Report</u> – Lee P. – Report Submitted

April 2nd, 2023

Hello LA Region,

I am grateful to be here with you and am grateful to serve. I'd also like to welcome the Serenity Area, we're glad that you're here! We've had a very busy season and hopefully will get the last tallies from Group's and Area's this weekend!

We conducted workshops for the Conference Agenda Report the first two weekends of January. The third weekend of January was Southern Zonal Forum in Austin TX Tejas Bluebonnet was the hosting, Region. That information from SZF was emailed to all Regional ASR's. (Are there any questions about the SZF information?)

The first and fourth weekends in February we had C.A.R. Workshop's. I think that the most that we had in attendance was fourteen which is good... Information was shared on the motions and taken back to local Groups for their vote's. We will be tallying up all the votes in preparation for the upcoming World Service Conference at the end of April. Bayou Recovery Area held an independent C.A.R. Workshop which at the time seemed a bit unorthodox. After listening to the exiting AD, Nancy S. it's my understanding that their vote will be turned in at this Regional. Please get your tally sheets and votes to me. Thanks. I will send out the post Conference Report as soon as I receive it.

<u>Big NOTE</u>! Our Region is selected to host the Southern Zonal Forum in Summer 2024. The hotel and dates have already been coordinated. Please note that your **contracted cutoff date** for all reservations to be confirmed is **Monday, July 22**, **2024**. The event is Friday July 26th through Sunday July 28th. We have an opportunity to have a "PR for Professional Day" like what we hosted in 2019.

Here's your reservation link your guests can use to make reservations:

Book your group rate for Southern Zonal Forum

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event.

Event Summary:

Southern Zonal Forum Start Date: Friday, July 26, 2024 End Date: Sunday, July 28, 2024 Last Day to Book: Sunday, July 21, 2024

Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:
 Aloft New Orleans Downtown for 109 USD - 129 USD per night

Book your group rate for Southern Zonal Forum

Any questions about this upcoming event?

I've included a copy of what I've voted on prior to the upcoming WSC in April for your information. I remember a member asking me what "the RD does" when not at Region (once a quarter), So. Zonal Forum (x3 and one Multi-Zonal-Service-Symposium annually) and one World Service Conference (every two year's)...

I'm requesting reimbursement of \$355.22 for gas (C.A.R.WRK SHOP Travel)

One room night \$ 142." RSC Hotel

TOTALS 563.22

Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to assist your Area.

ILS,

Lee P. RD 058 Louisiana

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Q: Unity Area asked who will be tallying the votes for the CAR?

A: The RD will be tallying all votes.

Q: What will happen if we don't have a new RD after July?

A: Lee described what the RD does.

Q: Amy as about job duties?

A: Lee said job duties can be found in guidelines.

6. <u>Regional Delegate Alternative</u> – Nancy S. – Resigned



7. Regional Delegate Alternative Elect – Vacant

Nothing to Report

B. <u>Standing Committee Reports:</u>

1. <u>Activities & Fundraisers – Vacant</u> – Open Discussion

a) Region had an open discussion about Activities and Fundraisers.

- (1) Flyers for LRCNA Convention XXXIX May 26 28 2023
- (2) NOACNA Registration of NOACNA XIV July 6 9, 2023
- (3) NOACNA XIV present "Cloud 9" a fundraiser for the New Orleans Area Convention on Saturday May 13th 7pm – 11pm 3101 Erato St New Orleans.
- (4) Fun Time in the Springtime, Saturday May 20, 2023, 2pm 6pm, 600 Bull Run Road, Schriever, LA
- (5) Central Louisiana Area hosting Annual Convention Fundraiser BBQ, Saturday April 29th starts at 10am till, Buhlow Lake Park, Pavilion A, Pineville, LA
- (6) The Category is... Recovery "Drag Bingo" Fundraiser Saturday, April 29th, 7pm – 9:30pm, 5401 S. Claiborne Ave., New Orleans La 70125
- (7) Camp Recovery 2023, Nov 3 5th Lake Bistineau State Park, Group Campground 1, Doyline, LA 71023
- Luau in LaPlace, Out of the Dark, Into the Light Saturday June 24, 2023,
 6pm to 9pm, First Baptist Church, 120 Ormond Blvd. LaPlace, LA 70068

- (9) The Recovery Group 2ned Anniversary, Sunday April 16th, 130pm, 108 E.
 Lula St, Leeville, LA 71446
- (10) 31st Anniversary Spirt of the Bayou, April 15th 3pm, 411 E. Poole St., .Sulphur, LA 70663
- (11) Providence Group Crawfish Boil, May 21st, 2pm 119 Jefferson St., New Iberia, LA
- (12) Open Mind present Memorial Day Social Speaker Meeting, 6:30pm Monday, May 29th 583 Broadway St. New Orleans, LA

2. <u>Hospitals & Institutions</u> – McNeil L. – Involuntary Resignation due two missing Two consecutive meetings without contacting anyone on the RSC.

3. <u>Fellowship Development</u> – Richard T. – Present – Report Submitted

Fellowship Development April 2023 RSC

FD has been implementing the initiatives started last year. The Facebook PSAs and billboards appear to be generating results as the traffic on larna.org has been steadily increasing and the helpline utilization is growing.

We've been working NE Louisiana really hard to establish more meetings and it is bearing fruit as we have gained one group and five new meetings in the last six months.

Steve reworked larna.org and it looks good. I asked him about streamlining the process of posting events so Areas or committees could directly post to the event calendar. There is now a link to a form to fill out on larna.org to post your event. If you have any problems with it then please let me know.

We now have a webservant in each Area to keep up content in their websites. I still keep up the backend maintenance for all but Northshore and Bayou. If there is anyone in the Region with Linux experience and would like to help with this please contact me.

We will have an FD subcommittee this month on zoom to plan for the rest of the year as well as work on the 2024 budget which is due at the next RSC. I will be getting out flyers in the next week or so.

Our budget for 2023 is \$3200.00. In the first quarter we spent \$161.44 on Facebook PSAs so we have \$3038.56 remaining in the FD budget.

ILS

Richard T

4. <u>Policy</u> – Ruthie C. – Resigned



Ruthie C

- a. Doug created an Ad Hoc Committee to update Guidelines.
- b. Doug appointed Don B to head the committee.
- c. Don B. asked Allison to email him a digital copy of the guideline so the committee can make a date.
- d. Don B. will send out an email so people can sign up to help with updating our guidelines.

C. <u>Interesting Parties:</u> 1. <u>Board of Directors –</u> Bob Si. - Report submitted.

Greetings from the Convention Board

Hope this weekend finds you all well. Virginia W has graciously volunteered to attend the regional meeting with me this weekend. It has been a busy few month's since my last report. We followed up on informing areas on how to bid and what the board does. This is Bob Storers report to the board. This report can be found in our board minutes as well.

4/2/23

Louisiana Goodwill tour

In accordance with our discussions regarding going to individual ASCs to talk about how the corporation works and encouraging people to bid on upcoming LRCNAs, Ron Duggins and I traveled to Lake Charles and to Shreveport this past month.

In Lake Charles there didn't seem to be much in the way of questions regarding the corporation and there was some interest in bidding for LRCNA. We left them with bidding guidelines and promises of help should they put together a bid committee and want to get proposals from hotels.

Shreveport was different. We heard that there was a motion that was going to come from Shreveport to disband the LRCC. The rumor was that people in that area thought that we were not transparent enough, and were not being responsible to the RSC. I made sure to bring examples of reports made to RSC and copies of our controlling documents. I went through the history of how the current structure came about and exactly how we are responsible to the RSC.

It seemed there were mainly 3 people with significant concerns/questions, but all of these appeared to be answered by the presentation and they reported that they had been given bad information on how the corporation was set up and what the structure was. Probably the only criticism that was legitimate is one that can be made about a lot of things in NA; That is, that the money we donate to RSC really doesn't comply with the letter of the 7th tradition. We are an outside organization donating money to NA.

All in all, both trips were a success and I am trying to plan how to go to the remaining ASCs before my time on the board expires.

In loving service,

Bob Storer.

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Board goings on

I guess this is as good a time as any to respond to the Regions request for minutes, incorporation documents, letter of determinations and bank statements. I sent Don past minutes as well as any inc. information, including letter of determination. I have also printed copies of all the above documents. Including a complete set of convention committee minutes. Anyone that would like them directly, please let me know and I will make sure you get a copy. Just for the record, what I give the Secretary will be: Board minutes from March 2023, treasurer reports and bank statements, convention committee reports for January and February 2023 as well as the convention committee treasurers report for March 2023. The March minutes have not yet been approved by the convention committee and have not been made available to us. I will make these available once we have them. I will give the above information to Don on Sunday as well as digital copies if I have not already done so.

Convention 2024 and beyond

We are still looking for a convention bid for 2024. We have heard from a group that's interested and will hopefully be able to report something on this on Sunday. 2025 is also available.

Incorporation update

From the Treasurers report in the March 2023 minutes:

Regarding the IRS filing:

- On August 18, 2022, the IRS issued a letter of determination that affirms the IRS recognizes LRCC, Inc is exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(4).
- Notwithstanding this exemption, donors cannot deduct contributions made to LRCC, Inc under IRC Section 170(c)(2).
- Annually, due on the 15th day of the 5th month following the close of our fiscal year, which the IRS has identified that LRCC's tax year ends December 31st.
- Because we make less than \$50K the filing can be made via the e-Postcard Form 990-N.

- LRCC's e-postcard Form 990-N was filed on March 3, 2023, and the filing status is currently pending acceptance from the IRS (attached FYI)
- If no filing is made in three consecutive years, the 501(c)(4) status will automatically be revoked.
- If LRCC's wants the tax year changed to end June 30, report the change to: Internal Revenue Service, TE/GE, EO Determinations Office, Room 4024, P.O. Box 2508, Cincinnati, OH 452XX (just let me know if you want to change it or not)

Thanks, Serena P.

So, what does this all mean, it means that we will be filing taxes this year. One of the updates we will be making in our operating procedure is a set of instructions so future treasurers will know how and when to file taxes.

Final thoughts

We will be having three members roll off the board in June. Bob S., Virginia W., Paul P. Thank you for the last eight years of service to the region. The Region elects the board members, so hopefully there will be nominations at the July Regional meeting. I will furnish a list of qualifications if Don does not already have them. We mailed the Region a check for \$851.53, from a closed bank account, of unknown origin, Check number 1074. The check has not yet been cashed and it's been 3 months. It was issued December 4th, 2022, and sent to the Regional PO box. Serena put a hold on the check and issued a new one. I will be giving it directly to the Regional Treasurer.

In Service Bob Singer 225 9784749

rsinger@tgpohio.com

PS Please bring convention bids and/or contact the board with potential hotels.

a. The board passed out packets with minutes and documents previously requested by RSC.b. Passed out qualification for board positions.

c. Roy M. turned in his resignation letter addressed a personal grievance with the Board.

d. <u>Roy's Resignation Letter</u>

March 19, 2023

To: LRCC Board of Directors

Allow this letter to serve as official notice of my resignation as Chair of the HCC for LRCNA XXXIX. It is with much regret I report to the Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous the following conditions that prompted this letter. After being duly chosen by recovering addicts in attendance at the nominating meeting, I accepted the nomination, pending approval by the BOD. At the subsequent BOD meeting I was confirmed after fielding questions regarding my past service to the fellowship.

During the second monthly meeting of the HCC, it was announced by the Treasurer, Pixie, that the Committee had received its checkbook. I asked Pixie at the end of the meeting why I was not asked to sign up as a signatory on the checkbook, as stated in the convention guidelines, and her response was "you cannot be on the checkbook". Vice-Chair, Joel V., also privy to the conversation was told "you can, but he can't". When I inquired why I can't, her response was "talk to Bob". I met with Bob S. an hour later at a Sunday meeting and I inquired why am I being singled out as someone who cannot be on the checkbook to which he responded "you said you didn't want to handle any money", to which I replied to him I never said anything of a kind, and could not think of any scenario in which I would make that declaration. He said "yes you did", I said "no I didn't", he said 'yes you did", I said "no I didn't". He then said that's okay "we've changed to one person can sign checks now".

I accepted his response in spite of it being a violation of the guidelines, which I try to follow to a word. This past Sunday I made it known to the committee, as I have announced at meetings I've attended in the past 30 days, that I would be attending the Mobile, Alabama Area convention this weekend and I would have a table set up to sell registrations and T-shirts. Seemed like the right thing to do, and give me an opportunity to contribute to the convention's efforts. While dividing up the shirts at the end of the meeting, I was pulled to the side by Pixie who stated "Roy, you can't take any shirts according to the Board, because you're not allowed to do anything that involves handling money". I was so shocked and angered at her words to me, I said "why don't they just remove me, no better yet, I'll remove myself", to which she replied "you can do what you want, just don't take any shirts". I stormed out of the meeting after stating aloud that "I must be the only Untrusted servant to ever lead an NA convention".

My reputation and character speaks for itself. If the BOD didn't feel I could be trusted, why did they confirm me as Chair. My reputation as a person in recovery, and a business owner for the past 15 years, is impeccable and unquestionable. Google my name to see what the Baton Rouge community thinks of me and the work I do in the Criminal Justice system for past 12 years. If I allow anyone to talk to me, or treat me in this manner, I could never be able to look in a mirror again and be okay with the person looking back. How much embarrassment and humiliation do I have to endure? Following confirmation, I expected, no I deserved, to be treated no different than the 38 previous convention Chairs. I ask the full Committee of the Louisiana Region to examine and thoroughly investigate the workings of the BOD.

It is for this reason I tender my resignation as Chair of the HCC of LRCNA XXXIX.

11.5,

D. <u>Area Service Representatives Reports:</u>

1. <u>Acadiana Area</u> – Anthony L. – Report Submitted

Date: 4-2-2023

I am Anthony a grateful recovering addict; it's an honor to stand in the Gap for our Area!!

We have Updated the website with meetings that are back meeting in person again to the best of my knowledge.

Acadiana Area Service Committee of NA: Host 29 in person NA meetings and 2 Zoom meetings seven days a week!! We have 5 active NA Groups and 4 inactive, total 9, See our website for more info. Aascna.org

H&I commitments of total of 3: Lafayette Behavior, Victory Treatment, and Lafayette Sheriff Work Release Program

We had a successful H&I Learning Duy on 12 pm March 25. 2022 at Acadiana cares 811 MLK St. Lafayette La., H&I Chair to conduct event David J., and Later: Pajama Jam in March 25 2023 6 pm at Acadiana Cares

Announcements: Acadiana Area NA has a Donation 40.00

Loving service Anthony L.

2. <u>Bayou Recovery Area</u> – Allison K. – Report Submitted

Bayou Recovery Area ASR Report: April 2023

Number of Groups: 13 individual home groups holding 17 meetings weekly

- **Number of weekly meetings** in person, zoom, and hybrid along with average meeting attendance:
 - 15 in person meetings, 1 zoom meeting, 1 Hybrid in person and zoom meeting.
 - Average meeting attendance: approx. 20+/- Note: we have experienced an increase in attendance in the last couple of months at several meetings.
- Number of H& I meetings per week:
 - Number of treatment centers and locations: We currently service 3 treatment centers:
 - 1. The Grove, Sorrento every Friday night
 - 2. Woodlake, Ethel, LA- every Friday night
 - 3. Progressive, Central/Zachary- once a month on Sunday Night
 - Number of Correction Facilities and Locations
 - 1. Angola-2nd & 4th Saturday of each month
 - 2. DCI-1st & 3rd Wednesday or Saturday each month
 - 3. LCIW-1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday mornings Avg 15 people

- Total size of Bayou Recovery Area Fellowship: approximately 150+/-
- H & I Activity/plans:
 - Bayou Recovery Area is continuing to work with the DOC on volunteer orientation issues. Angola, DCI and LCIW are having problems with the approval process. DOC clearance certificates are not being issued and our Area is working diligently to resolve this. There has been little to no progress in this area. The volunteers have been oriented, and their paperwork submitted, but DOC isn't responding to our Area's request for clearance certificates.
 - Bayou Recovery Area has a new H & I Chairperson, Taylor B who took over from Elmore as of January 1st. His contact information is 225-316-5114 and taybutts@gmail.com If you are interested in getting involved with H&I, please contact him.
 - H&I Learning Day- a potential plan is in the works for an H & I am learning day/orientation sometime this year. More will be revealed.
 - Nancy S is no longer the H & I contact for the women's prison meetings and orientations. All H & I request should now be directed to Taylor B.
- PR Activity/plans:
 - The focus of the PR Committee for the new year will be collaboration with community organizations such as Capital Area Human Services, Louisiana Department of Health, Drug Court, Community Health Fairs, Community Substance Abuse Program Initiatives etc.
- Other community activities: None planned as of April 2023
- Major accomplishments: We are grateful to say we are seeing Billboards around town.
- **Specific problems or situations:** The Bayou Recovery Area requests information from Region on the following:
 - Incorporation of Region as a non-profit entity. The Bayou Recovery Area feels this was a change of policy and the incorporation of Region should have gone back to Areas for a vote of agreement? Why was this done without Area approval?
 - Bayou Recovery Area would like to know the process for multiple absences of a Region Service position. Attendance recorded?
 - CAR voting: I am submitting a motion from our Area concerning voting procedures in the CAR report. Bayou Recovery will request the Region policy be written so that only the ASR or Alt ASR can submit CAR tally votes to the RD and that votes should not be collected individually or at workshops.
 - Vacant Area positions- difficult time getting members to commit to service. A
- Area plans for upcoming year: The Bayou Recovery Area is hosting the LA Region Convention on May 25-28, 2023, in Baton Rouge. Please register and reserve your rooms in advance! Flyers are on the www.br-na.org or www.larna.org websites.
- **Region Donation:** No Region donation for this quarter.
- **Bayou Recovery Area Motions for Region:** A motion has been sent to Region for CAR voting. CAR votes will be determined solely by votes from each member Area, as cast by ASR or ASR A.
- Bayou Recovery Area CAR Vote: Bayou Recovery Area is submitting our CAR votes to the RD.

In Service: Allison L: Bayou Recovery Area Service Representative

3. <u>Central Area</u> – Report Submitted

4/1/2023

Hey Family,

Central area is functioning. We have 7 home groups in the area. We have 10 weekly meetings, 1 of which is a closed women's meeting on Monday nights, every other meeting is an open meeting. We have anywhere from 25-50 active members in the area. Our area has been trying to put on at least 1 activity each month. H & I holds presentations at 3 different facilities, Red River Treatment Center, Steps Recovery Solutions, & Edgefield Treatment Center. We have our annual Convention Committee Fundraiser at Fort Buhlow Recreation Area on April 29. We will have BBQ Chicken plates from 10am-5pm. Our area was able to send an \$115.16 Donation this quarter.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Frank A.

ASR Cenlana

4. Greater Baton Rouge Area - Roy M. - Absent - No Report Submitted

Hello All. The Greater Baton Rouge Area is chugging along. We currently have 14mtgs., 7 home groups, All in person meetings. Most of our meetings are small 6 -10 addicts on average. We try to assist Bayou Area H&I when called upon. Our finances are strained due to low meeting attendance. We have no Region Donation today.

In loving Service, Roy M.

5. <u>Lake Area</u> – Julien B. – Report Submitted

Lake Area ASR Report

04/02/2023

Hello everyone. I am grateful to represent the Lake Area. We currently have 6 groups and 38 meetings every week. The Agape Group also has virtual meetings every night at 8pm. For H&I, we go to New Beginnings every Wednesday at 8pm and we go to Odyssey House every Sunday at 6:30pm. The Chaplain of our local jail held an orientation that was attended by 10 members. We're waiting to get word on when meetings will open again and will determine what we're capable of committing to. We're planning on holding an Area H+I learning day late May/early June to get more volunteers involved and improve communication on the committee. In PL our meeting list is up to date with the addition of a QR code of the foldable schedule. In activities, we held our annual Unity campout on March 17-19. We'd like to thank everyone who helped make it a success. In upcoming events, Spirit of the Bayou will be celebrating their 31st anniversary on Saturday, April 15th and The Recovery Group will be celebrating their 2nd anniversary on Sunday, April 16th. In committees, we instituted a Policy standing subcommittee to update our guidelines and keep up to date with changes in our service structure. We also have a currently unofficial committee looking into our Area's ability to host a convention. To this point, our overall efforts to get new people involved with service have been successful. We're making a concerted effort to encourage new views. The Region and surrounding areas have been helpful. We look forward to continuing to exchange ideas.

In Loving Service,

Stephan J.

6. New Orleans Area – Herb H. – Report Submitted

Hello Everyone, I'm Herb H. the newly elected ASR for the New Orleans Area, I wasn't able to attend the CAR report workshop in February, so I couldn't give the New Orleans Area any information concerning the motions in the report, however I did explain the survey in the report once I obtained the CAR online and gave that info to the GSR's.

We have some upcoming events, beginning with the Category Is Group on April 29th, a DRAG BINGO, the E&F subcommittee of NOACNA, on May 13th is having an All-White Sneaker Night, the New Life Group on May 20th are having FUN TIME in the SPRINGTIME, and the New Orleans Area Convention Committee of Narcotics Anonymous is having its Convention on JULY 6th through the 9th at the Riverside Hilton Hotel.

All of the events will have flyers with all the information included in the minutes you are to receive.

As of March, we are up to 36 in person meetings and 6 virtual meetings, 1 hybrid meeting and 2 phoneline meetings serving the New Orleans Area, also we currently carry the message through H&I to 6 facilities and we had a joint event with the Unity Area on April 1st, the New Orleans Area is making a \$319.46 to the Louisiana Region.

> In Loving Service Herb H ASR of New Orleans

7. North Area – Dani K. – Report Submitted

NORTH AREA OF NA ASR REPORT

AS ASRALL CUTERNLY HEY EVERYBODY! I REPRESET THE NORTH AREA. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 5 HOME GROUPS AND 10 MEETINGS. WE HAVE 2 H&I COMMITMENTS, WE GO TO CADA ON TUESDAYS AT 7:00 PM AND SUNDAYS AT 6:00 PM. MEETING ATTENDANCE IS GROWING AND GOING WELL IN OUR AREA. STONE FREE IS CHANGING THEIR MEETING TIMES TO 8:00 PM STARTING MAY 4TH, WHICH MEETS ON THURSDAYS, SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS. STONE FREE IS ALSO HOSTING A MONTHLY POTLUCK & DUAL SPEAKER MEETING ON THE LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CURRENTLY OUR POLICY CHAIR IS IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING OUR H&I POLICY TO WORLD SERVICE

HEID CAR WORKSHOP March, 11th, Jee P collected OUN TAINS NORTH AREA H&I SUBCOMITTEE WILL HAVE A LEARNING DAY ON APRIL 15TH @ NOON FOR ANYONE THAT IS WILLING TO BE APART OF AND HELP CARRY THE MESSAGE OF NARCOTICS ANNONYMOUS.

CAMP RECOVERY WILL BE NOVEMBER 3RD -5TH AT LAKE BISTINEAU STATE PARK. COME JOIN IS FOR A RECOVERY FILLED WEEKEND. I HAVE COPIES OF THE REGISTRATION IF WILL HOW SHITS SHITS ONE, OR I CAN EMAIL YOU A COPY. I DID RECEIVE A \$1,000 DONATION FOR REGION FROM OUR AREA TO FULFILL OUR 7TH TRADITION.

IN LOVING SERVICE,

DANI. K

8. <u>Northshore Area</u> – Ronnie P. (Alt) – Report Submitted

Hello from the Northshore Area,

We still have 12 group in our area with 31 meetings through out the week. We are still have low attendance at our meetings, except for the meetings in the Slidell area. We have two H&I meeting a week. We have been in contact with Avenues Treatment and Recovery Center in Covington, they would like to have another H&I meeting during the week. We already go there on Tues at 7pm. We informed them that we would bring it ASC to see if we have enough support for another H&I meeting. They also asked if could have a regular NA meeting in the facility once a week. We told them we could not start a regular NA meeting, because they wanted a meeting for their clients only; no outside NA members could attend.

We held a C.A.R. workshop in Feb, and had 12 members attend. We only 3 groups send me their votes on the CAR, I forwarded them to Lee P. We also held a H&I learning day, which we had a good turn out. We are still trying to increase our attendance and attact newcomers. We are making a \$344.00 donations to region.

In Loving Service,

Ronnie P

9. Serenity Area – Richard T – Report Submitted

Serenity Area RSC Report April 2023

At Serenity Area we are still getting our feet on the ground but we are growing. We currently have six groups in Springhill, Homer, Farmerville, Ruston, Monroe, and Columbia, LA with a total of twelve meetings a week. This is up from five groups and eight meetings per week when we formed back in July. We are grateful for the work everyone is doing and hope to continue to make NA more available in North Central and Northeast Louisiana to further our primary purpose.

We had our first area function on February 25th hosted by the Black Sheep group in Springhill. We had food and two speakers. Speakers were Bill H from El Dorado, AR and Jody S from Shreveport. Crossroads Group in Ruston will be hosting our next function at noon on May sixth at The Serenity House with a fish fry and speakers TBA. We will be getting a flyer out soon. If you're in the neighborhood stop in and see us.

We are currently doing H&I meetings in two location - Lincoln Nova in Ruston and CARES in Homer. We have opportunities to do more as we can develop more manpower.

ILS

Richard T

10. <u>Unity Area</u> – Amy G – Report submitted.

Unity Area had meetings every day of the week, about 18 meetings and 1 zoom. We are slowly growing out Area. We had 11 GSR's at our last Area. But like most Areas we are still struggling to fill our service positions, we have several open positions. Unity Area and New Orleans Area just hosted an Easter Function. Hopeful to make this an Annual event between our two areas. The purpose is to promote unity between the areas. Unity area just donated 100 Unity Area meeting list to the Northshore H&I committee to handout since Unity Area has no functioning H&I. The purpose is so that the newcomer finds meetings in the Metro Area of New Orleans. The Unity meeting list has all of N.O. Metro Area meetings on it. A Couple of Unity meetings has some functions coming up. One is a Camp Out at Bogue Chitto State Park, April 21st and 22nd hosted by the No Excuse Group. Also, Out of the Dark into the Light Group of NA is hosting a two speaker, food, and dance function at 120 Ormond Blvd. Laplace, LA Both fliers will be posted on Unity Area and LARNA Facebook page. Unity Area is donating \$200.00 to the Region.

In Loving Service Amy G.

VII. Nominations and Election:

A. Vice Chairperson – Dani K. Nominated Nikki B. and she accepted and turned in her. resume. She read her qualification and the job duties were read to Nikki.

B. Elections: -

- 1. Vice Chairperson Nikki B. elected as Vice Chair. 10 For 0 Against 0 Abstain
- 2. A & F Chairperson Open
- 3. Re Alt. Open
- 4. **RD** Alt. Elect Open
- 5. H&I Open

VIII. Old Business (Unfinished Business):

A. Motions Sent Back to Areas: None

IX. <u>New Business:</u>

A. Motions:

1. Motion #2023-04-01, Maker Allison K. (Bayou Recovery), 2nd By: Ronnie P. (Northshore Area)

<u>Motion:</u> Change the legal name of Region back to Louisiana Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous from (Louisiana Area Region of Narcotics Anonymous)

Intent:Change legal name of Region with Sec. of State, IRS, and Bank Account.For:10Against:0Abstention:0

Motion Passed

2. Motion #2023-04-02, Maker: Dani K. (North Area), 2nd. By: Stephen J. (Lake Area)

<u>Motion:</u> All Standing Committee Budgets need to be added to the encumbered funds area of the treasurers report.

Intent: to make sure these budgets are available to their respected committee.

For:10Against:0Abstention:0

Motion Passed

Motion# 2024-04-03, Maker: Allison K (Bayou Recovery Area)
 2nd: No Second Need Motion Came from Area.

Motion: Votes on CAR Motions can only be cast by ASR/Alt ASR beginning with next CAR voting Cycle.

Intent: Only ASR/ Alt ASR can cast votes on CAR Motions.

SENT BACK TO AREA

4. Motion #2023-04-04, Maker: Dani K. (North Area) 2nd By: Stephen J. (Lake Area)

> <u>Motion:</u> Change the date of the Next Region Weekend from June 24th – 25th to July 1st – 2nd. <u>Intent:</u> To keep in tradition of the Region Cycle.

*** After pros, cons and discussion the Motion was withdrawn by the maker and the 2nd. ***

B. Host Area For April RSC: Lake Area

Gave Seed Money of \$200.00 returned \$200.00, so Weekend Cost nothing to the Region.

Thank You Lake Area for Hosting a Wonderful Weekend

C. Host Area for June RSC will be Northshore Area Declined taking seed money.

LA Regional Service Committee Treasurer's Report Date: April 2, 2023 **Encumbered Funds or Budgets Income: Group Donations** Acadiana Area \$ 7,500.00 ŝ 40.00 Prudent Reserve **Bayou Recovery Area** \$ 3,042.42 \$ 500.00 Public Relations Budget \$ Central Area \$ Hospitals & Institutions Budget 115.16 Greater Baton Rouge Area Literature H&I Prison \$ 1,366.75 Lake Area New Orleans Area \$ 319.46 North Area \$ 1,000.00 Total Encumberd Funds Northshore Area \$ 11,909.17 \$ 344.00 Unity Area \$ 200.00 Hardcore Group Expenses Checks Ck# Cash \$ 25.00 Open Mind Group \$ \$ 200.00 111 100.00 Lake Area Seed Money Spirit Not Religious Group \$ 154.00 112 \$ 100.00 Trevis J Bank Travel \$ 73.00 113 Doug F Travel \$ 112.00 114 Richard T Travel Don B Travel \$ 161.00 115 Total Group Donation: \$ 2,743.62 \$ 15.00 116 Trevis J Annual Report expense \$ 503.22 117 Lee P Car Report expenses Income: Other Funds Received \$ 157.58 118 Richard T P.R. Expense La Region Convention Corp \$ 851.53 \$ 75.00 119 Trevis J name change expense Host Area Return Seed Money \$ 200.00 1,450.80 Total Expenditures \$ Ending Report Totals Information **Opening Balance** \$ 17.568.53 3.795.15 Income: Funds Received \$ Total Other Funds Received: \$ Debit: Expenditures \$ 1.450.80 1,051.53 Debit: Encumbered funds \$ 11,909.17 Total Funds Received: Unencumbered Funds \$ 8,003.71 3.795.15 \$ 800.37 **10% Donations Naws** ck# 120 Notes: 3% Donations SZF ck# 121 \$ 240.11 **Unencumbered Funds - Donations** \$ 6,963.23 18,872.40 Ending Balance Ś

X. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Trevis J. - Closing Treasury Report - October 2, 2022

XI. <u>Motion To Close Meeting:</u> Maker: Roy M. (Greater Baton Rouge Area), 2nd by: Stephen J.(Lake Area)

- A. Closing Serenity Prayer Doug F,
- **B.** Meeting Adjourned 1:55pm

Regional Rotation June 24 – 25 Northshore Area October 7 – 8 Acadiana Area Greater Baton Rouge Area New Orleans Area Bayou Recovery Central Area North Area Serenity Area Unity Area

elected 4-2-23 Louisiana Region N.A. Service Resume This Service Resume is used to send information about RSC nominees back to Areas/ Groups. Name tizabeth Stip Old Phone (3 Address 0100 Group Service (list position/ approx, dates served) Resurer 2012 ecretary. 2012 DC-11 2010 vites multiple times through 2009-2013 Area Service Treasurer 2014 -ASR 2012 es tiple times through they car Regional Service 400 ASR 2011-2018 Secretary - 2013-2020 World Service Have you failed to complete or been removed from a service position in the last 5 years? (please explain) Have you read the RSC Guidelines about the position you are nominated for? 15 Do you meet the suggested clean time requirements?_____ 495 Do you have and are you willing to make the necessary commitment of time, resources, and skills to complete the service position to which you have been nominated? 11C Please turn into RSC Secretary for inclusion in minutes for sending back to groups. Nominated By DANK North Pall Seconded by LAKE Nominated for (position) here

Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous
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