



December 4th, 2022
SEZF Minutes
VIA Hybrid

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Close Meeting

Roll Call

Facilitator

Secretary Treasurer

Web Servant

Alabama/NW Florida RD

Alabama/NW Florida AD

Carolina RD

Carolina AD

Florida RD

Florida AD

Georgia RD

Georgia AD

North Carolina RD

North Carolina AD

South Florida RD

South Florida AD

Additional Needs Task Force

BMLT Task Force

H&I Task Force

PR Task Force

- 1. Meeting was opened at 9:00 am est. Jeff led the Serenity Prayer**
- 2. The Traditions were read**
- 3. The Concepts were read**
- 4. The Mission Statement was read as follows**

The mission of the Southeastern Zonal Forum is to provide a regularly scheduled time and place where representatives of the member regions come together to further our primary purpose, "to carry the message of recovery to the still suffering addict", through service oriented discussions, workshops, events and task forces. The Southeastern Zonal Forum's primary function is to facilitate joint, multi-regional efforts that serve our member regions and are directly responsible to the Regional Service Committees within the zone.

Roll Call/Contact Sheet

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10/12 voting members present. Note: Only RD's and AD's are voting members

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Reports - SEZF:

**FACILITATOR REPORT
December 4, 2022
Report Given Verbally**

In Service,

Jeff P
SEZF Facilitator

B. Secretary/Treasurer

**Southeastern Zonal Forum
Secretary/Treasurer Report
December 4, 2022**

Hello family,

First, I want to thank God for allowing me to be here clean and in recovery, and it's always good to participate in my recovery. Glad to be of service as SEZF Secretary/Treasurer.

Nothing much to report on this month. Also, if the minutes are not out and you need minutes questions answered, you can call me at 205 243 7854 or just email me. My email address is as follow handhsafetysolutions@gmail.com.

From the treasurer side, as you may or may not know, the majority of all transactions are automatic, exceptions checks, I write checks when I am directed to. I've had issues this cycle getting into the online account, by being locked out. I talked to the facilitator and former treasurer about full access to the account. I will continue with attempts to get into the account, other than that, I will continue to make deposits and pull the reports from online banking.

Harold H.

August Minutes were approved

Reports

Web Servant : verbal only

Up and running good, apologize for not updating in a timely manner, besides that, things are good

ALNWFL: 342 meetings, coming out of the pandemic

Meeting with the state correctional facilities officials for introducing “E-Literature” into the prison system, looking at motion that requires face to face meeting

Carolina: Met Hybrid - See attached report

Florida: 20 areas, including Tobago, FRCNA June 29-July 2, 2023, booked to conduct CAR workshops. Bermuda is struggling with COVID, currently 12 meetings, hybrid/virtual. The government will not allow them to travel until they take a covid test. - see attached report

Georgia: 19 areas, region Dec 1, 80% live attendance, CAR workshop scheduled. Financial records, \$33,000 donated to world. IT committee established to help with technology - See attached report

North Carolina: See report

So Florida: Bank issues, report to follow. The RSC will be meeting in person post pandemic. Bahamas down to 2 meetings a week. There were 10 - 12 pre pandemic. Also paid 8 months rent for Bahamas.

Break 10:10 - 10:20am

Additional Needs - See attached report

BMLT - See attached report

H&I - No members are attending Task Force meetings

PR Task force -

US National Zonal - 6 of 8 zones have agreed to a collaboration of a national hybrid event. First national event Feb. 3-5, 2023

Eastern States US Zonal work group - motion on collaboration of Eastern States work group

Old Business-

- Direct contact list has been created
- Elections for future of the WSC, nominations (nominees - Craig R, Robert L, Ramon R, Mat S) - **Ramon elected**

New Business

Proposal: Madw by PR Task Force \$300.00 that each region for PR week Call to a Vote

Proposal Passed Unanimously

Proposal: To pass on all above 12,187.50 to the next level of service

Proposal Passed Unanimously

New business continue (Q&A)

- Discussion on collaboration of the zones, the Florida region placed a motion in 2018 at the Florida Service Symposium to start discussion on Zonal collaboration, rationale, we don't need to be directed or create another service body that will require more funding. Out of 19 areas in Florida, only two are in agreement.
- Visiting RCM - Why do we want to collaborate?
- Carolina, we are like Florida, we don't want to create another service body
- So. Florida - We are bound to the Southeast
- ALNWFL - my region is not concern with this at this time. They are unaware that they have benefits from collaboration. The benefits outweigh the fears of what this may become. Currently, I see no concerns.

Proposal: from Patrick, To move SEZF or web multi-zonal CAR/CAT work group

Proposal: Florida Region made a proposal to conduct virtual CAR/CAT work group - (Jeff will lead)

Proposal Passed Unanimously

PR task force conducted a workshop in the Pan Handle of Florida and was approached by the PR Chair in Dothan AL. (ALNWFL) who requested a PR workshop and the purchasing of some literature for this event

Questions:

Did they not go to the ALNWFL for assistance

Answer: They were approached by an inexperienced member that does not understand the service structure and fund flow

Kelly: This was not discussed at the ALNWFL RSC and we need to reimburse the zone for their expense.

BMLT Task Force

BMLT Task Force Report, December 4, 2022

Server Administration

- We moved the server to Oracle Cloud. Oracle Cloud has an insane free tier,
 - so we now have a much more powerful server, and it's now free.
 - Automated weekly database backups are configured and working.
- ### BMLT Root Server Software
- We are running the latest version, 2.16.6.
 - The software is stable and everything is working well.

Yap Software

- We reported we were waiting on several bugs to be fixed by the Yap team in August. Those bugs have been fixed, and we have upgraded to version 4.2.0.
- Things are now stable and working well.
- There is a newer version of the software (4.2.7), but we have not yet upgraded because we do not want to risk possible instability until important fixes or features are released.

Twilio Updates

- Twilio now requires toll-free numbers to go through the “toll-free verification” process. This is an anti-spam measure. You have to fill out a form explaining why you are sending sms messages from the number. We can provide guidance on how to fill out this form. Please reach out to us.
- For non-toll-free numbers, there is a similar process. We are now required to register a “campaign”. The deadline is December 15 (soon), and Twilio says numbers that have not gone through the campaign registration process could incur additional fees, though they have not communicated what these fees are. We are going to go through this process this week for some numbers in the North Carolina region, and then should have the experience needed to provide guidance to the other regions. Please reach out for help or guidance.

Requests from Regions

- Georgia Region: Georgia requested a new BMLT user, so we added one for them.
- Florida Region: Michelle C reached out to let us know the Forest Area's phone line was not working. We helped identify a misconfiguration issue and got things fixed.
- Florida Region: An addict named Jen from Florida reached out and asked us to rename the “LGBT” format to “LGBTQ+”. Formats are server-wide (not specific to any service body), and this seemed like a reasonable thing to do, so we went ahead and did it.
- Carolina Region: An addict reached out to let us know one of our formats was misspelled. We fixed it by changing “Spiritual Principals” to “Spiritual Principles”. How embarrassing!

Dijon

In August, we reported that we worked with a trusted servant at the WSZF to develop a tool called Dijon to assist NAWS with synchronizing their na.org database with all of the BMLT servers in the world. We have continued that work, and added some additional features for them.

NAWS Database Updates

NA World Services has a huge backlog of updates to make to their own database, but are quickly getting caught up using the Dijon tool that we developed for them. They

should be caught up within the next several weeks, and we should notice updates propagating to na.org and the NAWS app more quickly.

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Please reach out if you have any questions or if there is anything we can do for you.

In Loving Service,

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H & I

The Task force meets on the 4th Sunday each month at 7:00 PM Zoom ID 862 484 930.

In the last three months no members have been present at the monthly meeting. I was asked to do a learning Day in Nepal, India. It was well attended by members in India. I also coordinated with the Florida Regional H&I chair to get a Basic Text for a person in jail requesting a text. I continue to make myself available for any Region that needs assistance.

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PR Task Force -

SEZF Public Relations Task Force

Work Plan 2021-2023

I. Structure

- A. Possibly combine with Local Service Task Force described tasks
 - Local service delivery, mentorship
- B. Review and modify internal guidelines as needed to reflect any changes
 - As we work through our work plan, all unplanned activities will be measured against our priorities, current service requests, and resources
 - Develop metrics to evaluate effectiveness of projects
- C. Help to establish Area PR subcommittees/services as requested

II. Resources/Training

- A. Monitor the task force budget to track actual spending and trends based on current services, subcommittee planning and future growth in services
- B. Help develop PR orientation and training for member areas/regions
- C. Help develop local PR knowledge base; service catalog of PR resources
- D. Cross train subcommittee members in various functions to facilitate continuity and develop additional resources
- E. Develop PR presentation to utilize within the fellowship and with the public
- F. Plan and conduct 2 Service-Learning Days for recruitment of new members and training for subcommittee trusted servants
- G. Sign up and participate in PR Webinars offered by NA World Services

III. Communication

- A. Develop and utilize surveys and other communication tools to continue being responsive to member areas/regions and assist in their PR efforts
- B. Website oversight
- C. Develop tools for better communication throughout the zone?

IV. Collaboration

- A. Search out opportunities to coordinate PR services more effectively between regions within the SEZF
- B. Develop better collaboration with other zones
- C. Plan for PR Week June 2022; Multi-regional PR Day

V. Services

- A. Review and evaluate the effectiveness of current PR services we provide to consider opportunities for improvement, growth, and sustainability; create annual evaluation
- B. Identify professional events for attendance and participation; create, maintain calendar
- C. Search out new opportunities for building effective public relationships -within the Southeastern US- Media, Criminal Justice, Healthcare, Government- helping facilitate fellowship growth by enhanced recognition of NA as a resource and viable program of recovery
- D. Develop/implement process for submission and review of requests for PR services from the fellowship and/or professionals
- E. Develop Fellowship Development plan- Unity, Self-Support, Leadership development, Attraction to service, Mentorship

Additional Needs Task Force –
Report sent, read by Matt

additional needs
Report
December 4, 2022

The additional Needs Task Force has been on a sabbatical of sorts for this past quarter. some of our members have either been dealing with medical issues, traveling, or things in their own personal lives. currently we do not have any projects we are working on.

We recently lost a very important resource and additional needs champion....., She will be missed.

Our very own Cheri was able to share her experience with being an addict with Additional Needs at a Brazil event??

Brazil has been making some great strides when it comes to additional needs in their zone. We are very grateful for their collaboration and participation in the Additional Needs Task Force.

Canada as well has been doing some good things in order to make narcotics anonymous accessible for attics with additional needs.

We have worked with Matt in order to make Yesterdays car event accessible as possible. Scheduling ASL interpreters.

We are also on standby for whenever the PR week planning panel reaches out to us for ASL Interpreter's.

In loving service,

Jocho B.

SEZF Additional Needs Task Force Chair

Plans for the next Zonal meeting (Virtual)

Meeting will be held Feb 5, 2023

Meeting closed with the Serenity prayer.

Regional Reports:

1. Alabama/NW Florida - Report Given Verbally

2. Carolina – Hello SEZF Peeps,

Thank you South Florida for hosting us. We met hybrid for the first time outside charlotte in October. This was fun as I chaired the meeting and dealt with hybrid tech things. We had no new motions and finished in record time. We also donated a bunch of money to naws. We will be meeting in January hybrid as well with South Coastal Area hosting. ILS,
Patrick J
RD Carolina Region

3. Florida

Florida Regional Report To SEZF December 2022

Florida Regional RD/AD Report Greetings from the Florida Region. We continue to thrive and recover in the Florida Region. The Florida Region currently has 20 areas on the roll. Covering from Tallahassee eastward to Jacksonville south to Palm Beach and west to Sarasota including the island nations of Bermuda with South Florida's Central Florida Area tucked into the Greater Orlando area.

We want to thank the fellowship again for sending all their well wishes and healing prayers to the Daytona area. They are healing slowly and the meeting where this unfortunate event happened hs recently reopened its doors. There was a press release sent out assuring that NA is a safe place to recover.

Our Region has active Resource Coordinators with PR, H&I, Corrections and IT. Jane at world PR recently sent a letter to us requesting our attendance and also to give a 60 minute presentation at the Multiple Pathways Conference and we are attempting to make that happen. All our resource coordinators are available and willing to assist any areas in the zone and beyond. We would also like to thank Michelle for her hard work this weekend with the IT yesterday at the CAR workshop.

The Florida Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous Board is feverously preparing for the 41st Regional Convention "Surviving Against All Odds" in Orlando. This will happen June 29th to July 2, 2023 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel. We will have as we have in the past an ASL in the speaker meetings. FRC board decided with the region's support to continue to support and offer Newcomer packages for people with under 30 days clean. We offered marathon meetings for all those who chose not to register. You can preregister for FRCNA 41 through May of 2023 for a discounted price for registration at www.frcna.com.

Our RSO continues to be in a strong financial position even with the reduced sales due to the pandemic. Sales continue to increase. Our current RSO staff led by Kaylee is functioning well but is handicapped as all businesses is with the supply chain at this time being slowed down, however it seems to be getting better as of late.

Ramon and I will be doing CAR workshops throughout the Florida Region. We already have 3 booked as of last week. All will be Hybrid and on our Regional Wed site.

In loving service,

RD/AD Team from the Florida Region,
Joel B. and Ramon R.

4. Georgia –

Georgia Region Report for SEZF

Date: 12/4/2022

Submitted by: Jimmy N. – RD

Robert L. - AD

- Georgia Regions has 19 Areas
 - Region is meeting in Hybrid format and attendance is strong
 - Our last Regional Meeting was held as Hybrid meeting was held June 11-12th
 - Next Georgia Region is Dec 10-11th and I will be doing a CAR Workshop
- We had One Area that had reduced down to one meeting, but they have agreed to attach themselves to another Area.
- Georgia Region is doing very well financially. We continue to see increases in donations. The last donation was over \$33,000
- We just created IT Services committee and there are just beginning to get organized and create some plans
- We have begun plans to create an annual GSR Assembly
- We are seeing more live meetings coming back in person, but there are still some meetings sticking to Zoom
- GRCNA will be held in Peachtree City at the Crowne Plaza March 16-19th 2023
- Progress continues on the Georgia History Book sub Committee. They are beginning the writing phase and are looking for help with members that have writing skills.
- We had our elections for Admin Committee. We have a few Alternate Spots open but most positions are filled.

5. North Carolina –

North Carolina Regional Report

Greetings SEZF-

Things are mostly going well in the NC Region. We currently have 12 areas and 420 weekly meetings. 326 of those meetings are in person, 28 hybrid, 62 virtual. We are collecting and passing on 7th tradition, both in cash and electronically, but could use some information on best practice for groups collecting 7th tradition. The RSC is still meeting virtually due to not having a central location with good wifi for a hybrid meeting. This has allowed improved attendance by our outermost areas, which is excellent, we'll see what happens moving forward. We are working to try and help several areas that are really struggling due to lack of trusted servants, but have not had a lot of luck with that. Overall, things are going decently well, and many thanks to the Florida regions for hosting us this weekend. Thank you for letting me serve.

6. South Florida –

We have 17 areas, by missing 3 meetings, areas are removed from the roll call which affects quorum. SoFRCNA will take place on Labor Day weekend, please register and support

