



SEZF Minutes
MARCH 28, 2021
VIA ZOOM

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Roll Call

Facilitator
Secretary Treasurer
Webservant
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 9:01 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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11/12 voting members present. Note: Only RDs and ADs are voting members

The following list is for interested members that will be blind carbon copied on official SEZF correspondence.

Name	Region	Email Address
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Reports - SEZF:

A. Facilitator – See attached

1. 1 meeting for world zones

2. 3 meetings for US zones

i. Collaboration

ii. Website

iii. BMLT

iv. Action items

(a) Are we interested in researching what a US website would look like

(b) IDT

(c) Fellowship development tools

(d) Holiday workshop dec 22-jan 2

B. Secretary/Treasurer

December Minutes were approved

C. Webservant – verbal only

Website is up but Patrick has had to do minimal

D. Regional Reports:

1. Alabama/NW Florida

➤ Fun in the sun postpone until April 2022

➤ Looking at a transitional program for addict inmates being released from correctional facilities

➤ Looking at having the July meeting hosted by ALNWFL virtually

2. Carolina – See Attached

➤ Change in the Carolina Region

➤ Will stay virtual until further notice

➤ Region sound due to no activity

➤ Looking for guidance on the November Carolina Region hosting the SEZF

3. Florida

➤ Good progress in the Florida Region

➤ Thanks to everyone for attending the Florida Service Symposium

➤ FRCNA will be held July 1 thru 4, 2021

4. Georgia – See attached

➤ Bob announced, this is his last SEZF, he's rolling off

➤ Jimmy N will assume duties of RD for the Georgia Region

➤ All areas are active, and there is a new area, South Atlanta

➤ Regional meeting is hybrid

- GRCNA 39.5 was held in March
- Circle of sister asked the Ga region to host. Sent back to the groups. (checking on liability)
- Looking at hosting multi zonal, cost \$3000.00 per day near the airport and looking at combining with GRCNA in March

5. North Carolina – See attached

- Meeting virtually for RSC
- Having some virtual H and I meetings

6. South Florida – See attached

- Meeting via ZOOM since April 2020
- Discussed having the June RSC in person with the option of going hybrid
- The ASC's are meeting both face to face and hybrid
- Operating under prudent reserve, but did send donation to the SEZF and NAWS
- Inmate Step Working Guide
- PR looking at billboards and moving from Grasshopper to YAP phonenumber services
- Created adhoc to look at the history of So. Fla Region
- Will meet Mask to mask at the next RSC

Additional Needs Task Force – See attached

- Rose-Marie will move on in May 2021 and new chair will be Jocho

BMLT Task Force – See attached

- Root server for BMLT and Yap are operational and security is in place

H and I

Vacant

PR Task Force - See attached

- Meets every third Tuesday at 8pm EST.
- Video project doing great
- Asked to participate with the EDM on June 6th
- June 11-12, 2021 workshops hosted by SEZF
- Lots of activity, see the report.

Old Business

A. Looking at the Feb. 2022 meeting in ATL.

- NEZ, SZ, Autonomy, and Rocky Mountain Zones are looking at participating
- Looking at a \$6000.00 quote
- Consensus reached to meet the 2nd weekend in Feb. At GRCNA
- Nomination for H&I Taskforce - JoAnn F.

Elections

None

New Business

- a) Budget item to be added for any interpreter for \$1000.00 for Additional Needs Task Force to be used for Task Force meetings, Zonal meetings and other special events - **Passed unanimously**
- b) PR Week proposal for \$1500.00 - **Passed unanimously**
- c) Question came up on, what do we want from Zone collaboration between Zones

Treasurer's Report (Verbal) no changes from the submitted report

Open Discussion from Floor –

- a) Discussion on phone-line collaboration
- b) The SEZF Additional Needs Task Force is in collaboration with a Region that is in one of the Provinces of Canada.
- c) Talk offline about the Ga. Meeting to get specifics
- d) ALNWFL AD - We will be willing to host a face to face meeting
- e) Suggestion to hold a hybrid meeting due to financial stipulations
- f) All SEZF meetings Have been hybrid in the past
- g) Straw poll taken to have a virtual meeting in July - **Support (10-1)**

Plans for next meetings

- A. July 24th meeting in Alabama Northwest Florida Region
- B. July 2021 meeting – Planning virtual meeting in Huntsville
- C. December 2021 - Carolina

Meeting was closed at 11:15

Summary of Proposals or Other Items that Require Action

Review Attached Budget and Treasurer's Report

Facilitator Report

March 27, 2021

Since our last meeting there was a virtual meeting of all zones held on January 16th. The focus of that meeting centered on the following questions:

- **What do we want to accomplish on the goals of zonal collaboration and gathering a conscience by WSC 2022?**
- **Who do zonal delegates represent?**

Notes from that meeting will be attached to this report. The next virtual meeting of zones will be held sometime in May.

On January 10, there was a virtual meeting of US Zones. This meeting discussed the holiday event that had been held as well as the status of work being done by the Vision and Purpose Workgroup. After the meeting, there were requests from zones to stop the work we were doing for now. It is felt by some that the US Regions need time to figure out the basics of getting f2f meetings restarted and focusing on the basic services that have been hampered as a result of the pandemic. So, it appears as if we might be grinding to a halt for now. More will be revealed, but we need some sort of consensus from the Regions in our zone as to what we would like to see this meeting of US Zones become, if anything.

In Service,

Jeff

Secretary/ Treasurer Report

March 28th, 2021

Minutes from the December meeting were emailed for approval. The minutes will be approved as modified today and will be placed on the website marked "Approved". The treasurer's report will be attached to the minutes. The report will include Income (\$0.00) and expenses since the last report, budget tracking summary (tracks actual expenses to budgets throughout the cycle) and the bank statements since the last statement will be included in the report.

Georgia Region Report for SEZF

Date: 3/27/2021

Submitted by: Bob D – RD

Jimmy N. -AD

- Georgia Regions has 18 Areas with all active except for one
 - One new area has applied to be recognized. It is called South West Atlanta Area
- Our September Regional Meeting was a Zoom Hybrid meeting. About 75 % of the attendees were on Zoom.
- GRCNA happened virtually. They called it GRCNA 39.5. There was an issue with canceling at the last minute with the hotel. The hotel is claiming breach of contract. The Board of our convention feels that we have a strong case and have hired an attorney.
- The convention Circle of Sisters made formal presentation and request for the Georgia Region to sponsor this event next year. It was originally given to the Decatur Area but there were some issues and the convention did not feel the area could handle this responsibility. We had much debate around financial liability and the differences of hosting vs sponsoring. Eventually, it was decided to send back to groups before final vote is made.
- The decision will be voted on in June at our next Regional Meeting.
- We are seeing more meetings coming back in person in certain geographic areas.
- Multi Zonal update in 2022.
 - Initial hotel estimate is \$3000 per day. Our hotel liaison is going to check on some other possibilities
 - We have concerns that planning a separate event may be risky due to COVID. None of us can be certain of the future.
 - As an alternant plan, we wanted to ask the Zone how they would feel about combining the Multi Zonal event with our GRCNA Convention. The convention typically happens in late Feb or Early March. Due to the above-mentioned lawsuit, the date and location have not been set.
 - The convention will be either; at the same convention center in Augusta or it may return to the Atlanta area. The date and location should be confirmed by the next Zonal meeting.
 - This would reduce the financial risk
 - It will help out the convention
 - It will save significant amount of money as the convention would get a much better deal for the room if we are just adding another space to already sizable commitment

Maker: PR. Taskforce

Date: 03,27,2021

Proposal: The task force is asking for \$150.00 for Game gifts for Saturday 06,12,2021 Public Relations week.

Intent: To get members more involved in Public Relations as the games will revolve around Public Relations and what is our role in the community for the fellowship.

Spiritual Impact: To help our members better understand Public Relations and help them learn to interact with the community and professionals from others' experience.

Financial Impact: \$150.00

Additional Needs Task Force Report:

Hello All! This is the SEZF Additional Needs Task Force Report:
IP 1 ASL Interpretation project, to include Glossary, has been completed and submitted to NAWs Translation. We are awaiting final approval.
We are creating a Resource Guide with an emphasis on members and resources in our zone. We are requesting from the Zone if there is any particular resource relating to Additional Needs you may have.
We are completing a Task Force Review. Some points we have determined are:

Our Accomplishments and Strengths:

FSS 2019

Guidelines, creating suggestions and solutions, to include problem dogs in meetings

IP 1 ASL update and glossary

Worldwide Speaker Jam

Brought more awareness to including those with disabilities worldwide

Became a resource to NA as a whole

Advocating for other Regions and Zones to start their own Additional Needs committees. And a congratulations to the Georgia Region, for having a new Regional position of Additional Needs Point of Contact!

And many more

Needs improvement:

Still need to work on communication skills in regard to the disabled. NA service relies heavily on email, and nowadays, zoom. Many of us forget and tend to write long emails or have long strings on emails. However, this presents challenges, particularly for those who are hearing or vision impaired.

Vision impaired depends on readers. If you ever try to use one, you will find that the reader skips over words, mispronounces words, says abbreviations as words.

And, you have to memorize what is being said.

Hearing impaired, especially those that use ASL to communicate, do not think in black and white words. So, many times, long passages just become a blur of words to them.

And Zoom comes with its own new set of challenges. Many love power point and sharing screens and/or flyers. Readers are not able to read those. Additionally, if you have an interpreter, you need to remember to ensure that those who need it can see the interpreter.

We are putting our heads together to find the best means of communication for all. It has been challenging and we have made several mistakes.

Additionally, we have had the pleasure of having several interpreters at the committee. We have previously asked if one of them would interpret. However, we now realize it is wrong. When someone interprets, that person cannot pay attention to the meeting. Having been an interpreter for Spanish myself, I know that all I do is pay attention to what words that are said and then interpret them into Spanish. Rarely is anything said retained.

So, our Zone as a whole needs to consider having a budget for interpreters. This budget could include our Additional Needs TF meetings, Zonal meetings as well as

Additional Needs Task Force Report:

any other projects, such as PR week. We in the Task Force will do our part by including names of our local, Zonal interpreters in the resource guide. SEZF has led the way for NA and here is an opportunity to do so once again!

Learning lessons: If there one thing I would wish to pass on to any other service body considering having an Additional Needs committee, it would be this: In mistaken good intentions, we did divide some projects by disability, believing that those with the disability would be the best people to give input. While it worked in the short run, in the long run it wound up dividing people. It caused exclusivity instead of inclusivity. I would highly suggest that any project be made up of several members, to include able bodied ones. It fosters more of the NA spirit of service.

At this time, I am announcing my resignation from Task Force chair as of May 2021. The committee unanimously stated that Jocho B would be a great next chair. With the Zone's approval, please consider Jocho B to chair.

Is there any information, whether about Zoom, Physical meetings, or anything else, that the RDs or Regions would like to have?

In Loving Service,
Rose Marie B
Additional Needs Task Force



Treasurer's Report

March 2021 - 1st Meeting - Tampa Florida

Income

Date	Description	Income Category	Check Number	Amount
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
Total				\$0.00

Expense

Date	Check Written To	Description	Budget Category	Check Number	Check Amount	Budget Amount
1	1/4/21	Debit Card Prrchase	Digital Ocean.Com NY		\$6.00	\$6.00
2	2/2/21	Debit Card Prrchase	Digital Ocean.Com NY		\$6.00	\$6.00
3	3/2/21	Debit Card Prrchase	Digital Ocean.Com NY		\$6.00	\$6.00
4	3/26/21	Jeff Paul	Reimbursement for Fl. Dept. of State Div. of Corp.		\$61.25	\$61.25
5						
6						
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9						
10						
11						
12						
13						
14						
15						
Total					\$79.25	\$79.25

Beginning Balance:	\$7,257.42
Credits (+):	\$0.00
Sub-Total:	\$7,257.42
Debits (-):	(\$79.25)
Ending Balance:	\$7,178.17
Net Income:	(\$79.25)

Monthly Bank Statement Consolidation

Ending Bank Balance From Bank Statement	\$7,239.42
Outstanding Checks Total	\$61.25
Difference (\$0.00 means consolidated)	\$0.00

Southeastern Zonal Forum Statement of Financial Position

(Balance Sheet)

March 2021 - 1st Meeting - Tampa Florida

Assets	
Cash in Bank	\$7,239.42
Other	\$0.00
Total Assets	\$7,239.42
Liabilities	
Current	\$61.25
Other	\$0.00
Net Assets	\$7,178.17
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$7,239.42

