

RCM Report - August 27, 2023

Regional Delegate Team –

- *The two IDT topics we are working on developing workshops for:*
 - Gender neutral language in NA
 - Disruptive / Harassing behavior

- *NA Survival Kit*

Notice of intent to publish an “NA Survival Kit” that bundles NA literature on the Steps. We have 120 days from the notice, which is November 26, 2023, to respond with any comments/concerns.

- *World Unity Day*

September 2, 2023 – celebrate with all members around the world. There will be a webinar at 2:30 PM Central – more information at www.na.org/webinar

- *Plains States Zonal Forum*

In-Person Meeting in Amarillo

Workshops were on Attracting Members to Service, PR Basics, Leadership/Mentorship. Some takeaways were that one of the things that helps others feel encouraged to do service is for those that have been doing it to talk about how they made mistakes along the way but were forgiven and learned useful skills, providing welcome and brainstorming new activities that interest newer members like cornhole tournaments and such. Also, lots of ideas for PR and Fellowship development including posters, etc. at Bail bonds offices, pharmacies, going to nurses conferences, visiting counselors and MH professionals, making a presentation for staff at a hospital. SO MUCH MORE.

- *Next meetings for PSZF*

Virtual Meeting check-in November 5, 2023 at 3 PM

In-Person Meeting Sioux City Iowa – January 26-28, 2024

- *New PSZF Brochure*

To help answer the question of ‘What is PSZF?’ the forum has produced a brochure for the Regions. We hope this helps shed light on the purpose of the Zonal Forum and the services ours

Provides.

- *Sponsorship Behind the Walls*

SBTW is still looking for a postal co-coordinator in Tulsa, a co-facilitator, and a communications coordinator. If you are interested in helping those in Prisons across our zone to be able to work steps with a sponsor, please contact the committee at sbtw@pszf.org.

- *Learning Days*

Region is available and willing to do Learning Days for each area or participate in workshops that are going on.

Fellowship Development –

- *Survey of ‘How members heard of NA’*

The Survey is live. The intent of the survey is for input to develop future projects. Information shared will be used to more effectively focus time and money. The link is below:

https://okstateches.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2skqbQqv8BW9dwq?fbclid=IwAR3qMIIL0DpuIA6Sb02qHbixFb0LZFX22bUGMnzLGrJn9sfo8yxlVwkwWms

- *DOC Racks*

Racks are getting filled in EASC and WASC.

- *DOC Reentry Fair*

Keith, Tim and ToeKnee attended the reentry fair at the DOC.

The next re-entry fair is at Clara Waters Community Correctional Center on 7/12/23. The challenge going forward is having addicts who have been cleared to go into DOC to attend the fairs. If you are interested in being of service and attending re-entry fairs, please contact Fellowship Development at fd@okna.org. Keith T is our primary point of contact.

Clean & Crazy –

Clean and Crazy was a success. There was a total profit of \$4799.91 for the entire event.

Shane R will be the chair for next year. All other positions are open. The next committee meeting has not yet been scheduled, but the campsites have been reserved for next year.

OKRCNA –

- *Positions Open*

Vice Chair, Entertainment, Fundraising Co-Chair (Eastern Area)

The theme for this year is “Miracles Start Here.” They will be seeking artwork.

Convention dates have changed to April 12-14, 2024, to avoid overlap with Easter weekend.

Committee has voted to try out Serenity Keepers, which is like a welcoming committee. Misty R will be head of this committee.

Next meeting will be held on August 20th in Cushing, OK. Zoom is available if needed.

FSR –

- *Positions Open*

Secretary and Registration.

Seeking speaker suggestions. Please contact Pam T with Retreat speaker suggestions with recordings.

Registration is open, and you can register at the link below.

Fall Spiritual Retreat

November 3-5, 2023

Camp Waluhili – 67246 S. 320 Rd., Chouteau, OK 74337

<https://okna.org/fall-spiritual-retreat/>

Webcontact –

Position is open. Seeking trusted servant to fill the position.

Treasurer's Report –

Information on meeting with lawyer about our nonprofit status:

On July 17 th Toney K. and I had a meeting with Jeri Holmes, lawyer for Nonprofit Solutions, PC., as requested by the Regional body at the last meeting. During this meeting we discussed our current status as well as the options that she recommended we look at. As most can guess there is no definitive path forward without careful consideration of all the options and the needs of this body. We were strongly told not to start any process until we are sure which way to go because once we take a path there is no going back, this meaning we need a policy in place to assure any future forms, filings, and meetings that are legally required are not missed at any time in the future. Along with this we also need to make sure the Area's are not using our federal identification number (FIN) for their banking needs. If they continue doing this, it would make us accountable for their income and we would be required to file using their banking information in

addition to our own account (this is not recommended unless we setup as a multilevel organization).

This issue has not started lately, it has not filed properly since the 2005. As of 2007 the rules changed and become stricter. More recently the IRS began using AI to scan filings for fraud and/or late or missing filings along with information that the banks must turn in to IRS also. She cannot believe we have flown under the radar so far but it's probably because of falling out of the system so long ago.

The 4 paths forward we discussed are:

1. To completely reinstate the current 501c3. This would involve updating/creating all missed years filings, all yearly meeting minutes requirements, a new policy to abide by and a statement of why we didn't do the proper filings. This will take 2 to 3 years to be complete at a cost of 12 to 15 thousand dollars.
2. Dissolve current incorporation and current 501c3 (OKRSO). File for a new incorporation authority with a new board of directors and a new policy to be used here forward. (This is her favorite option at this time). This would take 12 to 18 months and cost around 6 to 8 thousand dollars.
3. Dissolution incorporation and operate as a small business filing a 1120 form yearly and pay taxes due just like any regular business. One big draw back to this method would be at the end of each year we would need to be rid of as much of our cash as possible to keep our tax liability as low as possible, which could affect how we save money for our larger events, insurance, storage units and other projects that we are trying to do. It would also require a point of accountability for the taxes and any indebtedness that may occur. This may even require an actual accountant to track expenses and income and keep proper receipts as any amount spent no matter how small (ex. A bag of ice) to satisfy the requirements.
4. To keep our head in the sand, do nothing, wait on someone to contact us then panic. This would leave the treasure very exposed to future and past liabilities. We would not have any nonprofit status and she said they are getting better every day at finding the ones that are not filing correctly. Bad idea but it wouldn't cost anything at least for now.

I personally think everyone should take this very seriously and go home and pray and come back to the next Region with any questions and if needed we can contact the lawyer again and discuss any concerns. The biggest thing is we as a region need to decide what we think is important and what our path forward should be. This includes fundraising, sales of literature, events, Insurance, and other expenditures to carry the message of recovery. More importantly

we must look at how trusted servants are elected and the transfer of duties and responsibilities as they are most imperative in today's world. I personally know we are a different organization than most, but we must begin to be more responsible to the outside entities we deal with.

Thank you for your service.

Your trusted servant

Earnest P.

8-8-23

Business

- *Change MZSS schedule to every 3 yrs:*

MZSS is typically scheduled according to the WSC schedule. Since WSC is changing their schedule from every 2 to 3 yrs, MZSS is proposing to changing their schedule to every three years. MZSS is asking for our input. A straw poll indicated unanimous support of a change to 3 yrs.

- *Proposal:*

For OKRSC to fund the purchase of literature and supplies to support attendance at Oklahoma Department of Corrections (DOC) Prison Re-entry Resource Fair events with an annual budget of \$750/yr.

Intent: To support attendance and distribution of NA literature to inmates that are preparing to discharge the DOC system to support carrying our message to the inmate population as they prepare to discharge and increase visibility to the public throughout the state of Oklahoma.

- *Hosting MZSS in 2026:*

Does the OKNA region want to submit a proposal to host the MZSS?

This is a large event, but there is a committee of addicts outside the host region that would be doing most of the heavy lifting. OKNA effort would be mostly focused on gathering proposal information (location, hotel, etc) and then helping with the hosting activities at the event. 2023 MZSS is in Detroit in Oct. Proposals for next would need to be submitted in the January 2024.

Disbursements

\$53.87 to Keith T. for participation at Lexington Reentry Fair; \$200 to Web contact for web service; \$75 donation to PSZF; \$500 donation to NAWS; \$75 Rent for RSC

NEXT REGIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD

October 1st, 2023 in Southern 5th Area

706 Ridley Rd, Duncan, OK

Fellowship Development at 9 to 10:30 AM; Regular Business at 11 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 848 4972 2846

Passcode: 1953

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84849722846?>

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