

# **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly Business Meeting -- Amended**

*October 20, 2012*

Called to Order by Regional Chair. Opened with a reading of the Mission Statement and Vision Statement. Chair challenged attendees to consider service within the Midwest Region. Advised all attendees of the job/role descriptions for RSC positions and noted those positions currently vacant. Encouraged those fully embracing the Mission and Vision to consider serving in one of the open roles.

## **Delegate's Report**

- Shared reflections and gratitude for opportunity to participate in the WSC in April. Provided a copy of the outcomes of the votes taken at the WSC. Attendees were invited to review the document based on their interest.
- Midwest Region currently has 32 group meetings within the four state region
  - IL has 12
  - IN has 9
  - MO has 8
  - KS has 3
- Eleven (11) new groups formed in 2012
  - Four were in IL
  - Four were in IN
  - Two were in MO
  - One was in KS
- In the past 12 months, one group (Springfield IL) has disbanded.
- Over the past 12 months of GSR monthly teleconferences, an average 8 GSRs are engaged in the calls. Delegate would like to see greater representation of the groups on the calls and is committed to work diligently going forward to determine what can be done to get broader participation.
- Briefly addressed service structure of Nar-Anon, from members of family home groups all the way up to the World Service Organization.
- Solicited attendees to share the concerns, wants and needs of the individual Nar-Anon Family Groups. Asked that this information to be sent to the Delegate – whether by call, email or whatever mode of communication was most convenient.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Current balance (effective Oct 20, 2012): \$ 1727.48
- Discussed proposed budget (by line item) for 2013, through comparison and contrast of proposed funding versus prior year expenditure.
- Detailed discussion of proposed budget for next year will be on the agenda for November GSR call. A vote to approve will be made at that time.

## **Introduction of GSRs in Attendance**

- Ruth, Elmhurst IL
- Rod, Kansas City MO (substitution)
- Karen, Shawnee (substitution)
- Bill, Homewood IL
- David, Bloomington IN
- Janice, "Touched by an Addict", St Louis MO
- Patty, East Alton IL

- Joseph, Maryland Heights MO
- Ron, Nar-Anon Member, Springfield IL (substitute)

#### RSC Member Positions

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Website Committee Chair
- Outreach Committee Chair
- Convention Committee Chair

#### Discussion

- MOTION: Term of office for office of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer be changed from 3 years to 2 years. Motion was seconded.
  - Discussion.
    - What if person in the office wants to serve for three years?
    - Can the term of service in office be changed to one year?
  - Move to AMEND THE ORIGINAL MOTION: change length of term from 3 years to 1 year. Amendment was seconded.
    - Discussion.
      - Concern this may damage the consistency and effectiveness of the RSC. Individuals need time to learn their role.
      - Should there be limits on the number of terms an individual can serve?
      - How often will the Assembly have an election cycle? Annually? Bi-annually?
    - AMENDED MOTION: The term of office for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer would be limited to 1 year. VOTE: Role call vote was taken. Votes for, 4; votes against, 5. The **amended motion fails**.
  - ORIGINAL MOTION for vote: The term of office for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer would be adjusted from 3 years to 2 years. Role call vote was taken. Original **Motion passed unanimously**.

#### Assembly Elections

- Discussion regarding term of service remaining for those individuals currently on the RSC. GSR from the floor referenced the GLS regarding Chair and Vice Chair positions (other RSC officer positions are not specifically addressed). If the Chair cannot fulfill their role for their term, the Vice Chair assumes the role of Chair for the remainder of the term. If the Vice Chair is unable to fulfill the role of Chair for the remainder of the term, an Interim Chair is elected for the remainder of the term. Term length is set by the time in which the Assembly elected the Chair.
- Call for volunteers to create a ballot
  - Secretary
    - Cyndee has agreed to have her name on ballot.
    - No other volunteers came forward. Cyndee is on the ballot.
  - Treasurer
    - Donna has agreed to have her name on ballot.
    - No other volunteers came forward. Donna is on the ballot.

- Vice Chair
  - There is no incumbent. Position vacant for approximately 1 year.
  - Nomination for Tonia, Glen Carbon IL.
  - Discussion regarding qualifications.
  - No other volunteers came forward. Tonia is on the ballot.
- Chair nominee
  - Luanne has agreed to have her name on ballot.
  - No other volunteers came forward.
- Subcommittee Chairs
  - Discussion as to whether a GSR has to give up that role in order to fill a subcommittee chair position. Concern expressed was regarding 'one vote'. Vital to insure an individual is not given opportunity to vote multiple times on same issue.
  - Convention Committee Chair
    - No volunteers.
    - Position remains vacant.
  - Outreach Committee Chair
    - Mike, Maryland Heights MO volunteered to serve.
    - No other volunteers came forward. Mike is on the ballot.
  - Website Committee Chair (NOTE: was shared that in FL, Web ommittee is organized under Outreach only as a committee with no chair so that those supporting the function do not lose their role (and vote) as GSR)
    - Rod, Shawnee KS was nominated – but did not accept nomination
    - Joseph, Maryland Heights MO was nominated – but did not accept nomination
    - Teri, Naperville IL was nominated
- Vote Results
  - Chair (with 10 votes): Luanne
  - Vice Chair (with 10 votes): Tonia
  - Secretary (with 10 votes): Cyndee
  - Treasurer (with 10 votes): Donna
  - Delegate (with 8 votes): Jan
- Open Forum for Discussion, Questions,
  - Suggestion we no longer do a roll call vote to approve Minutes or Treasurer's Report during GSR teleconferences. It is believed this is time consuming and rarely results in comments or discussion.
  - Suggestion consideration be given to having a state volunteer (not a regional officer) responsible for supporting conventions within their respective state.
- Motion was made and seconded to close the business meeting.
- Chair's Close
  - Personal thanks were expressed to "New Choices" volunteers that contributed time and energy to the planning, preparation and execution of the Assembly.