

## August 2013 Midwest Region GSR Teleconference Minutes

*August 17, 2013*

Chair opened call. Delegate lead group in recitation of the Serenity Prayer. Chair read Tradition 8 and Concept 8.

Attendees: Elmhurst IL  
Glen Carbon IL  
Hartford IL  
Homewood IL  
Naperville IL  
Rockford IL  
Springfield IL  
Shawnee KS  
Maryland Heights MO

RSC Members: Chair  
Vice Chair  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Delegate  
Outreach Committee Chair  
Region Mentor

**Teleconference Minutes:** Minutes for July were unanimously approved as corrected (Delegate Report – Bullet Point #1, spelling correction). Amended Minutes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Reports:** Ending balance of \$3281.41. Going forward, the Treasurer's Report will be presented during the RSC Call and will be made available to the GSRs as much as ten days prior to their monthly calls. The July Treasurer's Reports were unanimously accepted as submitted.

### **Delegate Report:**

- Motion deadlines. September 4<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the draft motions for World. If any GSRs wish to submit a motion for consideration (whether specific to Traditions, GLS, etc), it needs to be submitted to Jan as soon as possible to insure inclusion in the 2014 WSC.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Tradition. A verbal motion was made two years ago to make changes. Homewood GSR made a new proposed motion to modify the 4<sup>th</sup> Tradition language "NA as a whole" to read "Nar-Anon as a whole" – would read in total: "Each group should be autonomous except in matters effecting other Nar-Anon Family Groups or Nar-Anon as a whole". There was considerable discussion. MOTION: To propose the change in the 4<sup>th</sup> Tradition as suggested above. Motion was seconded. Vote was called. **Motion passed** with 8 yeas and one abstain.
- All books are now available for download through Amazon, Apple Store and iTunes.
- Social Media. There is a motion up for discussion regarding Social Media. Delegate will forward to all GSRs for their review and comment. Motion in part: "... to create and maintain a Facebook profile on behalf of the Fellowship and in accordance with the principles of Nar-Anon ..." GSRs are asked to take this back to their groups for discussion and decision. Feedback is requested to be made in a "reply all" email.

- Question was posed about the Group Contact Flow Sheet the Delegate committed to distribute to all GSRs during the July call. Delegate stated this would be forwarded to all GSRs very soon (prior to next GSR call).

**OUTREACH CHALLENGE:** Mike Z presented the September Monthly Outreach Challenge. Members are challenged to post Nar-Anon meeting information in local newspapers as well as school or college newspapers. Some newspapers may charge for this service (NFG may choose to cover costs or a individual/individuals may opt to cover as a donation)– but there are also some who will post at no cost for non-profit organizations on a space available basis. The challenge details suggested language for this posting (please refer to Mike Z's challenge document for specifics).

#### **4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE** by Assembly Host:

- Fliers are posted on MidWest Region's website and the WSO site.
- Workshops are currently in development.
- Guest speaker is set and confirmed.
- NFGs are being contacted as to whether they would be interested in providing a gift basket for the silent auction.
- Book covers will be used as a fund raiser for the Assembly. These have to be made. Anyone with sewing skills and interest in helping create the covers, please contact Donna.
- GSRs are asked to share the details of the Assembly with their NFG and encourage them to consider attending and participating in this year's Assembly.
- Business Portion of the Assembly
  - If GSRs are unable to attend in person, Chair asked that designated Alternates be identified to insure the voice and vote of the group will be heard at the Assembly.
  - RSC Positions
    - Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer – 2 yr terms as voted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly (possibly Chair and Treasurer will be vacated in October 2013)
    - Delegate, Alternate Delegate – 3 yr terms
    - Discussion on whether the term begins retro back to date service in role began – or whether terms begin in late October, coinciding with the date of the Assembly.
    - Chair suggests (on behalf of the RSC) new conventions positions be established to manage conventions within a single state area.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

- Maryland Heights MO GSR sent all GSRs (August 11th) a questionnaire guide proposed to be used in interviews with group GSRs within the region to primarily assess reasons for lack of participation. This was sent as a MOTION for MidWest region GSRs review and consideration. The MOTION was made. MOTION seconded. There was lengthy discussion. Some objection was voiced specific to elements of the MOTION (eg., 'opt out' question, designation as to who was responsible to complete interviews, etc). An objection was made regarding the length of time available to review the MOTION. There was a call for the vote. Vote: 3 Yes, 4 No (one vote was from Shawnee GSR who was on the phone for the discussion but had to leave prior to the actual vote) and 1 Undecided. **MOTION did not pass.**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Treasurer's Reports to be distributed to GSRs approximately 10 days prior to future GSR calls.
- GSRs are to discuss Tradition 4 and the proposed MOTION with their groups, providing group conscience to the Delegate.

- GSRs will be receiving information specific to a proposed MOTION on Social Media. This should be reviewed with NFGs with any feedback going to the Delegate.
- Any other MOTION which GSRs to be made (whether specific to Traditions, GLS, etc) are to be forwarded to Delegate as soon as reasonable. Firm deadline for submission is September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- GSRs are encouraged to provide information regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly to their groups so that interested parties may register to attend.
- Any GSR whose group wishes to donate a gift basket to the Assembly should contact the Assembly Host Committee for details.
- Any GSR who will be unable to attend the Assembly is encouraged to identify an alternate (and complete the necessary paperwork in advance) in order to allow that groups' voice to be heard during Assembly voting.
- GSR Phone Chain as suggested by Fairbury IL GSR will be added to the September call agenda for discussion.