

February 2015 Midwest Region GSR Teleconference Minutes
February 21, 2015

Chair opened call.
Delegate lead group in recitation of the Serenity Prayer.
Chair read Tradition 2 and Concept 2.

Attendees:

Groups:

AR Fort Smith
AR Van Buren,
IL Rockford (Thursday)
IL Rockford (Tuesday)
IL Springfield
IN Indianapolis
KS Shawnee
MO Branson
MO Chesterfield
MO Des Peres
MO Kansas City
MO Maryland Heights
MO St Peters

RSC Members:

Chair
Treasurer/Webmaster
Secretary
Delegate
Alternate Delegate
Regional Mentor

Teleconference Minutes:

(Full Documents available on website <http://www.naranonmidwest.org/member-services/conference-call-meeting-minutes/>)

Lengthy discussion regarding the minutes resulting in approval of July, August, September, November, December 2014 and January 2015 Approved, Approve (9) Abstain (4)

Treasurer's Report:

(Full Document available on website <http://www.naranonmidwest.org/member-services/treasurers-reports/>)

- Starting Balance: 2359.08
Revenue: 123.10
Expenses: 0.00
Ending Balance: 2482.18
- Reports that since the end of January we have purchased a new group packet for Centerville, IN and also received a donation from Homewood, this will be reflected in the February Financial Report
- Decision was made that it is no longer necessary to have a motion for approval, no one was opposed to this decision.

Outreach Report:

We do not have an Outreach Chair, but there are an archive of prior outreach challenges on the Midwest Region Website for use (<http://www.naranonmidwest.org/member-services/outreach-monthly-challenges/>). We are currently looking for someone to fill the Outreach Chair Position.

Delegate Report:

- WSC 2016
 - Invitation, sent out on 2/11 by Delegate. If you did not receive it, let her know and she will send it to you. The 3rd page has a list of important deadlines that we need to keep an eye on and make sure we stay on track.
- A few GSRs have spoken up about being uncomfortable about speaking up on the conference calls due to contention and feeling intimidated. We should all feel free to speak and the calls should be a safe place. Encourages us all to be careful and aware about how we are treating each other on the calls and in e-mails and to focus on our primary purpose and the principles of the program.
 - One member agreed stating that everyone is a volunteer. If people are not being appreciated or enjoying themselves, then people will not want to perform service.

Old Business:

- Outreach Chair, Convention Chair, and Vice Chair positions are still open, please pass this on to your groups

New Business:

- Request from a GSR to have recordings on the website under member services so that they can review written minutes.
 - Members felt that it was not necessary to listen to the recordings to review the minutes or to scrutinize the conversations had on the calls. The Secretary is a trusted servant and should be trusted to record the minutes. It also made a member uncomfortable to have the recordings on the website.
 - There was a prior motion in November 2011 that was defeated.
- RSC would like to know if GSRs want e-mails from the RSC to GSRs to be sent using CC or BCC.
 - **Motion (Made by IL Rockford Tuesday; Seconded by Rockford IL Thursday):** E-mails sent to the Midwest Region service body through the RSC, shall be sent using either the To: or Cc: options, or a combination of both. In addition, all correspondence from Regional GSR's, Alternate GSR's and Regional Committee Chair(s) shall be sent to the RSC for review and approval, before being distributed by the Secretary to GSR's, Alternate GSR's and RSC members. In times the Regional Secretary position may be vacant, e-mail correspondences shall be distributed by the Regional Chair.
 - (MO Chesterfield) Felt this deals with two separate issues and proposed we amend the motion by splitting the motion into two separate motions.
 - **Motion to Spilt (Made by IL Rockford Tuesday; Seconded by Rockford IL Thursday)**

- Regional Mentor wanted it noted that once a motion is read and seconded, it belongs to the floor and does not need an OK from the motion maker to amend.
- General consensus was in favor
- Vote to split: Unanimous Yes, Motion Passed
- **Motion 1 (Made by IL Rockford Tuesday; Seconded by Rockford IL Thursday):**
E-mails sent to the Midwest Region service body through the RSC, shall be sent using either the To: or Cc: options, or a combination of both.
 - Healthy discussion on pros and cons
 - Vote on Motion 1: Yes (7) No (3), Motion Passed
- **Motion 2 (Made by IL Rockford Tuesday; Seconded by Rockford IL Thursday):** All correspondence from Regional GSR's, Alternate GSR's and Regional Committee Chair(s) shall be sent to the RSC for review and approval, before being distributed by the Secretary to GSR's, Alternate GSR's and RSC members. In times the Regional Secretary position may be vacant, e-mail correspondences shall be distributed by the Regional Chair.
 - Healthy discussion on pros and cons
 - Vote on Motion 2: Yes (2) No (5) Abstain (2), Motion Defeated
- Tabled due to time: Tele-Workshop: Tradition 4 (By: Ruth, Alt. Delegate)
- Tabled due to time: Discussion topic: How to handle cross talk
- Upcoming conventions
 - [ISNAC XXII Convention](#)
March 6-8, Naranon will be there all day Saturday the 7th and have a literature table Merrillville IN
 - [RRCNA XXIV Convention](#)
April 24-26
S Beloit, IL
- Does anyone have any New Business they would like to bring forward at this time to add to the next agenda?
- Chair has decided to resign and thanks the GSRs for all their service and support

Action Items:

- Please share with your groups that the Outreach Chair, Convention Chair, Chair, and Vice Chair positions are still open for the Midwest Region and need to be filled
- Contact RSC with discussion topics you would like considered for future GSR call agendas