

**September 2017 Midwest Region RSC Teleconference Minutes
September 2, 2017**

Chair opened call, started tape
Convention Chair lead group in reciting of the Serenity Prayer
Chair read Tradition 9, Concept 9

ATTENDEES:

RSC MEMBERS:

Chair, Cyndee
Vice Chair, Dale
Treasurer/Webmaster, Rod
Delegate, Ruth
Alternate Delegate, Theresa
Outreach Chair, Jim
Convention Chair, Dian

Approval of Minutes: August 2017 and December 2016 minutes, Motion by Treasurer/Webmaster to accept as submitted, seconded by Outreach Chair; unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report (Rod): Please refer to Treasurer's Report dated August 31, 2017 (available on Midwest Region's website.)

Outreach Report (Jim): No Report. Cathy S assisting with outreach at assembly.

Convention Report (Dian): No report. Outreach Chair to send the NCADA-St. Louis 9/28/17 event to be added; Convention Chair will issue addendum.

Website Report (Rod): Nothing new. Chair asked if there is an updated number of hits on website; important to have this information to share.

Delegate Report (Ruth/Theresa): No report. Discussion ensued about lack of activity/emails on website.

Old Business

1. 2017 Midwest Region Annual Assembly, October 28-29 (NOTE this is FOURTH weekend!) – Kansas City (or more accurately, Olathe) Kansas

Update from Host Committee Co-Chairs (Rod and Theresa):

- Discussion regarding dinner options for Saturday evening after event ends; possibilities include catered meal at clubhouse or reasonably priced restaurant. Main goal to keep group together, restaurant not too expensive, consider extra work related to set up and clean up if catered meal.
- Rod will pick up supplies in St. Louis end of September (after 9/28 NCADA event) and decide if additional supplies are needed.
- Member in Crisis: Patty interested, but not 100% sure she will be there. Patty and Gary indicated to Chair that they would be at the assembly; Chair to follow up. Theresa would like to know if Patty needs an additional person and if any presentation materials need to be included in packets.
- Theresa indicated that there are posters available for delegate business meeting.
- Evaluation sheet for assembly was discussed; Chair will forward last year's sheet to Theresa. Care should be used in wording that evaluation is to be about the material presented, not the presenter.
- Chair asked Delegate if she will prepare GSRs for what is coming regarding volume. Discussion ensued about how GSRs help group in reviewing information in expedient fashion, better representation, GSRs

making sense of the issues, motions, and providing GSRs with information in advance highlighting 15 most important things.

2. Regional Service Opportunities (Chair Cyndee):

- Ballot: Narateen Chair was sent an email and we've heard nothing. Position now open.
- Completion of the Candidate Information Form: Candidate not required to be at assembly in order to run for open position. Goal for candidate to share why they are running. Chair will add option to scan and email and resend.
- Requirements for RSC positions: GLS lists Outreach Chair and Convention Chair as sub-committee positions without voting privileges so can remain as GSR; Chair, Vice Chair, Delegate/Alternate Delegate, Secretary/Treasurer cannot be in role of GSR. Chair will let GSRs know of this clarification. Discussion regarding GSR role – it is intended to be a 1 year role; should have a start date and end date. They are a liaison between their group and the region.
- Are there ongoing discussions with candidates about being placed on the ballot? Rod will ask Kathy if she is interested in the Narateen Chair position. Others in consideration of RSC positions have been approached by Chair.

3. Supporting Midwest Regional family groups (Chair Cyndee): Lengthy discussion regarding unity on mentoring (conference call tape available for detailed discussion.)

- Engaging new groups: Train them up and engage early; Chair to assign RSC mentor to GSR based on geography – personal contact via phone call or text best method.
- Supporting existing groups that have a value for active engagement in the region: Continue with existing TNT guidelines – participate at least 2x every six months and/or show interest in region (assembly); if already developed good rapport, continue to reach out.
- Those groups not actively engaged: Continue to keep them informed via monthly minutes and communications. Chair to advise GSRs that TNT program undergoing positive changes and offering mentors to existing groups if they choose to participate.
- Discussion regarding possible mentors: Current RSC members, past RSC members, and active GSRs.
- New Group Contact Form: Chair asked if any value in keeping this form; consensus is no value, most have their own methods of tracking contacts they make.
- Reach out to all GSRs with a draft of guidelines for mentoring program and ask for their input. Alternate Delegate and Treasurer/Webmaster will work on first draft of guidelines.

New Business:

Proposed Budget preliminary discussion (Rod): Please refer to Treasurer's Proposed 2018 Budget emailed to all RSC members on 9/1/17. Chair suggested not cutting convention and outreach budget with new Outreach and Convention chairs coming on board. Chair also suggested that the WSO donation should not be a budget line item. Discussion ensued. Decision was made to keep budget at what it has been and send out another draft.

Things to consider (Chair Cyndee):

- Do we have, as an RSC, Midwest objectives we would like to put in front of GSRs as a starting point?
- Anything specific for the GSR teleconference in September?
- Thoughts on question of the month for Theresa; she welcomes your thoughts and questions.

Call adjourned 11:52 a.m. CST.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kim C, Interim Secretary