# Midwest Region Teleconference November 19, 2011 9:00 am CST/10:00 am EST

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Call to Order: Open with the Serenity Prayer & Concepts of Service

#### **Roll Call**

Chair - Luanne - present

Vice Chair – Robin-present

Delegate - Tawnee V - Present

Alt Delegate- Jan-present

Treasurer – Donna -Present

Secretary - Sharon S-present

Convention Committee – Paula -Present

HI/PI – David-present

Chicago, IL – absent

Elmhurst, IL – SoYoung -Present

Homewood, IL – no gsr

Matteson, IL – Lenita S-absent

Naperville, IL – Marvin-absent

Rockford, IL – John – Present

Springfield, IL, Thursday – Linda - present

Worth, IL – Jeremy – absent

Avon, IN – Bertha – absent

Bloomington, IN – David - present

Camby, IN – Sharon W - absent

Muncie, IN – Niki R - absent

Munster, IN – Mark C - present

Valparaiso, IN – Lori S - absent

Shawnee, KS – Rod - Present

Wichita, KS – Shane H - absent

Des Peres, MO – Story - present

Maryland Heights, MO – Joseph - Present

St. Louis, MO – Janice -absent

Washington, MO – Scott P –absent

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mark motioned to approve minutes as presented. SoYoung 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor...motion approved

## **Midwest Region Reports**

Delegate's Report- conference car to be avail nov 25<sup>th</sup>

Tawnee contacted all Indiana meetings only heard back from Carmel.

Secretary's Report- none

Treasurer's Report sent with agenda

HI/PI & Website Committee Report-No report

Bill added that there was requests made at Joliet for info and it was provided. Convention Committee Report-SLACNA...joseph attended. Gircna went well. Next convention is Chicago in Jan 2012 and that Donna has room with meetings and table scheduled. So far Donna has one speaker 2 meetings.

Please contact Donna if you're interested in being a speaker.

So young...repeat event CRC Chicago. Hyatt mc cormick place

Story was asking why her group was not notified about the region having a table at SLACNA. No one from our group or the city group knew this and possibly would have attended

Joseph contacted got approval 3 days after gricna. Info was not given to Secretary for disbursement.

SoYoung asked how can we avoid this in the future. Give info to Paula the Conv committee Chair for her to handle. If everyone sent their NA contacts to Paula she will keep them on record, that way if she needs backup she has all the info. Rod asked if we need to tell about a convention they are attending.

Yes, notify convention chair of any NA contact.

Joseph explained how he came to be at SLACNA once again and SoYoung stated that we had moved past that issue.

Luanne stated we were to have specific notification as to who makes contact. Work on getting the perpetual calendar together and up to date and out to the masses. This will avoid this issue going forward.

#### **Unfinished Business**

2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly Review. Including what worked, what would be helpful for next year, etc.

Bill Homewood stated that in his opinion it went well and was well organized. Suggestions for next year...do it in same place.

SoYoung felt it was really intimate. It was a great way to get to know everyone. She enjoyed it very much. No new suggestions.

Linda stated that she enjoyed it and it was a great convention. It was well organized. Good to put faces with names. Suggestions for next year is to still meet in same place. Well organized

David felt it went great. He liked the location and facility. He would like to encourage more members to come in the future.

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So young told everyone to \*6 to mute and again to unmute due to a lot of background noise

Luanne felt the location was lovely. The room nice and intimate. Wonderful to meet everyone's face and putting face to voice. Bring more members next year. Luanne would love to see all the groups putting presentation on using topics, etc. to bring some diversity and different aspects to our region. Problems, what's working, what's not. To share ideas to improve our groups. Springfield did a great job.

# What are the RSC goals for 2012. Where do we go from here discussion.

Sharon wants unity and communication improved. To be a whole and not individual groups working alone. This is the purpose of the region.

SoYoung wants to know how to send message out about naranon to a broader audience.

Luanne stated our mission statement furthers the Naranon voice in the country and world. Luanne asked if the gsrs want to see our efforts go there?

Linda found it thru a recovering addict.

David feels our goals should be getting word out

SoYoung is willing to send out info but felt that advertising in papers was a tradition violation.

Tawnee stated it is not against tradition to put in paper

Luanne stated a lot of .newspapers list support groups for free as public service. Mark is hoping that the RSC stay committed and stay full. To put personality aside and work together to get the word out and grow

Joseph would like a unified program developed by the region to promote unity Rod favors getting the word out

John agrees with getting the word out

Story feels unity and good communication are top priority

Paula stated she is not a gsr anymore and that she would like to get the word out Robin feels moving forward helping new meetings stay established, helping new people understand and keeping the meeting alive. Learning and understanding that our voice is important and having healthy meetings will keep the areas alive. Sharing our feelings and being supportive of what we are trying to do Tawnee feels that keeping meetings healthy and asking ourselves what are we offering the member. That is what is naranon is about.

Luanne will .fill in where needed. Several things we will try to implement to build communication, build the service structure as well as promoting service. Whether small task or serv position everyone should participate. The more together we are the more we will grow.

Now that all positions are filled, how can we encourage service in the region. Sharon stated this was covered in the previous discussions

<u>How can we build unity and growth within the region?</u> Sharon stated this was also covered in the previous discussions.

Discussion over the new phone number and recording capability.

Bill Homewood was questioning if there was a way to have toll free charges since he thought the issue with noise is due to cells. He reminded everyone that toll charges will apply. David agreed that calls are not toll free and that's why he uses his cell.

Joseph reminded everyone that he had a motion on the table to have access to recordings or discussion had.

Ask for chair to take motion off.

Bill stated that his motion is in order

Joseph stated that the NFG Guide to Local Service states that any member can request minutes and he feels the same should apply to recordings. He feels that someone may not remember the conversation and this would be a way to refresh their memory.

SoYoung called for an immediate vote

Motion by joseph 2<sup>nd</sup> linda that gsr's will have access to the recordings on the new phone number. Vote taken..NONE in favor. All opposed. There will be no access to recordings by the GSR's.

Luanne thanked everyone for being present and their participation. David motioned to adjourn. Bill  $2^{nd}$ ...one opposed...the rest in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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