

Plains States Zonal Forum Business Meeting

May 3rd, 2018

WSC – California via Zoom

Moment of silence, followed by Serenity Prayer, Traditions, Concepts, Service Motivator

ROLL CALL: Best Little Region, Iowa Region, Mid America Region, Nebraska Region, OK Region, South Dakota Region, Facilitator, Secretary, Treasurer, Web Servant, PR Coordinator – Absent, SBTW Coordinator - Absent.

Trusted Servants:

Facilitator – Nate F

Secretary - Amber C

Treasurer – Carol P – Absent

Web-Servant – Barry B

PR Coordinator – Sam B – Absent – Resigning

SBTW Coordinator – Amanda M – Absent

Regions

Best Little Region – Leanne H.

Iowa – Kathy N & Michelle B

Mid-America – Jeffrey L & Rod D

Nebraska – Brian S.

OK – Kyle B. & Pam T.

South Dakota – Steve P. & Jeff S

MINUTES

Minutes were accepted.

REPORTS

Chair

No report

Treasurer

PSZF Treasury April 2018

- BB - \$1,874.48
- Deposit - \$909 from Texas auction
- Donation - \$100
- sub – \$2,883.48
- Check 119 to Barry for zoom - \$379
- Final – 2504.48

PR Coordinator

Attended PR FD on March 31, only a few in attendance – topic, training and strategic planning – other zones not using technology for training

Straw poll – everyone thought the group was beneficial for sharing best practices

Next call June 23 at 10 am pacific – let her know if we want to attend

Web Servant

- Website moving along, adding SSL soon, google changing maps platform again – not sure how this effects the BMLT – not working well – looking into it.
- Keeping SBTW current

- Zoom account has been busy -looking for ways to streamline meeting requests – had first request from OK region
 - Averaging 15/month
 - When you schedule a meeting from now on, make sure you look at user name he sends you -
 - From now on the host has to start the meeting – getting a lot of emails of people using
 - Web bill due before the next meeting - \$131.88 – due September 9 for one year

Greetings in recovery,

Your web site has been moving along. On a technical stand point I will be adding ssl soon. I have not been able to add new location maps for the past couple of months. Google is changing their Maps Platform again, so I will have to see how this affects us for the use with the BMLT. I have install the server and will start putting in the information soon. map It does need to. I also continue our test site for Drupal 8. I have been able to maintain the SBTW stuff and keep it current. I have not been able to do as much as I would like to do with this.

Now for Zoom. The Zoom account has been busy. I will continue to look at better ways to streamline our process for requesting meeting. This process has been time intensive. I received a request from the OK Region that I did a follow up with the OK Delegates and members. I did not recognize the member that was requesting to schedule a meeting. This seemed to work out ok. There has been a couple of times now that we have had things scheduled at the same time. We are averaging around 15 to 25 meeting a month. There is 11 scheduled this month so far and it is only the 3rd. It is being used by the MZSSNA, SBTW, Iowa Region, South West Iowa Area, Central Kansas Area, and the Mid America Region on a regular basis. The OK region scheduled their first use.

There is two account login in. So if you schedule a zoom meeting make sure you know what account we are using. There has a lot a clicking on the link for meeting not close to meeting time. I have start taking away the join before host option. It will require the host to log in first. I have been testing the waiting room, and some other functions. The main ones that I will keep as default at this time are: host & participates video on, Telephone or Computer Audio on, & Mute participants automatically upon entry. I will update you with changes to the zoom account as I try more things out.

Our web site bill will be due on September 9 of \$131.88 before our next meeting. I do have \$100 left from our zoom bill. I have not mailed out the check yet. I completed the video for the Zone. I hope you all enjoy it.

Hugs,

Barry B.

Sponsorship Behind the Walls (SBTW)

Dear Zone,

We have one sponsee who has finished both initial assignments and has been assigned and is corresponding with a sponsor!! We still just have one prison facility in Iowa who were getting inmate mail from.

We will send out a new batch of letters, probably to two more in each state sometime in the near future. We have reached out to the RD's, along with the regional liaisons, and asked if they could work together with members in their regions to prioritize the rest of the prison facility list for the order in which to send letters to the facilities in their region. The liaisons and delegates hopefully know best who to reach out to locally. So that has begun in some places. In the case of South Dakota, with only 3 prison facilities in the state (+ a federal facility which we may look into sending to later), we will go ahead and send a letter to that remaining facility. But the other regions have way more than 3, and if someone in those regions has some useful information on which prisons to prioritize to send info to sooner than others, we would gladly take it. If not, the workgroup can prioritize, but wanted to give anyone in the regions with relevant input a chance to express that. Additionally, Mark B. in Omaha is still willing to provide his \$.02 on where Project Primary Purpose is sending Basic Texts to

facilities in your regions, so if you want to defer to his knowledge, that could be another source of input, if desired, just say the word. I know where he lives lol.

Our workgroup continues to meet via the Zonal Zoom account on the 2nd Wednesday each month at 7:30pm CST, and continue to have around 10 workgroup members each time.

Reminder from February Report: Fall zone will be the end of my term, as well as of the elected workgroup members, so if you or anyone you know is interested in any of the elected positions, let us know. Zone elects the workgroup coordinator, and the workgroup elects all other positions, as it is currently written in our guidelines. The terms are for 2 years. Please spread the word. Since we are all just beginning to have our positions be in action, it probably wouldn't hurt for many of us to do another term, but rotation would be welcomed too. Sit in on our workgroup calls to see if this is something you would like to participate in, elected or not. We are still looking to fill the South Dakota Regional Liaison position, which remains open. Iowa Region decided they wanted to elect their liaison, and they have not yet had a liaison elected in the workgroup. They elected Shane at their February Region to be the Iowa Regional Liaison and he has begun attending workgroup meetings. All other workgroup positions are remain filled.

We are continuing to hold sponsor trainings, just online trainings via Zoom since our last report in February. We have two more online trainings scheduled for the near future: Thursday May 10th at 7pm CST and Sunday May 20th at 8pm CST. Email to sbtw@pszfna.org at least 2 days prior to the training date for link and paperwork info. Check the calendar at www.pszfna.org or the SBTW flyer for upcoming times in the future. Many are on an email list I send the latest flyers out to as well. We have plans to have local workgroup members facilitate a sponsor training workshop at the Iowa Regional Convention in July and at the Nebraska Regional Convention in October.

We still have \$1466.85 remaining in our budget. Kathy bought some IP's to send the initial assignments (based on the IP's), but I haven't reimbursed her yet. That will be \$11... that comes out of the account when I do send to her.

Zone had asked for a proposed workgroup budget for Fall 2018-Fall 2020 to be submitted shortly after the February Zonal meeting to Barry. This is what we came up with and sent to him for zonal approval/revisions:

\$400 Workshop materials
\$400 Mailing postage and materials
\$100 IP's for initial sponsee assignments (before they get a sponsor)
\$1000 NA Books (Step Working Guides and It Works: How and Why)
\$400 2 year mailbox rental (needs to be renewed July 2019)
\$2300 TOTAL for 2 years

We're also continuing to work on spreadsheet logs, a few more types of correspondence response letters, and updating our info on the zonal website. Now that we're actually putting some of these processes into action, it becomes clearer what is working or not. I think down the road we will have a need for a 2nd Sponsor Communications Coordinator, or someone to help with responding to the initial requests from potential sponsees. Currently it is slow and workload is manageable now, but as we get into more prisons and we get more mail, that could change. More will be revealed.

As always, any input and guidance you can provide us is welcomed. We look forward to developing this project further and carrying the message to incarcerated addicts in our zone and working the 12 steps with them!

With gratitude and love in service,
Amanda M, SBTW Workgroup Facilitator
& the entire SBTW Workgroup

Best Little Region (TX)

Iowa Region

Mid-America Region

Mid-America Regional Convention was great and well attended.

Please come to the Mid-America Campout July 5th through 8th in Beloit, KS.

The RD team did a total of four WSC workshops. We had 14 groups respond to our online tally. We also had 21 individual members submit tallies.

In Service,

Jeffry L.
Regional Delegate
Mid-America Region of NA
785-550-0849

Nebraska Region

OK Region

South Dakota Region

Hello zonal peeps, South Dakota is doing well. We have some new meetings starting around the Region and one that has closed that I'm aware of. We have H&I meeting going through out the state that are going well. Sioux Falls is doing some orientation for their area H & I. At our last Region meeting we talked about them forming a area and joining the regional decision making process. We have voted Melissa B. In to the Alternate position, it's great to have someone in this position that is going to move into the RD position after this conference as my 8 year sentence is coming to an end. It has been my pleasure to serve with you and will do my best to keep in touch. It has been my pleasure to be a part of the best Zone in the world. The South Dakota Regional Convention will be in Sioux Falls this year September 14, 15, 16. Come join us if you can. Flyer will be posted on the SD Web site soon. There is camp outs and other activities planned for the summer including the the Sturgis Rally campout. Check our website for flyer as they become available. Thank you all, ILS Steve p.

OLD SERVICE



SBTW Liaison Position (returned conscience from Regions) – who should elect – the zone doesn't need to mandate – and everyone can do what they want – this will be a change in the policy – and Amanda will work on it. Term ends in the fall. – this will be a good experiment to see what really works best.

- Iowa wants to elect their own
- OK is OK with SBTW electing
- Nebraska – just wants the group to have interaction with the liaison – maybe let the RD know who the person is
- Mid-America is ok with SBTW taking care if it
- Best Little wants to elect their own (they have contacted her – they haven't had contact with her
- South Dakota – don't have anyone that has expressed an interest at this time



Budget Proposal –

- Will we be able to ratify in Omaha or discuss in Omaha
 - Agreed to present to regions and bring to vote in November

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Total Sponsorship Behind the Walls		\$2300.00
Plains States Zonal Meetings		
T	Meetings 4 in two years at \$400.00 each	\$1600.00
Public Relations		
T	Public Relation events	\$700.00
Information Technology		
1	Web Site Hosting. Two-year hosting. Due September or (1 year is at 251.88)	\$455.76
2	Zoom 299.80 a year due in February	\$599.60
3	Miscellaneous Web Site Charges. (New Modules)	\$200.00
4	Domain Registration for URL (Two years due in September)	\$65.00
Total Information Technology		\$1320.36
Total of all Budgets		4720.36



Guidelines Workgroup – establish an agenda and timeline - Nate

- Rod, Nate, Barry, Michelle, Brian J. – Nate will coordinate meeting through email with these folks.
- Discuss Trusted Servants and Workgroup Coordinators participation via Zoom if unable to attend in person. (passed to next month – but want to go ahead and make Zoom available)

NEW SERVICE



WSC update – RDA's



Next meeting Nebraska – at the MZSS – Brian will handle the meeting – Barry will book the room.



Date and Location, planning, workshops, PR for Professionals? (MZSS has one scheduled)

Announcements

Recap

ReCap (Who is doing what, when, where)

- All – register for MZSS - Mary B came by gave us all flyers for the MZSS – registration is open – download and mail it in or register on line. Pre-registration (\$20) open until October 10. www.mzssna.org

- All – we will hear more from Southern Zonal Forum - Jim from Volunteer Region – Southern Zonal Forum wants to reach out to collaborate and invite – traveling a lot – coming to MZSS. invitation that they would like to do more of an information exchange – communication, collaboration open the dialog! Next zonal meeting is in Kansas City – 27-29 of July – in Westport
- Barry – please set up a zoom and send out link - We loved the Zoom being available and would like to suggest having this available to invite people from our region.
- RD’s – we Agreed to present to regions and bring to vote in November

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- Elections will be in November 2018 at MZSS.

In loving service Amber C
PSZF Secretary