

URSC – Regional Minutes August 8, 2015

Read concepts and traditions

Roll Call:

Facilitator, Tracia – present
Secretary, Patty – present
Treasure, Pam – present
Alt Treasure – OPEN
RD, Russ – present
RDA, Lonny – present
Web – OPEN (Jessica filling in)
PI, Jessica – present
Outreach, Kirsten – present
HI, Liz – present
USSCNA, Russ – present
URICNA, Karen – present
Campvention, January – present

RCM's :

Central, Amanda – present
High Uintah – not present
Lakeside – Russ to report
Northern, Kirsten – present
Sasquatch, Jessica – present
UWANA, Brad – present

Minutes – read and approved. Kirsten asked if anyone had copies of August 2014 minutes, Jessica will look in achieves

Reports:

Facilitator:

Tracia – attended the Campvention meeting 6/27/15, appears that they have everything worked out.

- Sasquatch requested to change order of business and discuss URICNA motion prior to URICNA report.

Secretary:

Patty – Now that the web has been updated with minutes/documents achieves (thank you Jess) I will be working on motions log, will take a while to complete. Also handed out email distribution list for any updates. Completed signature card at America's First Credit Union for regional account.

Treasurer:

Pam – had planned to get together with Russ during Campvention to discuss treasure information but didn't get a chance as Russ was busy with Campvention treasure position. Completed signature card at America's First Credit Union for regional account. Will check and see if there will be on line access to bank account – Northern area would like to know if they could deposit regional donation direct into region account.

RD report – see report:

Joey asked what the Baby Blue was mention in report, Russ explained NAWs position of it being a copyright violation. Referenced the FITP and associated bulletins, they also explain NA use of logos for producing merchandise.

Russ was asked if he knew which board member would be attending the RMZF to be held in Utah, December 2015 – Russ stated that we the World Board will assign someone and at this point he does not know who that will be.

RDA

Lonny stated he had some medical issues shortly after June's regional meeting. He has reached out to some hotels in Salt Lake City to get rates for the RMZF, but hasn't heard back from them. He will follow up in the upcoming weeks.

Turned in gas receipts for the RMZF attended in Idaho.

On line conference calls for RMZF – researching free web services for conference calls. May have to do a subscription to try it out.

Web – see report:

Jessica asked the RCM's if they were okay with her getting her reimbursement and emailing receipts – no objection.

Central Area – Jessica let Amanda know that there was an issue with their website, Amanda said that it was down for repairs.

Regional website has a Link for URICNA.org and will add NUACNA.org.

PI – see report:

Outreach – see report:

Jess, Liz and I had a conference call. We have planned our 1st Annual Service Learning Days for 9/27/15 at 3:00 pm. It will be a Sugar House Park. Service speakers, food, opportunity drawing and fun. Bring a newcomer to be entered in the drawing. The pavilion cost is 75.00, I don't believe I need to make a motion for this.

Learning Days – Previously approved sasquatch area motion had an approved budget of 250.00 to 500.00 – actual budget will be:

75.00 facility
150.00 food
100.00 literature

Russ / Lonnie – to do a workshop, not sure what – must be prior to 6:00 pm due other commitments.

HI:

Liz – regarding letter received in June – she attempted to contact the Chaplain at the Prison and Jail, but he is out of town and will be back the week of 8/12/15 - she spoke with his Assistant and left contact information.

Reached out to Gunnison prison to get literature in the prison.

Currently trying to change work schedule to attend upcoming HI activities.

Has contacted all area HI chairs, has heard back from one.

Text is best way to contact her.

Steps Through the Mail – working on it.

URSC CORPORATION:

Russ noted that this will need to be added to Agenda for all future meetings.

Sasquatch Area Motion #5

To cancel the 2015 Utah Regional Indoor Convention of NA. **This motion requires a 2 week immediate response and group conscience should be submitted to the Region Chairperson in an email by 8/23/15 at 8:00pm.**

Intent:

To be fiscally responsible. The URICNA budget is just under \$13,000 and that number does not include a 38% tax and tip charge for the \$4,500 catering budget. That is approximately \$6,000 more than their bank balance. There are no funds to cover the discrepancy.

Financial Impact on the Region: The cost of the contract cancellation to be determined in the cancellation negotiation process.

Jessica added that the Sasquatch area is offering assistance of a lawyer

Discussion

Karen stated that her appreciation for prior contact and heads up.

- URICNA has signed contract and paid the \$4,000.00 deposit, have to cancel prior to 9/20/15 to avoid any further costs.
- Having to have in Park City has increased cost of convention

Jessica noted the fundamentals of prudent reserve and income from the convention, seems like this year's convention is planning on using income from the convention to financially support the convention and not have the ability to fund next year's prudent reserve.

Joey – how does NUACNA work? Kirsten explained that they pay all expenses up front and then all proceeds/excess replenishing the prudent reserve.

Rob – why is this all of a sudden an issue? Patty explained that region didn't receive a copy of the URICNA budget until June.

Lonnie – requested copy of contract, no hard copies available.

January – solution, possibly renegotiate the contract? Jessica noted again that the Sasquatch area is offering the assistance of a lawyer.

Liz – solution, possibly take a year off and work to making it solvent for next year. Noted that what we are doing at the moment is encouraging financial irresponsibility. We need to work together as a region to make next year's URICNA financially solvent.

Tracia asked that we should hear Karen's report before we on any move further with discussion of motion.

URICNA Report:

They have 2 fund raisers planned but need schedule confirmed, no fliers available – will get posted on URICNA.org when events are confirmed.

- 9/6 – Central - Soup and Hoops, will advise and post place and time on line
- 8/23 – Logan – party in the park, will advise and post place and time on line

Questions:

Patty – can they look at reducing budget? Karen noted that they have already cut out the hospitality room and coffee. Requested that the program committee revisit their budget but the Program chair was not at their meeting. Karen also noted that any money donated by areas will be put towards banquet costs.

Kirsten requested current bank account balance

Present balance is \$4,471.65 and the costs that need to be paid prior to the convention are merchandise, travel, raffle items and hotel balance of \$3,926.95.

Brad – do they have financial reports available – balance sheets, projected income and expense reports? Karen was able to get ahold of Bobby and he will get them to regional secretary by 8/11/15.

Pam – noted that there seems to be enough to money to pay for hotel and meals - don't have money for merchandise and travel. Would committee be willing not to have merchandise, have raffle and auction only and use local speakers?

- Joey believes that they will be able to make money from the merchandise

- Large opposition from body about not having merchandise

Amanda – noted that all raffle items for Campvention were donated and that they bought/sold the merchandise early.

Break and opened with the serenity prayer

What is region going to do with the motion – Sasquatch is requesting email response within 2 weeks. UWANA is requesting cash flow projections, revenue projections and expenditures.

Lou – feels the region is trying to micromanage, region voted to keep it in Park City and if you don't like what is going on be part of. Challenged Sasquatch voting on the motion to keep in Park City – said that they voted not to move to Salt Lake City – Jess and Patty stated that was not true that the Sasquatch area voted to move it as long as it wasn't a 3 to 5 year commitment. Lou wanted to know who was on the URICNA committee from the Sasquatch area? Karen stated that there was someone participating.

RCM's – taking back to groups for vote, UWANA is requesting additional information prior to vote – Bobby will get information to Patty, minutes to all areas by 8/12/15.

Tracia – requested definition for voting on this motion so all are clear. There are 6 areas, motion will not carry if there less than half, abstain is a no vote and if it is a tie; motion dies.

Tracia also noted that as you take to your areas and groups that we set the tone if an event is supported or not.

Campvention:

Todd - thanks to the areas that did breakfast and Izzy for smoking the meat

Todd doesn't have final financial until after Regional meeting, Russ has preliminary report.

Thank you all for letting me serve, I have nothing really to report without having our meeting first which we are having after this one.

Russ will go over all the finances with us all, he may have a report for you today.

I have returned the post office box key that Donnie gave me (at the beginning of Campvention) and there was no balance due. Donnie still has a key and needs to be returned to Post Office – It is in his name and he is responsible for any cost of the key if not returned.

Dammit Donnie has an inventory of the storage unit, get with him for any info needed, he presented it to the last meeting we had and should be in our minutes.

Thank you

Todd A

Proposed location for 2016 Campvention – Guinavah-Malibu Logan Canyon

Holly – did we leave on bad terms? Todd doesn't feel that we did. He felt that it was much more the camp host personality than the NA members.

Russ – noted that he felt like the Chair should be the last person to leave the campsite.

Campvention, Russ – see report:

Liz asked if Donnie had made a token effort to repay the missing funds – yes, \$40.00

Patty - Did Donnie sign the memorandum of financial responsibility and is it on file? Don't know.

Russ – doesn't feel that there was a misappropriation of funds, it was just an example of personal banking attached to a regional account.

Confirmation of Chair and Treasure for Campvention 33:

January – Chair, accepted

She stated she would be late to region, 2:00 ish

Rob – treasurer, accepted

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RCM - Reports

Central – Amanda:

- They will be holding a Learning Day – 9/5/15 – no location yet – will post on website when available.
- Will be making a 100.00 donation
- Payson meetings have all closed – looking for new locations, Patty suggested they contact NAWS and change on their meeting place locator site - <http://www.na.org/?ID=updates>

Lakeside – Russ:

- They will be holding a Professional learning days – information is available on their website

Northern – Kirsten/Holly/Joey

- We want to invite everyone to join us after Region to come up and have some fun and recovery at Freedom Fest! It's at Cutler Flats in Ogden Canyon. Ask me details and directions after meeting.
- H&I and PI could use some support, maybe Jesse and Liz could reach out to our area.
- The men's retreat August 28th – 30th at memorial campground, get with us after the meeting for more information.
- Sunday 9/13/15 - Dodge Ball in the park – games start at noon. Burgers and dogs.
- NUACNA 23 will be held April 1 – 3, 2016 at the Davis Conference Center. On line registration will be active this week. We will get Jess the information in the next couple weeks.
- NUACNA is doing a 23 years of history to put on site, requesting submissions history@nuacna.org

Sasquatch – Jessica/Donnie C

- Meetings are stable and area has been doing well. Will be starting meeting in the Summit County Jail and PI is working on connecting with the 4 treatment centers in Heber/Midway.

UWANA – Brad

- See attached report

Open Forum

- Russ will send formal request for Utah to hold the December 2016 RMZF and invite NAWS to attend. RMZF – approved \$500.00 for meeting space for December.
- Russ stated that we have to have a President and Secretary noted for the state records. Discussed and agreed that they will be the present RD and RDA, if in the absence of RD or RDA, committee will choose.
- Panel to recover funds for campvention 2015 – \$358.00. Guidelines have tied our hands - timeline 90-day from the time of misappropriation. Total was \$398.00, \$40.00 has been paid back, but moving forward he has chosen to not acknowledge or respond to Russ. 90 day period to begin June 27. Panel appointed to recover funds – Russ, Lonny, Brad, Todd
- Elections:
 - Web – Position still open
 - Alt Treasurer – Position still open

New Business:

Sasquatch area motions

Sasquatch Motion 1:

To add to the Regional Guidelines, in the sections “UTAH REGIONAL INDOOR CONVENTION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (URICNA) CHAIR QUALIFICATIONS/DUTIES” and the section “UTAH REGIONAL CAMPVENTION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (URCNA) CHAIR QUALIFICATIONS/DUTIES”

- Obtains signed Memorandum of Financial Responsibility forms from all committee members and includes them in the regional minutes as record.

Intent:

To encourage completion of a duty already assigned in the convention guidelines, to designate a destination for the signed forms (a specification not outlined in the convention guidelines), and to ensure that the region has legal recourse when convention funds are misappropriated.

Financial Impact on the Region: none

Sasquatch Motion 2:

To add to the Regional Guidelines, in the sections “UTAH REGIONAL INDOOR CONVENTION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (URICNA) CHAIR QUALIFICATIONS/DUTIES” and the section “UTAH REGIONAL CAMPVENTION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (URCNA) CHAIR QUALIFICATIONS/DUTIES”

- Submits a convention budget for review and approval in February (URICNA) / October (URCNA)

Intent:

To allow the region financial oversight of its subcommittees.

Financial Impact on the Region: none

Revised – see motion 8

~~Sasquatch Motion 3:~~

~~To add to the URCNA Guidelines Article VI, Section F:~~

~~“Confirmation: The Utah Region retains authority to confirm or not affirm the chairperson.”~~

~~Intent:~~

~~To allow for fellowship input on the election of a position with access to a large sum of money.~~

~~Financial Impact on the Region: none~~

Revised – see motion 8

~~Sasquatch Motion 4:~~

~~To add to the URICNA Guidelines Section 4 Elections of URICNA Trusted Servants:~~

~~“The treasurer may be nominated elections, but must be confirmed by the region at the December URSC meeting.”~~

~~Intent: To allow for fellowship input on the election of a position with access to a large sum of money.~~

~~Financial Impact on the Region: none~~

Sasquatch Motion 5:

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Sasquatch Motion 6:

To add to the Regional Guidelines Article IX Voting/Motions:

“In order to conduct business and voting at URSC meetings, a **50% +1** quorum of the current Utah Region areas must be present at the URSC meeting.”

Intent:

To address an important aspect of regional business that was not included in the approved regional guidelines. A 2/3 quorum will better encompass the group conscience of the entire region in the URSC meeting.

Financial Impact on the Region: none

Sasquatch Motion 7:

To add to the Regional Guidelines:

“Travel Policy

In order to receive travel funds from the URSC, a budget **of estimated expenses** must be presented to the body at least one region meeting before travel and voted on by the RCMs.”

Intent:

To address an important aspect of regional business that was not included in the approved regional guidelines. The fellowship, as represented by the RCMs, should have an opportunity to consider and evaluate travel budgets prior to approving travel funds.

Financial Impact on the Region: none

Sasquatch Motion 8 (revised motion 3 and 4)

To add to the Regional guidelines, Article XIII:

“The URCNA and URICNA Chairperson and Treasurer must be confirmed by the URSC at the meeting following their respective elections”

Intent:

To allow the fellowship input on the election of a position with access to a large sum of money.

Financial impact on Region: none