

RSC Minutes 5/21/17 Truckee CA

Opened the meeting at 11:31 am with the Serenity prayer. 12 Traditions: Bobby, 12 Concepts: Vince.

Roll call: Chairman: Jim G P, Vice chair: Karen R P, Secretary: Lisa P, Treasurer: Karen P, Alt treasurer: V, RSO Rep: Jim P, Convention Chair: A, Regional Delegate: James P, Delegate alt: Dave P, Gratitude Chair: Misty P, H & I: Hoppy P, BTW: Sheryl P, Literature review: V, Outreach: Dylan A, WEB: Walter A, PI/PR: Walter A, BLAW RCM 1: James P, BLAW RCM 2 V, BLAW alt: Wallace P, GOVA RCM 1: Ami P, GOVA RCM: Ken P, RNA RCM 1: Abbey P, RNA RCM 2: Alfred P, CANA RCM 1: DaveS~ P, CANA RCM 2: Misty P, NLT RCM 1: Greg A, NLT RCM 2: Bobby P, SLT RCM 1: Mike A, SLT RCM 2: Mark A, SLT RCM ALT: Mike S~ A

Visitors: Terry, Judith, Vince, Blanca, Ben

Karen asked that the Order of the Day be suspended to address the lack of a secretary – Lisa M agreed to take notes for today. Thanks, Lisa! (Alex arrived late and expressed his intent to step down)

1. Motion to approve minutes tabled due to Alex not here yet with hard copy of minutes and no email received.
2. Birthdays: Karen 27 years, James 13 years, Terry 3 years, Judith 3 years, Misty 10 years, Vince: 22 years and Lisa 13 years..Congrats everyone.
3. Chair: Jim ~ no report
4. Vice chair: Karen~ no report
5. Acting secretary: Lisa ~ no report
6. Treasurer: Karen~ Please see attached full report. For the period of April/May 2017 the income for the period was \$1349. Total expenses: \$ 1186.18. Bank balance: \$7646.21 and BOA balance is \$ 8441.21.
7. RSO: Jim~ Hotline and phone line are doing well. Karen reports Convention bank balance of \$17578.93. Working on the 2018 contract with the GSR. Banquet cost remains the same from the GSR. Will increase rate to \$40. This will assist in not losing money per banquet as in past years. Next convention meeting is June 11th. We currently are charged a \$10 resort fee which is locked in for this year, GSR wants to increase to \$25, hoping to work out an \$18 increase for 2018 then increase to \$ 25. When discussing resort fee, please promote a positive note such as other areas have internet fees and parking fees for their hotel rooms, which are included in the GSR resort fee. No \$ has been paid to the GSR yet and this needs to be done, will bring up at next meeting. James reports the softball schedules are available, starting in Susanville, 6 tournaments total, finishing in Carson City. Jim reports the gratitude dinner is set for November 18th. **Important if RSO members will be absent from meeting please forward a report to Karen. RSO has \$21,703 in bank of which \$ 857.71 are phoneline funds,. Paid storage \$ \$984, CPA, \$650, and insurance is due, bill pending..will be approximately \$6000-\$7000. A change in operating procedures is in place regarding paypal will be run by RSO for convention. Next meeting in SLT July 9th.
8. Convention: A
9. Regional delegate: James~ see attached please
10. Alt Delegate: Dave~ no report " I concur with James".
11. Gratitude chair: Misty~ No report, no meeting yet, none scheduled..dinner is set for November 18th. Working with Donnelle.
12. H&I: Hoppy~ please see attached report. Also had a lengthy discussion regarding moving the PO box, or changing it...tabled to new business. Would like to attend WSLD.
13. BTW: Sheryl~ please see attached report.
14. Literature review: V~ no report, new stuff is coming up and pending.
15. Outreach: Dylan~A
16. WEB: Walter~ A...Karen verbally gave attached report submitted by Walter at this time.
17. PI/PR: Walter~A
18. 17.1 BLAW: James~next meeting is June 13th...see attached report submitted please.

17.2 GOVA: Ami~ seeing more unity in our fellowship, seeing changes, people are stepping up, will be rotating service on June 3rd, people are excited about working together, so our area will have more involvement with Region. 17.3 CANA: Misty~Next event is Summer fun days at Mills Park in Carson City from 10-4. 17.4 RNA: Abbey~ the bills are paid, we have a new RCM 2 present Alfred. Have had t shirts made with the area hotline on it to donate for raffles etc. Had a work shop on May 7th. Camp ot scheduled July 7-9th, need raffle prizes,

annual BBQ to be held July 22nd. On April 23rd we had a BBQ in Dayton, went well. 17.5 NLT: Bobby~ Our meetings are growing with the better weather. Serenity on the river scheduled for July 22nd~ expect flyers out in June. Trying to set up a meeting at the local jail in Truckee...pending. 17.6 SLT: A

19. Old business: Karen I need to send out an e mail regarding change of the guidelines. BTW guidelines are approved at this time.

20. New business: A. Nominations and elections to be held in July. The following persons were nominated & seconded: Dave: delegate, Vince: alternate delegate, Ben: treasurer, Secretary: Lisa, Ami: vice chair, Terry: literature, (all these persons were present and accepted) Also nominated but not present: Walter: WEB and PR/PI, Dylan: outreach, Mike C: H&I chair.

B. Discussion regarding PO box for BTW, Motion to move the po box to Reno (have funds in current budget) and stop Rural po box. Motion passes 11-0-0. ** If any new po boxes are needed they will be discussed and addressed on a case by case basis.

C. WSLD, lengthy discussion regarding who will go to this, description of event was read to all of us, motions on the table for BTW chair and VC, Regional delegate and alternate to attend, WEB, (which include PI/PR since it is the same person), and motion for H&I Chair and VC. After much discussion it was decided all would return to their areas to seek funding or partial funding for the event and discussion will be tabled until July meeting after persons take information back to their areas regarding funding as stated.

Motion to close by Lisa, 2nd by Bobby at 1:42 pm, closed with 3rd step prayer. (7th tradition \$32)

Sierra Sage Regional Service Committee

March - April 2017 Treasurer Report

Total Income For This Period Is: \$1349.00

It breaks down as follows:

7 th Tradition	\$ 20.00	Cash
BLAW donation	\$ 924.00	
Capitol Area Donation	\$ 50.00	
North Lake Tahoe	\$ 150.00	
Rural Area Donation	\$ 0.00	
Never Alone (RNA)	\$ 25.00	
Living for Today (RNA)	\$ 20.00	
Sat Night Special (RNA)	\$ 10.00	
South Lake Tahoe Donation	\$ 150.00	

Total: \$1349.00

Deposits: 03/24/17 \$339, 04/19/17 \$150, 05/03/17 \$755, 05/20/17 \$105

Total Expenses For This Period Are: \$1186.18

It breaks down as follows:

Office Depot -- Meeting Schedules	\$ 86.18	Office Depot	#2360	03/11/17
Danny Hopkins -- H & I 1st Quarter	\$ 200.00	William Hopkins	#2361	03/12/17
NAWS -- Contribution -- Extra (March RSC)	\$ 600.00	NAWS	#2362	03/12/17
NAWS -- Contribution -- March/April	\$ 300.00	NAWS	#2363	05/13/17

Total: \$1186.18

The checking account was balanced on April 9, 2017

The account balance: \$ 7646.21

There are two outstanding checks to NAWS for \$900 and a pending deposit of \$105. B of A balance is \$8441.21

I will be happy to continue keeping the books up to date and making the deposits until the treasurer position is filled.

As always, any questions are welcome and all documents are available upon request.

Please continue to send your donations to the Regional Post Office Box. The address is: SSRSC PO Box 11913 Reno, NV 89510

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

ILS

Karen

SIERRA SAGE REGIONAL SERVICE OFFICE
03-12-17

Present:

Jimmy G – Chair
James C – Vice Chair
Karen R - Treasurer/Secretary
Vince P – Board Member
Dave B – Board Member
Bobby C – Board Member

Absent:

Dylan – RSC Designate
Curt – Board Member
Mark M – RSC Designate
Kelly L – Board Member
Mike S – Board Member
Danny H – Board Member
Mac - Resigned

Visitor:

Sheryl - BLAW
Ami - GOVA
Ken - GOVA
Lisa M - BLAW
Judith - BLAW
Terry - BLAW
Abby - RNA
Wallace - BLAW

At 10:15 am, the meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer in Truckee, CA. Dave read the Traditions – James read the 12 Concepts. I'm not sure if the minutes from January were approved? We need to address this in July!

1. Phoneline balance is \$857.71. All areas are current and payments are being received regularly.
2. Next convention meeting is June 11, 2017 at Round Table Pizza (4th and Vine) in Reno at 2:00 pm, Karen reports that she has been working with the GSR rep to finalize the 2018 contract. She has asked the rep for a meeting with the administrative body at the GSR when the contract is closer to being done. The GSR has been able to keep the prices the same for our 2017 banquets. We have been losing approximately \$3 per meal (dinner) for the past couple of years. The committee has voted to raise the banquet price to \$40. This should cover our loss and be more in line with our prices to the GSR. Our resort fee of \$10 stands for this year. Resort fees are a standard in our local market now and they are not going away, nor will they be waived any longer. By 2018, they will be \$25, but Karen is hoping to negotiate an \$18 rate for 2018. She says that an incremental raise will be easier to swallow than the \$15 raise would represent from 2017 to 2018. She asks that all members refrain from negativity when speaking about booking rooms and rather mention that other states charge large parking fees and wifi charges and that Reno is just coming into line with other states. James that Karen be appointed as RSO representative to convention going forward. No opposition and Karen states that she is willing. RSO was always represented at convention as standard practice until recent years.
3. Gratitude Dinner: CANA has elected co-chairs, Misty S and Donelle B for the 2017 dinner. A firm date of November 18, 2017 has been set with CC Parks & Rec. Misty attended RSC and states that they have not scheduled a meeting yet but plan to set one soon. Karen states that CANA is very familiar with Gratitude Dinner and is confident that all will go smoothly. They will be asked to submit a report if not in attendance at RSO.
4. Treasurer – RSO general account - \$21,703.85 of which \$857.71 are phoneline funds. Storage for the year was paid in the amount of \$984 and the CPA was paid \$650 for the 2016 taxes. Karen has been working with our insurance agent on the 2017 renewal. There have been many forms to fill out and many hoops to jump through, but she thinks she has finally completed all the paperwork. She is still waiting for the bills, but thinks they should be approximately \$600-\$7000. (Karen spoke with the agent on May 22, 2017 and we have been renewed and the bills could be up to two weeks in arriving) The convention account has \$17,578.93 and RSC has \$7646/21
5. Board members ask about Kelly L's absences. The last time she was in attendance was September 2016 in Bishop. She has been removed from the board and is welcome to back when she has the time to participate. Thank you for your service, Kelly!
6. Operating Procedures have been amended as to PayPal by unanimous acceptance. Karen will amend and send to the body.
7. James states that he would like to see all areas represented at RSO and would like Ami (GOVA) and Abby (RNA) to be added to the Board. Questions asked/answered. They both fulfill the time requirements and are unanimously accepted. Welcome aboard, ladies!

Next meeting to be held on **Sunday, 10 am, July 9, 2017** Location – TBD, SLT

These minutes subject to review, amendment, and approval by RSO in July 2017.



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Regional Delegate Report May 2017

In starting the process of the transition to the new Delegate Team I have been discussing with Dave some of the requirements to fulfill his new assignment. There is a lot still left to do but I am sure Dave will adjust and adapt as I did once assuming the mantle of responsibility.

Over the years many delegates have asked about former Delegate Vince and now like him they have returned. I am sure he will be “welcomed” and be an asset to Dave as a lot has changed since his last tour of duty.

There are many projects both from a Public Relations, Technology, Outreach, and Fellowship Development aspect that World Services is engaged in currently. I have not participated in these as the outgoing Delegate as I feel it would be unfair to the “new” team and to members in the Zone to engage in a project and not complete it.

They will have their hands full with the upcoming Zone and as a “proponent” of sending the Delegate Team to Western Service Days where the California Collaboration Team meets regularly. I will be a strong advocate of this practice. Over the years I have fought this battle and I know it is vital in keeping this Region in the loop and from a “perception” standpoint it detracts from Sierra Sage especially since we have the funds. This year it is being held in Monterey. I know Dave likes to drive and if Vince carools with it would give them quality time to discuss some of the many objectives World Services put out that are applicable to our Region.

In the last 2 months I attended events by RNA and GOVA.



At GOVA Dylan and I did a service workshop on the use of NA language presenting Bulletin 13 and have an open interactive discussion after briefly sharing our experience strength and hope. We will really appreciate the hospitality and accommodations provided by members.

There is a new World Board Public Relations Pamphlet:

Narcotics Anonymous

and

Persons Receiving
Medication-Assisted
Treatment

I have enclosed a copy of this along with Bulletin 13.

Finally in collaboration with NorCal we are beginning to share support of the Susanville Prison. The Susanville "fellowship" for years supported this camp however a member "resigned" from the program causing a lapse in service. BLAW Public Relations was informed and members have been bringing a meeting in awaiting full participation by BLAW H&I next month as I was unable to attend the meeting in May and discuss all the particulars.

The facility requested immediate help. Gate clearances are included in the report if you would like to share or participate.

Thank you for letting me serve.

James
Regional delegate

RSC H & I REPORT

05/21/2017

Hi Family,

H & I

- 1) We have 3 NA meetings in 2 facilities. Lovelock has stopped the meetings, I need to send a letter to the caseworker there and see what is going on., Warm Springs has (1) one English which Lou and I go into on Thursday's at 6 pm. NNCC in Carson city has (2) meetings both are English. One is on Friday at 6pm and the other is on Sunday at 12:30. Charles (RNA) Lou (RNA) trade off every other Sunday. We do have a new member cleared. He is due to be on the gate list very soon. Thanks Rob E. for your service. We are looking for more men to step up to get cleared. I do have clearance forms for anybody interested. Please take this back to your Area's.
- 2) I did order Reaching out subscriptions to go into facilities as needed.
- 3) I was contacted by a female member to find out how to get involved in H & I. Her interest was in Parr Blvd. So I helped her get connected to the folks doing Parr.
- 4) I received an email from a counselor in Susanville who has an AA member that is looking for NA people to go into or supply NA literature to High Desert. With Susanville being part of BLAW and the request coming from AA/counselor, I wasn't sure what to do. So I decided to bring it here in my report.
- 5) Please step up, Regional H&I makes a difference, help us move forward with a healthier BTW/H&I program than we have ever had in Sierra Sage!!! Mike C. from BLAW is taking the nomination for this position, he had to work today or he would be here. I am looking forward to help train/work with the new people to carry on this awesome service. I will continue to work closely with the new coordinator as I work towards developing a closer (PR/H&I) relationship with NVDOC (Nevada Dept. of Corrections) I also would like to see Regional H & I have a larger presence at next years "Here comes the Judge" function. H&I is a great place to do 12th step work!!

DOES EVERYBODY DESERVE A NEW WAY TO LIVE??

REGIONAL H & I NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are presently working on building what will become a sustainable H&I service for our Area's servicing NVDOC (prison's) facilities with in Sierra Sage Region. We are presently servicing, Ely state prison, Lovelock correctional ctr, North. Nev. Correctional ctr, Warm Springs, Stewart Camp, with either literature or Addicts cleared as volunteers to do H&I service in these facilities. Our goal here is to make these services functional/attractive inside our fellowship as well as to NVDOC.

This RSC coming up in July will have voting for all positions including H & I coordinator. We are hoping to find some other people that would like to help nurture and grow our H&I services here in Sierra Sage. Other positions that could help our H & I efforts would be:

- 1) helping coordinate people getting cleared/staying cleared/in service.
- 2) literature distribution to facilities.
- 3) communications with DOC and other facilities as we are able.

I'm planning to stay and work directly with NVDOC administration, developing our relationship with the state facilities within NVDOC, both women and men. The women's side is a little more challenging due to the geographical locations of these facilities. There are women in many of our area's within our Region that are interested, but the locations of these facilities make them a little reluctant to get involved due to travel. Developing an NA program that will help them thru the mail and/or develop a meeting with in their facility is possible and available. Here are a few:

- 1) BTWSP, Behind The Walls Sponsorship Program, our region is providing this service now.
- 2) A NEW WAY TO LIVE, is a program conceived to help facilities develop their own NA meetings within their facilities without outside sponsors.
- 3) REACHING OUT, is a quarterly H & I publication that our region/area's are using now.

Communicating this information thru Administration is key at this point so they know we have services available for them.

SECRET

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BTWSP Regional Report May 2017

Hello Everyone:

Sierra Sage Regional SubCommittee of BTWSP is doing well and meeting all of its needs to the best of our ability. We are up to date on all request for packets and information on our program. I am working with other Regions Out of State and on how other programs work so we can learn more of what we can do to be more successful. We get a lot of requests from other States and with the contacts I made at Nor Cal Convention, and going to their BTW Forum Workshop/meetings there, we got new ideas for flyers, team building, list sharing and webinars for online, learning groups and panel building, and lots more. We are looking forward to seeing those groups again at Western Service Learning Days to compare more notes and ideas and have fact finding and brainstorming sessions. We believe we are in another growing spurt.

- We have split our list into 2 Sections: (1) Nevada Inmates (2) Out of State Inmates. We are facilitating own Nevada Inmate residents first, and some out of state inmates if we can. California is so overwhelmed that their list is temporarily closed. Now we understand why we have gotten a growing influx of inmates from them. We are making contacts with other regions across the USA (to send them any out of state names we get). We are making contact now with PA, FL, MI, VA, SC, NY, AZ and CA.
- We desperately need Males Sponsors to step up!! Men with at least 2 years clean time who have worked the NA steps with an NA Sponsor. It's a one letter per month commitment.

REQUESTS

1. BTWSP PO Box: We are requesting Region/RSO to pay for the New BTWSP PO Box in Reno (\$64.00 for one year). The Dayton PO Box actually belongs personally to Danny Hopkins and the payment is due. We took a group conscious of our SubCommittee members and everyone voted to move it to Reno. After speaking with Hoppy he also agrees it's time to put it closer to the Members. We understand all pages, packets, addresses will have to be changed. It will be simple as we can reprint new ones and use up the old ones by lining out the old address. We will update our address at World, and around the State Correctional facilities. We are looking to get an address stamp after the PO Box is changed.
2. Budget: We are requesting our final Budget amt for this fiscal year of \$145.00
3. Working Guidelines: We would like our Working Guidelines approved by the Regional body (Submitted Jan 2017).
4. Western Service Learning Days: Requesting to send our Chair and Vice Chair (Oct 27-29,2017) to WSLD 31 .
 - Registration (25\$ - 2x=\$50) \$50.00
 - 1 Room (Embassy Suites @ Hilton by Monterey Bay, Seaside, CA.
1441 Canyon Del Rey, Seaside, CA, 93955 - Wsld31 - group rate

(1 night = _____ 2 nights =

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- Transportation/Food Reimbursement

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- I'm new at this so any help would be greatly appreciated. :D

5. **TRACKING:**

Here are our Tracking Numbers for this reporting period (69 days) :

Letters In:	Male	51	Female	6	Total	57
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Letters Out:

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| • Male to Sponsors | 24 | | | |
| • Female to Sponsors | | | 3 | |
| • Male Packets Out | 23 | | | |
| • Female Packets Out | | | 2 | |
| • Male Non Qualified | 4 | | | |
| • Female Non Qualified | | | 1 | |
| • Facility Packets Out | | | 7 | |
| • Administration/Reassign Letters | | | 9 | |
| • Out of State Contact Letters | | | 7 | |

Male Sponsors active on program	12
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Female Sponsors Active on program	6
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Males Waiting for a sponsor (Out of state)	11
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Males Waiting for a sponsor (Nevada)	0
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Females Waiting for a sponsor (Out of state)	0
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Females Waiting for a sponsor (Nevada)	0
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Male Sponsees active on program	31
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Female Sponsees active on program	3
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- Reminder: Different people write and recover at different rates. :)

Thank you so much for letting me be of service.

Sheryl

Sierra Sage Region BTWSP Chairperson

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PR/Web

Hi,

Print order is ready to be picked up. I will not be at RSC this cycle as I have a bit of school work to get caught up on. Here are a couple of things I have built into the back-end of our site. One shows us the traffic (hits) per day so as you can see we have been pretty active. The other is a break down of which Countries are visiting us, which page(s) they are seeking out. Real time meeting list seems to be the most popular at the moment.

I attended NorCal and went to several discussions including social media and the Fellowship. There seems to be great concern over 12th Tradition violations at NAWS and there appears to be discussion about guidance material coming on at a future date regarding how to manage this situation. Side-note, after speaking to several regions regarding web, SSRNA is doing rather well :)

A member requested info for teleconferencing last cycle for isolated members and Areas. I have researched a videoconferencing option for remote capability such as through doing service workshops and possibly RSC/RSO for those having difficulties making the journey. It would run about \$15 a month and there is a plug in available that I could code into the site. A member would simply log in to our website and a computer on the other side with camera would then connect all members seamlessly. The program is called "Zoom"

We had several new meetings added to the schedule this cycle including 1 in RNA and a couple in BLAW. There is concern that the meeting (BLAW) at Renown is no longer active? A member went to the meeting and it wasn't there. If we could have a member follow up on this so that we have accurate information on the schedule that would be great.

ILS,
Walter S.

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BLAW Area Report

The Area Donated to Region an additional \$500 dollars plus \$248 in April as the Area reserves or at an all-time high because of more group donations.

- PR Attendance Low need new members
- Continuing discussion with PR and Phone Line merger
- Discussions with Convention of A Judge
- New PR Material From World Board
- Next Meeting June 13
- Susanville Prison
- H&I needs more support but facilities are covered
- New meeting Saturday at 1pm 1530 E 4th Street

Softball Tourney June In Susanville and BLAW has 5 Teams Carson now has 2 Schedule Attached.

Prom Night June 9 will be flyers are here at Region.

James and Wallace