

# "Acting" RCM REPORT

## NEFA ASC: 8/24/16

Many thanks to NEFA Special Events Chair, Mike & to my husband, Frank for helping NEFA sponsor the Regional meeting on 8/13/16. No one else from NEFA showed to help set up, serve or break down.

9 of the 10 Areas were present. I believe ALL our subcommittees were there except H&I and she notified me that she had intended to go but became ill. NEFA's donation = \$900 + \$120 Phone Line

JUNE: Minutes on line. Current Regional Policy states that the secretary will put them on line within a week AND have hard copies available at Off Month Regional meeting. It appears that this was changed to on line only & no one has notified Policy of the updated change. I don't recall the minutes being approved. I have some concerns.

### Elections:

Chair: H.J.  
V. Chair: Dave H  
Treasurer: Mike B (current & ran again)  
Vice Treasurer: **OPEN**  
Secretary: Tamara (current & ran again)  
Alt. Secretary: April H

### Board Members:

Policy: **OPEN**  
RD: Dee (current RDA)  
RDA: Kristy C (not former FSR Chair)  
FSR Liaison: **OPEN**  
Webmaster: Linda P

### Subcommittees:

Literature: Erin B (current & ran again)  
H&I: **OPEN**  
Phone Line: Kia B  
PR: Irv (current & ran again)  
Special Events: Jayne (current & ran again)

### Motions concerning nominations:

#### **RDA:**

1-time-motion: To waive the Regional experience for the RDA. Nominee has clean time requirement but not Regional experience. RD (Dee) will mentor her & since they will be going to all the events & such together, she will be by her side to help teach her.

Tally for motion: 6 For, 1 Against, 2 Abstention. I voted for.

Tally for position: 7 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstentions. I voted for.

#### **H&I Chair:**

1-time-motion: To waive the clean time requirement for H&I Chair. This was her first Regional meeting ever. She had no experience, is current H&I Chair of Balto Area but only for 2 months. She has 3 years clean (Regional requires 4 years) but had many questions about the process for Region, its structure, what a Service center was for, & did not know the clean time requirement for the position for which she posted. Current H&I Chair said she would mentor. I felt we could waive the clean time but I was uncomfortable voting her in to the position since she had never been to a regional meeting or understood its process. Also, current H&I Chair would no longer be a part of the Regional service structure as is with the RD, therefore I did not feel she was ready for a regional position.

Tally for motion: 5 For, 1 Against, 1 Abstention. I voted for.

Tally for position: 3 For, 4 Against, 2 Abstentions: I voted against.

**Webmaster:**

Lots of questions & discussion:

- She reached out to current Webmaster (Louie) who said if she was more comfortable with WIX software than current software, he agreed she should change it over.
- We were hacked this past year & thus we may need better security
- Costs to convert, length of time, etc? Paid hours are "capped" off, so not a monetary concern.
- SOLUTION: Each Regional member (Board members, RCMs, Subcommittees) all agreed that we would check out our current website, as well as Baltimore's (where Linda services its website) & report back to her of what our exact needs are. This way she will know what to build & what to leave behind

**Policy Chair:**

- I had several conversations with former Policy Chair, Jennifer who advised me it was more than she really understood or could take on, so she stated to me that she would not renew her election. Yet, at Region, they said she was interested in running for the position, yet she was not there. I expressed what she had shared with me & that I had offered to help mentor her but she originally was not interested.
- She was not voted in because she was not present. Later I had heard of several motions that changed Policy last year which were not recorded as Policy changes in the packet Jennifer arranged to give back to me, so I have concerns about gaps in any updates of Policy which could be missed.
- Since I lead up the Ad-hoc committee to update Regional Policy, this is a huge concern for me. While I was asked if I wanted the position, I declined due to my intended absence in winter months.

**REPORTS:** (see all reports on line)

**FSR Convention:** Vice Chair Barkley read the Chair's report. 1 seat open on the board (5 years clean). NEFA is responsible for Hospitality this year & yet very little support. Please get up with Barkley or follow the flyers or NEFA's minutes for contact people to participate.

**Service Center:** Martin gave 2 financial reports since we did not have an on-month in June. New Traditions Workbook will be out at the end of September or so.

**RDA:** (now RD): Dee gave report from John (former RD) because he is very sick. We thanked him for all his years of service. Then she gave her report as former RDA. See on line. Special note:

**Multi Zonal Symposium** is this Sept in WS. RD goes & it is optional to send the RDA. Costs to send both are approx. \$1494 since they can room together (\$747 each). Since RD is mentoring RDA, we agreed we should send RDA, too.

**FIPT:** All Areas were in favor of honoring our FIPT, as mentioned last month. NEFA's Webmaster, Leland, came to address his concerns about our website & hear those of the Regions. Since our last Area Service, he & I worked together trying to see what ~~the~~<sup>their</sup> concerns are & we feel there are none since nothing can be printed from the attachments we have & the items that are on audio are only introductory. There was much discussion on this, as well as in my report (see attached). We advised Region that we will need to know the EXACT concerns that NEFA is doing wrong, otherwise, please do not keep saying we are breaking the FIPT.

**Treasurer:** Mike's report noted that since we had no Region in June, NAWS donation will be \$1804, but will be less since Symposium voted in. (see below). Reports come out at next Regional from this Regional.

**Phone Line:** Bob for Tracy. See report. I asked about our Fee & was later advised it is \$60. I still believe this is an error on the OLD policy done in 2013 but I am happy if they are happy.

**Special Events:** Be sure to get the new events to Regional chair Jayne for the calendar

**PR:** Irv had a nice long report. See on line.

**H&I:** Justine: see on line report

### RCM Reports

See all on line.

Tina/Susquehana: **INSURANCE for Liability:** Tina advised their Area got General Liability insurance at a low cost to cover liability for all their meetings. If anyone has questions, please reach out to her. I commented that I had read in former notes from our RCM that the Insurance Ad-hoc committee was disbanded & never resolved. Why? Quick discussions were that it was too much to resolve & Areas could not afford it. It was referred back to WSO. This is still an OPEN ITEM that never seems to be complete.

### MOTIONS:

- 1) Allow RDA to go to the Multi-Zonal Symposium with the RD.

Cost noted above. RD said this is a great service learning day & since there are upcoming zonal changes, this is a great way for the new RDA to learn with the RD to help mentor her. We all agreed:

Talley: 8 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention. I voted for.

- 2) To complete updated revised Regional Policy.

The Ad-hoc committee (which I head up) should have a timeline to complete the revised policy: Oct 2016: present draft to Region. Dec 2016: vote in with updates/changes. Jan 2017: implement new policy

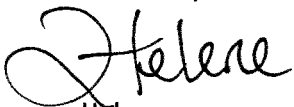
Talley: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions. I voted yes since I am the maker of the motion & the one most impacted.

Minutes from Off month & On month at Region: I have some concerns with these & will address at off month & next full on month.

**NEXT REGIONAL MTG:** off month in September: 9/10/16 I will attend

**NEXT FULL REGIONAL:** October 8<sup>th</sup> - Hosted by NW Area. The RCM is new & the former one did not prepare him for upcoming event. There are no flyers. More to come in Sept. *I will attend.*

In service,



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