

## RCM Report from **October 10, 2015** Regional Meeting

Date of Area Service: October 28, 2015

All Areas present except Small Wonder. Regional minutes and subcommittee reports can be found on [fsrna.org](http://fsrna.org).

- **OPEN POSITIONS:** Vice Secretary, Policy Facilitator, Vice Treasurer, Service Center Board Member
- **New members elected:**
  - Jennifer C – Policy Facilitator (see Motion #1)
  - Tamara M – Secretary
  - Tracy O – Phone Line Chair (see Motion #2)
- **Vice Chair (HJ):** Attended hotline training session w/Bob (former Regional Hotline Chair) to fill in until a new Chair is elected. Will attend the next training session regardless.
- **Treasurer (Mike):**
  - Donation and hotline fees paid. We reviewed the hotline fees for each Area, and I noticed that per the Free State Regional Policy, NEFA monthly fee is \$60. We have been paying \$65.
  - Mike met with auditor prior to the October RSC Meeting. Our Region has been filing taxes under previous member's tax exempt number. Discussion about how we should be filing – more information at next meeting.
  - Regarding travel expense reimbursement for RD and RDA – per auditor, IRS allows \$0.14 per mile for charitable organizations. (Region previously voted that RD and RDA will receive federal rate, which is currently \$0.575. This is for a business and would therefore have to be counted as taxable income, depending on how Region will file).
- **Service Center (Martin):** CAR not in as of Martin's report. I contacted the Service Center yesterday (10/27) to check - CAR still not in.
- **Policy (Kristy filling in):** Met with Helene to update Regional Policy – emailed draft to all RCMs. I have printed out a draft but did not make copies for everyone because it is 17 pages long. This draft will be discussed at the next RSC Meeting.
- **RD (John):**
  - Free State Region has participated from the beginning to end of the Traditions Book review process.
  - Received email from World Services regarding literature and audio tapes that are posted on NEFA website (ongoing issues with FIPT).
- **Free State Convention (Cindy gave report):**
  - Pre-registration ends October 31. You can register on [fsrcna.org](http://fsrcna.org). Also, the back of the hard copy registration forms has a QR code that you can scan to register.
  - NEFA has 2 newcomer packets. **How do we want to decide who receives them?**
  - Detailed Convention Treasury Report from 2014 will not be provided to Region due to only having the copy that was distributed in April. Moving forward, the committee will be using software to keep a detailed record and reports will be distributed to all Areas.

- Brief discussion about sending RCMs to MARLCNA (Feb 5-7, 2016) because there will be information about the CAR and CAT. Registration is \$20 (which does not include optional events/activities) and room is \$99.90. This was not proposed but was brought up as an idea. Will be discussed in more detail.

**Motions:**

1. Waive clean time requirement (5 years) for Policy position. One-time motion.

PASSED: 5 For, 3 Against, 1 Abstention. I voted against, due to person running having only 14 months clean.

2. Waive clean time requirement (4 years) for Phone Line Chair. One-time motion.

PASSED: 7 For, 1 Against, 1 Abstention. I made the motion, due to person running for the position has over 3 years clean and has experience (she is the Phone Line Chair for NEFA).

**Old/Ongoing Business:**

- RD and Regional Chair attended OGANA ASC to help with issue about the group that posted NA History event on the Regional website – they are now aware of the correct steps and will follow procedure. Also, Helene submitted a written statement to help clear up the issue about August RSC minutes not reflecting the actual discussion. The minutes, however, could not be amended. They were accepted with an 8 For/1 Against vote (I voted against).

**Announcements and Upcoming Events:**

- Next Regional (off-month) is on 11/14/15 from 10am to 12pm at the Service Center
- Flyers were distributed for upcoming activities. Remember...the Free State Regional Convention is coming up next month!
- OGACNA Nov 6-8 in Ocean City at the Clarion Fontainebleu Resort. Visit [www.ogana.org/convention](http://www.ogana.org/convention) for information and to register.

In Loving Service,  
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