

# RCM Report

WED 11/24/10

**Suze & I went to the off-month regional meeting at the Balto. Service Center. A lot is going on in the region, so get involved, get information, ask questions, be of service to the fellowship!**

**Service System Project:** Frankie & I attended the zonal forum in Baltimore, hosted by World Service over the weekend of 10/29/10. As mentioned to the Area, I was only able to attend one of the 3 days. Walt, our RD, went to all 3 days & keeps abreast of the process & info for this proposal. There were a lot of people with many questions, & much resistance filled the air. It was a bit overwhelming & yet I learned more than I knew before. I will not go further into detail here, as I know Walt is attending our meeting on Wed 11/24/10 with an informational packet & discussion. He is also setting up a workshop on 12/12/10 for anyone interested. PLEASE read about this (the packet & on line) & educate your home groups. Remember, you are the trusted servant that brings information back to your group. FLYERS ATTACHED

## **Regional Off-month Meeting, 11/13/10**

As mentioned in past reports, the Off-month regional meeting is an information gathering, no motion giving, no decision making meeting. We can give money, discuss things, talk, but no motions unless a must.

### **RD Report - Walt:**

**Living Clean Project:** Walt & a few others met in Oct & will meet again Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. Review of Chapter 7 & the Preface. This portion of the project for literature review will be finished 12/31/10. All are welcome to attend. FLYER ATTACHED.

**Service Center Project:** Walt attended the Zonal workshop (as did I-see above) which was hnoeld by World to help give & receive information about the proposed Service Project. Walt notes that World has agreed that there is a resistance to this project & therefore there will not be a motion on the CAR report for 2012 but will vote a "Principal of Agreement" to continue this project. Deadline for this part of input is 12/31/10. Walt is hosting a workshop on 12/12/10 at North Arundel Church in Glen Burnie from 10-5pm. All are welcome. FLYER ATTACHED.

**World Literature:** revised PR Handbook, H&I Handbook, & In Times of Illness book, Self Support IP, large print Basic Text - all are now available. NA Way subscription - must e-scribe or advise world of need for physical copy by 12/31/10.

LITERATURE survey: Please fill out & return to either me or send to World or fill out on line. We need to know what you are interested in seeing in literature. FLYER ATTACHED.

**Discussion Topics:** Literature topics for the next World Conference cycle: Self Support, A Vision for NA Service, In Times of Illness, A Group Topic.

**MOTION:** To approve the 2 workshops Walt is hosting & supply free lunch. YES: unanimous

## **Discussion at region:**

**Getting people involved in Service Project:** There was much discussion at this meeting about getting people involved with the service project. Walt is also going to come to our Area & do a presentation about the service project, so I am positive the information will serve you well.

**New Building possibilities:** The Balto Area has an AHOC committee to investigate getting a new building for the NA Service Center &/or meetings. Many feel we have outgrown the location on Warwick Ave & need to expand. They are looking at whether this idea is feasible & have sought many buildings in the area. I have a list of places if anyone wants to see, or if you have suggestions, please see me any time.

**Regional Calendar:** Forecast for upcoming 2011's events & regional meetings with several changes. When I get the final calendar, I will make a copy for each group. Also, we need all areas to communicate with the region when they have an event so we can avoid duplicating.

**Regional Minutes:** Some folks may want to have the minutes emailed instead of snail mail. May be able to just put a tag next to the sign in sheet stating email is sufficient.

**Regional secretary:** Some discussion was presented from various areas, which I had brought to you last month. I took back the information you shared with me. Results: We have not voted on this; however we are in agreement that Debbie will be a "Special Worker", which would then entail a salary for her services. We discussed what that may be (\$1. per year was mentioned) & that if someone from NA did want to step up as a Trusted Servant, that would be welcomed; however since no one seems to be jumping to the position, we agree paying someone would be in our best interest to get the job done. It will be voted at Dec's regional.

**World Convention:** Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> San Diego, CA. On line registration is a bit late: begins Jan 3, 2011. World website states LATE December information will be posted. Register now to get updates!

**Open Regional Positions:** Assistant Treasurer & Assistant Web Administrator

**Next Regional Meeting:** **12/11/10:** Ferndale UMC. Subcommittees at 10:00 am, lunch at noon & regular meeting from 1-5pm. NEFA's PR, H&I, or Special Events have not gone to Region, so please try to do so in the future. Special Events: any flyers for the region? FLYER ATTACHED (for next Regional)

**Meeting Schedule:** Grow Up Or Die (Fri at 10pm) meeting asked that we move their listing on the Schedule to Balto County, as the change to listing by zip codes has negatively affected their attendance. I have asked for this to change & it is in the making but will not see results for 3-6 months. Hang in there!

**NEFA donation** given: \$500

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*Be good to yourself*

*Be good to others,*

*Hobson (410-917-0626)*

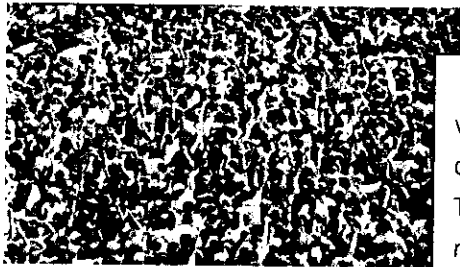
*Helene*

ATTACHMENTS: Variables in the NA Fellowship, Service System Proposals Input, What a Healthy Service System Looks Like, Workshop for Service System, Workshop for Living Clean, Literature Survey, Baltimore Area Special Events: Marathon & Dance, Regional Service Committee Meeting

# VARIABLES in the NA FELLOWSHIP

For a system to be truly effective it must be able to function in the many different conditions NA encounters around the world.

Some communities are very large, while some are much smaller.

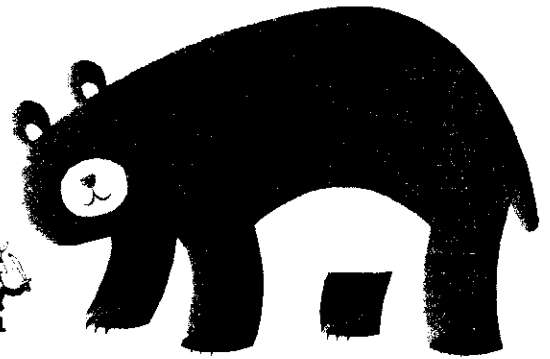


Population density can vary, with both rural and urban communities found within NA. These can have varying levels of resources available to them.

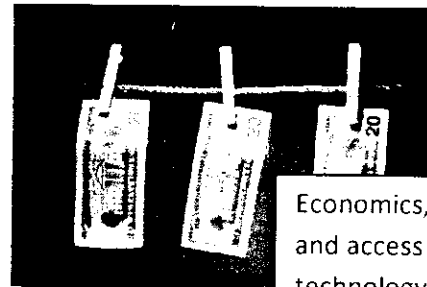
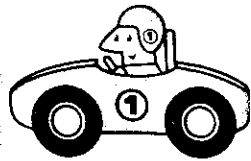
Geographical factors like terrain, climate, and distance from other NA communities influence how we provide services. An island community clearly faces different challenges from a mountainous one.



Many communities do not speak English, while others speak many different languages within a single country. Our system needs to accommodate producing material in all these languages.

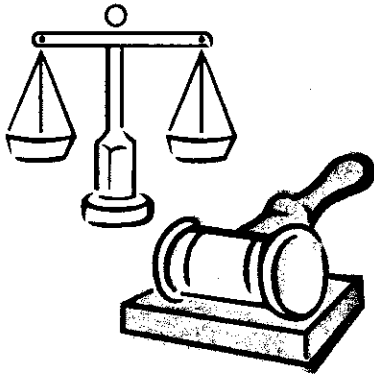


For some a regional meeting may be a short drive away, while others may face a longer journey.

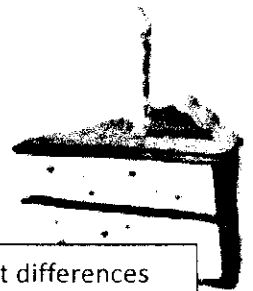
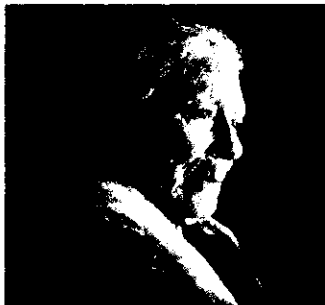


Economics, literacy and access to technology can all vary significantly in different communities, affecting resource availability, the relative cost of literature, access to service material and many other factors.

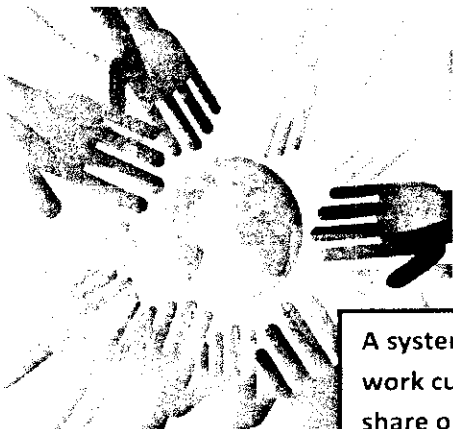




Social factors like political, legal, cultural and religious attitudes towards addiction and NA affect our ability to carry the message. We also have to deal with differing rules at the many institutions we go into in order to carry the message, whether they are prisons or treatment centers. We may encounter suspicion, lack of acceptance, or laws that restrict our ability to meet. We may also benefit from cooperative relationships with different types of institutions and acceptance of the NA program by influential groups such as governments and the medical community.

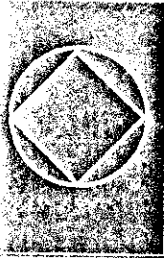


And maybe the biggest differences lie within us as members, in terms of age, diversity, recovery and service experience, and what we are willing and able to do as NA members and trusted servants.



A system that can encompass all these variables has its work cut out – but it may help to remember that we all share one thing in common – our primary purpose to share our message of recovery from the disease of addiction.





## SERVICE SYSTEM PROPOSALS INPUT

**W**e are proposing many ideas for changes to our current service system, at this point mostly changes to our structure. These proposals are really like “first draft” or “early stage” proposals. Though we have worked on them for much of the previous conference cycle (2008–2010) and gotten feedback at the conference, we know they will change in some ways after we get a sense of how the fellowship feels.

We also know that there is a lot of information to absorb and not all of it may be interesting or relevant to every service body, group of members, or individual. Please feel free to share the ideas you have without feeling like you need to have an opinion or idea about each aspect of the proposals. Good, bad, or indifferent, we want to hear from you.

**This is just the first stage of a process of change. We need input on these first draft proposals by the end of the year: 31 December 2010. Sometime after we collect that input we will release revised proposals for further fellowship discussion and we hope to include something in the 2012 *Conference Agenda Report*.**

### GROUP SUPPORT AND LOCAL SERVICE UNIT PARTS OF PROPOSAL

#### ***Group Support Questions***

1. Picture applying these models in your community. How would these proposals help you to maintain what is positive in our current system concerning group support or improve support to your groups?
2. What, if any, challenges might these proposals create in providing group support?

#### ***Local Services Questions***

3. Picture applying these models in your community. How would these proposals help you to maintain what is positive in our current system concerning local services or improve effective local service delivery?
4. What, if any, challenges might these proposals create in effective local service delivery?
5. Do you think one of the two options, linear or two-track, is preferable?

### INTERMEDIATE BODIES AND STATE/NATIONAL/PROVINCE LEVEL PARTS OF PROPOSAL

#### ***State-, Province-, or National-level Service Delivery Questions***

6. Picture applying these models in your community. How would these proposals help you to maintain what is positive in our current system concerning state-province-national service delivery or improve your state- or national-level service delivery?
7. What, if any, challenges might these proposals create in your state- or national-level service delivery?

### ***Intermediate Body Questions***

8. Considering the size, density, or other characteristics of your community, how could using an intermediate body be useful?
9. What, if any, challenges might using an intermediate body create?

### **SEATING PART OF THE PROPOSALS**

#### ***State-, Province-, or National-level Seating Questions***

10. What excites you or concerns you about the effect these changes would have on the functioning of state-/province-/or national-level service in your community?
11. In what ways do you see this model providing a more effective voice or pipeline of communication between your community and world services?

#### ***Zonal Seating Questions***

12. Picture applying this model at what is now the regional and zonal level. How would these proposals help you to maintain what is positive in our current system about zones or improve the functioning of your zone?
13. What excites you or concerns you about the effect these changes would have on the functioning of your zone?
14. In what ways do you see these models providing a more effective voice or pipeline of communication between your community and world services?
15. Do you think one of the two options for state/province/country seating is preferable?

### **WHO ARE YOU?**

***So that we can get a better idea of how members in different places feel about these proposals please let us know:***

Is the input coming from an individual, recovery group, service body (if so, please let us know whether it's an RSC, ASC, or zone), or workshop?

If a group, service body, or workshop how many members are attending?

Where are you located (which state or province in which country)?

**Please send input by 31 December 2010. You can use the online form at [www.na.org/servicesystem](http://www.na.org/servicesystem), email [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org) or mail your ideas to:  
Service System Project; NA World Services; 19737 Nordhoff Place; Chatsworth, CA 91311**



# What a Healthy Service System Looks Like

- /// Unified, we work together in an atmosphere of recovery, with a spirit of cooperation, to achieve a common vision
- /// All of our efforts are inspired by our primary purpose and our core spiritual principles
- /// We move from a system of “limitations” to a system of opportunity
- /// The system is flexible, allowing for varying conditions around the world, and so it allows for diverse means to work toward our common goals.
- /// We are open to new ideas, and adaptable to all cultures and languages
- /// We have a culture of planning and creativity within all elements of the service system.
- /// Each element of the service system has the resources it needs to fulfill its purpose
- /// All parts of the service system understand their roles and responsibilities *and value*, and are empowered to contribute (time, talent, treasure)
- /// The system engages and empowers individual members; NA members are attracted to service work and stay involved. Participating in service is seen as a vital part of recovery
- /// There is a more open flow of communication—clear, timely, accurate, and relevant information—throughout the service system.
- /// NA nurtures productive and cooperative relationships within the fellowship and with the public
- /// There is a positive impact on external recognition, credibility and respect for NA
- /// NA continues to grow and to save lives



# **Service System Project**

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**North Arundel Church (NAC)**

**7610 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060**

**“Free Lunch”**

**All members of Narcotics Anonymous are  
encouraged to attend.**

**This workshop is open to everyone.**

**Ask questions, get info, understand the process...  
GET INVOLVED!**

**For more information, contact Helene at 410-917-0628**





*Bay Area Special Events Presents*



A Literature Review and Input Workshop  
for the “Living Clean: the Journey Continues” Project  
Chapter 7 and the Preface

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010

10:00 am to 4:00pm

at the North Arundel Church (NAC)

7610 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard  
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21060

“Free Lunch”

All member of Narcotics Anonymous are encouraged to attend.  
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For more information contact Walt at 443-769-8239





# FELLOWSHIP LITERATURE SURVEY – 2010

We hope this survey will provide a sense of what the fellowship today would like to prioritize in the development of and/or changes to NA recovery literature. Our needs and desires vary widely around the world and the results from this survey will help us to get a sense of the fellowship's ideas. The World Board will use this information when considering what type of proposals to develop for future literature projects. We have not included questions about revisions to existing IPs for two reasons. First, many of the IP topics will be reflected in our in-progress book, "Living Clean: The Journey Continues." Second, keeping our literature current is still an important activity, but in past literature surveys we were unable to obtain clear direction on IP revisions. WE believe we need to develop another approach to gather that feedback. We thank you for your participation in this important project.

## What New Literature Do We Need?

We ask that you consider the needs of members globally in assessing what is needed or not, and what literature we should prioritize. Sometimes, we tend to look around our meetings and believe we have everything we need; yet that may not be true for addicts who have not found NA or for members in developing NA communities in other places in the world.

Do you think NA members could benefit from new recovery literature?	Yes	No
Comments		

The following are ideas submitted for pieces of literature from members over the years. Please check **one box for each identified topic**. We have left a space for **comments** after each item. If you have said that a piece of literature is very much needed, it would help us to better understand exactly what you are looking for in this piece of literature. Please note that the ideas listed under each category for a new piece of literature are just that, ideas. The scope and focus of the piece will still have to be determined.

Book-Length Recovery Literature					
Idea	No opinion/ Don't know	Not needed	Needed, not a top priority	Very much needed	Comments
History of NA					
Traditions workbook					
A daily meditation book featuring a spiritual principle a day					
Alternative step writing guide which may be a companion piece for those who have worked through SWG					
A new book about sponsorship					
Other - please specify					

Book Revisions					
Idea	No opinion/ Don't know	Not needed	Needed, not a top priority	Very much needed	Comments
Revise current Step Working Guides					
Revise current Sponsorship book					
Other - please specify					
Booklets (20-24 pages)					
Idea	No opinion/ Don't know	Not needed	Needed, not a top priority	Very much needed	Comments
Practicing the Principles of our Traditions					
Service and Recovery					
Application of the Concepts					
Other - please specify					
Informational Pamphlets (IPs)					
Idea	No opinion/ Don't know	Not needed	Needed, not a top priority	Very much needed	Comments
IP for older members					
What is 12th Step work? With how-to suggestions					
Women in recovery					
An IP for all indigenous peoples					
Carrying a clear NA message					
Regardless of . . . sexual orientation					
What is spirituality?					
Other - please specify					

### Demographics

In addition to your thoughts about literature priority, we would like some information about who you are.

Are you Male  <sup>1</sup> Female  <sup>2</sup>

What is your age group? Under 18  <sup>1</sup> 18-24  <sup>2</sup> 25-34  <sup>3</sup> 35-44  <sup>4</sup> 45-54  <sup>5</sup> Over 54  <sup>6</sup>

Length of clean time: Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you live? City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form by **1 April 2011** at [www.na.org/litsurvey](http://www.na.org/litsurvey), fax it to 818.700.0700; or mail it to NAWS; 19737 Nordhoff Place; Chatsworth CA 91311 USA



## *Bay Area Special Events*

# *Regional Service Committee Meeting*

*All are welcome to attend!*

*December 11<sup>th</sup> 2010*

*10:00 Am. till 5:00 Pm.*

*Light breakfast and lunch will be served*

*Ferndale United Methodist Church  
117 Ferndale Rd. Glen Burnie, Md. 21061*

*For information call:*

*Dave: 443-844-0421     Barb: 443-300-0442  
Terri L: 443-030-7202     Jan: 443-023-8432*



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# Baltimore Area Special Events

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# MARATHON and DANCE!

**Dec. 4,**  
**Saturday, [REDACTED] 2010**

Marathon: 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Dance: 8:00 pm - 12:00 mid.

(Admission: \$5.00 Dance Only)

(No Advance Ticket Sales - Pay at door only)



## Great Blacks In Wax Museum

1649 E. North Avenue (Off Broadway)

*D.J. - Dancing*

*Food and Refreshments Available*

For Further Info Contact:

Gwennie (Chair) 410-361-0513     Doren 443-467-5715

Sandy B. 443-881-6750     Renardo 410-500-3780

Leo 443-904-7952

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