

**ASIA PACIFIC
FORUM REPORT TO THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE
MARCH 30 2000**

Hello NA Members,

We are very happy to be here and wish everyone blessings from the Asia Pacific Forum.

Our chairperson Masa from Japan was unable to attend this meeting so our Vice-chairperson from India will give our report. First of all we would like to say it has been an exciting and productive year for the APF.

We held the APF meeting in Tokyo Japan this year on March 21st-23rd.

Following the APF meeting Tokyo held a convention in celebration of NA in Japan for 20 years. It was wonderful and very moving.

Eleven NA Communities were represented at the APF this year. Guam was seated as a new member.

Goodbye and welcome to office bearers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ron B., our outgoing APF chair for all his hard work and commitment to the APF. We would also like to welcome Masa from Japan as our new Chairperson and Ramesh from India as our Vice-chairperson. Tali from Hawaii was reelected as our treasurer. We have moved to a truly international committee. Subcommittee people were reelected, Ivan from India as Newsletter chair, Simon from Australia as Website chair and Eric from Hawaii as our PI resource person. Contact details for all these people can be found on our website.

We are a new and developing branch of our service structure in the Asia Pacific Zone. Our growth and success would not have been possible without the support from all of you through our NAWS. We also acknowledge the support those regions have given outside of the APF Zone through their contributed donations and presence. We want to acknowledge this support and thank all the NAWS trusted servants who have attended our meetings and helped us to carry the message of recovery to the still suffering addicts in our part of the world. Thank you!

The following is brief information taken from the APF member reports.

We will place on emphasis on those countries not represented at this conference.

New Zealand-We have 4 areas, regional assemblies continue encourage growth and unity.

Singapore-We continue to get support from the NAWS and the APF. We have experienced success from the fellowship development trip supported by the APF and the NAWS. Halfway houses are where meetings are held. We introduce the 12 steps. NA meetings can't be held in public places such as churches, etc., because it is still against the law to hold NA meetings. Two years ago a fellowship development trip took place in Singapore involving the government and it was successful. NA has grown as a result of this and addicts are getting clean.

NERF-We are growing and continue to support the suffering addict. The APF and the NAWS continue to support our fellowship in translations. We have

about 400 members. We struggle because of member's fear of anonymity in providing services outside the meetings being a small fellowship.

India-IRF will be having a Regional convention in New Delhi in Sept. 2000. This is a multi-regional event and we hope to reach out to many other NA communities. We are hoping to hold a PI and H&I workshop at the same time. We have asked the NAWS and the APF to help support this effort. We are also hoping to reach out to other NA communities during this convention. We have many IP's that have been translated and we will continue to work on our translations. We have 50 groups and 7 ASC's.

NA Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia-5 IP's have been translated, meetings remain well attended.

Indonesia-Indonesia was seated at the APF for the first time at the 99 APF meeting held in Bangkok. At that time they had few meetings. Since communications have been established with the APF and the NAWS, NA meetings have grown in size and number. Jakarta, Bangor and Bali all have NA meetings with newcomers staying.

Hawaii Region-Our region continues to meet quarterly. We strongly support the APF effort and we continue to grow.

Australia-We meet tri-annually and our H&I efforts are very positive. We continue to support each other in an effort to grow.

Pakistan-Pakistan was seated for the first time at the 2000 APF meeting held in Japan. They reported running NA meetings for 5 years with no literature. They now have some IP's and key tags given to them from the NAWS. After the APF meeting the world is now assisting with translations. We have about 600 members and continue to grow.

Japan-We are growing and now for the first time have key chains as a result of the last meeting with the NAWS and the APF. Japan has the white book and many IP's translated. We still do not have a basic text but continue to work on translations. The basic text will take a long time to translate. We celebrated 20 years on NA in Japan.

Email Reports received from members not attending the APF meeting.

Bangladesh-Bangladesh was first seated at the APF at the 99 meeting held in Bangkok. There are eight registered groups and over 300 addicts clean between 11 years and 1 day. Meetings take place also in Chittagonga, Rashaki and Dhaka.

Korea-A meeting is being held at the Korean Hospital in Seoul weekly. We have very little information but will continue to keep you informed. We have a contact for Korea and will continue to communicate our support to them.

Chow-Kit Group, Malaysia-Our meeting got started again. We are doing H&I work and continue to be committed to NA.

Katmandu, Nepal-Three meetings take place weekly, we have sent final translations for IP#1. Five members were sent to Bombay to participate in the Bombay Area Convention. We continue to get support from the APF and NAWS.

Calcutta, India-Fellowship Development trip was funded by the APF to Dhaka and Bangladesh. The trip was successful in carrying information about recovery and assisting the NA community.

Dubai, UAE-We have three meetings weekly with 8 members. Our name is "Our Very Own Home Group." We are asking for PI assistance from the APF. Addicts do not have the benefit of recovery the NA way as it is against the law to use drugs and you can be jailed.

Philippines-The groups are doing well; we haven't grown because we try to move away from treatment center based meetings. We continue to focus on H&I and PI work.

We also had a member from the EDM attend the APF meeting and he provided a verbal over-view of the EDM. We are glad to know the struggles are similar between those two forums.

We passed financial guidelines and administrative guidelines. We continue to focus on guidelines and this will be another agenda item for next year.

Fellowship Development was addressed extensively this year. We decided to create criteria for these events. Focus will be placed on objectives, goals and fellowship need. We also need to move very slow because of translation processes. It takes time to translate and decision-making will need to go slow. We have agreed to co-operate with the NAWS in funding a team to participate in a multi-regional workshop event that will be held in conjunction with the 2nd Indian Regional Convention to be held in New Delhi after the world convention. We have agreed to fund fellowship development trips and the details have yet to be finalized. We are looking forward to co-operating with the World Board in the implementation of the world wide workshop system. We anticipate that the workshops would be held in conjunction with our APF meetings.

We still rely on fundraising. One of our long term goals is to reduce our dependence on this. Another challenge exists because many of our members are unable to contribute financially.

We met in an evening session at the APF meeting in Japan to workshop motion#8 in the CAR. The APF body as a whole supported that motion.

Our challenges for the future will be language barriers, fellowship development, guidelines and geographic challenges.

We have for the first time a projected budget for the year, which has added some financial guidance in reference to spending.

We continue to grow and feel deep gratitude to service those countries that would otherwise not have contact with NA. Our higher power has given us a great gift.

The next APF meeting will be held in Indonesia, location to be determined.

In Loving Service,

**Asia Pacific Forum Committee
Treasurer/Secretary maker of report**

EUROPEAN DELEGATES MEETING

Report to the World Service Conference 2000

The EDM is made up of Regions, Areas and Groups as a Zonal Forum, in a geographical area consisting of Europe (including Eastern Europe), Africa, Canada, the Middle East, Russia and Scandinavia. Representation may also be made from any emerging NA community, whether as a group or just as a few isolated addicts seeking recovery. It is not a requirement to be a region to be seated at the EDM. The EDM meets twice a year in whichever NA community is hosting the European Convention, the ECCNA. With one meeting in the winter and the second summer meeting coinciding with ECCNA, which this year is on 28th 29th 30th July in Lausanne Switzerland, with the EDM starting a day earlier on the 27th.

The EDM is moving into a new and exciting phase with a new steering committee (although only two at this present time, there are several members coming to the summer EDM for election) and a strong feeling of love and unity. After our last Winter EDM in Lousanne in Switzerland, there was a new powerful feeling of purpose.

The EDM has prioritised Fellowship Development, PI and then communications with the World Services and other Zonal Forums. Fellowship development projects planned between winter and summer meetings are as follows ---

1. To organise service workshops at the Polish Convention and Service Conference in Posnan, Poland. 28th, 29th and 30th April, with the Euro-PI co-ordinator and members of the German Speaking Region.
2. To invite a member of the St Petersburg fellowship to the summer EDM.
3. To also invite a member of the Turkish fellowship to summer EDM, if there is a service structure in place for an elected member.
4. And finally that Euro PI gives a PI presentation to professionals and holds a separate PI workshop at ECCNA 17.
5. With a further trip for PI to give a workshop at the Greek Convention already planned and budgeted for.

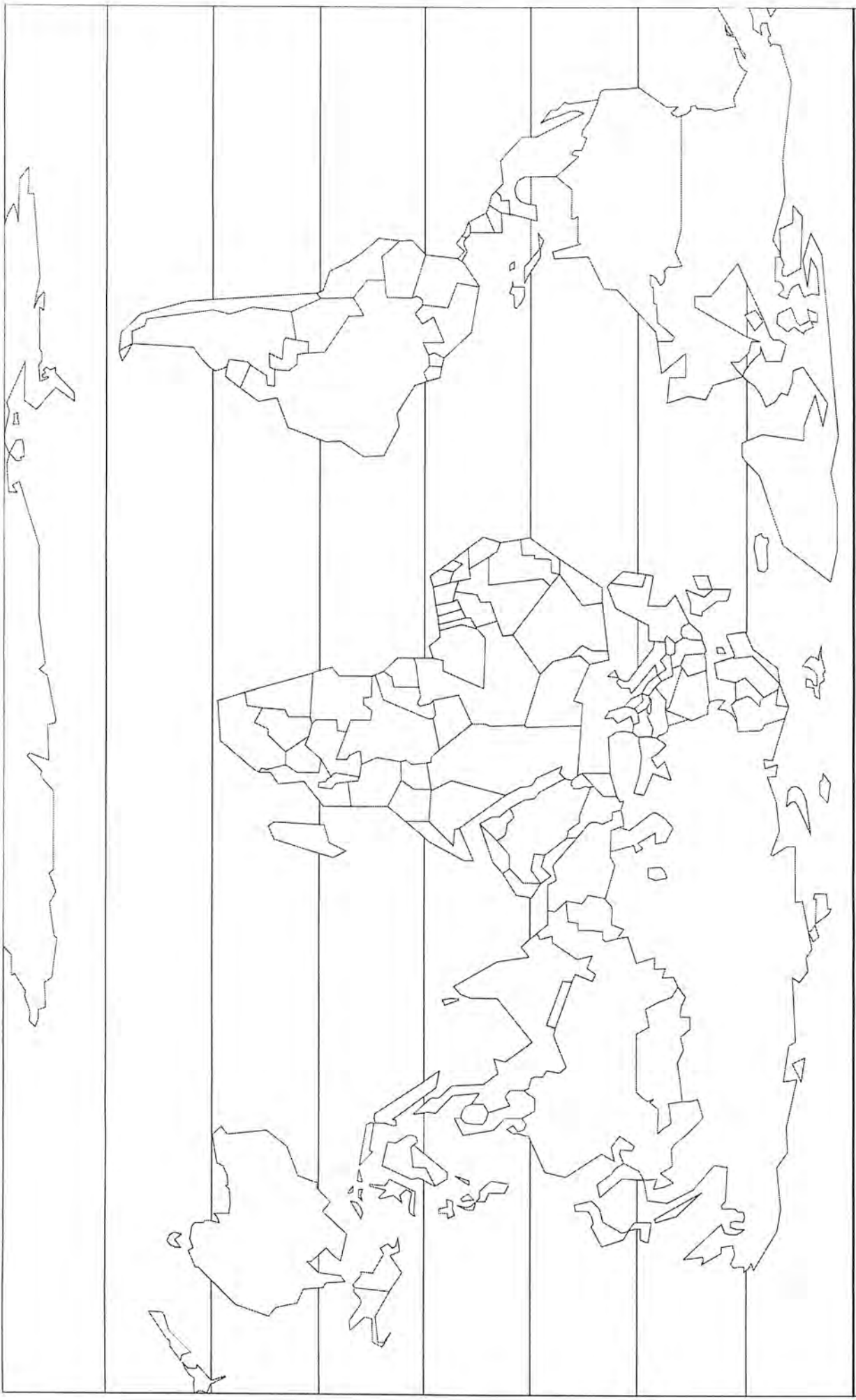
The communities that are currently attending the EDM, in alphabetical order are Denmark, Finnish Region, French Region, French Speaking Swiss Area, German Speaking Region, Greek Area, Irish Region, Israeli Region, Italian Region, Netherlands Region, Norwegian Region, Polish Region, Portuguese Region, Quebec Region, UK Region, Spanish Region, Swedish Region, Turkish Area. Outreach to Belgium Area, and to isolated groups in Russia and St Petersburg.

The Quebec Region has won the bid to host ECCNA 18, which will be held at the Gouverneur hotel, Saint Hyacinthe, Montreal on the June 29th – 2nd July 2001, in Quebec, Canada, North America. This will not be the first time that the ECCNA would have been held outside what is recognised as Europe, in 1997 it was held in Haifa, Israel. The EDM extends an invitation to all Zonal Forums to come and participate in discussions and workshops on zonal forums and the service structure.

The EDM is fully supported by the regions and areas within its jurisdiction and the EDM fully supports the World Service Conference.

In loving fellowship Barrington DLR, EDM chair, Francoise H, EDM treasurer.

WORLD



May 3, 2000

Western States Zonal Forum
WSC Meeting Record – opened at 6 PM

The WSZF has been meeting for about the last 9 years with a meeting at the WSC and a discussion forum meeting in August. It has been a sharing session type meeting with no written guidelines and a passion for remaining a non deliberative body.

In attendance:

- Arizona Region,** John Willis
- California Inland Region,** Tracia Allen-Carroll
- California Mid-State Region,** Cindy Macke, Kim Scornaienchi
- Central California Region,** Peggy Wessels, Deborah Branscum, George Littleton
- Northern California Region,** Sue Lydick, Roseann Berthron-Arechiga
- Pacific Cascade Region,** Doug Heath, Greg Ivy
- Region 51,** Frank Szabo
- Rio Grande Region,** Ron Hofius, Seth Sparks
- San Diego Imperial Region,** Don E. Sturtevant, Pat Hunt
- Sierra Sage Region,** Sam Colling, Vince Pickles
- Southern California Region,** Bob Rehmar, Jimmy Logan
- Southern Idaho Region,** Jak Krieger
- Washington- Northern Idaho Region,** Steve Zander, Rex Smith

The WSZF, until this year, included the regions of the US states of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and all states to West of those states. This year the Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum was formed and Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah are now part of that Zonal Forum. The Southern Idaho Region is currently planning to attend both Zonal Forums.

This year a set of Draft Guidelines have been created for the Western States Zonal Forum and will be further reviewed at the August meeting.

There will be a sharing session meeting Hosted by the Arizona Region in Tempe AZ on August 4,5 and 6th 2000. The meeting will be held at the Mission Palms Hotel, 60 E 5th St. Tempe AZ 85281. 1-800-547-8705. The meeting will begin Friday at 7 PM. Will run Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM. The meeting will end Sunday at 12 PM.

Topics:

- 1) WSZF Guidelines
- 2) How WSZF is impacted by a 2 yr conference cycle
- 3) Drug Court & Surveillance issues
- 4) CAR Conscience gathering at Regional Assemblies
- 5) Organizing Spanish speaking meetings
- 6) Multi-regional workshops
- 7) Master calendar of Regional events
- 8) Regional inventories
- 9) Fund flow
- 10) Problems with meeting and event facilities
- 11) NAWS World Wide Workshops
- 12) Adopting a Guide to Local Service

There was some discussion on when and where we are going to meet in the upcoming two-year cycle.

Sierra Sage has volunteered to host the next meeting in 2001 and will bring information at the meeting in Tempe, AZ.

Some of the Delegates requested that members bring any kind of NA guidelines and also any material on the issue topics. On computer disk where possible.

The Address list was updated. Greg I. was volunteered to give a WSZF report to the WSC tomorrow.

Meeting closed with the Gratitude Prayer at 7 PM.

Southern Zonal Forum Report to the April 1999 WSC

First, we of the Southern Zonal Forum would like to express our gratitude to the WSC for doing for us what we had not done previously for our selves. Communication s between neighboring regions was unheard of. In 1992, I personally heard about someone else being there, but it was not happening back home.

At the WSC in Dallas, Texas in 1992, there was included in the "TWIGS" some wording mentioning Zonal Forums. In May of 1992, the first meeting of the SZF was held at the Texas Unity Convention.

The most important decisions that were made at that meeting have long reaching effects on today's meetings. The first decision was to start out each day with a recovery meeting and the second was to have a taped recording of all our non-recovery meetings. These decisions allow us to start off recovery focused and all who wish to can hear what is said at each meeting.

In August of 1992, we met again and made another far-reaching decision, to send all excess funds to the WSC. After opening a checking account, this decision has allowed us to send \$2,030.04 to the WSC since November of 1996.

We next met in Jackson, Mississippi in February of 1993. Our core group of regions attending at this time was: Oklahoma, Lone Star, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Also in attendance for the first time were the Kentuckiana Region and newly formed Arkansas Region. We came away from that CAR weekend with another process of sending everyone who attended a set of minutes. This proved costly and ineffective. Our format was also evolving. After the recovery meeting on Saturday we conducted whatever we had planned for the weekend. On Sunday after the recovery, meeting we held a Southern Zonal Forum business session. This consisted of where we were going to meet next meeting and what money was available to be sent on.

In September of 1993, we again made a statement. We came up with a purpose for the forum: "To Collectively Seek and Encourage Participation in Addressing Regional Concerns at all Levels of Service".

To do this we again made a decision to meet four (4) times per year, one of those being at the conference. Our meetings were now taking on some significance and we arranged a schedule for meeting. The regions that host our meetings have used both the metropolis settings of St. Louis , New Orleans, Dallas, and Nashville, and the rural settings of Mt. Vernon, IL, Temple, TX, Louisville, MS, and Texarkana, AR.

As participating members of the forum get comfortable with meeting among ourselves, we attempt to make local meetings wherever we go.

The Southern Zonal Forum today consists of the following committed regions: Lone Star, Show-Me, Volunteer, Kentuckiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana. The geographical area of the Southern Zonal Forum extends from Kingsport, TN west over 900 miles (1448 kilometers) to Weatherford, TX and from the Gulf of Mexico to the northern border of Missouri. This encompasses over 350,000 square miles (563,244 kilometers).

Our loose structure has evolved into a more stable structure, one of consensus-based operating. We use a ½ page operating guidelines. In order to further our own purpose we have created the positions of co-facilitator, secretary, treasurer, representative and an archivist. Two of these positions are funded by various financial means; regional donations, NA forum developed and produced merchandize, registration fees at every meeting we have, and a sharing of funds from the hosting region's fundraiser while we are in town.

We as a group of NA members have an open forum where anyone who comes can participate. The topics discussed over the last 7 years have been diverse and meaningful.

If you take this year's Motion 1, and read down the list of possible topics the fellowship could view as worthy of discussion, you can find that this zonal forum has already grown into or is currently touching every topic. This process of growing has fostered more caring and sharing within our service structures. We are having others wanting to come see how our consensus-based operation can possibly work, as they have never seen such an animal before in NA.

We of the Southern Zonal Forum are proud with our growth and evolvment to something that is not only working within our small rooms that the SZF meets, but other places we visit.

Again, our gratitude goes out to the 1992 WSC that saw fit to create for us a place to grow. I would now like to present the members of the Southern Zonal Forum.

Included for each forum is a copy of our ½ page Guidelines and a copy of our Agreement Guide, drawn up by our Archivist, Keith N. of Memphis, TN.

In Loving Service,

Dickie D. SZF Representative

SOUTHERN ZONAL FORUM

DEFINITION OF FORUMS

WSC '92

The World Service Conference affirms that zonal forums, as service-oriented sharing sessions that provide the means by which NA communities can communicate, cooperate, and grow with one another, are valuable components of NA. We support the continued work of the zonal forums that exist today worldwide and encourage any further efforts NA communities may take to support one another. (Amended WSC '97, to add:) When requested by the conference, the designated representative of any zonal forum will be allowed to address the conference, make reports, and answer questions pertaining to specific information. Any zonal forum with a registered address with the WSO will receive the same WSC mailings as conference participants.

PURPOSE/WHAT

To collectively seek and encourage participation in addressing regional concerns at all levels of service.

A loosely organized group of regions in the southern central portion of the U.S. that meet regularly to improve communication, unity, share common experiences, problems, and solutions. In regards to service committees, projects and agendas, as well as holding recovery meetings. Emphasis is also placed on getting more NA members involved in service work in our respective regions, areas, and groups.

OPERATING GUIDELINES

PARTICIPATION AND DECISION MAKING

The process that the Southern Zonal Forum (SZF) uses to invite a loving Higher Power into our decision making is consensus based rather than voting. This allows for consideration of all viewpoints and the single voice of dissent to be heard.

Motions may be presented for consideration with a second by any participant. This allows for clarity on an issue we want group conscience on. Debate will then be heard and the facilitator may ask if we find the motion acceptable when he/she feels we are in agreement. The minority opinion should always be heard and considered by all participants. If we are not in agreement, we may need further discussion unless the body as a whole feels comfortable with the overall consensus.

At each SZF we maintain a reference guide of all past actions by SZF members. These may be referred to, or reconsidered at any SZF by the body as a whole.

SZF is usually attended by RSR's from each member Region. ASR's and GSR's from member Regions attend as well. The view points of these members should always be sought and carefully considered due to the fact that they represent the fellowship in general within the SZF. Even so, any NA member attending a SZF has full participation privilege's and should be encouraged to be a part of our consensus based decisions.

Through an open exchange of ideas and experience, and inviting our Higher Power in our decision making process, the SZF is able to function in a manner that allows us to schedule future events and not detract from the purpose we began with. As we evolve, we know our Higher Power will continue to guide us to be a valuable asset to our member Regions, and the addict yet to come.