

KBARNA. JULY 2020

FACILITATOR. JACKIE G., AD, KENTUCKIANA REGION

No secretary. No previous minutes. A previous audio file for the previous KBARNA available but not yet changed into a written minutes. Previous KBARNA audio file will be made available for next KBARNA meeting.

Introductions:

Jackie G., facilitator, AD elect, Kentuckiana Region

Caitlin F., RD, Bluegrass Appalachian

Mike P., RD, Kentuckiana Region

Becky M., Treasurer, N.A.C.K. Area

Bill D., NA member, former chair Bluegrass App Region

Linsey P., current Chair BARCNA

Shane C., KY Survivors Area, member

WHITNEY H., Vice Chair BARCNA

REPORTS

Treasurer – absent. Facilitator will contact him and ask for a written treasurer's report; will share by email as soon as possible. Jackie's email crazycanoel@gmail.com

RD/AD Reports – Caitlin F. shared her report to the region; has info from Conference Participants Webinar June 26, 2020 at 2pm. Attended with Jackie G. 202 participants

NAWS financial update attached. Enrolled in paycheck protection program; repayment terms are continually changing; not decided whether to apply for PPP forgiveness or not; turned down some funds; 52 operating days left, which is based on partial staff not full

\$105, 683 collected at na.org

www.na.org/virtual Also NAWS removed words from website about virtual mtgs not being registered

www.na.org/survey Open survey for any NA member August 10 for SPAD due date for input

GSR. www.na.org/toolbox Can input through August CAR 2, 5, 9, 10, 12, 15, 34 motions will addressed in virtual WSC2020

26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 CAT motions will be addressed

Straw Poll #1: Are we ok with sessions Aug 7-9. Aug 28=30
continue 95, yes -11 mp. carr. 2ab, 3pnv

Draft rules will return as outlined

Straw Poll #2 was I agree to make final decisions via poll after
virtual WSC; we decided to vote NO because it wasn't to be
transparent; polls have 81% response history, so we voted NO.
Staff is still furrowed; August 1 orientation for WSC2020 for
those who haven't

Amendments to motions must be sent to world board by July 24th
if there are any; RD needs them asap but before 22nd or 23rd at
latest

NEXT ZONAL MTG – July 24 at 6pm cst

Lee P – nominated for FP Chair. Shane C will assist but not take
a position

Read Lee's resume; see attached report

PR Week discussed

Election for Secretary addressed

Secretary needs reimbursement for ZoOM

Carl PR chair Jan 2020 needs reimbursement 192.00

Volunteer RD. FD remote procedures, virtual collection of 7th

Tradition, can FD address this?

ZONAL July 24th

KBARNA today at 2pm

July 18th BARNA decided Caitlin F., should complete WSC2020
as RD,

We have received 29 people turn in votes for CAR and/or CAT:

10 Kentuckiana

19 from BARNA

10 Kentuckiana for CAR

8. BARNA On CAR

On CAR AND CAT. Can still submit input/votes to RD team -
August 5, deadline

You can submit your MOTION 34 vote even if you've already
submitted votes for CAR and/or CAT

MOTION 34

MOTION 10. Amended. (See attached report or www.na.org)

BARNA has transitioned to Zoom, in person, and hybrid. Caitlin
has resources for hybrid

Elected Inmate Step writing chair, vice chair, Our chair is set to
transition out in Dec.

Phone line and website are doing well, we have a Policy and
Procedure ad hoc, transitioned subcommittees in to a singular

FD committee; secretary still open

PIRANA GRASSROOTS helped with their websites; held

educational webinars

Our webservant helped Kentuckiana Region in order to restore their website

Helping other areas, helping members find 8337160080 to find virtual mtgs

Phone line helps to

NACK, Pennyville, OVANA, Owensboro Areas Other areas either have their own or don't want to participate

GOODWILL ok with hosting NA meetings in their facilities; contact Caitlin for more info

KBARNA will follow in person events will be held in places agreed on in last KBARNA meeting

Request that Hybrid services also be available in future events.

Any questions for Caitlin? No hands raised

Mike P., RD for Kentuckiana Region – do you have anything else to add to report? Nothing more to add to Caitlin's report; add'l info Joy F. Completed her RD position rotation. Mike P.

Now RD. I will be at next WSC webinar

Kentuckiana – we have PR PI things going on; we're staying in touch; staying in touch with BARNA; want to stay in touch and help in all our efforts

KRCNA 34 has been postponed til Easter 2021; KRCNA 35 moved to 2022

Convention in Hopkinsville is still scheduled in August; more will be revealed; things change

Camp out in western KY not yet decided; will not more next weekend more will be revealed.

Becky M., hand up – Motion 34 and Amendment to Motion 10 – could you reread those Caitlin?

Caitlin: Yes. They're in my report. She reread them verbatim:

*insert verbatim from na.org

Amendment Motion 10 – To direct the WB to create a project plan for the

Caitlin will email a copy of her report to Becky M.

Discussion of Article/Clause FIPT suspension – in 2018 voted that zonal delegates could vote to represent unseated regions (if 2 or more in a zone) but that's not in the FIPT. FIPT needs rewording if zonal delegates that qualify can vote. A housekeeping Motion.

Motion 10 – to add virtual meetings to the service structure – needs to be edited in 4 things:

If you want to change your vote on Motion 10 let Caitlin know.
No more hands raised.

RCMS from any area or any elected area reps can give reports.

SHANE C., RCMA for Survivors Area –

Response we've had locally since we had the stay at home order – from last 3 weeks a couple meetings opened up; still at less than ½ meetings are open; most are online; maybe lunch meeting every day, 2 nights meeting, one group meeting in parking lot even during pandemic, lots of calls of how to find meetings, difficulties of answering all area calls, just 3 statewide calls in recent time, online H&I meetings in some facilities, some in other parts of US, Nicholasville facilities meeting, PI complete halt, reached out to people with longstanding relationships, but govt. etc. extremely difficult times.

September is recovery month – a national thing – an outside issue to us but the professional community throughout the us will be active; we've been talking state level and mayor's office , discussed BARCNA convention that is probably not going to happen in Lexington, we may need a convention on line, we will be letting all know what's going on and finding ways to be more inclusive; until a couple months ago, many of you all not used to virtual mtgs; now we're all used to looking at screens; lots of opportunities; accepted reality, thanks everyone for being here.

JACKIE G., RCMA Narcotics Anonymous of Central KY

We are still doing only Zoom, 2 home groups doing hybrid meetings now. Regular meeting places and zooming that meeting to the outside, tried to do in person for one home group, large attendance, not masks not social distancing, we had high risk members so we decided to meet in July on Zoom

Flyers on doors with Zoom IDS,

Statewide helpline numbers, we so appreciate that

Strange time – we're still reaching out, contacted several newcomers and someone moving to our area we've contacted without meeting in person

ANY QUESTIONS?

SHANE C. Asked Jackie G. Can we share later about hybrid meetings, instructional videos, different communities, Zoom – Jackie G. Yes, we can talk after mtg.

PR/RP. Group

Are there any reports?

NONE

WORKGROUPS

Jackie asked Shane – I think the statewide helpline was one of our projects? Update?

Shane: Everything still working, still figuring a lot out, it's going, region has been paying for it, has control now, not in a bad way, a system to pay, that's about it; while Mike's here – I do owe Debbie a phone call (in Pennyrile area) discussed how to use/set up helpline

The GAP phone line is ready for Northern KY – have their own area helpline number and pay for it – an area can have and pay for their own. Maybe \$60 a year, \$5.00 monthly maybe

Northern KY wanted to be responsible for their own pay; the regional number will still forward to their number; they wanted their own volunteers on it as well

Mike asked Shane do you have for contacts numbers for PANA Debbie? Shane says yes we have the numbers. We have info for more than just meeting info. Yes.

'Areas outside of BARCNA can make a donation for helpline services that they are receiving. Donations can be send to the BARCNA treasurer to help for the cost of the helpline services.

OLD BUSINESS

Those persons present – we are relying on you for remembering (lack of minutes) Please raise hand

Mike – Is the policy issue of the difference in how to count votes, whether we do them as members or as groups; Policy says we do it as a group; in previous situations, we have counted every member votes everybody got a vote all the votes yes and no from a group were counted. Then we tallied all the votes as the conscience. Some confusion if we're going to do it that way, we need to change policy (KBARNA)

Facilitator: Yes, business for today. I'd like to say that I read yesterday all Policies for Bluegrass, Kentuckiana Region, and KBARNA. In the regional P&Ps, there is no line item which says specifically which groups vote by groups, which votes vote by member. When KBARNA P&P was written, it was short and sweet – 5 pages and agenda – it does say we vote by group, just like Mike said.

In respecting the regions' consciences, and their practices of counting by members, then this KBARNA P&P is not in alignment with our current practices.

We may look at revising KBARNA

Or we may tell regions their P&Ps don't state specifically how to vote, or

It's working right now.

We may not need to be doing anything. We're all getting along, the votes are all being counted, and as Caitlin said there's not hundreds of votes anyway.

We're trying to be respectful and know that we are not decision-making body for the regions, but we can bring things to the regions or simply change this one document – which also has to be approved by both regions – any changes. The floor is open for discussion, and if you would raise your hand if you would like to comment:

We could table it and each of us could bring it up at our next regions' meetings for discussion. It's up to you guys. We could let it lay. Caitlin: I feel like it needs to be addressed.

We all get along, but what happens when a new delegate is moved into office.

Shane C: I guess what I'd like to say, I agree with all you said Jackie and that's the reality. I don't think when KBARNA policy was voted in we realized it was vote by groups. In the past, we had meetings with Mike and Kentuckiana and in March or whenever and we had entire home groups voting. We had home groups doing their own CAR workshops. KISS 11 and NA as such 5 or 6 votes.... Those 2 home groups are kind of polar in their own things. I'm with Caitlin, we need a decision today.

Many members need and have an expectation of how they're voting now.

Jackie G. Page 1 P&P – may be ambiguous “the total votes of all groups” will be tallied; does that total votes plural of all groups – does that mean we need to do anything? Probably needs clarification in the future....

Shane: We need to stand together and interpret it together and say this is how we do it.

Jackie G: How would it be if we suggest a revision to the P&P for KBARNA and we could take it to our regions as a request for revision of P&P. We could change “the total votes of all groups” to the total votes of “all members”. Would that solve the issue?

Becky M. I think it would be better to change it from groups to members. Also, in February. There was no place on the ballot forms for Abstains or No Votes so don't we need to tell the regions?

Caitlin – If there was an “A” for abstain, it was counted as a “no”. Discussion of difference between Abstain and Present not Voting.

Mike: When you establish a quorum number, and you count yes, no, abstain, the abstain doesn't count as a “no” but in the numbers of pro and con, and then what it's gonna take to make something pass, it's not a Yes so therefore it doesn't count toward the quorum, and so it counts as a no.

Mike How do we need to go forward?? Do we need to make motions, or do we just say hey does everyone like this? Are we consensus-based?

Caitlin – we are consensus-based

Facilitator – we are bound by the Policies and Procedures == in order to conduct new business at least 3 reps must be present, with at least one from each region, Today we only have 2 reps, and therefore, no quorum. We've got to respect the policies and procedures, but it does not stop us from taking this information to our regions for guidance. We could also suspend that particular rule as we are just trying to get consistent information back to our regions.

MIKE So what does the body think we need to do? Not just those who have been speaking...

Jackie Anyone else want to speak to the issue? We'd be glad to listen to everyone.

Linsey – why can't we just figure it out and get it going? We only meet every 6 months; it's an extremely slow process; we don't even have minutes from last KBARNA meeting. What does Whitney have to say?

Whitney – this is new to me; I would say it would probably be better to make a decision since we don't meet that often? But I understand wanting to adhere to Policy and Procedure.

BILL D. The history of both regions is we only get 25-30 groups to vote on a CAR and that's been over a long time. I believe in a true group conscience, not individual people speaking for their group. I prefer that it be a true group conscience according to our 2nd tradition, and not a group of people voting for a group. To me that is not a true group conscience. One group doesn't speak for a whole area. Members of one group speak for a whole area. That's not a true group conscience, and I gotta go against that. I was raised up in narcotics anonymous and that's how we did it. Maybe send it back to the groups. We've got another six months before our next meeting. We'll probably get as many answers as

we have already gotten, but we could send it back.

Facilitator: Our 2nd Tradition is very important. Again, as we are not a decision-making body, is everybody ok with us taking the information back to our regions and asking our regions to approve the change (to KBARNA P&P) and if the region decided that as Bill says, we are to vote as groups, then we would be corrected by the regions. Is it ok with the body if we send back a request for the regions to clarify page 1 of KBARNA P&P that suggests votes to be tallied by groups or votes to be tallied by; members? If you guys want specific words, we can choose 6 or 8 specific words. We would ask clarification from the regions, and let the home groups come forth and decide for us.

Caitlin – what I remember at the last KBARNA meeting, there’s something in the policy that says it is determined by the RD teams, correct?

Facilitator – reading from the written policy – from the first page “every group in the KBARNA gets one vote per motion in the CAR” so that is very specific, and then the RCMS should collect the votes and turn them in to the AD or RD before conference, and the total votes will be tallied. A simple majority of votes collected will be the conscience.

It does say “every group”. We need to ask the regions. It does specify the CAR. Our home group also voted on the CAT, and it’s not even addressed in P&P.

Caitlin – can I have a copy of the KBARNA P&P?

Facilitator – yes, I could try and share it with us now

Caitlin – well just the last KBARNA, Tony from KRCNA said it’s how we’ve always done it – by the member – and so we had 4 groups versus 10 individual votes....so I just need a copy.

Facilitator – I will send a copy of the KBARNA P&P to anyone who will email me. I’m putting my email up in the chat.

MIKE. What we found was that people get more involved if they feel they have a voice. If their voice is going to be counted. If there’s 10 people in a vote, and if 8 vote for it, and 2 vote against it, then the 2 nos are carried on and counted in the regional count. They feel more a part of. When we feel like we can speak, then we feel like we have some say in changing things. That’s how we did it in the Kentuckiana Region, and that’s how we’ve done it in the Bluegrass Region when I was RD. Maybe others who came after me weren’t like that, but I was RD for a long time. We counted each vote, and that was the conscience.

Caitlin – We’re responsible for each individual member of a service body voting;

Facilitator – yes, it does say in our concepts that each member but our 2nd tradition focuses on the group... I don't know...I think we need to ask our regions....we are not here to make decisions today...we need to discuss how to ask our regions.....our P&P was part of our unity work together. We need to take it to the regions and ask for clarification. Do they want the P&P changed or not? We could send a copy of page 1 of KBARNA Policy with the paragraph in question and let the regions report back to us in six months. Hopefully it will get our RCMS interests involved and get them back to tell us, the body, what to do? RDs take it to regions? Or RCMalternates? Does it matter?

Becky

I hope we decide something today since it will be six months.

The reason we are giving the vote to every member is that some groups have 3 members, and some have 50 members, and the majority rule is not heard if it's just voting by group. Another member has said that the group conscience agreeing on an item, and not have any members that disagree. They should be unified in a vote and everyone decide, like a jury, until it's unanimous, until everyone is in unity on a vote, every individual member is deciding on the same thing, and everyone votes on it, like 45 yes 5 no, those 5 members need to get on board with the 45 or just don't carry the vote...

BILL. The question I have is for Caitlin – is this going to affect your count towards the motions from the CAR?

Caitlin I have no idea how many groups voted;

Bill plus Motion 34 hasn't even been voted on at all

Caitlin – I was taught every motion should be brought before the groups for voting

So we decided that the RD teams would decide just this WSC2020 that we would decide how to vote, and since we had 4 home groups vs 10 individuals it was not ok, and since Kentuckiana had the seat before us, and WSC recognized Kentuckiana, we agreed to do it like Kentuckiana did it. We didn't have time to figure it out by April. We thought we were still meeting in person at that time. Then the pandemic hit. So, it was like doing the best we could do with the situation we're in. I have all the votes. I can tell you who voted for what. The missing pieces from Kentuckiana – I had text messages of vote count but not specified from Joy if they were groups or individuals. I assume they were individuals.

Facilitator – I'm looking at the calendar. We're in the middle of July, and the virtual WSC is going to be in August, I have confidence and complete faith with Caitlin and Mike to do the

best you can – honest, sincere decisions from now til end of the conference.

MIKE – let's do it to take it back to the regions' consciences.

And our decision will be for future conferences.

Caitlin – our region knew we were taking votes from individual members I told them and we are doing the best we can do. Let's take it back, and go with what we've got for now, unless anyone has anything else.

Facilitator – is anyone opposed to taking this back to the regions for clarification?

No opposition

RD teams? Or RCM alternates?

Caitlin – how about we all do it? The more that take it back the better.

Mike Yes it will be important if we are all discussing it.

Caitlin – this other thing we need clarification on is all our

understanding is that this conference for 2020, BARCNA holds the RD seat no matter what, next conference KENTUCKIANA will hold it.

I will still be AD next time, but if Mike were to get sick the AD for Kentuckiana would rotate into the RD position. Then if the Kentuckiana AD were unavailable, the BARCNA RD would roll into the RD position, and perhaps the BARCNA AD if the Kentuckiana RD and AD were absent. But none of this is in our policy, and it's ambiguous, and all of our understanding, the region holds the seat one conference, then the other region then next.

When this became a possible issue, there was a challenge to that. Are we all in agreement to ask the region for clarification for that as well?

All in favor

Facilitator – we don't have to decide on exact motions, etc. because the region will be telling us how to rewrite the policy and to clarify for future teams and trusted servants.

BILL – when we united together, and said that one year Kentuckiana would have it, and then BARCNA the next year would have it, I assume the RD or the AD from Kentuckiana would have that RD position.

Caitlin – we had questions when our RD was concerned about flying to CA, and maybe not going, it was asked

SHANE – We knew all these nuances would come up, when we look at two policies, and it's not a traditional form of

representation KBARNA, I don't blame anyone for asking for clarification. Thank God it's us, and it's non-traditional, we just need to do the best we can.

Facilitator – Thanks everybody for being so honest and respectful of each other.

I have one tiny thing – in the KBARNA P&P we have the AD listed as the RDA. It's kind of like RSR RSR Alternate....so our P&P does not match the title in NAGTWS

ELECTIONS

Is there anyone who would like to be nominated as KBARNA secretary?

None

Let's take this back to our regions. I know someone would benefit from being in this service position.

Choose a facilitator for next time. FEB 2021

A member of BLUEGRASS Caitlin volunteered. Bluegrass will host. Caitlin. If pandemic is still heavy, it will be online, or if different, it will be held in Lexington. She will do a flyer. Is Lexington easy for Kentuckiana to get to? Yes, Yes, Mike and Jackie agreed. And also Zoom even if in person we will do a hybrid meeting. Maybe we will have more participation.

BILL – Could you put up the qualifications as secretary in the minutes?

Jackie – Yes, 3 qualifications and I will put in the minutes.

ANY OTHER CONCERNS OR COMMENTS FROM ANYONE?

So grateful you guys were here. It's important for our two regions to maintain communication to continue services throughout the state, and not only do we have an Indiana area, we also have a WV area. We can get the word out, and communication is where service succeeds.

Shane – Jackie will you share the Kentuckiana Regional meeting ID info?

Jackie shared info for meeting same day in chat.

Attachments

RD/AD report by Caitlin F.

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Qualifications for KBARNA Secretary

**SUMMARY of items for regions/areas/groups/members to
decide and tell KBARNA how to proceed**