

MARLCNA
February 2/9-2/10 2018

Good afternoon and thank you for letting me be of service. The RD team was fortunate enough to attend MARLCNA this year to collaborate with other delegates and members of the fellowship. Due to a last minute unfortunate situation the RDA was unable to attend. I travelled to MARLCNA alone in order to gather information for the upcoming WSC.

The workshop started at 6:00 with a NAWS update. The Friday session started early due to the amount of motions in this years CAR. Two World Board members were present Arne & Junior (WB chair & VP, respectively)

NAWS Update

- Not much since the last NAWS update at the NEZF (see my report from the last NEZF Iselin, NJ October 27-29th). Two pieces of literature will be proposed (and approved) at the WSC2018 *Daily Meditations & Mental Illness IP*.
- Literature price increase effective 7/1/18 5% on the Basic Text and 6% on all other literature. First increase since 2014
- WCNA 8/30-9/2
- Updated web store is almost open for business. There will be a shutdown from 2/23-3/1
- Fun Fact: A WB meeting costs \$50,000.00
- The inspection request was addressed by the WB. The RD from the region is present. The WB will address the questions that were raised by the letter sent by the lawyer (the WB still has not heard back from the SF region) in their March meeting. They will not discuss it further with the exception of answering questions from the floor at MARLCNA. SF region stated here that the questions that the SF region were asked by the WB were answered by the letter from the attorney. The SFRD is also stating that they tried reaching out to the WB 5 times with no communication. The SFRD said that the WB "lawyered up" once the request was sent by the SF Region to the WB. The WB really doesn't want to continue talking about this at MARLCNA due to the amount of work we have to do here.
- At the risk of sounding like a broken record, the WB really needs to work on its public image in regards to members of this fellowship. While I personally think they have nothing to hide, they don't do themselves any favors

CAT Report

- The CAT contains the 2018-20 strategic plan, the project plan, the proposed budget, proposed reimbursement policy, tools and the decision making at the WSC, the WSC seating report, Proposals for service tools approvals process and the NAWS environmental scan
- The CAT is considered New Business with the exception of the rules which is voted on at the beginning of old business .

- Work is starting to begin on a daily meditation book:
 1. 9 member workgroup would meet 3 times in the 2018-2020 cycle
- Project will be presented for approval in the 2022 CAR
 1. Next item of lit is the Mental Health/Illness IP:
 2. 7-8 Member workgroup to meet in two face to face meetings
 3. Project will be in the 2020 CAR
- There will be an approach to CAR business this year. Rather than have two different sessions to discuss the same issues we will discuss motions and vote on them in the same session. Brilliant!

Seating Report

- 10 regions requested seating, the WB recommends 3
 1. Netherlands- WB recommended
 2. Mexico Occidente- WB recommended
 3. Ukraine- WB recommended
 4. Thailand
 5. Eastern PA
 6. NW Russia
 7. Minas (Brasil)
 8. Brasil Central
 9. Brasil Nordeste
 10. Rio Grande do Sul (Brasil)
- Obviously as we try to figure out the future of the WSC I'm curious as to why we are doing any seating at all but there is not moratorium in place but seating is to be expected and it's important that our members around the world are represented.
- The RD team will ask for the consensus of the region for the votes of these regions to be added based on information received and the recommendations of the WB

Saturday consisted of the reviewal of the CAR motions which was covered in great detail by the RD team at MRLE. I will not be adding anything to this report in regards to the CAR motions. If you need to find that information please refer to the RD report from MRLE which took place on 12/16-17 in Manchester NH.

There was no further discussion on the SF request except for the small exchange on Friday night even tho the RD from the SF region was present. As much as the WB doesn't want to discuss this matter until their March meeting this is going to keep popping up especially since the SFRD was funded by his region to be here to address the concerns and provide total transparency to the fellowship and the WB. Making the most of our valuable time at the WSC is always the first priority for the fellowship and NAWS; for anyone to think that this will not be discussed at length at the WSC is only fooling themselves. More will be revealed.

February 13th, 2018

- Meeting started at 9:00 virtually via zoom video conferencing
- Information regarding this meeting was forwarded to the regional PR and his contact info was forwarded to the zonal PR Ad-Hoc chair, Wilvena`

NEZF Virtual Meeting

February 25th, 2018

- The PR AD-HOC committee was extended four more months
- We will be meeting at the WSC to discuss our topics for the next NEZF in October 2018
- Northern New England will be hosting

CAR Workshops

Listed below are the dates for the CAR workshops for each area in the WNYR:

- NI-O- February 18th 11:00 Lockport NY
- CAMNA/NAMNA/Chataqua- February 25th 1:30 Port Allegheny PA
- Niagara Falls- March 3rd, 3:00
- Buffalo- April 8th, 1:00

As always, Thank you for letting the RD team be of service to our region. Due to the size of the CAR motions there was little time dedicated to the CAR and the SF request was glossed over at best. There was still a tremendous amount of value to be had by working with the Regional Delegates and to collaborate with Delegates from our zone. One conversation I had with one of the delegates was that the Northern NY region was going to dissolve and be absorbed by the WNY & ABCD region. The discussion will be had at their May regional meeting to begin the process to dissolve or to remain a region. I think now would be a good time to pause and reflect on how well our groups, areas and region actually functions and sustains itself before we may have to make the spiritual decision to grow again.

In Loving Service,

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