

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

REGIONAL VICE CHAIR – TAKE BACK TO AREAS

REGIONAL VICE SECRETARY POSITION - NO NOMINATIONS – TAKE BACK TO AREAS

REGIONAL POLICY CHAIR POSITION – LITTLE APPLE AREA RCM NOMINATES TIM M FROM THE LITTLE APPLE AREA, TIM M ACCEPTS NOMINATION. TIM M IS ELECTED INTO POLICY CHAIR.

REGIONAL POLICY VICE CHAIR POSITION - NO NOMINATIONS – TAKE BACK TO AREAS

PR VICE CHAIR POSITION – NO NOMINATIONS – TAKE BACK TO AREAS

INSURANCE LIAISON ALTERNATE POSITION – TAKE BACK TO AREAS

H&I CHAIR POSITION – LITTLE APPLE AREA RCM NOMINATES GREG W. FROM THE LITTLE APPLE AREA. GREG W ACCEPTS NOMINATION. GREG W. IS ELECTED INTO H&I CHAIR.

H&I VICE CHAIR POSITION - GEORGE FROM YORK AREA NOMINATES ANDREA, ANDREA RESPECTFULLY DECLINES – TAKE BACK TO AREAS

OLD BUSINESS

Old Business # 1 - Motions

Motion Z1-110919

Motion: To develop a Fellowship Development Coordinator at the NEZF

Intent: To be a Mechanism aka Coordinator who will be a resource to have a “pool” of individuals with fellowship development experience to support & help regions, areas & groups.

Motion Submitted by RD, Seconded by Pocono Mountain Area

6 YES, 4 OPPOSE, 3 ABSTENTION
MOTION FAILS

NEW BUSINESS

B – Business

H – Housekeeping

P – Policy

Z - Zonal

New Business #1 – Zonal Representation

Motion Z10120 – NEZF Decision-Making Proposal

Date: February 23, 2020

Proposal Maker: TBD

Position: TBD

Seconded by: TBD

Position: TBD

I Propose:

That the Northeast Zonal Forum create two new positions at the NEZF called the “Zonal Representative” and “Zonal Representative Alternate.”

That the following be added to “Section 4 – Trusted Servants” of the NEZF Guidelines:

1. *Zonal Representative*
 - a. *Elected by NEZF*
 - b. *Term Length: 1 year*
 - c. *Must be an RD or AD from a member region of the NEZF*
 - d. *Responsibilities*
 - i. *Participates in all Virtual Meetings of Zones*
 - ii. *Reports activities of Virtual Meetings of Zones to the NEZF*
 - iii. *Reports activities of the NEZF to Virtual Meetings of Zones*
 - iv. *Submits agenda of Virtual Meetings of Zones to NEZF in advance and receives direction from the NEZF on what to report, whenever possible.*
2. *Zonal Representative Alternate*
 - a. *Elected by NEZF*
 - b. *Term Length: 1 year*
 - c. *Must be an RD or AD from a member region of the NEZF*
 - d. *Responsibilities*
 - i. *Participates in all Virtual Meetings of Zones*
 - ii. *Reports activities of Virtual Meetings of Zones to the NEZF*
 - iii. *Reports activities of the NEZF to Virtual Meetings of Zones*
 - e. *Submits agenda of Virtual Meetings of Zones to NEZF in advance and receives direction from the NEZF on what to report, whenever possible.*

Intent: To create formal positions at the NEZF that is responsible for participating in the ongoing Virtual Meetings of Zones, and a single point of accountability to report the activities of the NEZF at those meetings, and to report the outcomes of the Virtual Meetings of Zones back to the NEZF.

Financial Impact: None.

Guidelines Affected: Section 4 – Trusted Servants

Rationale by Maker:

To provide clarity in our guidelines about the roles and responsibilities of members of the NEZF who participate in the Virtual Meetings of Zones, to provide a framework for member regions of the NEZF to evaluate which candidates are best suited to serve the NEZF in this capacity and to memorialize in the NEZF guidelines the

At the November NEZF in-person meeting, the following straw poll results occurred (from the November 2019 NEZF minutes):

1. To elect/appoint someone from the NEZF to participate in these meetings: Consensus Support.
2. That the position should be filled by an RD or RDA from the NEZF: Consensus Support.
3. That the two people from the NEZF should attend: Consensus Support.
4. That the term length for the position should be one year: Consensus Support.

The list of nominees, volunteers could not be found in the November 2019 NEZF minutes, but from memory:

1. Nominees:
 - a. Bob W., Greater NY Region
 - b. Sam L., Northern New England Region
2. Volunteers
 - a. James P., New England Region
 - b. Nancy C., New Jersey Region
 - c. Brian D., Connecticut Region

On December NEZF web call, Bob W. removed his name from consideration, and nominated Bill H., the NEZF selection to the WSC of the Future Workgroup.

Motion Submitted by RD, Seconded by Capital Area

MOTION FOR RD/RDA FOR ZONAL FORUM TO ASK NEZF TO TABLE THIS DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT NEZF ZONAL MEETING

MOTION TO TABLE PASSES. RD/RDA TO MAKE A MOTION AT THE NEXT ZONAL MEETING TO TABLE "NEZF DECISION MAKING PROPOSAL"

New Business #2 – Decision Making Processes

Motion Z20120 – NEZF WSC 2020 New Business Proposal

Date: January 7, 2020

Proposal Maker: Sam L.

Position: Rd, Northern New England Region

Seconded By: James P.

Position: RD, New England Region

I Propose:

That the Northeast Zonal Forum sponsor the following New Business Proposal at WSC 2020:

We Propose: To discuss creating a process to advance new business proposal topics prioritized at the prior conference that allows for:

1. *Fellowship-Wide feedback*
2. *Development of regional consciences*
3. *Multi-regional/Multi-zonal consensus-building and CAR motion collaboration*

With the goal that new business proposal topics discussed at each WSC result in CAR motions or CAT project plans (if appropriate) at the subsequent WSC.

If this new business proposal topic advances to WSC2020 discussions, we propose that a virtual Workgroup is formed to use the output from these discussions and is given the directive to craft a CAR motion or CAT project plan which formalizes this procedure for inclusion in the 2022 CAR or CAT.

We have included with this proposal Appendix A, which elaborates on the proposal above, and includes a potential outcome that has gained significant momentum within the NEZF, and with other regions outside of our zone. We have also included with this proposal Appendix B: a flowchart which provides a visual representation of our proposed solution.

Intent: To submit a new business proposal topic at WSC 2020 that is sponsored by an entire zone rather than a single region, and thus increase the chances that the proposal is prioritized by Conference Participants and that the idea advances to new business discussions.

Financial Impact: None.

Guidelines Affected: None.

Rationale by Maker:

At WSC 2018, delegates submitted proposals for discussion in new business and prioritized the top four. In theory, the prioritized new business proposal topics are the top four issues that our local fellowships asked our delegates to bring to the conference. We see two issues regarding how new business is currently conducted:

1. The conference lacks an effective mechanism to advance the ideas discussed in the new business sessions and transforms them into concrete actions during the subsequent conference cycle.
2. The current CAR motion process lacks an effective mechanism for building multi-regional/multi-zonal consensus on issues before they reach the conference. As the 2020 CAR notes, the current regional CAR motion process results in primarily independent ideas of single regions that have not had an opportunity to be workshopped throughout the fellowship prior to the release of the CAR.

This proposal asks the conference to discuss putting in place a process that could help solve both problems.

Motion Submitted by RD, Seconded by Capital Area

**POCONO MOUNTAIN MOTIONED TO TABLE, YORK SECONDED
5 FOR, 8 OPPOSE. MOTION TO TABLE FAILS**

**TAKE "NEZF WSC 2020 NEW BUSINESS PROPOSAL" ZONAL MOTION BACK TO AREAS, VOTE DUE NEXT
REGION IN MARCH**

New Business #3 – Online Voting CAR.

**RD SUGGESTS ALSO HAVING A MECHANISM FOR TALLY VOTES AS OPPOSED TO WAITING UNTIL
REGION FOR CAR/CAT VOTES, WILL BE PUT ON THE MARSCNA WEBSITE FOR YES/NO FOR EACH
MOTION IN THE CAR FOR ONLY RCMS TO DO TALLIES! THE CUTOFF IS APRIL 15TH 2020 FOR ONLINE
VOTING TO GET CAR/CAT VOTES TO RD.**

RSC SECRETARY TO GIVE REGIONAL WEB CHAIR ALL OF RCM'S EMAILS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

New Business #4 – Tax Professional & New Business #5 – Tax Attorney

**RKL LLP IS THE REGION'S ACCOUNTANT. TO SWITCH ACCOUNTANTS AT THIS TIME IS DIFFICULT. AT
A LATER DATE WE CAN REVISIT. TREASURER RECOMMENDS NOT CHANGING ACCOUNTANT AT THIS
TIME.**

**THE NEED FOR A TAX LAW OFFICIAL TO ALLEVIATE 1023 TAX EXEMPT STATUS. GET TAX ATTORNEY
PROFESSIONAL CONFIRM TO GET US OUT OF SITUATION AND LATER BE GUIDED. COST FOR DOING SO
IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. TREASURER DOES NOT RECOMMEND HIRING A TAX ATTORNEY DUE TO
BEING IN THE FINAL STAGES OF PROCESSING TAXES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015-2018 SINCE THE REGION
IS WAITING ON A RESPONSE FROM THE IRS BEFORE PROCEEDING.**

**RSC SECRETARY GABE S (AS ACTING RSC CHAIR) CREATES AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS
REGIONAL TREASURY TAX ISSUES WHICH INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:**

- **PROS/CONS FOR INVESTIGATING TAX ATTORNEY &**
- **HIRING A NEW PROFESSIONAL AT A LATER DATE.**

**AD HOC TREASURY TAX COMMITTEE TO BE DISSOLVED ONCE THESE DUTIES ARE CARRIED OUT.
ALLAN C FROM THE BEEHIVE AREA VOLUNTEERS TO CHAIR AD HOC TREASURY TAX COMMITTEE!**

New Business #6 – RSC Vice Treasurer recommending RDA versus RD for bank/policy signing purposes

**GROUP CONSCIENCE MOTION – H10120
MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING 4 INDIVIDUALS TO BE AUTHORIZED SIGNERS ON THE
REGIONAL M&T BANK ACCOUNT FOR CHECK SIGNATURE PURPOSES:**

**RDA SUZI B (BONNEVIER)
RSC CHAIR TIMMY F (FINN)
RSC TREASURER VERLINA M (MILLINGS)
RSC VICE TREASURER HOPE C (CORRELL)**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSES

Region 2nd Saturday March 14th 2020 in Lancaster.

CAR Workshop 4th Saturday January 25th 2020 in Little Apple. Location: Nurses College, 1662 Chew Street Allentown, PA. 12-4pm

REGIONAL TIMELINE NOT READ BY NEW POLICY CHAIR FOR MARCH TIMELINE AT THIS TIME.

Thank hosting area

Betterment of the region:

Next region location/bids

March 14/Lancaster – 29 East Walnut Street Lancaster PA 17602 First United Methodist Church (in basement)

May 9/Little Apple – TBD

July/Beehive – TBD

September/Greater Steamtown Scranton – TBD

Final roll call

CLOSING TREASURER'S REPORT

Closing Balance: \$30,758.99

Regional Service Committee Meeting ended at 4:02 pm with a moment of silence followed by the We version of the Serenity Prayer.

January 11, 2020 Regional Treasurer Report

Treasury items below. Treasurer spoke with the accountants and confirmed that the 1023 was filed to reinstate our Tax Exempt status; however, the 2017 & 2018 taxes have yet to be filed with the IRS. There were some forms missing to file these taxes, and the treasurer did not realize that these forms were not submitted until follow up was had with the accountants. The forms were completed and submitted to the accountants and the filing of 2017 & 2018 should be filed within the next two weeks. Treasurer will follow up with the accountants about the filing of 17 & 18 taxes.

We have yet to receive any mail from the IRS regarding any tax penalty, or any other issues. Once the taxes for 2017 & 2018 are filed, the treasurer will inform all RCM's through email. In addition, the treasurer will reach out to the accountants to ask the following questions:

1. Will the MARSCNA have to pay taxes when the taxes are filed due to the loss of our tax exempt status?
2. Was the tax exempt status for MARSCNA retroactive, if so, how far back?

Summary	
Opening balance (including Prudent Reserve)	\$26,921.32
Total Donations	\$4,364.04
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,364.04
SUBTOTAL (opening balance + income)	\$31,285.36
Total Expenses (before NAWS)	\$526.37
Total Balance	\$30,758.99
PRUDENT RESERVE	\$1,500.00
Closing Balance	\$30,758.99