

Minutes from Tampa Funcoast Area
 Florida Regional Service Conference
 January 16-18, 2004

The RSC meeting was held at the Crowne Plaza, in Tampa, Fl. We opened at 9:00 am, with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer and the reading of the twelve traditions, twelve concepts, and the purpose of the RSC.

2003	July 03	Sept 03	Nov 03	Jan 04	Mar 04	May 04
Bahamas	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent		
Bay	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Big Bend	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Chain 0 Lakes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent		
Daytona	Present	Present	Present	Present		
First Coast	Present	Present	Present	Absent		
Forest	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	Present	Present		
Heartland	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Orlando	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Palm Coast	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Recovery	Present	Present	Present	Present		
River Coast	Absent	Present	Present	Present		
South Atlantic	Absent	Present	Present	Present		
Sun Coast	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Fun Coast	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Treasure Coast	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Uncoast	Present	Present	Present	Present		

Roll Call (admin)

2003	July 03	Sept 03	Nov03	Jan 04	Mar 04	May 04
Chair	Present	Present	Present	Present		
V. Chair	Present	Present	Present	Absent		
Secretary	Present	Open	Open	Present		
Alt. Sec.	Open	Open	Open	Present		
Treasurer	Absent	Present	Present	Present		
Alt. Treas.	Present	Open	Open	Open		
R.D.	Present	Present	Present	Present		
A.D.	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Policy	Present	Open	Open	Present		
Help line	Present	Absent	Open	Present		
H & I	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Literature	Open	Present	Present	Present		
P. I.	Present	Present	Present	Present		
Web page	Present	Present	Present	Present		
RSO Pres	Present	Present	Present	Present		
FRC Pres	Present	Present	Present	Present		

Open Forum: (summarized)						

Marty L- RD was in an accident will be here later to give his report
 Mark – Policy packages are available.
 Bob K- Welcome Leah B RCM II for Heartland
 Brenda C- Welcome Biff K RCM II for Orlando, In NA Way January 2002, “Why should I attend GSR Assembly”
 Matt L- Daytona- Had some questions about photo’s displayed outside speaker meeting and in Hotel Lobby, pictures of FRCNA site and recovering addicts.
 Timothy – Jeff D new RCM II for Suncoast
 Sue W- CJ RCM II for Recovery Coast.

Reports:

Secretary:
 Treasurer: attachment 1
 RD/AD: attachment 2
 RCM Reports: attachment 3
 Subcommittee: attachment 4
 Ad-Hoc Committee’s: attachment 5
 Boards: attachment 6

Old Business:

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Tabled to FRC Inc.
Motion #48: Orlando/Treasure Coast (11-16-03) All RSC requested reports submitted on the RSC Floor will be included in the RSC Minutes/reports for that month.
Intent: to prevent censorship to our Areas and to promote group conscience decision-making and communication of the 6th and 8th concept.
Tabled to Policy
Failed 1-9-4(1-18-04)
Motion #52: Ad-hoc Reunification/ (11-16-03) For the Florida Region to Propose to the South Florida Region that the two regions establish a joint ad-hoc committee, consisting of no less than four members of each region to discuss their input, pros and cons, and recommendations of the two regions unifying as a single Service entity.

Intent: To open a formal dialog with South Florida Region on the topics of unifying the two regions. This joint ad hoc will report back with its findings and recommendation on these topics.

Tabled to Areas.

Passed 11-2-1(1-18-04)

Elections:

The following positions were nominated and elected:

Sandy S-Heartland- RSC Secretary

BJ A. - Bay Area –RSC Alt Secretary.

OPEN POSTIONS AT THE RSC

2 FRC, RSC Elect

2 RSO, RSC Elect, 1 RSO Board Elect.

RSC Alt Treasurer

Host Committee

New Business: On roll=16 Present=14 Quorum=9 Simple majority=8 Waive policy=9
Change policy =11

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Tabled To Area

Motion #2: RSO/Heartland, (1-18-04) Amend 5.03 of the RSO By-laws (pg 86) by changing *signed* to *approved*. The section currently reads:

5.03 **Checks and Notes** Except as otherwise specifically determined by the Board, as provided in Section 5.01, or as otherwise required by law, checks, drafts, indebtedness of the Corporation shall be **signed** by 2 authorized signatures of the Corporation.

To the following new language:

5.03 **Checks and Notes** Except as otherwise specifically determined by the Board, as provided in Section 5.01, or as otherwise required by law, checks, drafts, indebtedness of the Corporation shall be **approved** by 2 authorized signatures of the Corporation.

Additionally, add the following language will be included in the Policy under Financial Guideline PG 76, new number 8

8.) The FRSO will maintain disbursement controls that require approval of at least 2 authorized signers before checks are executed. This may take the form of a check request form being approved and the holder of the checkbook (a non-signer on the account) issuing a check, which may then be signed with one or more signature on the check itself.

Intent: To allow the RSO the ability to adopt a check disbursement policy that will provide better accountability, better accounting controls and save considerable time and money in getting our checks out. Currently we must overnight checks for double signatures regularly. This system provides no meaningful financial controls and is merely an expensive method for complying with Policy.

Passed 12-0-2

Motion # 3: Literature/H & I (1-18-04) To approve the Literature Sub-Committee Budget for 2004-2005

RSC Travel	\$600.00
Copies	\$150.00
Postage	\$150.00
Workshop	\$ 45.00
Supplies	\$45.00
	\$990.00

Intent: To allow Literature Sub-Committee to serve the region

Passed 13-0-1

Motion #4: RSC Chair/Uncoast (1-18-04) To approve the Admin Budget 2004-2005

RSC Travel Chair	600.00
RSC Travel Vice- Chair	600.00
RSC Treasurer	600.00
RSC Alt Treasurer	600.00
RSC Secretary	600.00
RSC Alt Secretary	600.00
Minutes & Postage	2500.00
Miss Supplies	100.00
Copies	200.00
Host Hotels	4000.00
Regional Functions	600.00
Bank Fees	100.00
Special Worker	100.00
Travel-Bahamas	1800.00
Exchange	0.00
Tax Prep.	200.00
Tax prep travel	140.00
Literature Assistance	500.00
Group/Area Assistance	800.00
GSR Assembly	2500.00
CAR's	500.00
Zonal Forum	3000.00
Total	\$29,640.00

Intent: To have a budget increase for hotel costs for not meeting our room block in the future Increase in postage copies line item to better reflect the true costs of mailing minutes..

Tabled to Areas

Motion # 5: H & I/Literature (1-18-04) To accept the H & I Budget for the year 2004-2005.

RSC Travel	\$600.00
Postage/Copies	\$150.00
Phone Calls	\$60.00
Literature	<u>\$400.00</u>
Total	\$1210.00

Intent: To stay within our guidelines for a balanced budget.

Passed 14-0-0

Motion # 6: AD/Treasure Coast (1-18-04) To accept the RD/AD budget as presented. See attached page. **Note: Also a copy within the RD Report**

Tabled to Areas

Motion #7: Helpline/Policy (1-18-04) To approve the Helpline Budget for 2004-2005.

RSC Travel	\$600.00
Minutes / Postage	\$300.00
Miss Supplies	\$50.00
Phone Calls	\$25.00
Learning Day Travel	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total	\$1225.00

Intent: follow guideline.

Passed 14-0-0

Motion # 8: Webpage/PI (1-18-04) To accept the following budget for the Florida Regional Webpage Subcommittee

RSC Travel	\$600.00
Software	\$500.00
Hosting	\$200.00
Copies	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total	\$1350.00

Intent: To further carry the message.

Passed 14-0-0

Motion # 9: PI/Webpage (1-18-04) To accept the PI Budget.

RSC Travel	\$600.00
FADAA	\$2175.00
Copies/Postage	\$300.00
Literature/Meeting List	\$500.00
Phone Calls	\$50.00
PI Booth Maintenance	\$300.00
PSA	\$250.00
Registration fees	\$550.00
SECAD	\$1500.00
Miss Expenses/Supplies	<u>\$450.00</u>

Passed 14-0-0

Motion #10: RSC Secretary/Heartland (1-18-04) To make check payable to Sandy S for \$250.00 for printing of the regional minutes.

Intent: to follow policy and provide minutes to ASC's and Sub-Committees

Passed 14-0-0

Motion # 11: PI/Webpage (1-18-04) That all regional trusted servants be reimbursed for travel, mileage, @ .365/mi if privately owned vehicle is required to be driven to any activity that the trusted servant is required to attend by the Florida Region, with the exception of RSC weekends.

Intent: 12 traditions, Concept 2, so that anyone with average financial resources can serve as a trusted servant. Also to standardize with other trusted servants in the region.

Tabled to Policy

Motion # 12: Policy/RSC Secretary (1-18-04) To accept the Policy budget for 2004-2005

Item	Proposed 2003	Actual 2003	Proposed 2004
RSC Travel	600.00	600.00	600.00
Postage/Copies	150.00	0	150.00
Policy Updates	350.00	225.98	350.00
Zonal Travel	250.00	0	250.00

Intent: To keep in line with guidelines and provide a budget for policy

Passed 14-0-0

Host Bids:

March 19-21, 2004

Best Western Diplomat Inn

3311 US 98 N

Lakeland, Fl 33805

863-688-7972

Florida Regional Service Conference (that is how it is listed at the hotel)

Free hot breakfast with room

\$79.00 per night

May 14-16, 2004

Holiday Inn Plantation/Saw grass

1711 North University Drive

Plantation, Florida

Room Rates \$65.00 + 11% tax

954-472-5600

RSC closed with the Serenity Prayer.

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