

Purpose;

The purpose of the Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum is to provide a regularly scheduled time and place where representatives of the member regions come together to further our primary purpose, "to carry the message of recovery to the still suffering addict", through service oriented discussions, workshops, events and task forces. The Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum's primary function is to facilitate joint, multi-regional efforts, which serve our member regions, and is directly responsible to the Regional Service Committees within the zone.

Member Regions

Membership in the Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum includes, but is not limited to, the following regions. Any region which considers itself appropriate for membership in the RMZF is invited to participate in any and all of our meetings.

Montana
Wyoming
Colorado
Utah
Southern Idaho?

Functions

The Forum is primarily comprised of Regional Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Regional Trusted Servants and other interested members of the fellowship from within the geographical boundaries of the Rocky Mountain Zone. *The only requirement for a regions membership is a desire to join the Forum.(June 2005)*

The Forum location will rotate among the participating regions according to the following schedule: Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and Idaho(?). The host Region is responsible for providing meeting space for the Forum.

The Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum has established guidelines, which provide direction and accountability for its actions.

The Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum will conduct itself in accordance with the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts for NA Service so that a spirit of selfless service and not of government remains always as its guidepost.

This structure shall act as a subcommittee of the Regions.

The Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum will meet on the last weekend in July in non conference years and the first weekend in December in conference years.

Conference Agenda Workshops

- 1) The Zonal CAR Workshop shall be held in conjunction with the publishing of the Conference Agenda Report and shall be part of the regularly scheduled Zonal Forum meeting. Typically, this workshop will occur in the years that the WSC will be meeting. The Forum location will rotate among the participating regions according to the schedule. Participation from NAWS will be requested by the hosting region at least three months prior to the proposed date of the workshop. (Note: This cannot happen in July as the CAR doesn't come out until November- How about rotating July and December meetings?)

The cost associated with holding the CAR Workshop Weekend shall be the hosting regions responsibility.

The Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum will hold a post WSC Service workshop in conjunction with the regular June meeting. Location will rotate among the member Regions according to a predetermined schedule. The hosting Region is responsible for arranging meeting space for the workshop. Participation from NAWS may be requested at least 3 months prior to the proposed date of the workshop.

Typically the event(s) shall cover a two-day weekend, be located near a major airport with shuttle service available to the facility, and include other service and/or recovery oriented topics.

The costs associated with holding the zonal weekends shall be the host regions responsibility with the understanding that those who can contribute will contribute.

Other multi-regional event(s), workshops, learning days etc. may be held as needed or requested by member Regions.

Officers of the Forum

- 1) Facilitator shall be provided by the hosting Region.
- 2) Secretary shall be provided by the hosting Region.

Consensus Based Decision Making (Participation and Voting)

Definition: Consensus Based Decision Making

Consensus is defined as the decision making process used by the RMZF in which discussion and compromise are used to reach agreement. For example, if a proposal / topic is introduced to change, or create a practice of the Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum and consensus is not reached, the practice will continue as it currently stands or will not be implemented.

Procedure: Consensus Based Decision Making

- 1) Proposal / Topic is introduced.
- 2) The facilitator opens the dialogue. Begin with the maker of the proposal / topic.
- 3) Clarifying questions are taken. This is when questions are asked to ensure that all participants understand the proposal / topic. This is not the time for general discussion
- 4) Facilitator asks for concerns or reservations (General Discussion). This is when modifications may be made to the proposal / topic in an effort to address expressed reservations or concerns.
- 5) Facilitator asks for Consensus

There are four (4) positions an RD may take on a proposal / topic:

ASSENT: agree with proposal / topic.

ASSENT with RESERVATION: although there are reservations or concerns, the individual will trust and go along with the body's decision.

STAND ASIDE: based in strong personal reservations which prevents support for the proposal / topic.

BLOCK: (NO) based on spiritual principals expressed in our Traditions or Concepts. A block must be followed by speaking to the specific Tradition or Concept, which would be violated. A block will prevent a proposal / topic from being adopted.