I attended the ARSC Assembly and Meeting at St Luke’s Hospital in Phoenix. I sat in on the Public Relations (PR) sub-committee meeting prior to the regional meetings.

Public Relations (Chair Steve S.) We discussed PR week scheduled for June 2nd – 8th, 2019. The theme for this week agreed upon at the World Service Conference (WSC) is “We All Are PR”. There is going to be a Dance/PR Assembly in Phoenix on June 8th to close out the week. More information and flyers will be generated for the event by the next Regional PR meeting in March. A meeting through Skype to coordinate these events is scheduled for February 17th, 9:30 – 11:00 am. Contact Steve S. through the Regional website on Office 365 to request an invite to be a part of this meeting. Regional PR plans to host a table at the Arizona Problem Solving Courts Conference held annually at the Prescott Resort. The conference is April 17th – 19th 2019. Any members who would like to join the volunteers at the table and gain some knowledge about doing PR work are welcome to ask Steve about the best times to be at the table. Nancy G. from the West Valley is doing some coordination with Region to host a Trusted Servants Learning Day in their Area. She has developed a boilerplate letter for PR to reach out to agencies in the community who might be interested in knowing more about NA. She is willing to share this with other areas.

Hospitals and Institutions (Chair Jerry S.) H and I is still looking for more members to be of service with Behind the Walls as sponsors for incarcerated members. We could use a coordinator for sponsors in our area. The Vice-Chair of H & I, Ryan, submitted and read a statement of willingness for the position of H & I Chair the next year.

ARIZONA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE (ARSC) MEETING (Chair Jody P. Vice-Chair Greg W.) The Policy making committee for the Board of Directors (BOD) was moved from the board to the ARSC. The BOD liaison reported that the issue of ARSC receiving information on all BOD decisions has been resolved. Per a document provided to the board by Quarles & Brady LLP law firm has confirmed that there is no information that the board is required to keep separate from the ARSC. There was a concern in the past year about some board activity be held back from ARSC to avoid “piercing the corporate veil”. Quarles and Brady submitted a report to the board that confirmed that the BOD as a group established by region for maintaining 501(C) 3 non-profit status is not obligated to withhold any information about their activities from the region. We have copies of these reports by Quarles & Brady if anyone would like to review
them. This issue has caused some conflict between region and the board in the last year. Hopefully, with this recent report and subsequent changes to the relationship, the conflict is being resolved. There is a decision to be made whether the BOD members are designated as member or non-member status of the ARSC. It is evident from suggestions in the report from Quarles & Brady that non-member status would be preferred for our legal needs as a 501(C) 3 non-profit fellowship.

Workgroup for Rotating ARCNA Convention (Jay B. and Greg W.) Per the guidelines of the ARSC related to ARCNA, the convention has been designed to rotate areas. The issues being investigated by the workgroup are: # of Paid Registrations, # of Newcomer Packages, # of Rooms/Nights booked per Registrant, # of Banquets sold and the # of Saturday Nights Attendees at ARCNA (estimated). The workgroup is looking at options for locations outside the Phoenix area with considerations of cost, venue and fellowship development.

Festival of Recovery (Bid by the Navapache Area based in Show Low) The Navapache Area put in a bid for the Festival of Recovery a second year in a row. No other area has put in a bid. $2,000 in seed money was approved for the Navapache Area to begin planning for this event to be held July 4th – 7th, 2019. They are hoping to secure the Show Low Lake Campground for this event. They are conducting a theme and log contest for the event. They would like to receive any raffle/auction donations as a source of fund raising at the event. For more information contact Rick B. 928.245.3393 or Penny B. 928.368.7286.

The ARSC is in Need of an Alternate Treasurer, Alternate Regional Delegate (RDA) and a Secretary. If you are interested in either of these positions, you can access all of the requirements in the regional guidelines. Alternate Treasurer and Alternate Regional Delegate (RDA) has a five-year clean time requirement. Secretary has a four-year clean time requirement. A member sat in as Secretary at this meeting. This member expressed interest in entertaining a nomination for the position of Secretary. For information on elections or any other elements of the regional timeline, please see page 54 of the regional guidelines. Nominations for regional officers are held in May at the ARSC meeting. Nominations are open for these positions at the meeting in March. All nominees must present and read a Statement of Willingness at the time of their nomination.

Regional Delegate Report (Moe M.) The RD submitted his annual budget. This budget met with approval. The total annual budget for the RD was $6,410. A copy of this budget is available for anyone interested in seeing the breakdown. Moe expressed some concern about the on-going continuity of the RD position if we are unable to identify a member who is willing to fill the RDA position in the near future.
ARCNA (Chair Tony P.) All ARCNA committees are adequately staffed and all plans for the convention are going well. A more succinct report on ARCNA will be available Feb. 10th after the next committee meeting. You can access this by sending an e-mail to arcna_vicechair@arizona-na.org. You can register on-line at www.arcna.arizona-na.org.

Regional Budget It was decided that with the exception of the recently submitted RD budget, all annual budgets for the region and its sub-committees would remain the same for 2019 as they were in 2018. This includes the $1,000 we pay annually for the board to retain legal representation on our behalf. At the suggestion of the regional treasurer and our current budget being slightly below the norm, no budget increases recommended at this time.

Our regional budget is currently at $22,233.42

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service!

Yours in Service to NA,

Trent C., RCM I