

**NEZF Conference Call: February 19, 2017**

Attendees: Jenna, Troy, Teri, Adam, Elwood, Sam, Jodi, Robert, Nancy, Noel, Stephen D., James, Jason

8 Regions represented

12 Traditions and Vision of NA Service read

**APRIL NEZF – Sturbridge, MA**

Additional topics added and contact info added for NEZF Meeting in April – NA World not able to send anyone to “plan to participate”. Someone may possibly attend, but not part of agenda.

Asked if Adam could assist with technology

**UPDATE to WEBSITE SUGGESTIONS:**

Nancy – Did not meet with Adam yet. Reviewed tutorial stuff, researched and practiced with wordpress online. Side note, having trouble with personal computer due to virus, but does have work laptop she’s using. Recommends we set up separate drop box to archive / back up current webpage. Will work with Adam in the next 2 weeks on our webpage.

**UPDATE on STATUS of GUIDELINES:**

Adam – Sent comments last week to Barry in regards to current status of guideline updates. Barry originally volunteered to take this on, and Adam volunteered to assist. No updates at this point – even though we had promised something to you for April. Adam will reach out to Barry this week to see if they can solidify something to have ready for April’s NEZF.

**HOSTING OCTOBER NEZF**

Jason – NJ Region – No date or time, but his region is working on this information. Southern New Jersey

Noel – Typically do 4<sup>th</sup> weekend which is 10/27-29/17

**FUTURE OF MERL**

Sam – MERL is historically held December prior to WSC, every other year. This would be Dec 1-3, 17 (after CAR). Opportunity to have WSC fly out to discuss CAR (first opportunity). It is normally held in Alfred, ME. His region wanted to bring up that they are seeing decreased attendance from other participants in the NEZF. They are looking into moving event to alternate location due to recent concerns with current facility. They wanted to ask if NEZF regions are willing to commit sooner than later, and if there is a preference in regards to location (hotel, spiritual center, etc). Take this question back to your regions.

Feedback provided on call from NEZF participants – many regions plan to go, hotel seems to be preferred, but would still attend if not.

Sam – believes his region will probably move location. Will look to put in request for WSC participation and make final decisions for this event by April NEZF.

### **Other Questions / Discussions:**

Teri – Her region asked her to submit a budget for April event – verified amount of room (\$107). No other food provided other than continental breakfast sat and sun.

Sam – Clarified WSC request for April NEZF from Noel. Noel reiterated above and clarified that since we couldn't give them a block of time (full day), they will not be able to attend. Barry had said prior that he may be able to contact someone personally from WB in attendance, just not "officially."

- Teri – will talk to Michelle who's sponsored by Tana.
- Elwood suggest some one contact Arnie also? Possible option. Or mary ellen who is sometimes in CT.
- Troy – Discussion regarding having WB attend would be to have them help facilitate a workshop
- Nancy – Is the expectation that they pay their own way? Yes
- Discussion
- Elwood – Asked if request / participant form is still required to ask for attendance, by host region. Yes
- Adam – Request form states that WB would ask for 6-8 hours to facilitate whatever workshop they want to facilitate. WB usually does not want to spend the money to send 2 members to facilitate a 90 minute workshop
- Who is facilitating w
  - Fellowship development – NE Chair and a member from a new area in their region
    - What is the Scope ? Look at different types of fellowship development, why it is important, and other opportunities for use. (regions and areas – local, rather than zones of world wide)
    - Using some of the planning basics
  - Unity –former NEZF Chair person who lives in their region
    - Scope – How to keep "old timers around" and divide between New and old members. Bridging that divide.
    - James will take care of evening meeting held at hotel

### **NEXT NEZF – April 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Sturbridge, MA**

Next NEZF Conference call will be June 18<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM – discuss date in April as this is father's day