

Friday, November 1st

Bayfront Room 170 AB

- 7:00PM Orientation / Welcome
Ground Rules
Review of policy
Review of agenda
General Housekeeping
Approval of minutes
- 8:00PM Break
- 8:15PM Admin Reports
Chairperson Report
Vice Chair Report
Secretary Report
Webservant Report
Regional Reports
* Please keep regional reports brief
* Highlight challenges and successes
* 5 min Q&A per report
- 10:00PM Close of session

Ground Rules

- **Respect other peoples' opinions.**
- **No aggressive posturing (swearing, body language, etc.)**
- **No cross talk. If you feel the need to say something while another has the floor, please take it outside.**
- **Wait and sit down to be recognized.**
- **If we can't reach consensus - we move forward.**
- **Be respectful of the time we use, don't share selfishly.**
- **Don't be redundant.**
- **Regional consciences get shared first. Personal opinions can be shared afterward, when the topic gets opened for all.**

Saturday, November 2nd

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- 9:00AM What is the NEZF 1
- 10:15AM Presentation on history to present Q&A
- 10:30AM What is the NEZF 2
- 11:30PM Public Relations Committee
Fellowship Development Project

- - - LUNCH - - -
- 1:00PM Open Forum
- 2:00PM For all members
- 2:15PM DRT / MAT as it Relates to NA
- 3:30PM Issue Discussion Topic Workshop
- 3:45PM What is the NEZF 3
- 5:00PM Services Survey Project
NEZF Video Project
Additional Open Forum if time permits
- * Please note that during the committee and project reports, NEZF participants will have time for Q&A first. Will open the floor to all members if time permits.*
- If you have a question that does not get answered, please bring it to the open forum(s).*

Sunday, November 3rd

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- 9:00AM Business Session 1
- 10:15AM Roll Call
Readings
Elections
- 10:30AM Business Session 2
- 11:45AM Old Business
New Business
- 12:15PM Business Session 3
- 1:00PM Hosting Report
Next Web Meeting December 2019
Non-Funded Trusted Servant Report

Old Business

- Accountability Statement
- Required Admin Reporting

New Business

- Fellowship Development Proposal

Elections

- Chairperson
- Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Public Relations
- Website

Current NEZF Projects / Plan

RD / Zonal Trusted Servant Development

Issue carried over from the April 2019 NEZF Strategic Plan

- Effective communication
- World Services Issues / Interface
- Mentorship and retaining experienced members in service
- Human resources
- **Tabled until able to address**

Survey Services Project Plan

Issue : Geopolitical Service Delivery

Objective 2 : Increase delivery of services across all states and regions in the zone

Approach A : Define what services are needed by use of a survey / scan

A workgroup will be created with the purpose of generating a list of services needed within the boundaries of the NEZF resulting from a survey taken.

Project Point Person : Bryan D.
Project Monitor : Dennis M.
Project Members : Nancy C., Sam L.

Project timeline :

- June 2019 Scan draft of survey due
- August 2019 Final draft survey due including means of distribution
- December 2019 Survey closes
- June 2020 Survey results presented

Financial cost : None

Current NEZF Projects / Plan

Fellowship Development Ad Hoc

Issue : Geopolitical Service Delivery

Objective 2: Increase delivery of services across all states and regions in the zone

Approach B : Create Fellowship Development Ad Hoc

An ad hoc committee / workgroup will be created with the purpose of creating a strategic plan for Fellowship Development. This will be accomplished through surveys and regional outreach with an outcome possibly including recommendations for standing committees and/or projects.

Project Point Person : Kris R.
Project Monitor : Adam H.
Project Members : Dennis M., Steve C.,
Wilvena G., Sam L.

Project timeline :

- June 2019 Scan draft of survey for NEZF approval / Scan to be sent out following approval
- October 2019 Results of the scan presented
- June 2020 Strategic plan draft for NEZF presented
- October 2020 Final recommendations for NEZF presented

Financial cost : None

NEZF Video Project Plan

Issue : Fellowship understanding of the zone

Objective 1 : That the Fellowship understands, trusts, and values what we do

Approach C : Create NEZF Video

Create a 5 minute video of the NEZF including the history, purpose, recent accomplishments, map/member regions/states, and current projects. Review existing zonal videos for models of internal use videos.

Project Point Person : Stephen D.
Project Monitor : Dennis M.
Project Member(s) : James P.
Dennis M. and Wilvena G. to act as resource members as needed

Project timeline :

- August 2019 Storyboard due to be presented
- October 2019 Capture resources (photo/video/printed material) at the NEZF
- December 2019 First draft video presented
- February 2020 Final video presented

Financial cost : None

NEZF History

The North East Zonal Forum was born out of an idea that was nurtured from the first East Coast Convention in 1980. During the eighties, several regions got together to discuss what NA is like in other parts of the country. A little later, at the 1992 WSC in Dallas, TX, some of us learned that a few other parts of the NA World had already been meeting as Forums or Zones. Several RSRs from the northeast discussed starting a North East Zonal Forum and a small meeting was held.

Our next meeting took place at the Multi-Regional in New York City. Members of the Western States Forum and Canadian Assembly shared their experience, strength, and hope. We were beginning to see the benefits of talking and sharing with other regions. We agreed to write a simple "Statement of Function and Purpose."

When we next met after MARLCNA, we decided that we would meet regularly, and would discuss issues in common to the areas and groups and our Regions. In the beginning, volunteer regions hosted the NEZF, now we have switched to an alphabetical rotation.

In the early 2000's, through the course of working on and approving our guidelines, we hit upon the phrase, "Can You Live With It?" We came to believe that nothing we did was important enough that it couldn't be "lived with." That phrase has remained a cornerstone of how we approach our decisions and consensus as a body.

Since then we have continuously discussed what it means to meet as a zonal body and how we can best serve our member groups, areas, and regions. Our Friday and Sunday sessions typically are orientation, reports, and business. As we have searched for ways to be of better service, our Saturday sessions have been Zone Wide Workshops, CAR/CAT Workshops, IDT Workshops, Topic Workshops, Workshops for the host region, a mini-service-symposium, open forum discussions, and more. As of 2019, we now have a standing Public Relations Committee and a strategic plan.

The NEZF is comprised of 12 Regions of the Northeast portion of the United States. They are: ABCD, Connecticut, Eastern New York, Greater New York, Mid Atlantic, New England, New Jersey, Northern New England, Northern New Jersey, Northern New York, Western New York, and Tri-State.

We meet physically 3 times per conference cycle : Once on a conference year and twice on non-conference years. To improve our ability to keep discussion and decisions on the table and flowing, we meet every 2 months on Zoom and conduct business sessions there as well. Our meeting schedule can be found on our website www.nezf.org.

Thank you for allowing us to serve.

Northeast Zonal Forum

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We, the NA Regions of the Northeastern states, have joined together to discuss issues of mutual concern, address common needs, exchange ideas, and share experiences, in order to further our primary purpose. As a clearinghouse for the discussion of common problems and their solutions, we complement the existing service structure of NA by addressing our own specific needs through unity, cooperation, and communication.