

As of March, 2009 there are three proposals for the April 2009 Assembly. These are listed below with the support documents, or links to support documents.
This will hopefully make it easier for Groups to review, discuss and be informed.

PROPOSAL #1 AT THE APRIL 2009 ASSEMBLY:

Proposal #4: tabled 9/21/2008 for group input in Sep; Approved 11/16/08, 2 stand asides

To separate the regional assemblies to occur in April and September

Intent: For our region to function in a timely manner without having to wait until April

Maker: Karen

Second: Brian S

Questions and discussion:

- There is too much time between the July assembly and the next one in April. Many things that need GSR approval have to wait.
- The current schedule is set because of the bi-annual CAR report, which requires a conscious in April and is reported on in July.
- The CAR report could wait until September.
- Have to keep winter driving conditions in mind.
- The CRCNA bid is due in July, September could be too late and the April assembly is full with the CAR.
- We need to ask the groups, but be sure they are aware of the scheduling needs discussed.

NOTE: This required a change in three places in the CRSC Guidelines and those changes need to be ratified at an assembly.

See the CRSC Guideline document with "track changes" for the exact wordings added and removed.

PROPOSAL #2 AT THE APRIL 2009 ASSEMBLY:

Proposal #3: passed 11/16/2008; 2 assent with reservation, 2 stand asides

To amend the CRSCNA guidelines changing the Web Resource position into a member of the Administrative Committee, with the title Web Servant.

Intent: To make the CSRC guidelines more accurately reflect the scope and nature of this trusted servant position, as these were written when this position was still new. Over time, the position has evolved to such a place where it does need to be an elected, rather than appointed, position at the CRSC.

Specifically:

Article 5: Administrative Committee - Qualifications, Duties, Responsibilities

Add: Section G: Web Servant

1. Suggested clean time: 3 years

Move: Article 6 Section C to Article 5 Section G

Maker: Don T.

Date: 11/16/2008

Questions and discussion:

- How is this different from the guideline changes that were ruled out of order last meeting?

- The answer is the scope. This does not significantly change the way we do business, the changes just better reflect what we are doing
- Currently, the Webservant performs specific tasks and does not serve solely as a resource.
- These changes will need to be ratified at the next assembly

NOTE: This required several changes in the CRSC Guidelines and those changes need to be ratified at an assembly.

See the CRSC Guideline document with "track changes" for the exact wordings added and removed.

PROPOSAL #3 AT THE APRIL 2009 ASSEMBLY:

Proposal #2: Passed 1/18/09 for presentation at the April 2009 Assembly

To form the Colorado Narcotics Anonymous Convention Corporation. The Corporation will handle legal, financial, contractual, insurance and indemnification for the Colorado Regional Convention. The corporation shall be a Colorado non-profit corporation and will file a tax-exempt request with the government via the IRS form 1023

Cost: State corporation filing (online) \$50.00

Filing IRS form 1023 \$750.00

Possible legal fees (to help with IRS form) \$300.00

Intent: To provide protection for the members of the Colorado Regional Service Committee, specifically the chair who currently signs the CRCNA hotel contract per the CRSCNA guidelines.

Maker: Chuck

Questions and discussion:

- This will save on the amount of taxes paid.
- The name was discussed--it was chosen to separate the incorporated entity, CRSC and CRCNA.
- This avoids the limitations placed on servants who can not pass the individual financial check that can be done with the current process.

REPORT OF THE INCORPORATION AD HOC: 1/19/2009

Incorp Ad-hoc Report

We met in December and have made some changes to forming the corporation. After talking to members of the Colorado Region and hearing their concerns and talking to the folks at world, we decided to just set up the corporation to handle the finances and Indemnification for the Colorado Regional Convention. We feel this a much simpler way to get the corporation started and eases the concerns of fund flow from the areas to the corporation. Once we are incorporated the Region will not be signing any contracts and the liability will be reduced. Insurance should provide liability protection for the members of the Colorado Region.

We are submitting a proposal today that we hope will be decided on at the April Regional Assembly. Please take this back to the groups of your area. I would also like to request time at the ASC's to present the proposal and answer any questions.

Spoke to a CPA about helping us setting up a non-profit corp. She gave me some helpful links about setting up a 501(c)(3) corporation and was very helpful.

Here is what we need to do to set up the corporation:

CPA

- CPA stated that we don't need her to set up the corporation. If IRS Form 1023 is too complicated for us we should seek the advice of an attorney as the CPA can not provide guidance on this form.
- Can assist us with filing IRS Form 990. As long as we are below \$100k we can use form IRS Form 990 EZ and we may be able to complete the form on our own. Annual costs to assist us would not exceed \$500.
- If we top \$100k in revenues we may have to perform annual audits and the costs could be around \$5000 to \$6000 annually
- We can donate to non incorporated associations of individuals as long as they are operating in a non profit capacity

State

- We just need to file our corporation as non-profit and we're done.
- Costs if done on line \$50

Federal

To set up the 501(c)(3)

- File form 1023 (fee is \$750 if gross receipts are \$10,000 annually for 4 years, \$300 if below \$10,000 for 4 years)
- Form 1023 needs to be filed within 15 months of setting of the corporation
- The IRS needs to approve our non-profit status
- File form 990 every year. If revenues are below \$100k form 990 EZ

Bottom line the costs to set up the corporation will be \$800. There may be additional costs if we decided to seek legal help with IRS Form 1023. I am budgeting about \$300 for this.

Thanks

Chuck

Questions and discussion:

- Has an NA convention ever been denied non-profit status? NAWS had not heard of that happening.
- It is important to note that some have lost the 501(c)(3) status because they failed to file the annual paperwork to keep it. We need to be diligent about keeping such status once we get it.
- Incorporation of the convention would help us with income taxes and other tax laws.
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PROPOSAL #4 WITHDRAWN FROM THE APRIL 2009 ASSEMBLY:

NOTE: There was a proposal regarding a CRSC PR subcommittee that was withdrawn at the March CRSC meeting.