

Incorporation Ad-Hoc



Where did this idea come from?

- CRSCNA Chair responsible for signing contract for hotel and the liability for the contract resides with person signing
- NAWS strongly recommended (Mike P was the event planner for the world convention)

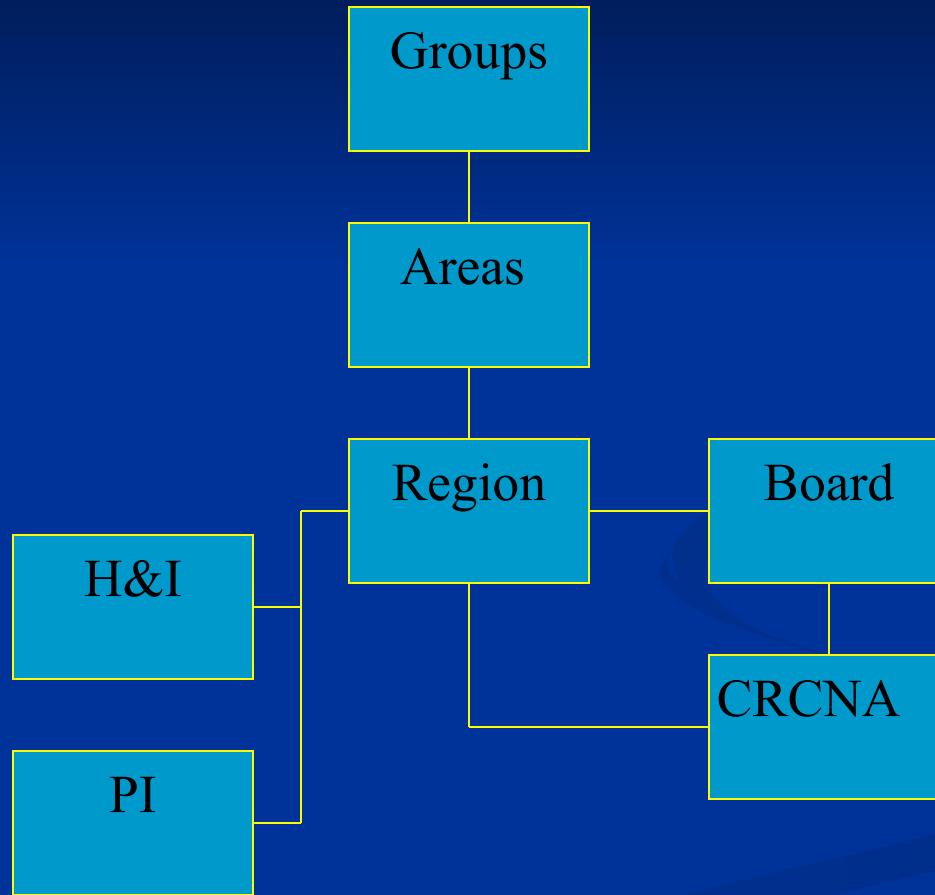
Why Incorporate

- Lawsuits increasing around NA
- Members at risk by signing contracts
- Insurance alone not enough to protect members
- NAWS highly recommends based on what they are hearing from the fellowship

What will it look like?

- We are not incorporating region based on input from the fellowship and liability
- Colorado Narcotics Anonymous Convention Inc.
- Consists of a Colorado Regional Board
 - Minimum of 5 members with a maximum of 9
 - Members will include CRSC Vice Chair, CRCNA Treasurer, CRCNA Chair, PI Chair and 5 Members-at-Large (MAL's)

What will it look like? Cont.



What will it do?

- Takes direction from the Colorado Region
- The Convention Board will deal with contracts, legalities, insurances and financial processes, for CRCNA
- Does not make decisions for the recovery side of CRCNA

How much \$\$\$

- Filing with State on-line \$50
- Filing IRS form 1023 \$750 (may need legal help if we can't do on our own)
- Total of \$800

What's next?

- More work
- Develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's or Guidelines) and revise CRCNA guidelines
- Set up corporation with State
- Start working on IRS form 1023 (we have 15 months)
 - IRS will need to approve corporation after filing form 1023

IRS Concerns

- Can donate to a non-incorporated organizations that act a non-profit
- Can donate to other non-profits
- Non-profits under \$100,000 in revenues and without any members benefiting (paid), generally fly under the radar

Future Plans

- Insurance
 - Board
 - Entire Region
 - Combination
- Set up region as non-profit organization (do not need to incorporate)

Lessons Learned

- File proper paperwork (Form 990)
- Avoid conflicts of interest
- Educate and train

Questions?