

To: The Regions within the Midwest Zonal Forum, Plains States Zonal Forum, and Southern Zonal Forum of Narcotics Anonymous

Respond by: August 1, 2015 to facilitator@mzssna.org

Proposal for a Multi-Zonal Service Symposium:

To hold a Multi-Zonal Service Symposium (MZSS) over a weekend (Fri-Sun) in September or October 2016, at a location within one of three zones (MZF, PSZF, or SZF). Location for the 2016 event would be determined by the multi-zonal service symposium workgroup, in conversation with local members. The MZSS would become a biennial reoccurring event. The MZSS2016 workgroup, in addition to planning the 2016 event, would have a task group responsible for creating guidelines on how recurring MZSS would have accountability, resources, and rotation.

Intent:

To repeat the success of the 2014 MZSS held in St. Louis, Sept. 26-28, 2014. For details and background of the event see the website www.mzssna.org.

Response deadline by Regions:

- The workgroup requests a written response by each Region within the three Zones by **August 1, 2015** and financial support (if possible) by September 1, 2015.
- Please respond by stating whether “Yes” your region is in favor of this event taking place, or “No” your region does not want this event to take place.
- Financial support is not required to have a “Yes” response, but funds are desired from regions able to do so (suggested \$100). Please wait to send the donation until an address is posted on the www.mzssna.org website.
- Respond via email to facilitator@mzssna.org
- If any members within your region have interest in being on the event workgroup or assisting at the local level, please email your contact info.
- If a city near you is a site possibility, please see below considerations and email workgroup if interested

For Site Location Options:

Hotel Considerations:

- Thursday 50 Rooms; Friday 100 rooms; Saturday 100 rooms
- Luncheons: Mens 75, Womens 75
- Saturday Banquet 100
- Free in room internet
- Parking at reduced rate or free

City Considerations:

- accessibility to a large number of participants
- needs of local fellowship
- available access to airports and drive time within 3 zones
- hotel amenities and cost

Accountability and Transition:

- The first MZSS workgroup would facilitate the transition to create the second event planning workgroup to organize the second Multi-Zonal Service Symposium.
- Possible donation of \$100 from each Region and each Zone would provide seed money for 2016. From the 2016 MZSS proceeds, seed money would be held back to be used in the third (biennial) MZSS. Any monies left over beyond seed money would be donated to NAWS. No donations from regions would be requested for 2018 MZSS.
- Any NA member within the 3 zones would be welcome to be on the workgroup.
- The workgroup is, and would be, accountable to the Plains States Zonal Forum, the Southern Zonal Forum, and the Midwest Zonal Forum, and the Regions they serve (workgroup info can be found at www.mzssna.org)