

Multi-zonal Service Learning Days Workgroup Skype meeting Tuesday 3/19/13, 9pm

- Next workgroup Skype meeting, Tuesday 4/2/13 at 9:30pm
 - Barry will email out instructions for getting in contact with him on Skype for anyone that isn't connected with him yet
- We discussed what Barry and I should do while at the Florida Service Symposium (FSS), to research that event and how it may help us get details for our planning.
- We all liked Cindi's questions for research:
 - Cost/financial
 - Does FSS receive help from NAWs with planning and if so, how much?
 - How large is the committee that puts on the event?
 - Is there an "advisory board" and what role do they play?
 - Rotation of location-has this happened at FSS? If so, pros/cons?
 - Can we get WB member(s) or NAWs staff to participate in our next Skype call to get some input/feedback
- We discussed timeline of our workgroup:
 - would like more input from other workgroup members on timeline, frequency of Skype meetings, etc.
 - tentatively the next few weeks or month would be spent researching other similar events, and getting experience, strength and hope from other NA members that have been involved in planning or hosting service learning weekends (Western Service Learning Days, FSS, NAWs Worldwide workshops, MARLCNA)
 - so if anyone of you know people that have been involved in these things, please pick their brains in the next few weeks for logistical details, etc, that would help us in coming up with a plan for this type of event
 - we have two options for deadlines to complete our task of developing a plan
 - June 8-9 is the next Midwest Zonal Forum (they are just coming back with interest levels from their regions in June, like we just did at PSZF in Oklahoma, so they don't need a plan just yet, but may be nice to get them up to speed and not have them lag behind and give them something to take back to their regions)
 - July 20-21 is when the PSZF meets next, and we need to be done for sure by then. SZF meets the last weekend in July.
 - The Iowa region PR Skype meetings meet every 2-4 weeks, and workgroup members volunteer for tasks, and then report progress back at the next Skype meeting. That seems to work well for us, so I proposed we work in similar fashion in this workgroup, but would like more input from other members

- We thought of Mary Banner and/or Bob Gray (he helped start the FSS) as potential world board members to join us on the next skype call. Is that ok with everyone, or does anyone have other suggestions of WB/NAWS to get involved?
- We discussed not complicating things when making a plan for the event
- We discussed being flexible with this event (it may evolve and change-I wondered if each zone eventually would collaborate with NAWS and put on their own service learning event, so we could truly have more local events that local members could get to, not just RD's).

Tasks/who for next meeting (April 2):

- (Everyone) contact people they know have helped on a large service learning day weekend for details on how such a thing is put on and how to plan
- (Barry and Amanda) will provide a recap on the FSS and relevant information/thoughts to the workgroup
- (Everyone) think about how often you would like to meet via Skype and when you want to have our plan completed
- (Everyone) let me know if you have names of other WB members/NAWS staff you would like to see involved in our Skype meetings or if you have objections to Mary or Bob