

Zonal Trusted Servants

Intent:

The Western States Zonal Forum Mission Statement, as written by the Forum members, reads as follows:

“The Western States Zonal Forum is a service-oriented sharing session that joins the regions of the Western States Zone to collectively share our service challenges and share our solutions to challenges through annual meetings and ongoing communication. The Forum provides training opportunities to benefit zonal and local members and their service bodies. The interaction and collaborative exchange with NAWS and the World Board serves our body and helps us prepare for the WSC and supports Fellowship development.”

We have found that one of the primary challenges in fulfilling our Mission has been that there are no dedicated trusted servants at the Zonal level - especially as relates to the statements “ongoing communication” and “collaborative exchange.” As we continue to improve our agenda to match this mission, we find that intra-meeting and regular communication, with a single point of accountability, is becoming increasingly important. Some examples of this might include soliciting and scheduling presentations on best practices, making sure that connections are being made between Regions looking for assistance and information and ones that can provide them, enabling regular communication between Regions, and working with the hosting Region to make sure that the zone is able to provide Fellowship Development services - both at the Zonal Forum itself, as well as when requested by the Regions.

We would like to be especially clear that establishing an administrative staff for the Zone is in no way related to representation at the World Service conference, and is solely for the purpose of creating a more effective zone.

Being geographically distributed, we would also like to follow the lead of so many other NA service bodies in utilizing current technology, and request funding for Zoom (for video conferencing) and Loomio (for online collaboration) - in order to increase our effectiveness without incurring travel budgets.

In the interest of efficiency, we also propose a lightweight, two-person admin body.

To fund the admin body, and the technology improvements, we are requesting a budget of \$300/year from each Region. Any money left over will be passed along to NAWS as part of regular fund flow.

Here are the proposed guidelines for establishing of this body:

Elections

- **Elections are held the first meeting following the WSC**
- **All positions are two year terms coinciding with the cycle, with a maximum of two consecutive terms**
- **Nominations will be taken at the meeting before the WSC**