

RCM Report - January 2020 RSC

Most of the RSC consisted of discussion about the CAR Report. There were only 2 proposals brought to the floor:

Proposal 1: To approve the budget for the coming fiscal year (starting June 1st through May next year). We actually won't have a copy of the budget until after March's RSC.

Proposal 2: To reimburse the Big Bend area for one room night for the RSC for one year (so it would be through November this year's RSC). This created a discussion;

The budget for this coming year had not been sent out or approved, so to vote on something that would impact the budget was a concern. The treasurer had stated that the budget is the same as last year, but we were behind on being on track for expenses as of this point in time (the costs for upcoming RSC's and the GSR assembly given the current amount of money in the bank meant that the money technically was there, but that this could create a financial stress to the budget). The current budget allows around \$1,800 for area support. This proposal would fall under that budget, and would cost around \$900 for the year. The entire RSC assented to passing this proposal (meaning in favor of it passing), I raised my placard in an "assent with reservations". The reservations I stated as concern was that while the treasurer stated the budget wasn't changing, immediately after that was said our technology resource coordinator stated that he needed to send an updated budget to them for his position. The secretary said after he brought that to the floor that we would get the revised budget with the RSC minutes. I pointed out that because of that, the budget was actually not going to be the same, and that I wasn't comfortable 100% voting for that without having had the opportunity to review the updated budget and allow my area's groups the opportunity to do so as well. It was also a concern that this would eat up half of the "area support budget", because what would we do if we needed to support another area in the same way? There was another test for consensus and some of the other RCM's had changed their mind on approving it for the year based on the discussion that was had. The proposal was changed to approve it through the remainder of this fiscal year (through May of this year), and that it would be revisited at that point.

My point of view is based on our service structure; helping support the areas is the purpose of the RSC, and we should absolutely help them. This raised the concern to me that our "area support budget" was not sufficient, and I think our RSC budget should be reviewed to see if there are other parts of it that can be scaled back to allow more potential for area support.

For the GSR assembly the region will reimburse us for 4 room nights (2 rooms for 2 nights) for GSRs or other members to attend. That does not include the room our area typically pays for for the RCMs to attend. Right now we have a total of 6 people wanting to go (including the RCMs). In essence this means that we would take advantage of being reimbursed by region. HOWEVER; being that the area support budget at region is low, and we have not been making donations to region, AND that our area's policy states we will cover one room for each gender if

we have a male RCM and a female RCM, I am proposing that our area pay for 2 rooms and region pay for one, instead of region paying for 2 and the area paying for one. I say this in the spirit of self support within our area, and in an effort to be prudent with regional funds in assisting the other areas in our region, therefore fulfilling the purpose of region. That being said, I did have the region put all 4 room nights on the room block so that we can be reimbursed for the 4 nights by them since it is not my decision on what the area chooses to do with area funds.