

SNAPSHOT of THE ZONES OF

Based on information provided by zones
February 2023 and updates post WSC



Western States Zonal Forum

13 seated regions
0 unseated regions
5,604 meetings

member regions include

Alaska

Arizona

California Inland

California Mid-State

Central California

Northern California

Pacific Cascade

Region 51

Rio Grande

San Diego

Imperial Counties

Sierra Sage

Southern California

Washington

Northern Idaho

Zonal Meetings

In-person
once a year
(4 days long)

Virtual
twice a year
(average length 2 hours)

Hybrid
once a year
(average length 2 hours)

Consensus-Based
Decision Making
(consensus is reached
when 2/3 of the voting
RDs are in favor of a
proposal/topic.
(9 out of 13 for full vote)

Established
1991

INFORMATION

Mission

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 serve our body and help us prepare for the WSC and support Fellowship development.

Focus

The focus of the Western States Zonal Forum is to administer workgroups, and provide training, sharing of best practices, challenges and solutions, Fellowship development, and preparation for the World Service Conference.

Services

WSZF implements Fellowship development in conjunction with their annual weekend meeting, and they maintain a zonal website. In order to further the goal of providing more services within the zone, they have open webinars for Fellowship development, H&I, and PR sharing opportunities throughout the year.

They conduct CAR/CAT workshops for delegate teams with the World Board in attendance. Visitors are welcome and may be invited to participate if time allows.

WSZF provides opportunities for members within the zone to get involved on projects. They form internal workgroups that are open to past and present RDs and RDAs. They also form external workgroups that are open to any member who lives in the zone.

They utilize planning by prioritizing issues of concern and forming workgroups that meet in-person and virtually to take the next steps and report back to the forum at large.

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Facilitator
Alternate Facilitator
IT Workgroup Facilitator

COLLABORATION

The zone has been using online collaboration tool (Loomio) for discussion, posting documents, and information sharing. This works for the members that use it and check it consistently.

The process of identifying areas of focus, creating workgroups that meet virtually, and then posting progress on the online collaboration tool is showing some success. They have been able to provide Fellowship development, tailored to the local needs, at the annual weekend meetings for the local community in which they meet.

For the 2020 CAR workshop, they invited the Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum to attend. Two members from that zone participated in the meeting.

FINANCIAL

The WSZF has an annual budget of up to \$3,900. Contributions to the budget are made by member regions at a suggested rate of \$300 per region. The budget includes funding trusted servants (travel, lodging, per diem), some costs associated with the zonal meetings, and other expenses as agreed to by the zone and its member regions, such as technology.

Any zonal forum member may submit a request for reimbursement for expenses. Each request will be considered individually.

EVENTS

During the three- to four-day formal meeting, they plan an event or session that serves the needs of the local Fellowship. This could be either Fellowship development, training, or some other event. One of the informal meetings co-occurs with Western Service Learning Days (WSLD).