



Mid-America Service Committee of NA  
PO Box 8732  
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November 15, 1998

Clay W. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Jon Mc. read the 12 Traditions and Cleve W. read the 12 Concepts. Introductions were made all around followed by roll call.  
*(Roll Call was taken after each break-see roll call sheet.)*

**Area's represented by R.C.M.'s today:** Fellowship For Freedom, Just For Today, Miracle, Unity, Western and Wichita Metro.

**Subcommittees present today:** Activities, Campout, Convention, H&I, Literature, M.A.N., Outreach, PI, PO Box, Steering

**Trusted Servants present today:** Secretary, Treasurer, RD, RD2, Chair, Co-Chair

**Attendance:** See attached sheet.

Kirk B. read the minutes from the August RSC.  
**Motion** to accept the minutes as read. Second and passed.

**Treasurer's report:** see attached.  
**Motion:** to accept the report. (Dave R.) Seconded (Too Tall) Passed

## RCM REPORTS:

**Fellowship For Freedom:**  
Good Morning Addicts in Service:

FFF is still in existence, although one meeting closed from lack of support. One special interest closed and the noon meeting is still shaky. Our PI committee is not happening so it has fallen in with the H&I committee. Even with no committee we still have a phone line and we finally have gotten meeting lists. Again I had invited all our Area sub-committee chairs to come to McPherson to share and learn. I believe Dave R. was the only chair to show up. Also we have finally set policy to start making and keeping accurate records of our policies. And in keeping with one of our policy's, we have again brought a donation to the Region.

Up coming events in Fellowship For Freedom Area:  
November 21 – Dance (Area Convention fundraiser.) 6715 Westview Rd.  
December 12 – 12 Steps of Christmas 6715 Westview Rd.  
January 23 – Dance 6715 Westview Rd.  
February 12–14 - FFF Area Convention “Recovery, Discovery” Ramada Inn (downtown)

In Service,  
Jerry D.

**Just For Today:**  
Hi All,

Despite some apathy, things are going fairly well in JFT Area.

The Pioneer Group had a food, fun and fellowship in October that included a workshop on Resolution A. Thank you to Tim, Carl and Betty and other Regional members for a very informative workshop.

The Alive and Kickin Group had a campout in October. Though small, it was a success.

The Pioneer Group has a MARCNA fundraiser February 6<sup>th</sup> at 325½ Commercial St., Emporia Ks.. Doors will open at 7:00, Speaker (Alan W. from Hutchinson) starts at 7:30 – dance following.

The Just For Today Area will have a MARCNA fundraiser January 16<sup>th</sup> 1998. Doors open at 3:00 w/ an Outreach workshop. We will also have dinner available. Speaker will be at 7:00. Our speaker is John S. of Baldwin. Karachi or dance will follow.

Costs for both events will be \$3.00 single, \$5.00 couple, \$7.00 family.

I now have a Alt. RCM. **Thank you** Ray G. for your service.

In Loving Service,  
Stacy W.

**Unity Area Report:  
November 15, 1998**

Hi everyone.

Unity Area continues to grow and attendance in most of our groups continues to be steady. There are three new groups in our area, New Horizons in Abilene, Living Clean in Minneapolis, and another group in Beloit, which I am not sure yet of the name. H&I and Public Information in our Area are gradually growing also. The Area is considering creating a web page in order to further carry the message. If the groups approve it, then it will consist of the Area meeting list, upcoming events, and contact numbers in our Area. Unity Area also has raised their prudent reserve in order to hopefully have more funds available for H&I and Public Information Literature for the institutions in our Area. Lately funds for this purpose have been a little scarce. There is only one group that I am aware of that got together and formulated their version of the Top Ten Best reasons to do H&I work. Although I could be wrong about that. Since last Region, our alternate RCM had to step down due to a conflicting position on the Convention Committee. Although Tim C. from Salina showed willingness and was voted in as the Alt. RCM for Unity Area. Also Tim C. showed willingness for the Activities Chair and was voted in, with Joyce C. showing willingness and voted in as his Co-Chair. The Area is continuing to formulate policy for our new Outreach Committee and they have adopted the Beach Area "Intent and Purpose" guidelines for the committee. Von P. is doing a good job of getting that committee up and running. Patty F. from Junction City was voted in as the new Outreach Committee Co-Chair to help out Von and keep him motivated. There are several upcoming activities in our Area, with the Turkey Feed next weekend being the next one. That's it from Unity Area for now.

Happy to Serve,  
Dan J., Unity Area RCM  
Tim C., Unity Area Alt. RCM

**Western Area:**

Hi Family,

Western Area is alive. We held group elections and yours truly is the new RCM.

One group in the Area is concerned about nothing getting done and are wanting to withdraw and go independent. We are getting together and are going to update PSA tapes, November 22 at Garden City.

We are also having trouble with our bank saying we need a tax ID#. Our Area meeting updates and corrections are here and are ready for print. Also, there is a new women's group in Dodge City meeting on Wednesday night at 6:30, and Syracuse is back on Wednesday night at 7:00 mountain time or 8:00 God's time. Upcoming event: Break the Wind Chili Feed II, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at Johnson City.

Love ya All,  
Tom W.  
A.K.A.  
“Too Tall”

**RCM Report for the Wichita Metro ASC:**

Greeting to all areas and addicts in the Mid-America Region of NA:

The Wichita Metro Area sponsored its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cookout and Dance at Recovery Hall in Wichita and it was a huge success So much so that we have increased this quarter’s donation to \$380.00. The WMASC would like to extend a warm thank you to all the addicts outside of our area who attended.

We have two new positions filled at the area level. Pat B. is now the area Chair, and John S. is now the Literature Stockpile Chair. We also elected a new alternate RCM, her name is Cherrie W. She could not be here today but looks forward to participating in the RCS next February. We are still in need of a Co-Chair, and a person to manage the Phone-line. The next quarter will bring the openings to many positions and we look to having many new addicts elected by the next region.

The group updates are going slowly, mostly for a wonderful reason. We have three new Narcotics Anonymous groups attending our ASC. Miracles Happen on N. Estelle St., Northeast HOW group on N. Cleveland St. and Underground NA, which meets in the basement of the Brad G. house on Topeka St. Margaret B., our PI Chair should have updated meeting lists with the addresses and times of these new groups. We welcome them all to the Wichita Metro Area!

Some of our groups are going through a restructuring process as new trusted servants are being elected and we have a strong attendance here in Wichita.

In Loving Service,  
Samuel W. Lindsey  
RCM - Wichita Metro Area

**Miracle Area RCM Report:**

Hello Family,

A lot has happened in our Area this quarter. We have a new Area Chair, Lit. Chair, and Activities Chair. Congratulations to John S., Deb. P., and Kevin Mc. Our Area’s Service Committee is functioning. (Period) All GSR’s and sub-committee officers as well as the Area officers attend with consistency. In fact, I’m sorry to say that the ASC is attended more than most of our Area’s meetings. We have dropped ten meetings form our meeting list. Prayer is needed and appreciated. PI (Nate F.) is preparing our updated meeting list for the printer. A December printing is expected.

H&I is taking the same two meetings to the inmates of the Douglas County Jail on a regular basis and if we have more volunteers to serve on our subcommittee we will be going to the Juvenile Detention Center. (We were approached by that facility recently)

The Lit. Chair was filled recently and she hopes to get this squared away soon.

The new Activities Chair is doing a great job motivating the committee members. Lots of things going on. (Sorry, I can’t remember what they are.)

Before, during and after our last ASC, money was discussed. The Miracle Area has been struggling financially. Various solutions and ideas concerning this situation are still being voiced and acted upon. Some of the discussions related to the Region’s Budget and the service it provides our fellowship. After attending sub-committee meetings at this RSC and talking with members of the sub-committees that I couldn’t attend, I feel that my Area’s questions and concerns have been dealt with. (Prayer does work!)

1452 miles – one wreck – several tornadoes and lots of Spiritual experiences later, my attendance to the Plain States Zonal in Abilene Texas in October was great. The RD and RD Alt. allowed me (again) to drive and join in. It was my privilege to do so. An interesting trip. I encourage this body to endorse the efforts of our RD and Alt. and other addicts who attend the Zonals (SP) because I feel that this type of body will be necessary in the new structure of World Service in the future. More

important to my personal growth was the fellowship – I was a part of that weekend – thanks Carl and Betty and the other addicts who attended – we had more attendees than any other Region including the host Region, The Best Little Region.

Tired of writing so I'll stop  
Love you all,  
John III

## SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Campout:

Hello Family,

I'm getting the hang of things. This committee meeting went really well. We actually got everything done that we aimed to do. The menu for the campout has been voted on. We're having the dinner on Saturday night, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will have hog, turkey breast marinated with John's special touch, hamburger and hot dogs for the kids, potato salad, coleslaw, fruit mix, and baked beans. (This has made me **hungry** and I will have to take a break now to get something to eat – thanks campout committee!! KB) There will be a potluck breakfast on Sunday morning the 4<sup>th</sup>.

We are also having some very special items made for the campout. We have our DJ and two of our speakers lined up. The speakers will be taped this year. We are going to set up a 22'x44' tent set up to provide extra shelter. The shirts went on sale last night. They sell for \$20.00 and sales went really well.

We got our treasurer set up so that we can write checks. Well, thanks for letting me be part of!!

In Loving Service,  
Cindy L.

PS: We need auction and raffle items for the next RSC. Anyone that has any, please bring them! Also, for anyone wanting to hold a fundraiser it would be very much appreciated!

### Activities:

Good Morning Family,

We had a very interesting meeting! First of all I want to thank everyone who brought side dishes! John S. won the MARSCNA convention registration for his wonderful turkey teriyaki side dish. Thanks John, it was great!! I also wanted to thank all those who helped in the kitchen before and after lunch and the clean up crew!! Remember, were having turkey and noodles for lunch today and I'll nee help again!! Lunch will be \$2.00 per person.

There are a few items on the back table found after the dance last night, please take what's yours and leave the rest.

Central Kansas Area was absent from our Area Groups.

We'll need a check for Lois W. for \$7.50 for paper and copying of flyers.

Soul to Soul will have to start guaranteeing 27 people to reserve the main building at Camp Chippewau, with a financial impact of \$756.00. We need to decide if this is what we'll want to do, or look for new locations – Stacy W. was voted in as new Chair and Ray G. voted in as treasurer. Congratulations to both!!

Optimal Budget-

Rent is now	\$200.00 X 4 =	\$800.00
Supplies	\$200.00 X 4 =	\$800.00
Soul to Soul	\$400.00 =	\$400.00
World Unity Day	\$200.00 =	<u>\$200.00</u>
		\$2,200.00

We voted to have soup & sandwiches for the next RSC. Bill W. agreed to DJ for us. We also decided not to have a speaker meeting, but to have a gratitude meeting with Chair starting, then hug tag.

World Unity day was a good turnout, however I didn't have many supplies on hand or money to get them and people were upset. We passed the basket late and collected \$40.50, and have a total of \$35.70 to turn in.

I appreciate having had the opportunity to chair this committee, however my turn is up and I am gratefully stepping down. Thanks to all for their help and support. This month is also our secretaries last term, so we need a secretary – no one had willingness.

Our new Co-Chair, Wally A., has been real honest with us admitting he is not comfortable with the position he took on and is resigning. So this leaves the Activities Committee with no one on board. I believe the whole RSC will take over and make an ad-hock committee or something! Good Luck!!

In Loving Service,  
Becky S.

Start up money	\$200.00
Receipts	<u>-161.59</u>
	\$38.41
Lunch sales	<u>+\$109.32</u>
	\$147.73
DJ	<u>-\$225.00</u>
	\$2.73
Door Dance money	<u>+\$307.85</u>
	\$310.58
Pop Sales	<u>+48.02</u>
	\$358.60
Kept out for lunch change	<u>-\$20.00</u>
	\$338.60
Unity Day collection	<u>+\$40.80</u>
	\$379.10
Unity Day receipt – ice & plates	<u>-\$4.80</u>
To turn in	\$374.30

I will have more money to turn in after lunch!!

Lunch sales	\$54.00
Pop money	\$19.42
Start up cash	<u>\$20.00</u>
Turn in Sunday 1pm	\$93.42

Becky S.

**Convention:**

Hi Family!

A lot is being accomplished in the convention committee. We decided to do things a little different this year with merchandise if you have not already noticed. We have long-sleeved denim shirts for sale along with baseball caps and car tags.

I am turning over some hot checks that the committee has received. We have tried to collect on them and have had no luck. The checks are in the amount of \$37.00 and \$155.00 for a total of \$192.00. Have fun!!!! As a result of all of the checks that we have gotten back over the years, the committee has voted to use Check Center for all returned checks. This service began last night at the RSC fundraiser. There will be a charge of \$30.00 for each returned check so all RCM's need to take back to their groups that there will now be consequences for hot checks to the convention committee.

We voted to keep the budget the same for the 2000 and 2001 conventions.

In Loving Service,  
Melissa P.  
MARCNA XVI Chair

**H&I:**

Hi Family!

There were 4 out of 7 area's present. Please RCM's, let your Area's know we need a representative here, especially Central, Just For Today, and Metro.

Most Area's are having trouble getting people involved, so I put out a challenge to all members involved with service, especially H&I, to talk it up, share about it, get the newcomer involved. November is H&I awareness month.

There was a H&I workshop in Topeka on October 31, 1998. About 20 people were in attendance with 3 new members getting involved. We also did a workshop at the Dodge City Roundup and it went very well with 25-30 people in attendance. 3 new members got involved.

This doesn't mean that H&I awareness month stops after November. Learning days is tentatively set for March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1999 with H&I, PI and Outreach working together.

Other projects in the works are intro guides or behind the wall to present to county jails to be brought to the next RSC for a final decision and financial impact assessment.

We cut \$1000.00 off our budget, Secretary \$100.00, Literature \$200.00, Workshops \$300.00, Projects \$500.00. Total budget for next year \$1300.00. Way to go People!

New H&I flyers going out soon. John S. is going to do them. The cost is \$15.00. Thanks John. Receipt from Dan E. for gas for \$10.00 to get Alan B. and himself to Dodge City for workshop and a secretary expense of \$9.25.

Unity Area also requested \$74.52 for Literature – 4 Basic Texts, \$37.00 – 20 Intro Guides, \$32.00 – to be used for H&I in Newton and Salina.

In Service,  
Alan B. H&I Chair  
Dave R. H&I Co-Chair

PS – Our work is never done. There is always another suffering addict out there that needs us!!!

All H&I people, please bring back H&I formats for H&I presentation at the next Regional – February 1999.

**Literature Committee:**

Hi Family,

I was not present at yesterday's committee meeting and am somewhat in the dark. Lit. Committee does have a topic to discuss in old business about a budget. Also, I will be attending a panel workshop in Jefferson City, Mo. on January 23-25 involving a Q&A on Literature/Outreach. I am asking for suggestions and or ideas from anyone regarding topics on starting a Literature sub-committee, Literature Stockpile, Web Pages, Newsletter, etc. Please contact me by phone or in person by January 22<sup>nd</sup>. That's all for now.

In Loving Service,  
Jon Mc.

**Newsletter Report:**

Greetings to the Mid-America Region of NA:

This quarter went by fast and furious for this addict. The MAN has moved. The new address is:

**150 N. Vine  
Wichita, Kansas  
67203-5839**

This all well and good except that the editor, who is going to college full-time and incidentally just began to work for a living again for the first time in a decade, was lucky to get the newsletter done and mailed out, much less in a timely manner. My “office,” is still in so much disarray that I had trouble making this report due to not being able to locate all of my files and paperwork.

Needless to say, the web page that I’ve been working on didn’t get much done on it during the last three months. The file, however, is patiently on my hard drive for me to complete it. With my time being literally eaten up so much these days, I can’t guarantee this to take place quickly, if at all.

Last region, I indicated that I needed to amend the amount of time I have been editor, as it had not yet been 15 months. As of this Regional, however, it has. I believe the commitment for this position I one year, but I could be mistaken. I’m not saying that I’m going to gibe this up just yet, but what I *am* saying is that if I continue to write, print, mail, fold, create, and distribute by my lonesome, then I *will* be relinquishing the position in the future. This is consistent with what I informed both the Literature sub-committee and the Regional Committee when I was elected; that I would only undertake the task with your support and help.

Looking forward to a good holiday issue and I hope that I can get the darn thing out by Christmas, if not the New Year.

In ever reporting service,  
Samuel W. Lindsey  
**MAN Editor**

PS: Sorry for the typo in the “What’s Happening” section of the MAN.

**Sec. Note:** Samuel needs help with the preparation of the newsletter for mailing. I told him to put a call for help on the web when he is ready for this help and it will come. Don’t disappoint me folks! KB

**Newsletter Financial Report:**

Greetings to the Mid-America Region of NA:

This quarter the cost was hardly different than usual, with the exception of the purchase of an ink cartridge. As I alluded to in the report, many of my papers and receipts were misplaced during the move. I *can* however, account for everything but the metered mailing, which, according to the receipts, was probably more than I was allotted to spend for the last issue anyway.

Copies for the flyer: \$5.00  
Ink Cartridge: \$27.52  
Printing: \$68.84  
Stamps: \$ 6.40  
Total Receipts: \$102.76

I am sure that the metered mailing, with the increased cost of the flyer insert, was at least \$25.00. I am sorry that the receipt for the mailing could not be found. I turned my office upside down for it.

In accountable service,  
Samuel W. Lindsey  
**MAN Editor**

**Outreach:**

Meeting was called to order in the usual manor. Three Areas were present: Miracle Area, Unity Area, and Western Area.

We held a workshop in Topeka on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The workshop was well attended and all went well.

Western Area has it's Addicts on Asphalt going again and they visited two groups last month, Goodland and Liberal. They will be visiting the group in Garden City on November 22.

Unity Area adopted the Beach Area intent and purpose for there Outreach Committee. They also elected a Co-Chair, Patty F. from Junction City.

Miracle Area is going to start road trips on a monthly basis.

The committee discussed scanning the Group update form onto the computer and using the regional meeting list to update all groups in M.A.R.

One of our Outreach members (Von P.) was asked to participate in the Show Me Region Learning Day workshop and be on the Outreach panel.

There will be a workshop on January 16<sup>th</sup> in Williamsburg followed by a speaker and dance.

March 13<sup>th</sup> there will be an Outreach, H&I and PI workshop in Lawrence. More will be revealed.

Committee voted to decrease our optimal budget to \$100.00/

RCM's, please take back to your Area's that we need a list of all new Groups and Groups that are in need of support so we can list them in the M.A.N.

In Loving Service,  
Gary D.

The following is a report concerning the Outreach workshop of October 31, 1998

Denny C., the Outreach co-chair acted as the group facilitator.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

The following is a summary account of the meeting and not a detailed set of minuets. (I was negligent in doing the work this time and am just getting around to it - 11/13/1998)

First and foremost I want to thank all of you for attending this workshop. We of the Outreach committee appreciate the help and support. I want to extend a special note of thanks to our guest from Baton Rouge Louisiana, Diane M.,




who flew in at her own expense to share her experience, strength and hope with us. We all enjoyed her visit and input. Her dedication to her personal recovery and to the Outreach committee is an inspiration to me. Thank you Diane!

The three main areas of outreach (Extended, Community and Institutional Outreach) were discussed by each of the committee members that were present. We each briefly outlined the material found in the WSC Outreach handbook and then left the floor open for discussion.

Several main points came out of this workshop.

- 1.) We should focus on only a few of the goals lined out in the Handbook at a time – if we concentrate on the whole thing we will find it overwhelming.
- 2.) GSR workshops might be a focus for us.
- 3.) Create a list of meetings in trouble and list them in the M.A.N. for the fellowship to attend and help.
- 4.) Create speaker lists and exchange these lists at the Regional meetings.
- 5.) Call all members of an area prior to Area meetings to encourage participation in the meeting.
- 6.) Work up Area history’s and share them at the Regional meeting.
- 7.) Outreach is a committee with **NO** clean time requirements and thus newcomers should be encouraged to get involved.
- 8.) Outreach was formed to fill the gap between H&I and PI – we should work closely with those two committees and coordinate our efforts to fulfill our Primary Purpose!
- 9.) We might benefit from having some interim meetings – one for the eastern half of the state, and one for the western half. These would fall between the Regional meetings and help us coordinate our efforts.

This workshop was a wonderful experience and I wish that I could be at the Regional subcommittee meeting to verbally share it with you. Unfortunately my wife scheduled a conflicting meeting this month and as a “Responsible, Productive Member of Society” it behooves me to attend the meeting with her. (Besides, it will make her happy and I think that this is worthwhile.) Please take the time to seek out others that attended the Workshop and talk to them. I am sure that I have left out some important details that can be filled in.

I’ll see you on Sunday.

Yours in Service,  
KB

**PI:**

Good Morning Family!!  
Hi mom

We had a very productive meeting in spite of the fact that I didn’t exactly do things in order, but I did have plenty of people let me know and we corrected the situation immediately.

We made a motion to omit the professional mail-out – due to the fact that it is impossible to keep up with. Chairs and RCM’s decided that the Areas could do it and if they needed help they would ask.

Motion to accept Ray G. as PI secretary.

Motion to cut budget from \$1500.00 to \$1200.00.

\$950.00	Regional meeting lists
<u>\$250.00</u>	Sec., Lit., Workshops
\$1200.00	Total

\$300.00 cut in professional mail-out.

Motion for Outreach to collect meeting schedules for each Group. All meetings to then be entered onto a computer to be sent to World. It needs to be a coordinated effort between Groups and Outreach.

Motion to get together to review the PI Handbook and phone line once a month – the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 2pm. The first meeting will be at my house.

Take 135 S. from Newton to K. 196 to Eldorado. Go E. 10 miles, second turn on left (Elm) – go until stop sign – second house on left side. (Blue house)

Motion was passed to have a Learning Days in conjunction with Outreach, H&I and PI in Lawrence March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1999. More will be revealed.

Meeting list updates need to be turned in to the meeting list updater, Don Mason (masterbator) **today!**

Where are all our PI chairs and RCM's? we don't seem to have much participation in PI. It seems it's always the same people.

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In Loving Care,  
Shelly W.

**PO Box:**

Mail is coming in and mail is going out. I feel the budgeted monies is too much, but I will leave it alone.

In Loving Service,  
John III

**Steering Committee**

Good morning family,

Due to the committee member's very busy personal lives, our interim meeting was cancelled. Fortunately, a lot was accomplished yesterday.

1) As most of you know, we have been cleaning up the regional guidelines. I will be handing out copies to all Regional Committee Members for approval. The changes that have been made are clearly explained in the cover letter that accompanies the document. Excluding Activities, there were no changes in the content that already hasn't been approved by the groups.

2) Several  
bids were reviewed for M.A.R.C.N.A. XVII, 2000. Topeka; Lawrence; Great Bend; Dodge City; and Hutchinson, all sent either single or multiple year bids. After much discussion, we are recommending to accept Great Bend's proposal for a single year. The concept of doing a convention in one location for a three to five year period has not shown much support, and though minimal, the price increase still exists. Two cities have proven, over the years, to "bend over, backwards" for us. We feel that possibly rotating between those two would provide much smoother conventions at a cheap price. We are proposing that M.A.R.C.N.A. rotate between Hutchinson and Great Bend.

3) As with other sub-committees, we have reconstructed our budget. Two lines, Accountant and Attorney, have been deleted. Here is how we are proposing the budget for the next fiscal year:

Copies and mailing	\$200.00
New projects	\$300.00 (increase)
* G.S.R- assembly	\$350.00
	\$850.00

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\*one time budget - it will not carry into next year's budget

4) Our last item for discussion was the G.S.R. assembly that Steering was requested to research. Much discussion went into this and it was decided to meet Jan. 31, 1999 at 707 Carriage CT. Salina, KS. (Jeanie Magee's house).

Gratefully Serving,

Clay W. – Did Steering look into the Insurance dilemma?

Tim S. – We left it alone – thought that we probably had the best deal that we can get.

Carl K. – How do we get GSR's to attend a workshop?

Tim S. – We need feedback from the GSR's to find out what they want – if we are giving them what they want/need, they are more likely to attend. This is not just for GSR's, but for the whole Fellowship – our next GSR's will come from the Fellowship Body.

## **RD**

Hello Family,

Still not a lot of new info coming back from world yet. It appears the World Board and Human Resources Panel are continuing to define exactly what they are to do and how to proceed. The HRP has again sent out requests for NA service resumes to add to the world pool. These can be submitted now or at the time of the conference in April. I did receive a notice of a 5% price increase for all ft items from WSO.

I would like to thank this committee for allowing us to attend the Resolution A workshop in Texas last month. It was very informative and many concerns were put to rest. The following is a list of some of those questions/concerns.

1) Q: Why did the WSC leave Res. A till last and pass the other resolutions first? Why weren't they addressed in order?

A: It was decided to take care of the most immediate, easily handled res. first then proceed to major service changes. It was important to restructure World Services before down sizing representation at the WSC. The down sizing of representation will be a long demanding process requiring much discussion and input from the fellowship as a whole. It was putting the horse back in front of the cart.

2) Q: Why is Res. A being considered?

A: Res. A is part of the evolving process of making World Services more efficient. Res. A was passed in principle at the 1997 WSC. The fellowship has seen a need to change our service structure but are undecided on the exact changes to be made.

3) Q: Are there options other than the 4 listed in the TG proposals?

A: The 4 models in the TG Proposal are only ideas. They were intended to stimulate discussion and generate ideas within the fellowship. They are not set in stone options.

4) Q: Why weren't the other options discussed at the last WSC and why weren't they included in the TG report? Parts of the TG report are misleading.

A: Of the 4 models presented in the TG report 2 are extremes and the 2 middle models offer a middle ground. Everything in between the 4 proposed models is implied and is up to the fellowship as a whole to decide and there was not enough time to include all variations in the TG report.

5) Q: Have there been any regional motions concerning Res. A for the up coming WSC.?

A: None have been received yet. The deadline is Nov. 1.

6) Q: Doesn't model 4 have the potential of creating 5-6 different NA fellowships?

A: It is necessary that culturally different factions in NA be allowed to develop a means of carrying our message that is sensitive to the needs of their culture and not just to the needs of the US. WSO has the copyright on all literature and no lit.

can be approved that infringes that copyright. It is hoped that the international conference would insure continuity and unity within the fellowship as a whole.

7) Q: Why is it necessary to reduce the number of delegates?

A: The fellowship decided it is necessary to change the number of representatives to create a more equal representation at the WSC and not one that is heavily weighted to the US. With the changes at the World Service level the fellowship may decide not to change the # of delegates.

8) Q: Is there the possibility of a Zonal assistance panel in the future?

A: Yes. If the fellowship decides to move toward a Zonal representation format such as model 3.

9) Q: Model 3 has a 24 (WSB) to 24-delegate ratio. This appears unacceptable to the fellowship. How can you insure Regions with a delegate and a members on WSB don't have more influence than other Regions/Districts & who votes on motions.

A: Only delegates vote on old business. As for new business and Regions/Districts who also have a WSB member, the WSB is rarely unanimous on any decision and it would be difficult for any District to influence business more than any other district.

10) Q: What does EDM mean?

A: European Delegate Meeting.

11) Q: None of the 4 models include and Alt. Delegate. Why?

A: It would be up to the Zonals/Regions/Districts to decide who to send to WSC. The models list only voting participants. Alternates voting in the absence of their RD is implied and is already in our procedures.

Please see that attached report from Ray G. who also attended the workshop and the other reports in these Regional minuets.

Thank you Just For Today Area for sponsoring our 1<sup>st</sup> Area Resolution A workshop. It was very helpful. On main idea that came out of this workshop was to focus on the needs of our Region with regards to Resolution A, then take that info to World and not try to decide what's best for other Regions or countries.

I have taken the liberty of sending a RSC Trusted servant's update to WSO. New trusted servants should be receiving direct mailings from WSO in the near future.

We are requesting funds to attend the Zonal Forum in Lincoln Nebraska on February 12 – 14 , 1999.

The requested RD & Alt. RD optional budget for 1999 – 2000 fiscal year is:

CAR Workshops	\$150.00	
Copies	\$75.00	
WSC (airfare, motel, meals)		\$2000.00
Zonal Forum (2)	\$400.00	
Quarterly (1)	<u>\$200.00</u>	
Total		\$2825.00

This is not an increase in the RD/Alt. RD budget.

In Loving Service,  
Carl K. RD

**RD2:**

I attended the Best Little Region in Texas Convention and Zonal Forum on October 3-5, 1998

The workshop was very informative. The representatives from W.S.C. explained Resolution A. It is up to us, addicts, to decide how we want the structure of W.S.C. to be. Some addict can make up the structure, (diagram) present it and maybe that will be the structure accepted.

Thanks for allowing me and the other addicts I traveled with in the VAN to attend.

Still learning,  
In Loving Service to NA HP,  
Betty P.  
RDII

PS: I attended a workshop in Emporia and participated.

**Attendee of Plain States Zonal Forum:**

RCM-Alt, Report

Plains States Zonal Forum

Topic: Resolution A

Hi Family,

As some of you know, I attended the Plains States Zonal Forum last weekend (Oct. 3). Even though the Just For Today Area did not "send me", I feel it is my duty, as a trusted servant, to report to this body the topics that were discussed and any conclusions that I drew from the discussions.

The Plains States Zonal Forum (PSZF), is an "official" body, that has nothing to do with Resolution A. It is a body of regions who have similar problems, concerns and ideas, who gather together to share their experience, strength and hope with each other. It is not a "formal" or voting body. Incidentally, the regions that are participating in the PSZF were, for the most part, in the original Mid-America Region. This includes Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and the Best Little Region of Texas, who were all represented at the PSZF. South Dakota has also participated in the past forums, but they are currently experiencing "growing- pains" and were unable to send a representative.

I want to affirm, that this was only an inlbi-mation kind question and answer session. No decisions were made, other than to declare the PSZF an official body, supported and committed to by all but one region, and where to have tile next PSZF meeting. Which, the next zonal meeting will be held in Lincoln, NE on Sat. Feb 13, 1999. The consensus of this body, was that it is not and was never intended to be limited to just RD's (Regional Delegates and Alternates). Everyone is encouraged to attend and have a voice.

The topic of the forum was Resolution A, which is explained in detail with the attached packet. It was facilitated by two member o the World Board; Jon T. from NJ, and Bob J. from Fl. The meeting started off, by gathering the following questions:

- 1) *Why is Resolution A being considered?*
- 2) *Why was Resolution A "side stepped" on the last CAR?*
- 3) *Are there other options?*
- 4) *Why weren't the other ideas, which were discussed at the World Conference, included with the Transition Group Report?*
- 5) *If a "Zonal" level of service is desired by the fellowship, what's to stop "zone splitting?" (Similar to Region splitting)*
- 6) *If the proposed zonal level of service (Model 3) exists, and the representatives of the World Board have an equal "weight" to that of the fellowship representation, what's to prevent "power plays?"*
- 7) *Why does the World Board have voting privileges?*

- 8) *(Pertaining to Model 4) What is to stop the development of 5-6 different "factions" of NA, if the fellowship chooses this Model?*
- 9) *How can we accomplish this transition to from a more efficient and cost-effective World Service Body?*

These questions were answered in the discussions that followed. I will address each question with what is my perception of the "answers."

1. Why is Resolution A being considered?

Resolution A (RA) is being considered, because the fellowship voted for the restructuring of World Services into a more efficient service body. RA is just apart of this evolution to make World Services more effective and efficient.

2. Why was Resolution A "side-stepped" on the last CAR?

The reason RA was not presented to the fellowship last year, was that WSO needed to be restructured before even considering any "down-sizing" of representation. This proposed downsizing demands discussion and input from the fellowship as a whole.

3. Are there other options?

The four-(4) models that have been presented to the fellowship in the report, are only four ideas. They were intended to fodder discussion in the fellowship and help generate ideas amongst the members. They are not four (4), "set in stone," options.

4. Why weren't the other ideas that were discussed at the last World Conference, included with the Transition Groups report?

The four-(4) models presented in the report, represent the extremes and two (2) that encompass a "middle" ground. Everything in between is implied and acceptable.

5. If a "zonal" level of service is desired by the fellowship, what's to stop "zonal splitting?" (Similar to Regions splitting.)

This issue has not been addressed yet, because (lie fellowship has not decided on a "zonal" orientated level of service. The general thought, was that it would be similar to the procedure in place now for seating regions at the world level.

6. If the proposed zonal level of service (Model 3) exists, and the representatives of the World-Board have all equal "weight" to that of the fellowship representation, what's to prevent "power-plays?"

The World Board only votes on items in new business. Any items that go out to the fellowship and are brought back, are considered "old" business and the World Board has no vote.

7. Why does the World Board have voting privileges?

The World Board votes on the items that have "world-wide" issues. They have been "trusted" to vote on decisions that help carry the message on a worldwide level. With some new issues, they may choose not to vote.

8. (Pertaining to Model 4) What is to stop the development of 5-6 different "factions" of NA, if the fellowship chooses this model?

<"Why should we prevent 'national' conferences from forming? " posed by WB members>

\*\*\*This would create a "loss" of the worldwide scope of tile fellowship for everyone.

\*\*\*This could create a blurring of the NA message and our primary purpose.

The national conferences could give each "faction" a more effective vehicle to carry the message of NA, by allowing them to meet their needs in a way that is most effective. for them, and not just the U.S.

9. How can we accomplish this transition to form a more efficient and cost-effective. World Service body?

The idea for change was approved, in principle, by the fellowship, and their respective RD's, with 80% wanting a change. The actual mechanics and specifics, of the reduction in representation, is up to the fellowship. This is not a voting issue, at this time.

#### Other- Issues Discussed

1.) A GSR-Assembly was suggested by the World Board members and some of the other regions present, to help keep the groups informed of any regional and or world issues. Also, this Assembly would allow GSR's to share problems, seek/share solutions, and discuss anything that may be having an effect on the group level, such as low meeting attendance, lack of "old-timer" involvement in meetings, etc. This would be ideally facilitated by the RD or another Regional "officer," in a (hopefully) centralized location.

2.) World Board members posed the following question: **"What do you want/need from World Services to help facilitate Resolution A ? Do you want World Services to present a motion of some sort?"**

\*\*\* The consensus was that we wanted information from other zones, U.S. and non-U.S., to see some of their discussions, proposals, and how they function in general. The Non-U.S. zones have been functioning for several years, and have well established networks of communication.

\*\*\* It was also suggested that time be made at WSC for the zones to get together and share ideas, problems and solutions.

\*\*\* As for the suggested direction via a motion, the consensus was unclear. It was pointed out to the forum, that for maybe the first time, in a long time, the service structure is working as it should. Meaning the fellowship needs to tell World Services what we want done, and how to do it, instead of them presenting us with one or two options (motions) to approve or not approve.

#### Conclusions:

The PSZF was an informative venture. As far as Resolution A is concerned, my opinion is that since we have already approved a change to make World Services more efficient and more accountable, we need to finish what we started.

The principles embodied in RA, are desperately needed if we (the fellowship) want to truly reflect the worldwide scope of this program. Just by looking at the CAR, you can see how the WSC is often dominated by U.S. orientated/centric motions. This is because, almost 2/3 of the seated Regional Delegates are from the U.S. The small percentage of the Non-U. S. delegates is only compounded further by those who do not understand Parliamentary Procedure and/or those who do not understand English. The fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous, is no longer a United States/English speaking only club. This point can be illustrated by the fact, that at a previous WSC, U.S. regions were dominating the floor with motions and counter-motions, when a group of Non-U.S. delegates interrupted the debate and stated something to the effect of "when you're ready to discuss world issues, come and get us." All I can say about that is "ouch" Then, consider the WSC that was moved to North Carolina a few years ago, it cost the world approximately \$100,000. At the same WSC, the delegate from Italy was asking for the Basic Text to be printed in Italian. After 30 minutes or so of debating if we (the WSC) could afford it, an RD in our PSZF, got up and asked the body of delegates what were they thinking. How can we debate a plea from another addict to help carry the NA message, when that is what we are supposed to be doing anyway.

So, as you can see, I believe we need to discuss Resolution A until we are sick of discussing it, and then discuss it some more. There is a workshop in Emporia on the 24 Oct., for those who wish to attend.

In Service,

Ray G

## Brief History of Resolution A

### 1987

### 1993-95

In the September *Fellowship Report* done by the Select Committee, a system of national and continental conferences was proposed, to help address the needs of a growing, worldwide fellowship.

In April 1993, WSC created the Composite **Group (CG)** to do a **World Services** inventory. A summary of their findings is contained in Book I of the **CGs** 1995 report. During this two-(2) year period, time was taken at WSC to break the RD's into 17 small groups and answer questions posed by the CG. These answers confirmed the need of a restructuring at World Services and confirmed the need for a change in how fellowship matters were handled.

WSC then appointed the **Resolution Group (RA)** to provide general solutions to the problems at **World Services**, that were found as a result of tile, CG's inventory. Hence the proposals of **Resolutions A-G**. While B-G were clear and to the point, **Resolution A** is a broad-based, multi-faceted solution in need of fellowship participation, before even considering implementation of any solution.

**Resolution A** consists of three (3) separate and distinct proposed resolutions:

- 1) *to reduce the total number of representatives.*
- 2) *to provide fir "equal " representation from all geographic entities. and*
- 3) *to encourage consensus-based decision-making.*

\*\*Part I of RA, would create a WSC that's higher in efficiency, and that would help cut down on the length of the WSC sessions.

\*\*Part 2 of RA, has long been a concern of those not well versed in *Robert's Rules of Order* and/or the English language. RD's from "Non-U.S." regions feel that much of the time at WSC is dominated by U.S. regions with U.S. -centric issues (94 total regions at WSC, 68 U.S.).

\*\*Part 3 of RA, is designed to move away from the "motion-madness" and encourage discussion and decisions based on hour they as a whole.

**1996 – Apr 98** The **Transition Group (TG)** was appointed to develop detailed plans based on implementation of the proposals that had been adopted.

### **Plain State's Zonal Forum**

October 3rd. 1998  
Abilene, TX

Bryan H., as facilitator, opened the meeting at 9: 10 A.M. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Patrick D read the Traditions, 12 individual members read the Concepts.

The theme that was discussed throughout the workshop portion was "Resolution A". Thanks to Jon T. and Bob J., (World Board members), for making our questions somewhat answerable.

At 3:30 P.M. we moved into business. Once again Bryan opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Introductions of all who attended followed. The first order of business was the purpose statement. The following statement passed.

**Zonal forums are service-oriented sharing sessions that provide means by which N.A. communities can communicate, support, and grow with one another. Basically, it is several regions getting together to share problems and solutions and to open up communication lines between neighboring regions.**

Iowa reported that they would give \$100.00 if a checking account were established. Nebraska is waiting for response from Areas on this issue also. Our next move was to open a checking account. It was agreed to open an account in McPherson with Tim S. (Mid-America), and Charlotte S. (Iowa) as co-signers. The following statement was also agreed upon: **If for any reason this Zonal Forum should cease and desist, all monies and merchandise pertaining to said forum will be liquidated, and passed on to World Services after all debts are paid.**



Tim S. will be added on W.S.O.'s mailing and be included as a contact name for the Zonal Forum.

The Next zonal forum will be held in Lincoln Nebraska, Feb. 12-14 1999. Despite this one being a Conference Agenda Report workshop, it was also decided to pick three regional topics to discuss in between meetings and present at Lincoln if time permitted.

The three are

**1. Insurance; 2. Fund flow; and 3. Regional Assemblies, AKA G.S.R. Assemblies.**

Secretary *note*: I hope these minutes serve their intended purpose, if I left anything out please let me know.

Gratefully Serving, Tim Stewart.

Attendance:

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Charlotte Sondag - Iowa Regional Delegate - 3503 8th Ave. Council Bluffs, IA. 51501 (712) 323-9498  
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*Billy and BeLinda Campbell* - 317 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Hutchinson, KS. 67501 X&I after 11-1-98 new address - 3 W. 23rd Hutchinson, KS. 67502

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*Tim Stewart* - Zonal Sec./Treas. - same as Debby Stewart

### **The history of the Plains State's Zonal Forum**

*April 1995* - I along with Dee S. (Nebraska) visited both Southern and Mid-States Forums at W.S.C. At that time Iowa belonged to Mid-State, Show Me and OK. belonged to Southern. Mid-America and Nebraska had no affiliation. After talking to these R.S.R's and also inviting Colorado, it was decided to set up a meeting. Tony K. (Mid-America) thought up the name and a meeting was set for 9-23-'95 at the M.R.L.D. event in Kansas city, Mo.

*Sept. 1995* - 8 members attended from three regions, Show Me; Iowa; and Mid-America. Tony K. (Mid-America) facilitated and Donna R. (Show Me) took minutes. Expenses were \$25-00 - room; \$10-00 -coffee. \$12.00 came from the basket and

Donna R. (Show Me) paid the rest. The Southern Zonal format was used and we discussed several topics. A meeting was set for either Dec. 3rd. '95 in Ellinwood, KS. or Dec, 10th. '95 in Hutchinson, KS. with the topic being "Relapse prevention". Unfortunately the meeting never happened and we didn't see each other until W.S.C. '96.

*May 30, 1996* - Six regions were present: Mid-America, South Dakota, OK. Nebraska, Show Me, and Iowa. Tony K. (Mid-America) facilitated and Dan K. (South Dakota) served as sec. The Colorado R.S.R. expressed the feasibility of belonging but never showed up. At this meeting "structure" was the main topic. It was also decided to meet three times a year, one being a C.A.R. workshop and one at W.S.C. The next two meeting locations were decided upon at this meeting. The "do we or don't we support this" existed among all regions but Mid-America and Iowa at this time, Show Me Region chose to stay with the Southern Forum.

*Sept. 1996* - The only notes I could find for the meeting held at M.R.L.D. in Wichita, KS. were pertaining to the closing down of that event. We were asked to help finalize, as that would be their last function under that identity. Tim S. (Mid-America) facilitated.

*March 1<sup>st</sup>. 1997* - Our first C.A.R. workshop with world participation! Krista L. (Iowa) facilitated the workshop. We had a great attendance for this. That evening we had a "coffee house setting" with live music. No internal business was discussed at this meeting.

*April 30th. 1997* - W.S.C. '97 brought more growth with members of Best Little Region participating. We also had visitors from Upper Rocky Mountain Region and Minnesota sitting in. Once again "structure" was the main topic, we were still looking for a format that didn't put us into another level of service. Once again we reached out to Colorado and South Dakota. Colorado expressed no interest at this point. Tim S. (Mid-America) facilitated and Cheryelle M. (Oklahoma) served as sec.

*October 18th and 19th. 1997* - Five regions were present at Oklahoma City: Mid America; Iowa; Nebraska; Oklahoma; and Best Little. This meeting was well organized with world participation attending. The topic was "fund flow". After a full day of workshops, we had a speaker followed by a dance. The next day at our meeting we discussed financial issues. Should we hold money back for the next meeting? It was decided to send \$85.00 to world, which left the hosting region, Oklahoma, more or less breaking even. Tim S. (Mid-America) facilitated and Terry Don M. (Best Little) served as sec.

*Feb. 28th - March 1<sup>st</sup>. 1998* - Mid-America provided \$400.00 seed money to put C.A.R. workshop on. Later that night we had a speaker and DJ dance. It resulted in a \$109.00 loss, which the hosting region covered. Sun. morning meeting had 27 people in attendance. Phillip P. (Oklahoma) facilitated and Patrick D. (Iowa) acted as sec. Discussion on each region donating \$100.00 to better plan meetings was introduced. We also discussed forming a simple structure to allow for better communication, accountability, and security. Passed a cowboy hat and collected \$38.00 to cover sec. expenses.

*April 30th, 1998* - No minutes were distributed from this meeting at W.S.C. Tim S. (Mid-America) facilitated and Terry Don M (Best Little) acted as sec. It was decided to elect a sec./treas. and allow hosting region to provide facilitator. Tim S. was elected as sec./treas.

*Oct. 3rd. 1998* - Meeting was held in conjunction with the Best Little Regional Convention, Abilene, TX. See page I for details.

I only received one report so I won't be including them in these minutes. Maybe I can send out another mailing later with event and any other info. obtained.

Gratefully Serving,  
Tim Stewart

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Date: 30 October 1998

To: All WSO Customers  
WSC Participants

From: WSO Executive Management

Re: Price Increase Scheduled for 1999

As we have reported over the years, it has become necessary for WSO to periodically anticipate increasing prices on all inventory items as our costs (cost of goods, supplies, manufacturer prices, and inflation) likewise increase. Our next regular increase (5%) of this type is scheduled to go into effect January 1, 1999.

We recently reviewed the need to move forward with the scheduled increase at this time and considered the following prior to making our recommendation to proceed.

1. We are in the midst of implementing substantial changes to our Sales Policy (discount policy and lifting of previous restrictions to protected purchasers) and need more time to effectively evaluate the effect of those changes.
2. A further cut to the discount allowance is scheduled for January 1, 1999.

We realize that the scheduled changes to our sales policy have required a substantial commitment to change from the fellowship. At the time we proposed those changes we also made a commitment to implement the initial changes, then stop and examine their effects, before any further changes to the sales distribution network were proposed. We desire to honor that commitment and would not want to add additional factors at this time, such as the scheduled price increase, to an objective examination of the effects of the discount changes during late 1999. In conjunction with the World Board we are therefore postponing the scheduled 5% increase until January 1, 2000.

We have appreciated the cooperation exhibited by all of our customers over this past year. We will be reporting our progress on these matters as more data and information becomes available.

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### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Small claims – Deb. S.:**

We received a letter from Maria C. – she will pay us \$15.00 / month. The following is a copy of that letter:

Dear Regional Service Committee -

Due to my irresponsibility, ~~my ~~with~~ ~~later~~ ~~at~~ ~~are~~~~ the Mid America Newsletter debt has remained unpaid. Just coming back to meetings, things have seemed overwhelming. I do, however intend to pay off this debt and attempt to get copies of any receipts I can. It's not much, but I would like to start off with payments of \$15<sup>00</sup> month starting in December. I apologize for ~~to~~ being irresponsible and neglectful.

Grateful to be Back,

Maria C.

239 Baker

Galena, KS 67401

I still have no info. from Burt B. for the 2<sup>nd</sup> small claim – Don't have the garnish papers.  
Papers found – garnishment won't work as she has changed jobs. Clay will follow up on this.

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**As of August 17, 1998 the Region is insured:**

John III – is Steering still looking at other insurance?

Tim S. – no

Clay W. – World put out a something about Group insurance. Will Steering look into this? Will it work for Region?

Tim S. – We will look into it.

Jerry D. – can an Area be included (as a tag-along)?

Clay W. – unknown

Betty P. & Tim S. – this insurance is a event by event insurance – each event is insured separately and the insurance company must be notified prior to the event. This notification will include dates, number of people expected etc.. No to Areas

**Clay W. MRLD shirts and cups:** Fellowship For Freedom Area gave 4 shirts and 1 cups for auction items – gave a check to Melissa P. for \$23.00. All that has gone out of stockpile I have since last RSC. Anyone wanting some, see me. \$5/shirt, \$3/cup. All funds going to World, not to Region.

**Logo information:** Jerry D. – we at work are having difficulty separating the two colors after having scanned in the artwork. Hope to have it soon.

**Distribution of M.A.N.:** – Samuel – get on a mailing list with the WSO and then distribute to people that are on that list. Would cost quite a bit of extra money to dispatch that many extra newsletters. I don't know whether I can send them bulk to WSO and have them distribute them, or whether I have to send each out individually. There is a treasure-trove of virtually brand new NA literature that is being written in these newsletters that would be available to this Region. I am consistently under budget and I will see where I stand at the end of the year. If I am in the black, I will go ahead and do this, but if I need more money I will come back to this body and **beg**.

**GSR Assembly:**

Dan D. – my Area is interested – when will this happen?

Tim S. – we will meet later to discuss

Samuel – what do you want me to take back to my Area?

Carl K. – Ask the GSR's what they want, when they want. This is not for us. This is for the Region as a whole. Generate communication and unity.

Don M. – do the GSR's even want one. Find out from your Area's/GSR's. Get the information to a Steering Committee member before our interim meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup> and it will help us.

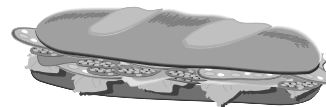
Tim S. – we need to create a Vision Statement.

Carl K. – “We perceive the World Services as being a entirely separate entity, entirely detached from us a lot of the time. Groups see this body as being totally detached sitting up here deciding what they are going to do. There is not a lot of friendly rhetoric that goes back and forth sometime. This is to help to create unity and help dissolve that because that is crap. We're here for the groups and they need to know that.”

Samuel L. – (This is a summery) I thought that this was for the whole body and not just GSR's – many members of my Area are afraid of service work because they don't understand what is involved – this could clear that up.

Clay W. – this is a Service Assembly

**LUNCH!!!**



**OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**Jerry D.:** Move that this body accept the Guidelines that the Steering Committee put together.

**Tim S.:** Motion out of order.

General discussion concerning the Guidelines.

General consensus: we will use the Steering Committee's recommendations

Tim S. we will print 100 copies – one for each member of this body and the rest to be stockpiled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

(YEA!!!)

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**Treasurer:**

Qualifications were read.

Tim S. nominated Darrin J.  
 Becky S. nominated BeLinda C.  
 They both qualified themselves.  
 Much discussion after they left the room. Congratulations BeLinda C. and thanks Darrin J. for putting your hat in the circle.

**Activities:**

Wally, who was elected as Co-Chair last RSC resigned do to the workload involved with this position.  
 No willingness for the Chair position.  
 Lots of discussion concerning the position and the work involved. Many people suggested that we cut the next RSC activities to the bare bone, (no donuts, speaker, coffee, etc.) and perhaps this will generate willingness among the Fellowship.  
 Many people agreed with this strategy and this was adopted.

Lois W. will remain the Activities Sec. for one more RSC to fulfill her obligation.

John III will open and make coffee for both days.  
 Paul R. will take money at the dance on Saturday night.  
 Kelly P. will help  
 Clay W. will help  
 Jon Mc. will help

We have **no committee!!!** Remember, there will be no coffee cups, breakfast, lunch, or speaker. Bring your own coffee cup and make your own arrangements for meals!!!

**The Optimal Budget:**

Melissa P. – A budget is money set aside for foreseen expenses. The proposed budget for next year is **\$15,725.00**.

**Optimal Budget 2000  
 May to May**

**RD & RD2**

1.	CAR Workshops	150.00
2.	Copies	75.00
3.	WSC (airfare, hotel, and meals)	2,000.00
4.	Zonal Forum (2)	400.00
5.	Quarterly (1)	200.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,825.00</b>

**General**

6.	Prudent Reserve	500.00
7.	Chair & CO-Chair (copies, mailing, etc.)	100.00
8.	PO Box	100.00
9.	Secretary	400.00
10.	Treasurer	50.00
11.	Insurance	1,100.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,250.00</b>

**Sub-committees**

**MARCNA XVII**

12.	2000 seed money	1,500.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,500.00</b>

**MARCNA XVIII**

13.	2001 seed money	1,500.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,500.00</b>

**Campout**

14. Seed money	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>

**Activities**

15. Soul to Soul	400.00
16. Regionals (rent \$200. X 4)	800.00
17. Regionals (supplies \$200. X 4)	800.00
18. World Unity Day	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>

**Outreach**

19. Expenses (copies, projects, etc.)	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Literature**

20.MAN Newsletter	650.00
21.Service Handbooks w/ postage	100.00
22.Copying expense	25.00
23.Secretary 25.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>800.00</b>

**P.I.**

24.Regional Meeting Lists	950.00
25.Secretary, Literature, Workshops, etc.	250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>

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26. Regional Projects	500.00
27.Literature 200.00	
28.Secretary 100.00	
29.Workshops	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>

**Steering Committee**

30.Copies and mailing (sec., policy, etc.)	200.00
31.New Projects	300.00
32.GSR Assembly ****one time expense****	350.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>850.00</b>

**Total Optimal Budget to be voted on: \$15,225.00**

**\*\*\*\*\*Note to RCM's and GSR's\*\*\*\*\***

This budget can be voted on line by line, section by section or as a whole. Remember how you did it for the RSC. All suggestions on how to improve the budget will be greatly appreciated. Here is an average of donations and expenses from the last 4 RSC's (a reminder that the Optimal Budget starts at the beginning of business at the May RSC). The figures are coming from the minutes, which are reporting the business from the previous RSC. This average does not include money incoming and outgoing at the Regional Business Meeting held on November 15, 1998.

Incoming	Outgoing	
Feb. '98	1,359.53	3,553.98
May '98	749.87	4,909.74
Aug. '98	7,425.76	1,468.00
Nov. '98	<u>4,202.15</u>	<u>3,962.09</u>

Total \$13,737.31 \$13,893.81

**We spent \$156.50 more than we had coming in. So, for those 4 RSC's we are in the hole -\$156.50.**

I hope this helps everyone. Please feel free to copy and distribute to your groups.

In loving service,

Melissa P.  
Treasurer

This is the revised Optimal Budget that we voted to send back to groups to be voted on. The original Optimal Budget that Melissa submitted is included in her report to this body.

The following is a summary of the discussion (3hrs. worth) that brought us to this revised budget. Remember, this is only a summary and will not follow the discussion verbatim.

Darrin J. – (concerning budgets in general) “If monies are less than income, the budget isn’t worth the paper it’s printed on.”

Samuel L. – “I am aware of the problems, what are the solutions?” (paraphrase)

Clay W. – Our mindset is wrong – we are loosing sight of our Primary Purpose.

Don M. – Too much money is just sitting in the bank doing nothing at the Group and Area level. Not enough is making it to the Region.

Someone (?) – The Best Little Region in Texas doesn’t have a budget – they work out of one pool of money.

**\*Motion John III – We throw the budget out and work out of one money pool.**

**Tim C. – Second**

Discussion – Break (Smoke – no folks, I do not propose that Regionals become non-smoking regardless of what words Clay W. puts into my mouth!)

**John III – Withdraws his motion.**

**Melissa P. – Motion: We, as a body, not just RCM’s, go through the budget line by line and cut the fat.**

**John III – Second**

Discussion –  
Call the question – passed

**\*Motion – Failed**

**Dan D. – Motion: We pull the committees and ask what monies they can cut.**

**Motion dies from lack of second.**

Melissa P. – The budget will go into the Minuets – Let the Groups vote on it the way it is.

Darrin J. and Melissa P. came up with this figure for us to contemplate:

For the months of Feb. 98 – Nov. 98 we spent \$156.50 more than we took in.

**\*Motion Dan D. –: We pull each committee today and find out how much more money they can cut today.**

**Billy C. – Second**



Discussion –  
Call the question – passed.

**\*Motion – Failed**

Melissa P. – Literature has cut their budget by \$500.00. (This was during the preceding discussion.) She will work up a new Optimal Budget based on the figures that she has received at this RSC and e-mail the report to the Sec. to be included in the minuets. (This she did do in a very timely fashion – Thanks Mel. KB)

Clay W. – We will move on.

Shelly W. How many Regional Meeting List are being thrown away? There are Areas that want more than they are being allotted, and there seem to be some that are throwing them away. We need to distribute the lists according to need. If too many are being printed, PI can cut back on the number that are ordered and cut their budget in doing so.

Melissa P. – (She has put on her Convention Committee Chair Hat for this) We have \$214.00 in outstanding monies due to bad checks. The Convention Committee voted to turn these checks to the Regional Committee to follow up on so we can concentrate on the Convention. Clay W. will follow up on this issue as most of the checks are from people in Topeka.

Stacy W. – Soul to Soul need to guarantee 27 beds in order to reserve a spot at Camp Chippawa (SP?). Last year Soul to Soul paid for 6 beds that were not used, but they still made \$190.60.

Should they make the reservations?

General consensus: If Activities has O.K.'d it, do it!

Steering Committee –

**Tim S. - Motion: To rotate future MARCNA's between Hutchinson and Great Bend Kansas.**

**Intent: - To provide us with smoother flowing conventions and to centrally locate.**

**Financial impact: - None**

Motion Passed to take back to Groups for a vote.

**Too Tall – Motion: We close**

**Stacy W. – Second**

**Passed (5:03 p.m.)**

Secretaries Note: As Tim S. so eloquently put in his Zonal Minuets, “I hope these minutes serve their intended purpose, if I left anything out please let me know.”

It is much easier to do accurate minuets when your reports are typed. I know that this is not possible for all of you to do, but where can, if you will type them out before they reach me, it will be greatly appreciated. Another way to make this chore faster and easier (This report has taken me many, many hours to put together – my wife is less than thrilled!) would be to put your reports on disk, and then I can just transfer them to the minuets and nothing will be lost in the transcription. I will bring a bunch of blank disks next RSC, and if you turn in a disk to me, I will replace it with a blank.

Thank you for letting me be a part of this noble endeavor. It is indeed one of the great pleasures of my life to be allowed to serve you, this body, and NA as a whole.

Yours In Loving Service,



Kirk Brown