

Billy C. took a moment to explain that when it was time to vote on an issue (motion), if there was **no** opposition to said issue (motion) a vote wasn't necessary, and the motion carries. (Called General Consensus) If even one voting member voiced opposition, then a hand vote would be taken. The purpose of this was to save time and this procedure **is** in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

He further explained that **all** motions had to be submitted in writing.

Lastly but not least he requested that all RCM's, officers and people with motions meet at 8:am at the next RCM to go over the agenda for the meeting.

The minutes were read and accepted with amendments.

- 1.) Pg. 20 – under “Old Business” Belinda C. – (Insurance) should read “Check Service”
 - 2.) Pg. 27 – under the Attendance Record, Central, JFT, Miracle and FFF should have been included. Sorry about that people.
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AREA REPORTS:

Note: I have scanned the reports in that were typewritten and where possible have retained the format on those reports. Non-typed reports I had to create a format for. KB

CKA RCM REPORT 8-15-99

Hi all at Region:

Central Area is still carrying the message but sadly with less groups. The Ellsworth group has closed and will be missed. Also as of July 10th the Pratt group lost there meeting place and have been meeting at Timons Park at the south end of Pine in Pratt. But there present meeting situation is unknown they weren't present at our August Area. A number of our area jails have accepted NA literature and distributed to the inmates with mixed interest. Our area has been getting some good turn over in service work by newer members at groups and area level.

The Hays group has a new GSR Kristen S. And the Central Area phone line has been updated with all of new contact number meeting times and locations. The High on Life group will host Area birthday night Sept.24th. They also have closed the Thursday night women's meeting due to lack of support. But they are gearing up for **Chili Bowl "10"** with the intent of making a generous donation to Convention Committee, more details later.

Central Area is donating \$180.00 to the Region.

On a personal note I would like to thank those of you who attended Dy's and My wedding making our special day that much more special. **Thanks.**

Grateful to Serve,
Jay F
CKA, RCM

RCM Report Just For Today Area

Hi Family,

All is going well in the JFTA. In fact, since the last RSC, there has been three (3) camp-outs in the JFTA: The Pioneer Group (Emporia, KS) June 4,5, and 6; The Garnett Group (Garnett, KS) July 16, 17, and 18; and The Just For Today Area at Melvern Lake July 30, 31 and Aug. 1. All of which were successful. The Pioneer Group and the JFTA were having their 12th annual camp-out. Thank HP for those who came before me.

The Area has instructed me to submit two (2) motions in new business. They will be submitted, according to RSC policy, in written form with intent and financial impact (if applicable). These motions are backed unanimously by the JFTA. More will be revealed.

In Loving Service

Ray G.

Old Business Votes

Clarity Statement: Resounding No, . Do not read!
Steering Committee: Let Convention pick their own chair.
The Practice of Tipping: That it ceases.

RCM Report Miracle Area

Good Morning Mid America Regional Service Family:

Miracle Area is still Alive and happening. We are very pleased to announce that we now have PSA's on the radio in Lawrence. We also have new meeting lists out that I believe are up to date and accurate. We lost a few meetings although this loss has been a benefit as there are now more addicts at the meetings that are going.

Our H&I efforts had come to a stand still due to some poor communication, however, this last week I was informed that we would be allowed to resume our efforts in the Douglas County Jail again.

Following our Area Policy, we have a donation to give the Region and we did vote on the three motions from the Region.

Addicts in the Miracle Area have concerns for the safety of the officers and addicts who attend the RSC. When the RSC extends into the evening hours and they have a 3 ½ hour drive home, their alertness and driving skills are diminished which jeopardizes their safety and the safety of other people on the road. Therefore, Miracle Area has a motion to bring to the floor regarding the length of the RSC.

Motion: RSC start at 8:am and last no later than 6:pm.

Upcoming events: Miracle Area Campout.

When: August 27 – 29

Activities: Pig roast, Live band

Location: Clinton Lake, western end, Bloomington West Campgrounds.

Grateful to Serve,
Jerry D.

Unity Area RCM Report August 15th, 1999

Hi Family:

Unity Area is doing well we have 13 Groups some are struggling and some are doing great! We have quite a few Activities coming up; Unity Area is putting on a "Prom Night" on August 28th, at the Friendship Center in Salina. Clean and Crazy Group is putting on a dance October 2nd. Unity Group is putting on a "Halloween dance" October 3W at the Friendship Center in Salina. Newton HOW Group is having there 17th annual turkey feed at the 4-H building on November 6th in Newton.

We are still having problems filling all of the positions at the Area. Jon M. is our new old Lit. Chair again. Steve G. showed a lot of willingness for the position of Lit. Co-Chair and stayed with it for a few months and he was elected in at last Area. We have a new Secretary, Dorothy M. and a new Treasure Dennis O. Its nice to see some people with time get involved with Area Service Work!

Our Area voted on the motions from Regionals after long drawn-out discussions.

We voted yes to the motion that the practice of tipping certain employees by any subcommittee cease.

We voted to yes to having Steering drop the nomination for chairperson of the upcoming Convention.

We voted No to we ask the Groups "should we read the Clarity/ identity statement in its entirety, at the Regional level.""

In Service,

**RCM Report
Western Area**

Greetings Family:

Western Area is still alive and kicking. The 5th annual "In Tents Recovery" campout was a success, since we didn't end up in the hole. The fishing tournament was fun with a 10 lb. channel cat taking first place.

The 10th annual Dodge City Roundup will be held October 1st – 3rd and plans will be starting on the "Breaking the Wind" chili feed, probably to be held in November or December. Will know more later and will get fliers out.

Other than that not too much to report except we have a donation for Region.

See y'all in November,
In Loving Service,
Tom W.
A.k.a. "Too Tall"

P.S. against all odds, group in D.C. has added 2 meetings to their format. They are Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:am and seem to be going well.

Still Love Ya

**Wichita Metro Area
August 15,1999**

To The Mid-America Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Pro-Tern Alt. RCM Report - Wichita Metro Area

Hello all,

Our area is continually growing with new NA members. We have a new co-chair for the area: Trent T. The Area is grateful to him for his service to NA.

Unity Group is having a function on Saturday, August 21 at 807 W. Maple. There will be food, fun and fellowship with a cookout, and a speaker meeting followed by a dance. Please bring a covered dish and help us celebrate.

The Wichita Metro Area is sponsoring a Unity Day special function on Saturday, Sept. 25, 1999. More information will follow. Please come and be a part of our continuing gratitude to Narcotics Anonymous.

On a sad note, Joe Willy D. passed this week. There will be a service for him at 11:00 AM Monday, Aug. 16, at 1225 N. Cleveland in Wichita.

In Service,

Pat B.
Pro-Tern Alt. RCM
Wichita Metro Area

**RCM Report
Fellowship For Freedom Area**

Hello Family,

It's good to be back again. Well, I have some good news and some not so good news. Not so good first – we lost our PI Chair, Linda C.. She had really helped our Area turn that position around and start to flow well. We have hopes of keeping

this alive and moving in the right direction. We have a good chairperson in H&I, Burnalee, and its moving in the right direction. Our commitments to service are getting somewhat better.

As to some of the functions we have a few coming up.

Annual Campout

Labor Day weekend, on the 3rd of September till September 6th, starting at 4:pm on Friday and ending at around 12 on Monday.

Contact: Dave R. at 785-354-1772 for more information.

We will have a Fellowship For Freedom campout fundraising dance on the 25th of August at Montra starting at 6:pm.

We have the date for our Area Convention. It will be February 11th – 13th at the Best Western , downtown Topeka. Flyers will be coming out shortly.

Contact: Toby 785-233-2911 or Dave/Kelly 785-354-1772 for more information.

Other good news: we finally got our Area’s finances back on track, so we are finally able to stand up for our donations to the Region.

Meetings are like – up and down. We have lost a few and because of this some new meetings have started up so the message is still being carried.

In Loving Service,
Kelly P.



Smoke break!!! 9:55 – 10:05

Subcommittee Reports

RSC Treasurer’s Report August 13, 1999

Beginning Balance			\$8,154.31
	Waterman NA 2 X 50.00	\$100.00	
	Unity Area (Wichita)	25.00	
	Wichita Metro Area	80.00	
	Miracle Area	153.00	
	Kirk B. (Sec. Exp. Not used)	43.00	
	Central Area	100.00	
	Activities (5/99 RSC S to S fund)	317.37	
	Soul to Soul T’s sales	156.00	
	Convention 99	10,173.63	
	Activities pop sales 5/99 S to S	<u>30.00</u>	
Total Deposit			\$11,203.12
Expenses			
<u>CK#</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>WHAT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1374	Barker Print	Sec. Exp. Copies	\$ 30.00
1375	Carl K.	C.A.R. Workshop	63.12
1376	Clay W.	BD CK File Fee	19.50
1377	M.A.R.C.N.A. XVII	Convention 2000 seed \$	1,500.00
1378	Kirk B.	Sec. Exp.	40.00
1379	Ray G.	Act S. to S. Flyers	10.00
1380	McPher. 4H	Aug. 99 RSC Rent	200.00
1381	Roz G.	PI Sec. Exp.	7.50
1382	Jeanie M.	Steering Guideline Paper	19.19

1383	Lois W.	Act. Sec. Exp.	13.58
1384	Carl K.	Act. Aug RSC Seed	200.00
1385	Tim S.	Lit. Man Prod.	100.00
1386	Salina Ins AG	RSC Ins.	<u>550.00</u>

Total Expenses **\$2,753.72**

Ending Balance **\$16,603.71**

Reconciled with bank statement of 8/11/99

Hello RSC Family,

I have received and returned the documents from Check Center. We, the RSC, are now covered by this service and will not have to deal with any more bad checks. I have the display card, which must be visible for any that write checks to the RSC.

I also have a new signature card for the bank account. We need to discuss in new business that this body wants to have as two more signers. Currently Betty P. and myself are the only signers.

In Service, BeLinda C. The Dolphin

Activities Report

The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes were read and approved.

Joyce C. agreed to take the minutes.

Reports from each of the Areas present were heard.

Much discussion concerning Unity Day event. (September 25th)

Also discussion concerning Soul to Soul.

Due to a change in the date for World Unity Day, there is a scheduling conflict with Soul to Soul. They now both fall on September 25th. We would like permission from this body to try to change the date of Soul to Soul to the next available weekend in October if possible. Ray G. has agreed to do this provided we have the consent of this body.

The cost of World Unity Day is approximately \$400.00 which is \$200.00 above the budgeted amount. The Activities Committee is requesting permission by this body to continue with World Unity Day despite the increased costs. We will attempt to recoup some of the funds through an auction and raffle etc. at the World Unity Day dance.

The Activities Chair position remains open.

Thanks to all who helped put on this RSC and to the fellowship in particular for your financial and spiritual support. Thanks Dave, BeLinda, and Paul for your help. BeLinda "The Dolphin" C. agreed to give a financial report for activities.

Thank you Joyce C. for taking minutes and perusing the World Unity Day event.

In Loving Service,
Carl K.
Activities C0-Chair

Oh yeah, - there is some B-B-Q pork in the oven for lunch today if anyone is interested. No charge for it, but donations would be appreciated.

Note: the following is a financial accounting for Activities as submitted by "The Dolphin". KB

Seed	\$200.00
Door	147.00
\$ Raffle	46.00
Item Raffle	158.00
Auction	342.00
Pop Sales	<u>12.00</u>
Total	\$705.00

Expenses:	
DJ	\$150.00
Supplies	<u>81.00</u>
Total	\$231.00

Cash turned in to the RSC	\$647.00
- Seed Money	<u>\$200.00</u>
Made this RSC	\$474.00

**RSC Campout Report
August 13, 1999**

Hello Family,

Despite the wind, the campout was a big success. Thank you to all who stayed and helped out. The committee elected Tim K. as chair, Von P. as co-chair, Michelle K. as treasurer (for the 2nd year), Shelly W. as Secretary, Dave R. as programming – catering. Fundraising and merchandising are still open positions. We are not sure where we will be camping next year, but will be by the next RSC. Our theme this year is “**Keep It Simple**” and we will be doing just....keeping it simple, camping and having fun! Last years chair, Cindy L. is not doing well right now, so please keep her in your prayers.

We are very grateful Tim S. is still with us after the accident at Wilson Lake. We thank him for his heroic efforts without regard to his own life to save the lives of others.

I have a treasury report with the breakdown of expenses and a report of our left over inventory. We are turning over \$1,888.20 to the Region as our profit from this year. We did leave \$158.44 in our account for the porta potty bill which we have not received yet. We are requesting \$1,000 seed money for the 2000 campout and will have a motion on the floor of the August RSC regarding storage.

In Service,
Tim K.

**Convention Report
August 13, 1999**

Hi everyone!

Well, the convention committee is off to a flying start. We now have all positions filled and are getting a lot of work done. The artwork is done and we should have merchandise for sale very soon. Also, registration flyers are done and our registration chair, BeLinda C. will be distributing them to all Area RCM's. we will also be doing a mail-out to be done by the November RSC. The committee would also like to ask the RCM's to pass on to your Areas and Groups that if you don't have enough flyers, please feel free to make your own. I hope everyone is looking forward to celebrating a new millennium of recovery. This is a list of our standing committees.

Chair:	Jon Mc.
Co-Chair:	Pat B.
Treasurer:	Billy C.
Secretary:	Joyce C.
Hotels and Hospitality Chair:	Sarah G.
Hotels and Hospitality Co-Chair:	Penny D.
Entertainment:	“Too Tall”
Arts and Graphics Chair:	Kirk B.
Arts and Graphics Co-Chair:	Adam W.
Merchandise:	Kirk B.
Programming:	Dorothy M.
Fundraising:	Dori D.
Registration:	Belinda C.

Thanks to all for their willingness.

In Loving Service,

**H&I Report
August 13, 1999**

We opened the meeting at 9:00 and had 3 Areas there. We now have 27 H&I meetings in the Region. Our Regional project is now finished.

We are asking all RCM's to bring back a bid for a spring workshop. (What will it cost us to rent a space.) We will be having a workshop in Hoisington on October 30, 1999. This will be held in the Knights of Columbus Hall at 114 N. Main, Hoisington, KS 67544. This will be held with the PI and Outreach subcommittees.

Love and Service,
Dave R.

**Literature Report
August 13, 1999**

Hi Family,

Well, literature actually had a committee meeting yesterday. The chair (myself), Newsletter editor and several warm bodies were present. Areas represented were: **Unity Area, Just For Today Area. (there were other Areas present, but the members didn't feel that they could say that they were representing their Area.)**

I regret to report that I must step down as chair due to the fact that my term was up a year ago and I have carried the position as far as I can. I will still be an active member of the committee, and will do whatever I can to help keep it going.

There was much discussion about doing a committee inventory and it was decided that a Regional level inventory might be in order.

Kirk B. will help Tim S. with the production of the newsletter.

At this time the Literature Committee has no Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary. RCM's, please take this information back to your Areas. The committee is in dire need of your participation. Our committee will also be formulating a questionnaire to include in the inventory, if the region chooses to do one. That's all for now,

In Loving Service,
Jon MC.

**M.A.N. Report
August 13, 1999**

Well folks,

There was no issue produced last quarter. Instead of having several excuses, some valid and some not, we have elected Kirk B. as the new co-chair to handle all production. Kirk and his software will best handle the changes that are needed in this area. The check that I received for production last R.S.C. (May) which totaled \$100.00 will be passed over to Kirk for the Aug. issue. Also, even though I will be doing 98% of the writing of non-submitted material, the address for sending articles, poems, cartoons, etc. will be:

**M.A.N.
c/o Kirk Brown
P.O. Box 975
Baldwin City, KS. 66006**

You can also E-mail him at klbertha@aol.com I apologize for the inconvenience and lack of summer activities in print, but I'm sure the fall issue will include both.

Gratefully serving,
Tim Stewart

**Outreach Report
August 13, 1999**

Just For Today Area has visited Iola NA which meets Monday 8:pm and Wednesday 8:pm. They are interested in joining Just For Today Area and being on the regular meeting list. Hope to make contact with Chanute this quarter.

We did vote on committee Chair and Co-Chair requirements and duties for the Regional Guidelines. We will take more time to clarify duties, purpose and goals of the committee as they become clearer to us. At the present, we are committed to workshops /learning days, to possibly foster more interest in Outreach. We do know that the “addicts on wheels” idea does have support and participation throughout parts of the Region.

We are joining with H&I and PI to put on a workshop in Hoisington on October 30th and are requesting \$50.00 to cover our share of the expenses. We are also requesting \$48.00 for 20 Outreach handbooks to be passed out to any interested parties.

RCM’s, if there are new meetings that you know about, please let me know.

Peace, Love & NA,
Denny C.

**PI Report
August 13, 1999**

Hello Family,

I couldn’t stay today because my Higher Power gave me the blessed opportunity to meet and spend a little time with my 21 year old daughter who I gave up for adoption when she was born.

Now on to my report. Pertaining to the handout of regional meeting lists, which by the way has brought quite the controversy. Each area gets 15 copies and the rest will be divided between H&I and PI. We do need volunteers to help get them divided and distributed.

This will be my last RSC as the PI chair. We voted in, and pray that the Region will follow suite, John S. as our new temporary Chair. We are also in need of a Co-Chair. Please let people know in your Areas that we need these positions filled.

I’m very sorry to say that we lost our meetings in Ellisworth.

I’m most pleased to say that Miracle Area now has PSA’s on the radio. Way to go!!!

I would like to say that I have been very honored to serve on the PI committee for the region for the last 3 years, 2 years as secretary and 1 year as Chair. I hope and pray that PI will continue to grow and flourish. By the way, I can get really vocal now, because I’ll still be sitting on the committee.

I love you all, Thank You once again for the opportunity to serve.

In Service,
Shelley W.

PS –We will be participating in a learning day in Hoisington with H&I and Outreach on October 30th. We are requesting \$55.00 for this function.

Active in Service,
John S.

Note: the next update to the Regional meeting list will be no later than the close of business at the next RSC. Please bring your updates then. JS

Note: we sent a meeting list around to the RCM's for updating and Don M. did update the Regional meeting list to match the most recent updates (the changes just made) before he sent it to Jerry D. for printing. Thank you Don.

**P.O. Box Report
August 13, 1999**

Hello Addicts,

The P.O. Box is there and I check it at least twice a week.

In Loving Service,
John

**Steering Committee Report
August 13, 1999**

Hello Family,

We had our interim meeting in July and toured Camp Toma-Shanga and all agreed it would be perfect for our needs. (with regards to the GSR assembly. KB)

We worked up a agenda for the assembly with much discussion and what we really ended up doing was following the agenda in the Guide to Local Service. We decided that a late September, early October date would be best. Jim W. said he would get with the guy who runs the camp and find out open dates in that time frame.

We did talk about the controversy concerning certain vendors at the Convention and it sounds like the Convention Committee has some steps in place to help take care of the problems of the past.

Jeannie is our new and continuing secretary.

Insurance – John J. did not show up with insurance quotes, so Jeannie said she'd check with a place in Salina. She did & we are now insured for a cost of \$550.00 per year. This does not include softball, as the cost of insurance would go from \$550.00 to \$2,500.00 per year.

August 14.

The date Jim W. selected with the camp coincides with World Unity Day. We called the camp and the only other date's would also conflict with NA events, so we agreed to push the G.S.R. Assembly back to early spring.

In Loving Service,
Jerry D.

**Mid-America Region
Regional Delegate Report
August 13, 1999**

Dear Family,

Its time for that lull after the WSC again. There is some new info coming out of NAWS but not a lot. The results of the NAWS budget audit are in but I'm not sure I understand the verbiage well enough to interpret the report other than to say the auditors indicated everything appears accurate and above board. Maybe our CPA friend can explain the report for us. The end result of the financial report is that NAWS appears to be doing a good job of accounting for the funds we give them and are making progress in achieving some of the objectives which were mandated by the worldwide fellowship inventory.

The results of the 1999 fellowship literature survey are in as well. It appears the WB has figured out what some of us already knew, the literature survey was very ambiguous and misleading and did not clearly measure what they had hoped it would measure. I am providing handouts of the results which demonstrate the difficulty involved in trying to interpret the results.

Some of the highlights are it appears the fellowship would like more literature on sponsorship, stories from non-US addicts, spirituality, and practicing the traditions but shows only marginal interest in a 6th edition of the Basic Text. The survey did not take into account the difficulties new literature causes for translation committees nor did it suggest any alternatives such as an anthology or other book form which could include chapters on sponsorship, spirituality, the traditions, and world wide stories. Anyway enough of pointing out some of the shortcomings of the survey. There were also many positive results of the survey. Mostly it pointed out a need for more dialogue within the fellowship and service bodies concerning literature needs. It also suggests a need for a more precise instrument for assessing the will of the fellowship and its' desires for new literature.

After speaking with individual members of our region and a few of the RCM's and RSC trusted servants, there seems to be an interest in a regional inventory. Attached is a copy of the RSC inventory our region conducted a few years ago. One of the problems with this inventory was it did not include group and area level participation. If we want to know what the groups and areas in our region think of the job the RSC is and has done over the past few years we might consider asking them. In order for our individual members to provide input and guidance to the RSC, it might prove helpful to include the individual members in the inventory process. I have requested a copy of the inventory the Iowa Region recently used but have not received it as of the writing of this report. In any event, it is up to this body to decide if a regional inventory is in order. It may help improve communication between the RSC and the people we are here to serve. (Note: Please disregard the comments on this questionnaire.)

We will be requesting \$300.00 to attend the Zonal Forum in South Dakota next month (Sept. 17-19). The topics for discussion at the next WSC and in part at the Zonal are how to retain experienced NA members with substantial clean time and what is NA's definition of abstinence. How does this definition apply to our members who need medication in recovery?

Right now I'm very tired and can't think of anything else off the top of my head so "That's All Folks".

In Loving Service,

Carl K. RD Mid-America Region

(The following is the Regional inventory that Carl mentioned in the above report. KB)

The purpose of a Regional Service Committee is to be supportive to its Areas and Groups within a Region, by helping Areas and Groups deal with their basic situations and needs, and by encouraging the growth of the Fellowship.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Regional Inventory is to consciously evaluate the service efforts at the Regional level.

A. Regional Service Committee (RSC) as a whole.

1. Is the RSC following the Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure (TWIGS)?

Agree	Disagree	Don't know
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 Comments:

2. Is the RSC linking together Areas and Groups within the Region and encouraging growth in the Fellowship?
 Comments:

3. Is the RSC helping Areas and Groups to deal with their basic situations and needs?

Agree	Disagree	Don't know
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 Comments:

4. Is the RSC being supportive of its Areas and Groups as a whole?

Agree	Disagree	Don't know
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5. Do Regional level trusted servants adequately communicate information from the World Service Conference (WSC)?

a.) RSR	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
b.) Alt. RSR	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
c.) H&I	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
d.) PI	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
e.) Literature	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
f.) Policy	Agree	Disagree	Don't know

 Comments:

6. Is the Chairperson/Co-Chairperson keeping the focus on the order and priority of the business being conducted?
 Agree Disagree Don't know
 Comments:
7. Is the Secretary doing an adequate job of keeping records and distribution of the minutes?
 Agree Disagree Don't know
 Comments:
8. Is the Treasurer doing an adequate job of reporting the financial status of the RSC?
 Agree Disagree Don't know
 Comments:
9. Is the PO Box Chairperson doing an adequate job of distribution of the mail?
 Agree Disagree Don't know
 Comments:
10. Is the RSC putting Principles before Personalities?
 Agree Disagree Don't know
 Comments:
11. Does the RSC have defined goals and priorities to accomplish its Primary Purpose?
 Comments:
12. Is the RSC encouraging rotation of trusted servants?
 Agree Disagree Don't know
 Comments:
13. Is our service structure adequately training alternates and co-chairs to assume their positions?
 Agree Disagree Don't know
 Comments:
14. Is the RSC taking steps to ensure financial accountability?
 Agree Disagree Don't know
 Comments:
15. As an RSC, are we supporting our sub-committees in their work or just passing the buck?
 Agree Disagree Don't know
 Comments:

❖ **This concludes the last Regional Inventory that was done in the Mid America Region. These are not necessarily the questions that we will be using for the next inventory.**

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Memorandum

To: WS Conference Participants
From: World Board
Re: 1998 Audit of Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc
Date: 1 August 1999

Attached you will find the 1998 audit for NAWS Inc. This year the World Service Office and the World Convention

combined into one corporation. Overall, most of the 1997-1998 changes were about dealing with this change. You will also notice that there is a standard note about Y21K issues, we are working to ensure that NAWs, Inc. is Y2K compliant by Nov. 30th 1999.

As we discussed at the conference, there is still a note that appears in the auditor's letter regarding management's electing to not report the functional classification of expenses. This is an item that will be resolved with the new unified budget structure.

Please forward any questions regarding the audit to the World Board Via the World Service Office or email at worldboard@na.org

WB/Finance/cp98audtmem.doc

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**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES, INC.
(formerly known as World Service Office, Inc.)**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 1998

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Note: there was nothing more on this page – go figure KB

Pg. 1 of letter from Accountant

THOMAS
HAVEY
LLP

SUCCESSOR TO

Lindquist & Company LLP

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of
Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc.
Chatsworth, California

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position of Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (formerly known as World Service Office, Inc.) as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the management of Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, we conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As more fully described in Note 2b, management elected to not report the functional classification of expenses, such as major programs and supporting activities, which is required by generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments for not reporting the functional classifications of expenses which results in an incomplete presentation, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. at December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the results of their operations and cash flows -for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Certified Public Accounts And Consultants

Pg. 2 of letter from Accountant

To the Board of Directors of
Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

Our audits of the consolidated financial statements of Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997 were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information that appears on pages 12 through 14 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Except as described in the following sentence, such information has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments for not reporting the functional classifications of expenses which results in an incomplete presentation, such information is fairly stated in all material respects to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Harvey LLP". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first name.

April 9, 1999

Note: The following documents were scanned in and pasted as a picture. Sorry for the non-clarity, but to rebuild them in word would have taken more time than I was willing to spend – so fire me!

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES, INC.
(formerly known as World Service Office, Inc.)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 1998 and 1997

	ASSETS	
	1998	1997
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 756,648	\$ 183,888
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$20,000 and \$12,034, respectively)	512,036	423,880
Due from affiliated entities	-	71,139
Inventory	449,234	405,147
Prepaid expenses	<u>29,255</u>	<u>18,871</u>
Total current assets	<u>1,747,173</u>	<u>1,102,925</u>
Property and equipment:		
Furniture and equipment	493,443	409,079
Leasehold improvements	<u>476,172</u>	<u>476,172</u>
Total	969,615	885,251
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>711,023</u>	<u>547,449</u>
Property and equipment - net	<u>258,592</u>	<u>337,802</u>
Other assets:		
Deposits	16,664	19,307
Trademarks and copyrights (net of accumulated amortization of \$92,603 and \$78,740, respectively)	<u>114,913</u>	<u>107,633</u>
Total other assets	<u>131,577</u>	<u>126,940</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,137,342</u>	<u>\$ 1,567,667</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 383,130	\$ 419,478
Accrued salaries and withholdings payable	100,022	118,838
Current portion of note payable	30,000	30,000
Deferred revenue	<u>16,620</u>	<u>-</u>
Total current liabilities	529,772	568,316
Note payable	<u>12,500</u>	<u>40,000</u>
Total liabilities	542,272	608,316
Unrestricted net assets	<u>1,595,070</u>	<u>959,351</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 2,137,342</u>	<u>\$ 1,567,667</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

EXHIBIT B

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES, INC.
(formerly known as World Service Office, Inc.)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997

	1998	1997
Operating revenue:		
Sales of publications and program materials, net of discounts	\$ 5,179,896	\$ 4,658,945
Less cost of sales	<u>1,828,042</u>	<u>1,682,689</u>
Net sales of publications and program materials	<u>3,351,854</u>	<u>2,976,256</u>
Convention registration and other revenue	1,376,529	-
Conference contributions	<u>262,689</u>	<u>-</u>
Net operating revenue	<u>4,991,072</u>	<u>2,976,256</u>
Operating expenses:		
Salaries, wages and payroll taxes	1,608,112	1,523,870
Employee health benefits	113,858	133,410
Retirement contribution	38,662	41,885
Contract labor	254,576	33,552
Convention expense	1,062,105	-
Occupancy	317,872	306,175
Travel	268,584	111,361
Telephone	74,197	66,705
Postage	50,810	21,164
Office expense	102,134	66,198
Depreciation and amortization	147,629	146,246
Professional fees	54,736	23,016
Equipment leases	84,262	98,065
Computer software and supplies	40,145	29,472
Other operating expenses	<u>277,950</u>	<u>179,939</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>4,495,632</u>	<u>2,781,058</u>
Excess of operating revenue over operating expenses	<u>495,440</u>	<u>195,198</u>
Nonoperating revenue:		
Merger income	104,931	-
Interest	2,635	714
Other	<u>32,713</u>	<u>10,034</u>
Total nonoperating revenue	<u>140,279</u>	<u>10,748</u>
Net increase	635,719	205,946
Unrestricted net assets:		
Beginning of year	<u>959,351</u>	<u>753,405</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 1,595,070</u>	<u>\$ 959,351</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES, INC.
(formerly known as World Service Office, Inc.)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net increase	\$ 635,719	\$ 205,946
Adjustment to reconcile net increase to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	147,629	146,246
(Increase) decrease in assets:		
Accounts receivable	(88,156)	(151,756)
Due from affiliated entities	71,139	(68,509)
Inventory	(44,087)	(66,265)
Prepaid expenses	(10,384)	6,233
Deposits	2,643	8,167
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(36,348)	79,816
Accrued salaries and withholdings payable	(18,816)	(16,884)
Due to affiliated entities	-	(21,148)
Deferred revenue	16,620	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>675,959</u>	<u>121,846</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(49,082)	(22,322)
Payments to secure copyrights and trademarks	(26,617)	(8,818)
Net cash (used for) investing activities	<u>(75,699)</u>	<u>(31,140)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Payment of note payable	(27,500)	(30,000)
Net increase in cash	<u>572,760</u>	<u>60,706</u>
Cash:		
Beginning of year	<u>183,888</u>	<u>123,182</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 756,648</u>	<u>\$ 183,888</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES⁹ INC.
(formerly known as World Service Office, Inc.)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - Nature of the Organization:

Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (NAWS) (formerly known as World Service Office, Inc. (WSO)) was incorporated on January 25, 1977 and operates its United States and world center in Chatsworth, California. NAWS provides communications; and information for the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous (NA). NAWS achieves its purpose by maintaining correspondence with NA groups and service committees, by printing and distributing World Service Conference (WSC) approved literature, and by maintaining the archives and files of NA.

In 1993, NA established the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (the Trust). The Trust was established for the purpose of holding and administering all recovery material and other intellectual properties of NA. The Trust is included in the consolidated financial statements of NAWS as a result of common control.

During the year ended December 31, 1998, the WSO changed its name to NAWS. In addition, as more fully described in Note 7, two affiliated entities merged into NAWS during the year ended December 31, 1998.

NOTE 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

a. Basis of accounting - The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of NAWS and the Trust. Significant inter-company balances and transactions are eliminated in consolidation.

The consolidated financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

b. Presentation - Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations. Under SFAS No. 117, NAWS is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets. As of December 31, 1998 and 1997 NAWS held no temporarily or permanently restricted net assets.

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EXHIBIT D
(Cont'd)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES, INC.
(formerly known as World Service Office, Inc.)

NOIES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd):

Additionally under SFAS No. 117, NAWS is required to provide information about expenses reported by their functional classification, such as major -classes of program services and supporting activities. Since the NAWS does not use activity based costing an accurate functional classification was unable to be determined.

c. Inventory - Publications and other items for resale are included. in inventories and are carried at the lower of cost or market, with cost determined by the first-in, first-out method.

d. Property and equipment - Leasehold improvements and furniture and equipment are stated at cost. Major additions are capitalized while replacements, maintenance and repairs, which do not improve or extend the useful life of the asset, are expensed. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets, which ranges as follows:

Leasehold improvements 5 years
Furniture and equipment 5 -10 years

e. Trademarks and copyrights - The cost of acquiring and defending its copyrights and trademarks are capitalized and are being written off over the approximate economic life of the copyright or trademark which is estimated to be ten years.

f. Translation of foreign branch financial statements - Foreign branch operations in Canada and Europe are translated throughout the year to United States currency. Gains or losses resulting from translating foreign currency financial statements are recorded in the consolidated statement of activities. '

g. Statement of cash flows - For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes only monies held on deposit at banking institutions and petty cash.

EXHIBIT D (Cont'd)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES, INC.
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3 - Income Tax Status:

NAWS has qualified as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and comparable California Revenue and Taxation Code and, therefore, has made no provision for federal and state income taxes.

In addition, the Internal Revenue Service has determined that the organization is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

NOTE 4 - Note payable:

NAWS obtained a note payable of \$150,000 during the year ended December 31, 1995. Principal payments in the amount of \$2,500 are made monthly through April 2001, in addition to interest payments at a rate of 1.5% plus prime. The note is collateralized by accounts receivable, inventory, equipment, and bank accounts maintained at the lender.

The principal portion of the current outstanding note is scheduled to mature as follows:

1999	30,000
2000	<u>12,500</u>
Total	<u>\$ 42,500</u>

Total interest payments on the note was \$5,345 and \$8,871 for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively.

EXHIBIT D (Cont'd)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES, INC.
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 5 - Retirement plan

NAWS maintains a qualified savings and retirement defined contribution plan which covers all employees. Under the terms of the plan, employees may elect to contribute pre-tax earnings up to the maximum allowable amount. NAWS matches up to 5 % of the deferred earnings based on the employee's number of years of service. The matching contribution to the plan for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997 was \$38,662 and \$41,885, respectively.

NOTE 6 - Operating Leases:

NAWS has leased equipment and facilities under various -operating leases. In the spring of 1995, NAWS relocated from Van Nuys to a new location in Chatsworth. Minimum lease payments on non-cancelable lease commitments subsequent to December 31, 1998 are as follows:

Amount

1999	292,523
2000	205,360
2001	81,652
2002	9,750
2003	9,750
Thereafter	<u>10,563</u>
Total	\$ <u>609,598</u>

Total payments made under operating leases during the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997 were \$300,506 and \$306,174, respectively.

EXHIBIT D (Cont'd)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES, INC.
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 7 - Merger:

During the year ended December 31, 1998 two affiliated entities merged into NAWS. The World Convention Corporation, a 501 (c) 4 organization, and the WSC, an unincorporated association, transferred the following assets and liabilities to NAWS:

Assets:

Cash	\$	585,821
Accounts receivable		3,098
Due from affiliate		5,136
Inventory		19,648
Prepaid expense		1,000
Office furniture and equipment		30,367
Computer equipment		7,015
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(35,283)</u>
Total Assets		<u>616,802</u>

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	2,008
Deferred revenue	442,538
Due to affiliate	<u>67,325</u>
Total liabilities	<u>511,871</u>

Net assets transferred \$ 104,931

The net assets transferred of \$104,931 is shown on the Statement of Activities as merger income.

EXHIBIT D (Cont'd)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES, INC.
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 8 - Reclassification:

Certain amounts in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform with the presentation in the current year financial statements.

NOTE 9 - Concentration of Credit Risk:

As of December 31, 1998, NAWS had cash deposits at financial institutions which exceeded the maximum amount insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

NOTE 10 - Year 2000 Date Co

Like all entities, NAWS is exposed to risks associated with the "Year 2000 Issue," which affect computer software and hardware; transactions with vendors and other entities; and equipment dependent on microchips. NAWS has begun but not yet completed the process of identifying and remediating potential Year 2000 problems. If remediation efforts of NAWS or third parties with whom it does business are not successful, the Year 2000 problem could have a negative effect on NAWS in the near term.

End of financial report

1999 FELLOWSHIP LITERATURE SURVEY
SUMMARY OF FINAL RESULTS

The World Board would like to extend our thanks to all of you who took the time to complete the 1999 fellowship literature survey. The survey was designed to get an initial general sense of what the fellowship would like to see in the development of and/or changes to our recovery literature. We think you will find the results interesting, and since we distributed the survey in English, French, Spanish, German and Portuguese in the NA Way, we wanted to report back here to the many NA Way readers who responded.

It is worth saying that numbers alone can never tell the whole story when it comes to group conscience, especially as it relates to NA recovery literature. *This 1999 survey was not intended to be a ballot.* We hope these survey results will be used to further dialogue. The survey and its results represent one way to gather information which will form one basis for discussion and dialogue about fellowship priorities for recovery literature. We suggest that these survey results be considered as a first step in our effort to come together as addicts, crossing all cultural and geopolitical boundaries, in a spirit of goodwill to reach consensus about what literature priorities will best further our common welfare worldwide and our primary purpose.

Between March 1, 1999 and July 15, 1999, we received 2,339 total responses, of which 88% were English language surveys and 12% were all other languages. This is very close to the percentage of meetings in English-speaking regions (89%) versus non-English-speaking regions and countries (11%), according to the breakdown of the 26,148 meetings in over 100 countries worldwide listed in the 1998 Annual Report of NAWS/WSO. 14% of the forms returned came from service committees and NA groups, and 79% came from individual NA members (8% did not specify). We asked about clean time to help us determine if the literature needs of our fellowship vary with length of time clean. We found that individual members who returned the survey had been clean as follows: 16% less than one year; 41% one to five years; 23% six to ten years; 14% eleven to fifteen years; and 4% over fifteen years.

What New Literature Do We Need? (Table One)

The following are issues that have been discussed over the years as things some of our members have wanted to see as (1) new literature, and/or (2) revisions to some of our existing literature. We asked you to give us your opinion of how great our fellowship's need is for the following literature:

Topic	Very Much Needed (Ranked by %)	Needed, not a top priority	Not Needed	No Opinion	Combined % (and Rank)
Sponsorship	#1 (69%)	19%	6%	6%	#1 (88%)
What is spirituality?	#2 (56%)	24%	10%	10%	#4 (80%)
Practicing the principles of our traditions	#3 (54%)	29%	8%	9%	#2 (83%)
Service and recovery	#4 (1%)	32%	7%	11%	#3 (83%)
A piece discussing how NA is for everyone that will help newcomers focus on our similarities and not our differences.	#5 (50%)	25%	11%	14%	#8 (75%)
Youth in recovery	#6 (50%)	27%	9%	14%	#5 (78%)
Relationships	#7 (47%)	29%	12%	12%	#7 (76%)
Recovery in day to day life	#8 (46%)	31%	12%	11%	#6 (77%)
A collection of personal stories that reflect a worldwide fellowship	#9 (32%)	36%	14%	18%	#9 (68%)
Racial and cultural diversity	#10 (30%)	29%	21%	21%	#11 (58%)
Seniors in recovery	#11 (9%)	34%	13%	23%	#10 (64%)
Revisions to the Basic Text	#12 (26%)	26%	30%	18%	#12 (52%)
Revisions to the Little White Book Narcotics Anonymous	#13 (15%)	20%	44%	21%	#13 (35%)

The ranking of the items based on the "very much needed" percentage is somewhat arbitrary because the questionnaire did not explicitly ask respondents to rank these items, which would have been helpful. Also, the difference is within one to five percentage points for several items. Nonetheless, the revisions of the Basic Text and the Little White Book come out 12th and 13th either way. Also, note that only one item (Sponsorship) is considered "very much needed" by more than 2/3rds of all respondents. And, only 6 of the 13 are considered "very much needed" by a majority of all respondents. However, when the items are ranked based on the combined percentage, 9 of 13 items are supported by over 2/3rds of respondents, and 12 of 13 items are supported by a majority. The follow-up questions about the Basic Text suggest that the fellowship is divided about making changes.

Book One (Chapters 1-10)	Is OK as It is	Needs editing for grammar and consistency	Needs Content Changes	Abstain
All Respondents	44%	10%	38%	10%

When asked about adding a chapter on sponsorship, however, a slim majority (53%) of all respondents favored this option (compared to the 69% who said something about sponsorship is very much needed). Also, only a large minority (44%) favored adding a chapter about service. Moreover, only 18% of all respondents wanted to revise the existing material, and only 8% wanted other additions to the text.

However, a majority of 51 % of all survey respondents favored changing Book Two by keeping some of the existing stories and adding some new stories. Only 13% of all respondents favored all new stories.

Book Two (stories)	Is OK as is	Needs new stories to replace the old stories	Abstain
All Respondents	28%	58%	15%

We asked you how helpful the following types of formats are in carrying our message and you said:

Very Helpful	Helpful	Not Helpful	No Opinion	Format
53%	35%	2%	11%	Information Pamphlets (IPs)
43%	38%	2%	16%	Booklets

53%	22%	2%	22%	Workbooks
39%	25%	3%	33%	Book length pieces

The survey results also indicated large majorities are opposed to changing our literature's appearance (59% against new designs, 61 % against new colors, and 61 % against new layouts).

This was not a scientific survey and the results have not been analyzed statistically to determine the significance of any differences, so no hard and fast conclusions should be drawn. There were slight differences between English and non-English respondents, among individuals based on length of clean time, and between individuals versus committee/group respondents. But the degree of similarity among all categories of respondents is more remarkable than any of the differences, particularly the ranking of sponsorship and spirituality in the top two items, with the same five items also ranked at the bottom. The responses to the Basic Text follow-up questions were also very consistent. All segments across the board show: (1) divided responses about changing Book One; (2) a bare majority wanting a chapter on sponsorship; (3) only a large minority favoring a chapter on service; and (4) almost no support for revising the existing ten chapters or adding other material.

Although the deadline for this survey has passed, the opportunity for input has not. This survey was designed to get an initial sense of what you wanted to see happen with recovery literature, and your answers have raised more questions. It's clear that future follow-up surveys will be needed. These results are one piece of input the World Board will use in our review of what type of proposals to develop for both new literature, possible revisions to the Basic Text, the Little White Book and other existing recovery literature. A strategic 10 Year Plan for literature development will be presented to the fellowship in the 2000 *Conference Agenda Report* as part of the "Motion 21 " Project approved by the 1999 World Service Conference. Any input received between now and early November will be considered in the preparation of the draft plan. The fellowship will then be able to discuss and debate the CAR proposal from January 2000 until the April 2000 WSC. A more detailed analysis of the literature survey results is available at the WSO web site (www.na.org) or upon request. Thanks again to all who participated.

1999 FELLOWSHIP LITERATURE SURVEY ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF FINAL RESULTS

INTRODUCTION

We suspect most will find the survey results very interesting, and that these results will stimulate much discussion. The remainder of this report consists of some analysis and interpretation of the foregoing summary. This report breaks down the totals and examines the survey design flaws, as well as specific questions which caused confusion or ambiguous results. All areas where further information is needed are also highlighted. In doing this, we have provided a lot of detail, but hopefully we will not get lost in all the detail and analysis. We have done this because we want to anticipate and answer the kinds of questions we would expect members to ask and be interested in about a survey of this kind. We have tried to discuss these design flaw issues honestly. In spite of the survey's limitations, the results contain a great deal of useful information which will be helpful to the Motion 21 Project working group. These results are one piece of information which will be considered as we go about the task the 1999 World Service Conference (WSC) assigned us: to present a strategic 10 Year Plan for fellowship literature development in the 2000 Conference Agenda Report for fellowship approval. As we reported in the last *NA IMS News*, our preliminary ideas about this 10 Year Plan will be one of the main topics of discussions at the September 24-26th World Service Meeting in Hollywood, Florida.

FUTURE SURVEYS

This survey was not intended to answer all of the questions and issues relating to the creation of a strategic 10 Year Plan for fellowship literature development. It's clear that there are many issues which will require follow-up, particularly about setting priorities (which this survey was not designed to do). Similarly, many questions have not yet been asked directly about how to proceed with the development of specific items of literature. One important example relates to the issue of sponsorship. While the survey results indicate very strong support for "something more" about sponsorship, they don't clarify precisely what kind of additional material should be created. Should the existing *Sponsorship* IP be left alone and something new developed in addition to the existing IP, or do we need to revise the existing IP and develop something new also? And, if the preference is for a new item, should this be (1) a booklet or (2) a new chapter in the Basic Text or (3) some combination thereof?

Yet another example is the moderate level of support the survey found for developing (at some point in the future) "a collection of personal stories that reflect a worldwide fellowship". The survey does not resolve how this might be related to changing the Basic Text stories section. Is a separate book of new "worldwide" stories something that the fellowship needs and wants in addition to, or instead of, some form of change to the existing stories section in the Basic Text? The survey did not ask this question, and the results do not provide any clear direction.

GENERAL ISSUES ABOUT THE SURVEY'S DESIGN

Although the survey was translated into Spanish, French, German and Portuguese, the actual questions did not make clear which language version of each literature item we were asking about. For example, the Basic Text in English is not the same product as the Basic Text in Spanish. The English language version contains the Book Two stories, but the Spanish, German and Portuguese versions of Book Two do not yet exist. The French first edition of Book Two is expected to be published later this year with all original stories developed by the French-speaking communities. The Swedish first edition which was published earlier this year has translated all of the English language stories. Keeping these differences in mind helps to explain why questions about Book Two can be interpreted differently by different language groups (see discussion of this question below). Moreover, the question about whether the Basic Text needs to be edited for grammar and consistency is specific to each language version. Similar issues arise with the Little White Book, whose story section is now subject to the same translations policy as the Basic Text.

A related issue is that the survey did not solicit demographic information to identify the geographic location of each respondent. Language does not equate to geography, and no assumptions can be made reliably on this basis. For example, the English language survey forms lump together not only English-speaking North Americans, but also those from all other English-speaking countries, plus all those individual members from non-English-speaking countries who answered in English. (Similarly, the Spanish language responses include all those North American respondents whose principle language is Spanish, as well as members from any other country who answered in Spanish because of the unavailability of the survey form in the native languages of those members.)

SPECIFIC PROBLEM QUESTIONS

In addition to the general design problems discussed above, there are a number of specific problems with various specific questions. The questions in "Table One" present a number of problems. Because the questions in Table One ask about both revision of existing literature and the creation of new literature in the same question, this may have confused people. For example, for certain topics such as "Sponsorship" and "Youth in Recovery" (which happen to have the same title as existing pamphlets), asking about revision and creation in the same question may have confused the results. Some members who indicated that "Sponsorship" is "very much needed" may have intended to say that new literature on this topic is very much needed (such as a new booklet or a new chapter in the Basic Text). Others may have been saying that the existing IP needs to be revised. These are not the same things, and the form of the question makes it impossible to determine which of the two questions members had in mind when answering. For example, it is as if we asked, are you hungry for a sandwich, yes or no? The yes responses tell us you're hungry, but do not tell us precisely what you want to eat.

Also from Table One, the last question on the topic "Revisions to the Basic Text" appears to have been vague. Among all categories of respondents, this topic was ranked 12th out of the 13 items in Table One. This ranking in le place holds true regardless of the method used to rank the items. That is, "revising the Basic Text" is ranked as the 12th priority whether one measures by those who said either (1) "very much needed" or (2) the combined percentage who said either "very much needed" or "needed, not a top priority". The reason why the vagueness of this question may have contributed to some understatement of support for some type of change in the Basic Text is shown by the responses to the more specific follow-up questions about Book One and Book Two (the stories section) as discussed below. Only 26% of all survey respondents said "revisions to the Basic Text" were "very much needed", with an additional 26% indicating this was "needed, not a top priority" (together, a bare majority of 52%). However, slightly higher percentages of all survey respondents were in favor of adding a chapter on sponsorship (53%) or indicated Book Two "needs new stories to replace old stories" (58%). Some respondents who said "revisions to the Basic Text" were "not needed" in answering this question in Table One, were nonetheless still in favor of additions to Book One of the Basic Text, or revisions of the stories section (Book Two), or both. This is consistent with the finding that only 18% of all survey respondents were in favor of revising the existing material in Book One (Chapters 1 -10), a very small percentage. (This vague way in which most of the potential topics were described in Table One without much explanation may also have contributed to some confusion.)

This ambiguity was also evident in the responses to the specific question about "the first part of the Basic Text (Chapters 1 -10)". The directions indicated that one should answer the additional questions about adding a chapter on sponsorship, service, revising the existing material or other additions to the text only if one had said Book One "needs content changes". However, these directions were confusing as a significant number who said Book One (Chapters 1 -10) is "OK as it is" went on to express support for adding either or both of these chapters or other material to the text.

The question about information pamphlets (IP's) and how useful various literature formats are to carrying the message was not clear. Some respondents may have thought we were asking about how useful existing items are, whereas others may have thought this was a question about what would be most useful to develop in the future. No meaningful conclusions can be drawn from this question in this form..

The question about changing the appearance of our literature was intended to be specific to changing. the Ps only, not any, of our other literature, but the question wasn't specific about this intention. There was no desire or intention to change the color, design or layout of any of our book-length materials.

COMPARISONS

For all of the reasons given above, and because this was not a scientific survey and the results have not been subjected to a statistical analysis to determine the significance of differences in the results, no hard and fast conclusions should be drawn. The final summary figures have been reviewed to determine what variances exist in the data, if any, based upon the following categories: 1) English versus non-English respondents; 2) committees (and NA groups) versus individuals; and 3) length of clean time. There were slight differences between. English and non-English respondents, among individuals based on length of clean time, and between individuals versus committee/group respondents. But the degree of similarity among all categories of respondents is more remarkable than any of the differences, particularly the ranking of sponsorship as the top item, with the same five items also ranked at the bottom. The responses to the Basic Text follow-up questions were also very consistent across all categories of respondents. Specifically, all segments across the board show: (1) divided responses about changing Book One; (2) a bare majority wanting a chapter on sponsorship; (3) only a large minority favoring a chapter on service; and (4) almost no support for revising the existing ten chapters or adding other material. For all groups except non-English speaking respondents, there are large majorities in favor of revising Book Two with a combination of old and new stories (and possible reasons for this exception in the non-English responses on this particular issue are discussed below).

COMPARISONS OF ENGLISH VS. NON-ENGLISH RESPONDENTS

Here is a comparison of the responses to the question about "the first part of the Basic Text (Chapters 1 – 10)

	Is OK as it is	Needs editing for grammar and consistency	Needs Content Changes	Abstain
English	44%	9%	39%	8%
Non-English	42%	16%	31%	13%
All Respondents	44%	10%	38%	10%

The differences are small. Both are about equally divided over the question, with the non-English-speaking members slightly less likely to support content changes.

Here is a comparison of English versus non-English respondents to the question about "the personal stories section of the Basic Text":

	Is OK as is	Needs new stories to replace the old stories	Abstain
English	29%	60%	10%
Non-English	15%	40%	45%
All Respondents	28%	58%	15%

This is the most important difference between English and non-English respondents. Although it might at first appear surprising that 45% of non-English-speaking respondents would abstain from this question, understanding that the English, French, Spanish, German, Portuguese, Swedish and other editions of the Basic Text are different products helps to explain this result. The World Service Conference policy adopted about 15 years ago allows Book One of the Basic Text to be translated, approved and published on an interim basis, with each language community then having the option later with Book Two to translate all of the existing English language stories, or to create a completely new set of stories in that language, or any combination thereof. This could explain the high rate of abstentions among non-English respondents, and may have created other ambiguous responses because the question was not language specific.

Regarding the Table One questions, there were some differences but what is more surprising is the extent to which the results are similar. There were differences in the ranking of the top 8 items, with a spread of more than 10 percentage points in a few cases. The bottom five items are the same for both groups, however. Overall, non-English-speaking members were more likely to consider an item very much needed (with 4 of 13 items over 60% for non-English-speaking members versus 1 of 13 over 60% for English-speaking members, or 8 of 13 items over 50% versus 5 of 13). Because non-English-speaking respondents amount to only 12% of all survey respondents, a 10% gap translates to only a 1 % difference in the overall results. Again, because the statistical significance of these results was not analyzed, another variable such as length of clean time could account for the differences.

For example, here is a comparison of the responses to the question from Table One about the need for "a collection of personal stories that reflect a worldwide fellowship":

The differences are small. The non-English-speaking members appear to favor this idea by a slightly higher margin, although the rank for each group puts this item in 91n place for both.

	Very Much Needed	Needed, not a top priority	Not Needed	No Opinion
English	32%	36%	15%	18%
All non-English	35%	38%	10%	17%
All Respondents	32%	36%	14%	18%

Regarding another Table One example, roughly double (26% vs. 13%) the non-English respondents said revisions to the Little White Book were very much needed (or 50% vs. 33% if based on the combined percentage who say it's needed now or later). Likewise, 47% of English respondents said this was not needed versus only 20% of non-English respondents. One explanation is that the Little White Book stories section is now like the Book Two stories section of the Basic Text, since the 1998 WSC adopted a motion to apply the WSC translation policy to the Little White Book stories section. Now, each language group has the option to translate all or part of the English language stories. Nonetheless, non-English respondents still rank revisions to the Little White Book 12th out of the 13 items.

CONCLUSION

Thanks again to all NA members, committees and groups who took the time to complete this survey.

**RD2 Report
August 15, 1999**

Dear Family,

Please be aware of World Unity Day September 25, 1999 being held n Hollywood Florida

At the WSC it was suggested the RD and RD's attend this function. Carl and I discussed it, but have chosen to represent our Region at the Zonal Forum in South Dakota on September 17th – 19th. We both feel this was the choice to make.

In Loving Service,
Betty P.
RD II

Elections

RSC Co-Chair	No interest – take back to Groups
Activities Chair	No interest – take back to Groups
❖ Secretary	Kirk B. showed willingness to continue for another year – voted in for another term.
❖ P.I. Chair	John S. was nominated from committee – qualified himself – elected.
Congratulatory John!	
❖ Campout Chair	Tim K. was nominated from committee – qualified himself – elected.
Congratulatory Tim!	



Break! – 11-11:10

Old Business

Note: all motions have been copied *verbatim* from the written motion that was turned into me.

Bad Checks:

Bob B. (Billy C. reporting)(monies involved \$155.00) Bob B. is receiving a disability check and those checks cannot be garnished. Furthermore, he has moved out of town. What would this body like to do about this?

Jon Mc. Moves that we write off the bad check

KB seconded

Motion withdrawn

❖ **Jerry D. Moved that we table until such time as garnishment can occur.**
Motion Passed

Pony Boy (Billy C. reporting) Has his address, sent him a copy of contract, no reply yet. Did voice to Billy when last seen that he did want to make restitution. Has moved out of state.

Doris (Tim C. reporting)(monies involved \$91.00) No report from Doris. Tim no longer wants to be responsible for this. He talked to her a couple of times and she said “yea” and that’s about it. Will get contact number or current address to Billy C.

Maria (Tim C. reporting)(monies involved \$167.00 + 12% interest) hasn’t seen her for months, but did find out she is pregnant.

Billy C. wants a contact number so that we (he) can find out her situation and try to eliminate any hard feelings – try to work something out with her – keep the lines of communication open. Jeanie M. will try to get that number.

Check Service: is in place and in action. This will eliminate these kinds of problems in the future. This check service only applies to the RSC. (The RSC, World Unity Day, etc.) The campout and convention are not included, as they have their own checking accounts. This service pays us for the amount that a check was written for, in the event that it bounces, and then collects from the offending party. We do get paid and don't have to worry about the collection efforts!

Add hock budget committee (Billy C. reporting) Clay was supposed to be here to hold the meeting, but had to move instead. Will have an interim meeting before next RSC and conduct business then.

Insurance (Billy C. reporting) We do have a new insurance policy in place at a cost of ½ of our previous insurance expense.

Financial reports from subcommittees (Billy C. reporting) Two subcommittees need to submit quarterly financial reports – Camping and Convention. This is because they have their own checking accounts. (This is also in accordance with our Regional Policy) The treasurers report from the preceding three months will fulfill this requirement.

New Business

Point of information (Billy C.) **Article V, Section B.** “RCM’s and/or Alternate RCM’s shall meet prior to the general assembly for a closed discussion of agenda and/or pertinent RSC business. This meeting will be chaired by the RSC Chair and/or Vice Chair”. Billy would like to see this start happening. Motions and requests for funds should be presented at this meeting. Billy C. asked if there would be any objections to meeting at 8am at the next RSC to conduct the business laid out in this Article. There was an objection and John S. made this motion.

- ❖ **Motion:** (John S.) **following policy, we (the RCM’s) meet at 8am to work up agenda with the regular business meeting to follow at 9am.**
Kirk B. seconded – passed

Note: this is not a policy change, but an enforcement of policy.

- ❖ **Motion: Steering committee came to the conclusion at our interim meeting that the Regional Policy Steering A.2 on pg. 9,**
“A.2. Present nomination for chairperson of upcoming convention.” be dropped from Steering committee guidelines.
Intent: to conform with Article VIB of “The Guidelines of the Mid-America Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous”.
Financial impact: None

This motion went back to groups and was passed.

There was much discussion concerning how to incorporate this in our existing “Guidelines” book. It was noted by Kirk B. that an insert has been started, to be updated yearly, that includes all changes to policy.



LUNCH 11:55 – 1:00



- ❖ **Moves that the practice of tipping certain employees by any subcommittee cease.**
Tim C. seconded

This motion went back to groups and was failed. Subcommittees can tip individuals.

- ❖ **Motion: – moved that “we take back to groups to read the Clarity/Identity Statement at the Regional Level.”**
Tim S. – Seconded

Jeanie M. – Friendly amendment: we ask groups “should we read the Clarity/Identity Statement, in its entirety, at the Regional Level.”

This motion went back to groups and was failed. We will not be reading the Clarity/Identity Statement at any Regional functions.

- ❖ **Motion:** (out of the Literature Committee) **Mid America Region do a regional inventory to include RSC and all subcommittees, and that this inventory be done with fellowship input, and all input be reviewed by the Steering Committee and an inventory be formulated by said committee.**
Intent: to get an overview on how well our Region is meeting the needs of our fellowship.

Billy C. Would like to see the RCM's take this back to the Groups to formulate questions as to what they would like to see on this inventory. This would be returned at the next RSC. Would like to have an address from the groups to mail them the inventory in order to expedite this inventory.

Motion passed – RCM's get input from Groups. (questions)

- ❖ **Motion:** (out of Campout Committee) **That the RSC provide a storage unit for storage of campout supplies, convention supplies, and/or regional archives in one central location, McPherson, KS**
Intent: to stop the storage of supplies at personal homes. To help with the inventory of supplies and cut down on breakage and items.
Financial Impact: ?
Motion was tabled until next RSC.

- ❖ **Motion:** (Jeanie M.) **we give a vote of confidence to Debbie S. to find cheap storage. Tim will then pick up supplies and store for 3 months. At the next RSC we sill reevaluate.**
Seconded and passed
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BeLinda C. – Request for decision regarding 2 more trusted servants for signature on Regional checking account. After discussion, Kirk B. and Tim S. were accepted as such. They have filled out the paper work and are now able to sign checks for the Region.

- ❖ **Motion** (out of the Activities Committee) **Approve additional \$200 for World unity day. The amount in the budget is \$200. Activities is requesting \$400.00 total.**
Rational: Cover expenses to put on World Unity Day. Traditionally this has been a free function.
 - ❖ **Motion amended to read Total \$550.00, an increase of \$350.00 and to make the dance FREE.****Motion seconded and passed.**

The following is a breakdown of the expected expenses.

\$50.00	World hookup (WSO)
150.0	Deposit for facility
150.0	Rental of facility
56.0	Phone line hookup
100.0	Extra pop/coffee
\$506.00	

PS. We will receive our deposit of \$150.00 back.



Break!!! (don't know the time – does that make it timeless?)

- ❖ **Motion:** (out of Activities Committee) **We change the date of Soul to Soul to the next open date in October.**
Reason: Due to multiple Regional events taking place on the same date.
Financial Impact: unknown.
Motion Failed.
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- ❖ **MOTION** (brought by the Just For Today Area)

The Just For Today Area moves to redress the motion pertaining to the printing and distribution of the Regional Meeting Schedules passed by this body at the May 1999 RSC.

INTENT: To allow all the Areas and Groups of the Mid-America Region to have their input in the decision making process regarding the printing and distribution of the Regional Meeting Schedules.

\$ IMPACT: None. This motion would serve to keep the Optimal Budget, approved by the MAR fellowship, intact. This motion would also negate a decrease in future donations from our area, due to the expense of having to make our own copies of the Regional Meeting Schedules.

REASONS

- ❖ We (the JFTA) believe this motion should have been sent back to the groups to allow them to participate in the decision making process.

- ❖ We believe the Region has "cut" the Areas to their own advantage. In a sense, telling the fellowship that you're not willing to spend our money as we have instructed you to in the past.
- ❖ We foresee that we will have less money to donate to the Region, because of the expense of having to make our own copies. Since the Regional Meeting Schedule is an odd size and double-sided, it will cost us significantly more to make our own copies than it would for the Region to mass produce the copies and distribute them to the Areas.
- ❖ Our Area alone uses approximately 250 copies of the Regional Meeting Schedules every 6 months, and we're in a small Area consisting of only 3 groups. We believe that the other Areas should be allowed to come up with their own average amount of Regional Meeting Schedules that they use (every 6 months) and then base the Regions printing amounts on those averages.

After much discussion and confusion concerning what this motion meant, (what is a redress?) the motion passed and we overturned the motion of the last RSC. This allowed us to make the following motion.



Break 3 – 3:10

- ❖ **Motion:** (I'm not sure who made or seconded this motion... sorry) **We print 2,000 Regional meeting lists to be distributed ASAP. The following is the to be the distribution.**

Miracle Area	400
Western Area	200
Central Kansas Area	200
Unity Area	500
Fellowship For Freedom Area	100
Just For Today Area	250
Wichita Metro Area	<u>300</u>
Subtotal	1750

PI	125
H&I	<u>125</u>
Total	2,000

Motion passed. Jerry D. will get the lists printed and John S. will distribute them.

- ❖ **Motion:** (Tim S., Seconded by Kirk B.) **produce wallet size cards containing but not limited to Area help line numbers, Area contact numbers, WSO number and e-mail address, and Regional e-mail. This will supplement the Regional meeting list.**
Intent: to provide a more viable source of current information that is easily accessible to all members.
Motion seconded and passed. (take back to groups)

- ❖ **Motion:** (brought by the Just For Today Area) **the Mid America Regional Service Committee shall start at 8:am (motions and request for funds) and end at 5:30pm or at the discretion of the Regional Chair.**
Intent: To be considerate of our members who have to drive considerable distances; to be sure we've done our part to insure their safety.
Financial Impact: unknown, but none foreseen
Reasons:
 - ❖ We (the JFTA) believe that 7 hours is more than a sufficient amount of time to conduct business on behalf of the Mid America Region.
 - ❖ Allowing the RSC business meeting to go past 5:30pm is irresponsible and puts members lives in jeopardy.
 - ❖ To limit the amount of time spent on discussion of issues and/or motions, due to a time limit.
 - ❖ To allow for concise and to the point reports from officers (chairs, RCM's and other members) and debates over motions, topics for discussion etc...**Motion was seconded and passed. (take back to groups)**

Recommendations of Steering Committee:

We have two recommendations to present to the Region regarding term lengths and 2yr. WSC cycle.

- ❖ 1.) RD and Alt. should continue on a two year rotation and the Region send the delegates to the WSC Interim meeting on the off year of the World Service Conference.
Financial Impact: Should save us money as the interim meeting will be shorter in time than the conference.
 - ❖ 2.) RCM take back to the Groups for a condenses the idea of our RSC officers going to a two year length of term, having to be reelected at the end of the first year.
Reason: With only 4 meetings a year, about the time that their duties and responsibilities are learned, it is time for them to rotate out.
Financial Impact: None.
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Jon Mc. – Pre registration flyers for the convention are out. All Groups are encouraged to reproduce them if they need more copies. It should also be noted that we are not giving any refunds this year.

Tim S. donated a microcassette player to the Region and Billy C. is going to donate the tapes for the player. Thanks guy's, this will help the next Sec. do the job properly.

**Moved to close at 4pm.
Seconded and closed**

DATE 28/15/99

	9AM	10AM	11AM	12AM	1PM	2PM	3PM
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AREA RCM'S

CENTRAL	H	H	H		H	H	H
F.F.F.	H	H	H		H	H	H
J.F.T.	H	H	H		H	H	H
MIRACLE	H	H	H		H	H	H
UNITY	H	H	H		H	H	H
WESTERN	H	H	H		H	H	H
WICHITA MET.	H	H	H		H	H	H

SUB COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES	H	H	H		H	H	H
CAMPOUT	H	H	H		H	A	A
CONVENTION	H	H	H		H	H	H
H&I	H	H	H		A	A	A
LITERATURE	H	H	H		H	H	H
M.A.N.	H	H	H		A	H	H
OUTREACH	H	H	H		H	A	H
PI	H	H	H		H	H	H
PO BOX	H	H	H		H	H	H
STEERING	H	H	H		H	H	H

TRUSTED OFFICERS

SECRETARY	H	H	H		H	H	H
TREASURER	H	H	H		H	H	H
RD	H	H	H		H	H	H
RD 2	H	H	H		H	H	H
CHAIR	H	H	H		H	H	H
CO CHAIR	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A

X = YES

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ACCEPT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8:00 RCM Subcommittee	O	X	X	O	X	O	X
Steering Committee motion nomina	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Reading of Clairity/Identy Activi	X	O	O	O	X	O	O
Tipping of individuals by	O	X	X	X	O	O	O
Have a Regional	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RSC have a storage unit in							
Vote of confidence for Debbie S. storage unit for	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Increase seed money for World and make it a	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Move Soul to	A	O	A	X	A	A	O
JFT redress of meeting list	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Redress/vote of	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Print an additional 2,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Produce wallet size card with for Regional	X	X	O	X	X	X	X
Start the RSC at 8am and run no	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

TO BE TAKEN BACK TO GROUPS.

Note: I think that this is all the material, but it is up to the RCM's to look through the minutes and be sure that it is all here.

KB

- 1.) At this time the Literature Committee has no Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary.
- 2.) PI need a Co-Chair.

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Financial Impact: None.

Note: I have included the following list for your use after receiving inquiries from several Addicts. Again, I think that the information is accurate, but you can cross check with the photocopy of the sign in sheet. I hope that this will help with communication between Areas. KB

**RCM's for the
Mid America Region
August, 99**

This concludes the minutes for the August 99 RSC. Once again I hope that they include all the pertinent information and that they are accurate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the RSC for the opportunity to continue doing this work for the Region. I hope and will continue to try to do the kind of work that validates your faith and trust in me.

Thank you,
In Loving Service,
Kirk Brown
Regional Secretary

(who can't spell, but does have a computer that does a better job than he does!)

As promised, here is the update of the motions that affect the running of the Region.



Motions that have passed regarding the administrative function of M.A.R.S.C.N.A.
since May of 1995.

FEBRUARY 1995

Motion: The taping of RSC's is for the secretaries use only. All tapes will be destroyed or reused as soon as the RSC minutes are approved.

Intent: To allow the secretary to accurately record the business of the RSC and any listening to tapes must be submitted to the RSC before approval of minutes.

Passed

Motion: Sub-committee meetings be split, 1 upstairs and 1 downstairs, on a rotation basis which will be announced on the flyers presented by activities.

Intent: To facilitate the commencement of business by cutting down on the noise levels between two committees.

Passed

MAY 1995

Motion: That any sub-committee without a chair or co-chair present at the RSC sub-committee meetings make it the RSC officers responsibility to chair that committee. The line of order shall be:

A: RSC C-Chair

B: Alt-RSR

C: RSR

D: Secretary

E: Treasurer

This motion shall be inserted under Article 11, part E.

Intent: to better form an order of succession if there is no chair or co-chair of a committee or in their absence.

Passed

Motion: The term of the Policy Chair is two years.

Intent: to promote continuity in the Policy sub-committee and increase knowledge level of the co-chair.

Passed

AUGUST 1995

Motion: (From May of 1995) To have votes be recorded roll call votes.

Intent: To help maintain order.

Passed

NOVEMBER 1995

Nothing

FEBRUARY 1996

Nothing

MAY 1996

Nothing

AUGUST 1996

This was not a motion, but I felt it needed to be included. KB

STEERING COMMITTEE:

After checking with policy on procedure of forwarding funds to WSC, they came back to the committee with this statement: Quarterly, all funds above prudent reserve, not budgeted are to be forwarded to WSC.

NOVEMBER 1996

Motion: Drop Policy sub-committee from RSC agenda, with responsibilities from that sub-committee to be resumed by Steering committee.

Intent: To reduce standing sub-committees.

Passed

FEBRUARY 1997

Nothing

MAY 1997

Motion: ARTICLE XII: SEATING OF AN AREA

Purpose:

A: To provide the services necessary to carry the NA message of recovery so that the still suffering addict may find recovery through the fellowship of NA in the Mid – America Region.

B: To serve as a link between groups and M.A.R.S.C.N.A.

Requirements:

To be recognized (seated) as an Area by M.A.R.S.C.N.A. an Area must be a service body of independent groups **separately represented within a designated Area, which meets regularly for the purpose of serving its Members and Groups.

**Separately represented: a member must not hold more than one GSR/Alt. GSR position.

Passed

Motion: ARTICLE XIII: SUSPENSION OF AN AREA

Purpose:

An ASR cannot be removed from the M.A.R.S.C.N.A.. However, if there are problems the M.A.R.S.C.N.A. may suspend an Areas voting privileges to allow an Area to resolve the said problems which may be affecting other Areas, M.A.R.S.C.N.A. or NA as a whole.

Definition:

A: Suspension shall consist of

Suspension of voting privileges for two consecutive RSC's.

The RSC will send a formal, certified, return receipt letter addressing the said problems, to the Area in question within 10 days of the close of business of that RSC.

In order to support the efforts of the Area in question, a duly appointed committee of no less than four (4) members of the M.A.R.S.C.N.A. consisting of RSR/Alt. RSR, two (2) ASR's, and a member from the Steering committee will attend the ASC of the said Area prior to the convening of the next RCM.

B: Voting privileges may be reinstated if significant progress is made after the suspension period, to address problems, as determined by the voting members of the M.A.R.S.C.N.A..

C: If significant progress is not made during the suspension period, as determined by the voting members of the M.A.R.S.C.N.A., the suspension may be extended for not more than two (2) additional RSC's or a motion to unseat may be entertained.

Passed

Motion: ARTICLE XIV: UNSEATING OF AN AREA

Purpose:

To provide the policy necessary to no longer recognize (unseat) an Area at the M.A.R.S.C.N.A.

Requirements:

A: Having exhausted alternatives as described in Article XIII, the procedure to unseat an Area will be entertained.

B: An Area will be unseated by a 2/3 majority vote of the voting members of M.A.R.S.C.N.A.

Passed

Motion: To discontinue the tally sheet process for all RSC elections effective immediately.

Intent: To preserve the integrity of the election process, and keep "principles before personalities" on possible future elections.

Passed

AUGUST 1997

Motion: To amend Article XIII, Suspension of an Area, to include “An Area shall be notified by verbal and/or written communication, concerns about that Area’s representative prior to suspending the Area’s voting privilege as described in Article XIII”

Intent: To provide said Area adequate time to resolve any problems without losing its voting privileges and to provide additional communication to the M.A.R.C.N.A Fellowship of the nature of the problems.

Passed

Motion: To turn all returned checks on Regional accounts over to a check brokerage firm.

Intent: To assure proper payment and less hassle in collection of returned checks. In addition, to keep the Region out of the money collection business.

Passed

Motion: To make all business conducted at RSC take effect at the close of that RSC.

Intent: To aid treasurer and various subcommittees conduct business more expeditiously between RSC’s and provide clean budgetary guidelines.

Passed

Motion: To change all reference of ASR and RSR to RCM and RD throughout the M.A.R.S.C.N.A. guidelines.

Intent: To coincide with updated language.

Passed

Motion: To delete section titled “policy” under Article VIII sub-committee guidelines.

Intent: To coincide with previous M.A.R.S.C.N.A. action.

Passed

Motion: To replace current Steering committee guidelines with proposed Steering committee guidelines.

Intent: To coincide with previous M.A.R.S.C.N.A. action.

Passed

Motion: To discontinue return receipt practice for meals while on M.A.R.S.C.N.A. approved trips.

Amendment: \$25.00/day/diem for meals.

Intent: To allow focus on intent to be maintained throughout approved service trip.

Passed

NOVEMBER 1997

Motion: To make amendment to Article XIII read “The RCM, Alt. RCM, and mailing address, shall be notified by written communications, within ten (10) days of the concerns of M.A.R.S.C.N.A. about the Area. This action will precede the suspension process of an Area’s voting privileges as described in Article XIII.”

Intent: To provide said Area adequate time to resolve any problems without losing its voting privileges and to provide additional communication to the Mid-America Regional fellowship of the nature of the problems.

Passed

FEBRUARY 1998

Motion: To accept the Steering Committees definition of abstention vote.

Passed *Note: I could not find what the Steering Committees definition is and or was. Sorry folks.

MAY 1998

Nothing

AUGUST 1998

Motion: To let the RCM’s make the final decision in our M.A.R.S.C.N.A. logo contest.

Intent: To shift the decision making process where it belongs.

Passes

***Note:** As a result of this action, a logo was decided upon by the RCM's and it was implemented as soon as the final art work was done.

NOVEMBER 1998

Nothing

FEBRUARY 1999

Motion: We rotate future M.A.R.C.N.A.'s between Hutchinson and Great Bend Kansas.

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

Passed

Motion: The RSC secretary maintain a log of motions that the M.A.R.S.C.N.A. passes regarding the administrative function of its committees and officers. This listed should be chronologically and distributed quarterly with the M.A.R.S.C.N.A. minutes. A yearly updated log should be inserted into the Guidelines of the M.A.R.S.C.N.A.

Intent: To provide current and consistently updated guidelines for the effective operation of the M.A.R.S.C.N.A.

Passes (bummer!)

MAY 1999

Motion: Steering committee came to the conclusion at our interim meeting that the Regional Policy

Steering A.2 on pg. 9,

“A.2. Present nomination for chairperson of upcoming convention.” be dropped from Steering committee guidelines.

Intent: to conform with Article VIB of “The Guidelines of the Mid-America Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous”.

Financial impact: None

This motion went back to groups and was passed.

Motion: – moved that “we take back to groups to read the Clarity/Identity Statement at the Regional Level.”

Tim S. – Seconded

Jeanie M. – **Friendly amendment:** we ask groups “should we read the Clarity/Identity Statement, in its entirety, at the Regional Level.”

This motion went back to groups and was failed. We will not be reading the Clarity/Identity Statement at any Regional functions.