

Note from the Secretary: I want to thank those of you who put your reports on disk and or the hard drive of my computer for me. The time savings is tremendous and I do appreciate it. **Please note: Next Region is my last time as your sec. We will need to elect a new sec to take office at the beginning of the November RSC. I will not be doing this for a 3rd term, as I want to share the experience with others.**

KB

**Mid-America Regional Service Committee
Treasurer's Report
May 2000**

Beginning Balance		\$ 9,379.27
Deposits:		
Waterman Street	#2264	\$ 10.00
Unity Area	#1120	341.36
Waterman Street	#2277	50.00
Miracle Area	#1322	105.00
Step z Step	#1050	6.53
Unity Group NA	#1492	10.00
Wichita Metro Area	#427	80.00
Central KS Area	#1199	100.00
FFF	#535	150.00
FFF	#544	150.00
Funds returned		
Joyce McW. World Unity Day	#1182	413.43
MAN	cash	72.23
Secretary	cash	16.90
Activities Feb 2000 seed	cash	182.73
Other Income		
Activities Feb 2000 RSC		
Pop Sales	cash	6.55
Rafe	cash	102.00
Door money less \$150 to DJ cash		121.00
Activities Nov 1999 Pop sales . cash		6.00
Service Assemb. Registrations		65.00
Total Income:		\$1,988.73
Expenses Paid:		
Checks written:		
Kirk B. sect. Eap Feb 2000	#1416	40.00
Kirk B. MAN eap. Feb 2000	#1417	200.00
Carl K. Activities May 2000	#1418	200.00
Postmaster P.O. Box	#1419	44.00
Clay W. PI sect. Egp. Nov 1999	#1420	9.31
Dave R H&I eap postage JFT	#1421	57.50
Barker Printing PI meeting list	#1422	158.85
Barker Printing MARSCNA logo	#1423	13.27
Barker Printing Steering Flyer	#1424	7.05
Barker Printing GSR assem regis.	#1425	14.95
McPherson 4-H May RSC	#1426	210.00
Jeanie M. service assembly	#1427	65.00
John S. PI videos	#1428	100.00
Carl K. RD WSC expense	#1429	1,500.00
Betty P. RD alt WSC expense	#1430	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Expenses		(4,119.93)
Ending Balance		\$ 7,248.07

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

**Central Kansas NA
Regional Report**

Hi Family,

The CKA is alive and doing well. We have a free campout planed for June 16, 17, 18 at Lake Wilson, Lucas Group Park. The CKA has a \$100 donation to the RSC. H&I is still carrying meetings into Ellsworth C.F. and into Larned C.F. We do have some good news. We finally have a new CKA Sec. Congratulations Bethlee W. The bad news is Sally O. has resigned the RCM II due to conflicts in her work schedule. We will miss her.

Thanks,
Brian S., RCM

**Fellowship for Freedom
Area Report**

Hello Family!

I'm new so please help me learn. The following are newly elected officers in our area:

- Brian A. → RCM
 - Tim D. → Chair (Area)
 - Jim Y. → Co-Chair (Area)
 - Joe K. → Treasurer
 - Dave R. → Alt RCM
- (Still searching for an Area Secretary)

The area convention for 2001 will be at Days Inn Downtown Topeka. (Same bat place, same bat channel)
Motion passed for clean time Olympics between Lawrence (Miracle Area) and Topeka (Fellowship for Freedom Area) on June 17th at Forest Park, (3158 SE 10th St. Topeka). There will be an interim meeting for the area campout at the time. Thank you for welcoming me to the family.

In loving service,
Brian A.
RCM FFF Area

PS: I have the FFF area donation of \$150.00.

**Just for Today Area
RCM Report
21 May, 2000**

Hello NA Family,

The Just for Today Area is on the grow again. We had a new group join the Area, SOS (Start on Serenity) El Dorado. So, I do have group updates that I have turned over to the PI chair. Here are the results from my area regarding the motions from the last RSC and the general result from the Steering Committee's request for feedback:

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| Motion 1: | PI responsible for web-site. | YES |
| Motion 2: | Cease World Unity Day. | NO |
| Motion 3: | Notify on vacant positions. | YES |
| Motion 4: | Alt. Sec. And Treas. | YES |
| Motion 5: | Cease Soul to Soul. | NO |
| Motion 6: | Printing meeting schedule. | YES |

Motion 7: Budget Motion.

NO

Steering Committee Resume: To be blunt, . . .my area does not even like this idea. There seems to be enough problems filling vacant positions now, so why add to the problem.

There are several functions coming up in the JFTA. The Pioneer Group will be hosting a camp-out June 2 – 4 at the Double E campgrounds in Emporia. The New Hope Group will be hosting a camp-out July 7 – 9 at Council Grove Lake, Ritchies Cove. And finally, the JFTA is hosting a camp-out August 4 – 6 at Melvern Lake, Turkey Point. There are/were fliers on the table. There are also copies of our area meeting schedule on the table.

In loving Service,
Ray G.

**Miracle Area
RCM Report**

Good morning family,

In the past three months, we have had a lot of officer's position exchanged and filled.

RCM → Paul R.

Alt. RCM → Bob K.

PI → Mike K.

PI Co-Chair → Kirk B.

Literature Co-Chair → Darlene

Area Co-Chair → Brian L.

Area Secretary → Dan S.

The P.I. Committee is on the move, planing a discussion panel at Haskel Institution and started work on a Miracle Area website. H&I is doing very well with a lot of volunteer for the jail meetings, both men's and women's. With a few more volunteers we will be taking meetings into the youth shelter. Activities, on June 17th, along with the Fellowship for Freedom is planning a Clean Olympics at Forest Park. Softball, VolleyBall, Horseshoes and other events will be held. Hey you other areas, we challenge you to bring your teams and show us what you got.

New position, same face
In Service
Paul

**May 21, 2000
RCM REPORT
UNITY AREA**

Hi everyone,

Well, the groups in my area saw fit to move me up from Alt. RCM on into the RCM position. I plan to fulfill this position to the best of my abilities and hope that I can do as good a job as my predecessor, Tim C.

Unity Area is going through a number of changes right now and I hope they end up being for the best. We've had 2 more groups drop from our area since last RSC and are now down to 10 groups. These groups were "Together We Stand" in Council Grove and "Light of Hope" in Hutchinson. In March we voted to discontinue our Outreach position due to lack of willingness. We are also still struggling with filling trusted servant positions. Currently we have Area Chair, secretary, literature co-chair, policy co-chair and activities chair positions open. Hopefully next month, Tim S. will move up to the Area chair position, but then the Area co-chair position will be vacant. I am encouraged that some new faces have been stepping up and showing willingness to serve including Bryan H. who is our new Alt. RCM. Bryan shows some strong enthusiasm and I'm looking forward to working with him over the next year.

There was a lot of discussion this last month on dividing up our area. An adhoc committee has been formed by some group members and we are in the process of going through an area inventory. I have many mixed feeling about this issue and I am trying to stay on neutral ground and remain unbiased regarding this topic of division. I am concerned that the strongest opinions on this matter seem to be about who gets what as to our literature inventory and the checking account. I am hoping our members will see through this and focus on what is best for the area as a whole.

Since we are currently without an activities chair, I do not have much to report on our area activities. I do know that Newton HOW will be having their annual campout at Harvey C. Park West on Memorial weekend and Gift of Life will be having their annual campout June 9-11 at Marion Lake. Our next area meeting will be held at Marion Lake on June 11.

We voted on (6) motions that were sent down to the groups at the last RSC. Our votes are as follows:

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| 1) Policy VIII PI Duties #6 | yes |
| 2) RSC cease sponsoring World Unity Day | no |
| 3) Open regional positions taken back to groups | yes |
| 4) RSC elect alternate secretary and treasurer | no |
| 5) RSC cease sponsoring Soul to Soul | yes |
| 6) Policy MARSCNA Guidelines (6-B-3) | yes |

I would like to note that we had several groups comment that they would like to see Soul to Soul continued, but with some changes.

I think that about covers it until August.

In grateful service,
Ted R.

RCM Report Western Area

Hello NA Family:

Western Area is alive. I don't know how well.

We have a few activities coming up in the future, but first we do have a new Alt. RCM. He is Gary D. from Colby.

Some activities:

Dodge City birthday: June 3rd Oxford house on 2nd street

Pool Party: fundraiser for Western Area Phone line (it is working – calls from all over)

Western Area in Tents Recovery #6: flyers on table. July 14 – 16: Camp Mandan at Ford County lake.

Western Area Spiritual Retreat: September 8 – 10 Camp Lakeside, Scott Lake at Scott city.

Dodge City Roundup #11: October 6 – 8 Flyers on the table.

We have been carrying the message via addicts on asphalt once a month – this month will Oberlin – new group. We wish them well. Last month was also a new group in Garden City.

Can't think of nothing else at this time.

As always,
In Service with a Smile (Smirk),
Tom W.
AKA: Too Tall

Wichita Metro Area

Hello everyone,

The Wichita Metro Area sends their greetings. All the groups have voted on the motions sent back to them for review. Thanks to the groups for their support on these matters.

Unity Group of Narcotics Anonymous in the Wichita Metro Area would like to know two things:

1. Does the Mid America Region Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous file a yearly tax return to the IRS?
2. Should the Unity Group and the WMA file an income tax return?

They are asking that the Region answer these questions and have the RCM report back to Unity Group and Area of their response. Thank you for tending to this matter.

I have attached a current listing of all the meetings and a 'grid' list from the WMA for your information. (see end of minutes – KB) Please note that the Unity Group and Waterman NA have new addresses. Please make the needed corrections in your meeting lists. Will also add zip codes to list for Denny.

WMA is making an \$80.00 donation to the Region.

In service,
Pat B.
RCM
WMA

Subcommittee Reports

Activities Report

- I. Motion to end Soul to Soul last Region
 - Tonight fund raiser for Soul to Soul.
 - Funds requested last Region.
 - Lois explanation of fundraiser.
 - II. Elect chair
 - Jim C. voted as activity chair. Secretary position open.
- Soul to Soul**
Lois moved to go with first drawing. N/seconded
Picture on back.
Check price on pocket T's & N/pocket
Navy
Jim moved to have pocket T's with print on back – 72 of them – PASSED
Lois talking to Allen Lee

Unity day September 2, 2000

4H building – picnic
Call about building – Lois
DJ / Dance (Don England)
Hot dogs/hamburgers – Jim
Buns – Carl & Joan (80 large hot dog buns)

Area Activities:

Miracle Area/Fellowship For Freedom:
Clean Olympics, Forest Park

June 2,3,4
Emporia Campout
EE Girl Scout Campground

New Hope
July 7,8,9
Council Grove Lake

Campout Committee May 20, 2000

Meeting opened in usual manner with Tim K. presiding.

Tim K. has resigned as Chairperson of Campout. Michelle K. has resigned as Secretary/Treasurer. Von P. (co-chair) was nominated in as Chairperson and Dave R was elected in as Co-Chair. Debby S. was elected in as Secretary/Treasurer and Bryan H. was elected in as co-secretary/treasurer.

Much discussion on the turn of events and it was clarified that Tim K. will still be DJ for the campout. Glenn S. will be doing catering for the Sat. evening meal.

As a committee, there was discussion on accountability of funds and procedures that are going to be implemented this year that have not been done in the past. ALL FUNDS TRANSACTIONS WILL BE DONE WITH CHECK ONLY AND WITH RECEIPTS!!!! NO CASH WILL BE PAID OUT FOR AN EXPENSE (Le. purchase ice, groceries, etc.) We are trying to streamline and show accountability for funds coming in and going out. There will be a minimum of 3 committee members available to count monies to keep track of the funds.

Von P. is to contact the Corps of Engineers-Ken Wade-to finalize the permit for use of Lucas Park at Wilson Lake. We are using the same rules as last year to have our campout at Wilson Lake. The Corps of Engineers was very impressed with our group - let's show them we are equally as responsible this year and abide by their rules. Most importantly - NO DOGS AND NO FIREWORKS!!

We will have an interim meeting on June 17, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. in Topeka, KS at Forrest Park.

In Loving Service,

Von P.

Next year's campout will be June 29, 30 and July 1, 2001 - we need to set a date in order for people to start finding a location so that it can be locked in this year. PLEASE if you have any ideas, check out the options (place, cost, tent fees, shelters, electrical hookups, permits to have dances, etc) and get this information to Von P. 212 E. Section Line, Canton, KS 67428 or call him at 316-628-7925. We do need your help!!! This is your campout - help us out!!!

M.A.R. CAMPOUT TREASURER REPORT

FROM February RSC through May 20, 2000

11/20/99 Balance on Hand	\$	607.58
01/20/00 Check #569 to Allen-Lee (shirts)	-	<u>\$545.39</u>
Balance		62.19
02/22/00 Deposit (MARSCNA fundraiser)		<u>+743.75</u>
Balance		805.94
05/20/00 Deposit (shirt sales)		<u>+200.50</u>
Balance		1,206.94

MARSCNA fundraiser breakdown:

Pop sales	\$ 33.25
Shirt Sales	280.00
Raffle	220.00
Auction	210.50
Total	\$743.75

This is the most accurate accounting that I can come up with. Bear with me, I just received the Books in Campout sub - committee meeting this morning.

Debby S.
Campout Treasurer
May 20, 2000

The following is the information that Tim and Michelle K. submitted to the campout committee.

MARSCNA CAMPOUT TREASURY REPORT FEBRUARY 2000

On last meetings report, I reported that we had 172.29 over our 1000.00 seed money which we wrote a check to Region and returned that amount. After the meeting when I received the statements from the bank, I found that I had wrote down a check

wrong in the check book. We had thrown around several figures in August as to what was to be returned to Region and I apparently wrote the wrong figure down in the register. I am making my report from that error to clarify any questions as to the amount that we now have in our account.

	Bal - 1874.46
8/14/99 589	1888.20-13.14 (Original check to MARSCNA)
7/6/99 Deposit	86.7673.02 (left over from Campout)
9/30/99 590	155.28-82.26 (Check for Porta Potties)
9/30/99 Void Ck#583	83.13 .87
11/20/99 Deposit	1000.001000.87 (2000 Seed Money)
11/20/99 Deposit	79.001079.87 (Cash & money from FFF)
11/20/99 591	172.29907.58 (Second check to MARSCNA)
11/20/99 592	300.00607.58(Money for 2000 Camp ground)

So our balance is now \$607.58. I apologize for any confusion this has caused. And this balance is balanced with the bank as of 1-19-00 which is the last statement that I have received.

I have also contacted the representative from Check Center regarding any bad checks that we may receive. Mr. Huelsmann informed me that it is not necessary for us to contact them until we actually have a bad check passed to us. Then they would open an account for us at that time. So I have kept his card in with the treasurer things in case it is ever needed.

MARCNA 1999 CAMPOUT BREAKDOWN

Attached please find a complete breakdown of the 1999 Campout Committee's check transactions. Also attached is the final report for the Campout which shows any bills that were paid in cash at the actual campout.

You will notice that the register goes to November of 1999 because we were holding money to pay a porta pottie bill which had not come in yet. You will also notice that we ended with a negative balance. This is because when the final check of 172.29 was made to MARCNA, I was not receiving the statements from the bank as they were being sent to Von, Once I got home and went through the statements, I found that there was an error in our check register whereas I had wrote the amount of a check down wrong. In our meeting, we had gone over several amounts that should be given back to region and I wrote down the wrong one in the register. So after fixing the mistake, I found that the final check we gave back to region was too much.

In Service,

Michelle K.

MARCNA CAMPOUT 1999 BREAKDOWN

Date	Check #	Memo	Amount	Balance
10/27/98	Deposit	MARCNA	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
11/14/98	561	Artshirt - T-Shirts (Inv # 6851)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
11/17/98	Deposit	Shirt Sales	\$ 386.00	\$ 886.00
11/25/98	Deposit	Shirt Sales	\$ 366.00	\$ 1,252.00
12/1 /98	562	Artshirt - T-Shirts (Inv # 6851)	\$ 600.00	\$ 652.00
12/4/98	Deposit	Shirt Sales	\$ 160.00	\$ 812.00
1 /7/99	Deposit	Shirt Sales	\$ 390.00	\$ 1,202.00
1/29/99	563	Artshirt - T-Shirts (Inv # 6887)	\$ 953.08	\$ 248.92
2/5/99	Deposit	Shirt Sales	\$ 240.00	\$ 488.92
2/21/99	564	Ray Gould - Copies, Stamps	\$ 16.78	\$ 472.14
2/21/99	565	Dave Summers - Pop	\$ 53.00	\$ 419.14
2/21 /99	566	Debi Stewart - Pop	\$ 11.64	\$ 407.50
2/25/99	Deposit	MARCNA Regional Fundraiser	\$1,249.50	\$ 1,657.00
2/25/99	Deposit	Shirt Sales	\$ 102.46	\$ 1,759.46

3114/99	567 Debi Stewart - Jacket for Auction	\$ 42.36	\$ 1,717.10
4/9/99	570 Cindy Little - Campground	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,117.10
4/20/99 Deposit	Shirt Sales	\$1,270.00	\$ 2,387.10
5/15/99	571 Billy Campbell - First Aid Book	\$ 4.79	\$ 2,382.31
5/15/99	572 Dave Rose - Auction Items	\$ 44.00	\$ 2,338.31
5/15/99	573 Debi Stewart - Cooler	\$ 42.62	\$ 2,295.69
5/17/99 Deposit	Shirt Sales	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,695.69
5/17/99	574 Artshirt - Flyers (Inv # 7014)	\$ 138.27	\$ 2,557.42
5/17/99	575 Artshirt - T-Shirts (Inv # 7015)	\$ 2,634.41	\$ (76.99)
5/22/99 Deposit	Shirt Sales	\$ 490.00	\$ 413.01
6/9/99 Deposit	Shirt Sales	\$ 654.00	\$ 1,067.01
6/20/99	577 Food - 4 - Less - Ice Cream	\$ 33.36	\$ 1,033.65
6/28/99	578 Michelle K. - Food, Prizes	\$ 822.29	\$ 211.36
6/29/99	580 Myers Ice Co. - Ice	\$ 105.16	\$ 106.20
7/2/99	581 Lincoln Locker - Hogs, Food	\$ 400.94	\$ (294.74)
7/3/99 Deposit	Void Ck#573 - App. To Shirt Contract	\$ 42.62	\$ (252.12)
7/6/99 Deposit	Cash from Campout	\$ 3,160.31	\$ 2,908.19
7/6/99	Wire Charge From Mercantile	\$ 15.00	\$ 2,893.19
7/6/99 Deposit	Checks from Campout	\$ 641.00	\$ 3,534.19
7/6/99 Deposit	Checks from Campout	\$ 86.76	\$ 3,620.95
7/8/99	Wire charge From Peoples	\$ 5.00	\$ 3,615.95
8/13/99	582 Cindy Little - Ice Cream	\$ 3.85	\$ 3,612.10
8/13/99	583 John Summers - Food	\$ 83.13	\$ 3,528.97
8/13/99	568 ID Company - Ribbons	\$ 21.13	\$ 3,507.84
8/14/99	586 John Stanley - Gas for speaker	\$ 40.00	\$ 3,467.84
8/14/99	587 Artshirt - T-Shirts (Inv # 7182)	\$1,506.62	\$ 1,961.22
8/14/99	589 MARCNA - Balance from Campout	\$1,888.20	\$ 73.02
9/30/99	590 Ziggs Rent It Center - Porta Potties	\$155.28	\$ (82.26)
9/30/99 Deposit	Void Ck #583 - App to Auction	\$ 83.13	\$ 0.87
11/20/99 Deposit	T-shirt sales/FFF bought address bks	\$ 79.00	\$ 79.87
11 /20/99	591 MARCNA	\$ 172.29	\$ (92.42)

**REGIONAL CAMPOUT 1999
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ice

264.89 Paid for Ice (339 total bags)
105.16 Check #580 (134 bags of ice)
104.52 Cash (140 bags of ice)
37.33 Cash (50 bags of ice)
11.91 Cash (9 bags of ice)
5.97 Cash (6 bags of ice)

\$ 294.00 Bags Sold (294 X 1.00 per bag)
-159.73 Ice bought with Cash
134.27
-132.00 Cash for change
2.27 Cash profit from ice

132.00 Change from Ice
-20.00 Gas for Sat. Speaker Pd to Debby S.
112.00
-89.01 Motel room for Sat. Speaker Pd to Debby S.
22.99

+ 2.27 Profit from Ice
25.26 Cash on hand 7/5/99

Although this shows a \$2.27 profit from ice sales, this does not include the \$105.16 check that was wrote for the first delivery of ice. So technically the committee had a \$102.89 loss on ice sales. Although the campout committee did not have to continue to go get ice to cool the food or make drinks for the whole weekend, I show after checking with last year's ice costs that really all we saved was convenience. The committee did have to leave and buy 15 bags of ice because of the inability of the ice truck to keep up with our ice sales. There were some bags of ice left over on the 5th of July, however, the ice machine was tore up by the wind and any left over ice melted on the way home from the campout.

T SHIRTS

\$1832.63 T Shirts sold
-55.47 Potato Salad (Reimbursed to Vaughn)
\$1777.16
- 49.16 Potato Salad (Reimbursed to Vaughn)
\$1728.00

I show two IOU's. One from Debby S. for \$60.00 and one from Cindy L. for \$45.00. I do not know if Debby S. paid her IOU before I got the T - shirt money, but I do know that the committee owed Cindy \$48.85 for Ice cream so that voids her IOU. We do still owe her \$3.85, however.

CAMPOUT DONATIONS

There was a big stink as to the committee reserving the campgrounds earlier than July 2. There were 3 extra days that the campout committee paid for the campground at \$100 per day for a total extra cost of \$300. The three extra days were a big hit with many people. Several people showed up the day the campground opened. Since these extra days were such a big deal to some, the members of the committee that were there early, made sure that we went around and asked for donations from those who showed up early to cover the extra costs. The total donations that we received for the three extra days was \$238.81. We would like to thank those who contributed to this. So the committee really only paid out \$61.19 for those three extra days. We hope this solves some of the crap that came up about this whole issue.

AUCTIONS & RAFFLES

The totals for each nights auction and raffles are not as detailed as years in the past. Each night that we had an auction/raffle, Tim and I found that we were the only ones there keeping track and running the things. There were even times when we were trying to do our jobs, others jobs and DJ the dance. It seemed as though some wanted the attention based jobs only and not enough stuck around to do the trusted jobs dealing with the money. I tried my best to keep track of things and run a tab. Tim had to write down the auctions on sides and tops of boxes, so I had to come home and do them all on the computer. The lists are attached to my report. Although it seemed like what could go wrong did go wrong, with the wind, Tim's plight, and Cindy cracking her knee cap on Friday night; it seems as though things went better than could be expected under the circumstances.

\$ 75.00 Friday Night Auction
\$1299.00 Saturday Night Auction
\$ 410.00 Friday/Sat Night Raffle & Fast Cash
\$ 296.00 Sunday Night Auction
255.00 Sunday Night Raffle & Fast Cash \$233 5.00
525.00 Paid cash to Tim K. for DJ Costs and Tent Rental \$1810.00 Total from auctions & raffles

The \$525.00 paid to Tim K. for DJ and Tent rental were contracted to William Wills during the February RSC campout meeting. Mr. Wills did not show up for the campout (we later found out that he was in the hospital in Oklahoma). As Tim K. had purchased William W.'s DJ equipment and tents, he brought them along just in case William did show up. When he did not show up, Tim K. stepped in to make sure the show went on. Even though Tim K. did not have the contract, he did fulfill William's obligation, so he was paid the contracted amount. If anyone has a problem with this, tough, that's how it goes. If Tim would not have stepped in to take over this task, there would have been no dances, no microphone for speakers, no tent to extend the shelter house for members to be shielded from the wind, etc. William W. was contracted for only 2 tents and 2 nights of DJ service. Tim K. provided 3 tents and 3 nights of DJ service for the same price, not to mention the tents that were tore up due to the wind, without asking for more money. I'm sure there will be some who will complain about this issue, go ahead and complain, but as treasurer (and Tim K's spouse), I feel that the committee got a hell of a deal.

TOTALS

\$ 25.26 Ice
 \$ 1728.00 T-shirts
 \$ 238.81 Donations
 1810.00 Auctions/Raffles
 \$ 3802.07 Total
- 3145.31 Cash wired to Peoples Bank
 656.76
- 15.00 Bank (Mercantile) Charge to Wire ca,;
 641.76
641.00 Checks on hand
 .76
.76 Cash on hand
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ACCOUNT BREAKDOWN

DATE	MEMO	CK#	AMOUNT	BALANCE
6/7/99				\$1,067.01
6/20/99	Ice Cream	577	\$33.36	\$1,033.65
6/28/99	Sam's/Big Lots	578	\$822.29	\$211.36
6/29/99	VOID	579	\$ -	\$211.36
6/29/99	Ice	580	\$105.16	\$106.20
7/2/99	Hogs, food	581	\$400.94	(\$294.74)
7/2/99	VOID	573	\$42.62	(\$252.12)
7/6/99	Deposit		\$3,160.31	\$2,908.19
7/6/99	Wire Chg (Mercantile)		\$15.00	\$2,893.19
7/6/99	Wire Chg (People's)		\$5.00	\$2,888.19
8/13/99	Deposit		\$641.00	\$3,529.19
8/13/99	Reimburse - Cindy Little	582	\$3.85	\$3,525.34
8/13/99	Reimburse - John Summers	583	\$83.13	\$3,442.21
5/19/99	ID Company	568	\$21.13	\$3,421.08
8/14/99	John Stanley - Gas	586	\$40.00	\$3,381.08
8/13/99	Tye Dye Tanks\Misc logos	587	\$1,506.62	\$1,874.46
8/13/99	Balance	588	\$1,716.02	\$158.44

I left \$158.44 in the account because that is the amount we were told the porta potties were going to cost and as of yet we have not received the bill for this.

I want to thank you all for putting your trust in me to track the finances of the 1999 4th of July MARCNA Campout.

In Service

Michelle K.

This concludes the information that we have received from Michelle and Tim K. KB

M.A.R.C.N.A. XVII
Convention Committee
May 20, 2000

Hi Family,

This year's convention was very successful and the attendance was unbelievable. I would like to thank all the addicts in this region and outside this region who attended this year's event. It was the largest turnout that I've seen in my six years of recovery. I must also report to this region that I accepted responsibility for some fundraising merchandise, and due to the stress of moving, have lost a money bag containing \$417. I have aired this to the convention committee and am willing to

make amends and reimburse the region for the amount of \$417. At this time, I am unable to make any payment due to an unexpected injury, but when I return to work, will make regular payments until the debt is paid. I sincerely apologize to this region for my irresponsibility regarding this matter and I will do everything in my power to correct it. The convention committee has \$5085.73 to turn over to the region.

In loving,
humble service
Jon Mc.

It should be noted that there was discussion and concern on the floor regarding the \$417.00 that Jon mentions in his report.

May 21, 2000
To The Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous,

Hello family,

The contract for MARCNA XVIII has been signed, and will be held at the Ramada Inn in Hutchinson, Kansas on March 30, 31, and April 1, 2001. Flyers will be out soon. A big thank you to Jon M. for his efforts as chair for the convention in Great Bend. And thanks to the fellowship for their support of the convention. A copy of the contract is attached. (see end of minutes. KB)

We have new members on the convention committee: congratulations to Tom "Too Tall" W. as co-chair, Penny D. as secretary, Adam W. as arts & graphics chair, Betty P. as treasurer, Kirk B. as registration chair, Sarah G. as hotels & hospitality chair, Dori D. as programming chair. Please take back to your areas that the following positions are still open on the convention committee: entertainment, merchandise and fundraising.

An accounting of the funds in our account for the last quarter is attached for your review. If you have any questions, please let me know and I will try to answer them.

As Jon M. reported, the convention brought in \$12,802.97. Cash pay outs, with receipts were \$350.00 for the band on Friday night, \$900.00 on Saturday night, leaving a total deposit of \$11,552.97. Check pay outs for Allen Lee \$1,379.73 and Tangible Advertising \$4,224.45. After other minor bills paid, we are turning over to the region a check in the amount of **\$5029.88** Again, thanks to all who attended and helped support the convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat B.
Convention Chair
MARCNA XVIII

MARCNA XVII - April 2000 05/20/00
Register Report

02/01/00 Through 05/18/00

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
		BALANCE	01/31/00			1,877.73
02/19/00	1570	Joyce Comfort	mailout of minutes	Secerety	Expence	-7.15
02/19/00	1571	Copy Co.		Secerety	Expence	-21.33
02/19/00	1572	Allen Lee - Partial Payment		Merchandise		-200.00
02/19/00	1573	Tangible Advertising - Depos		Merchandise		-200.00
02/19/00	1574	Kirk Brown - Note Cards To		Newcomer		-113.50
02/19/00	1575	Sarah Graves		Hospitality	Room	-500.00
02/19/00	1577	naws Books		Newcomer		-475.68
03/14/00	DEP	March Sales				1,542.50
03/14/00	1576	Dorothea Mcwilliams		Gifts	Speakers	-150.00

03/14/00	1578	Allen Lee - Partial Payment.....	Merchandise	-300.00
03/14/00	1579	Tangible Advertising - Partial.....	Merchandise	-300.00
03/21/00	DEP	March Sales & Registrations		5,484.00
03/21/00		Ser Charge Jan/Feb00		-9.27
04/02/00	1580	Penny Demel - Postage		-3.30
04/02/00	1581	Pat Brown - Ribbons For Ba		-17.03
04/02/00	1582	Copy Co.	Secerety Expence	-17.92
04/02/00	1583	Allen Lee - Partial Payment	Merchandise	-300.00
04/02/00	1584	Tangible Advertising - Partial	Merchandise	-300.00
04/04/00	DEP	March Sales & Registrations		478.00
04/11/00		Ser Charge April 2000		-12.01
04/14/00	1585	Wal Mart Supplies		-89.71
04/14/00	1586	Wal Mart Walkie Talkies		-131.71
04/14/00	1587	Cash Working Capitol		-400.00
04/14/00	1588	Cash Working Capitol		-100.00
04/16/00	1589	Holiday Inn - MARCNA XVII		-4,235.82
04/16/00	1590	Penny Demel - Donuts/Hospi		-65.00
04/16/00	1591	Allen Lee Merchandise - Co		-500.00
04/16/00	1592	Tangible Advertising - Paym		-500.00
04/16/00	1593	Lowen's - Car Tags		-250.09
04/16/00	1594	Dori Douglas Raffle Tickets	c	-10.55
04/16/00	1595	Betty Park - Alternative Store		-1,000.00
04/20/00	DEP	MARCNA XVII PROCEEDS		11,552.97
05/18/00		Check Book BALANCES Wit		0.00
05/18/00		CORRECTION		-0.22
TOTAL 02/01/00 - 05/18/00				8,847.18
BALANCE 05/18/00				10,724.91
TOTAL INFLOWS				19,057.47
TOTAL OUTFLOWS				-10,210.29
NET TOTAL				8,847.18

Please note that checks were written in May and have not been reflected in this statement. KB

Discussion:

- We had 367 registered Addicts at the convention.
- Treasurer will come up with "promissory note" for Jon Mc. so that all can keep track of monies paid and owed. Treasurer will try to come up with paper trail for this account.
- Confusion concerning conventions committees seed money. Treasurer will issue a check to convention for \$1,500.00 and convention will write a check to the RSC for \$1,000.00. This will balance the books (cover the "paper trail"). (there was confusion as to when the convention budget for this year was approved...was last years budget approving seed money for the 2001 convention? (yes))

H&I

Hi family,

The Learning Day was real good at P.I. . We had 12 to 14 and outreach had 15 to 17 on hand. H & I had 30 to 35 and it was real good. We started with \$100.00 for rent. We spent \$60.52, \$13.19, \$30.33 and \$50.00 (for DJ) for a total of \$254.04. Total income was \$545.14, for a total profit of \$291.10.

We had 4 areas in attendance. We have 28 meeting's going on in our region. Just for Today books are done and out to all jails in our region. We are starting a new project, getting the audio tape version of "It Works, How and Why" and Basic Texts into all prisons in the State of Kansas.

We are looking into putting on a campout and a learning day just for women in service. The men will watch the kids while ladies will attend learning days to help women get more involved in service. We would like a timeslot during Unity Day for an H&I workshop.

Love,
In Service

Dave R.

Literature Report
LITERATURE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 20, 2000

- Kirk B. opened meeting with a moment of silence.
- Dori D. read the minutes from February meeting.
- Discussion was had on inventory idea.
- Kirk B. gave the MAN report.
- Discussions on options for MAN printing considering the recent cost increases. It was decided by consensus that the committee needed to request additional funds for their budget in view of the new information. The only other option is decreased printing and none were in favor of this.
- Kirk B. agreed to bring the issue to the regional floor tomorrow (May 21st).
- Kirk B. has information on possible IP and will bring it to next RSC.
- Idea for a IP: the message that attendance at regional is a responsibility for chairs.
- **We are requesting that all literature chairs attend the next RSC and become involved in the regional literature committee.**
- **Deadline for submission of articles for the MAN is June 10th.** Please forward them to Kirk B. If you would like, they can be sent to him via email address: Klbertha@aol.com. All articles, poems, sketches, quotes are welcome.
- Meeting was closed until next RSC on August 19th.

Hugs to all,

Dori D.
Literature Secretary

The M.A.N.
5/20/00

The cost of production for the M.A.N. has gone up since the last reporting period. This is in part due to a larger newsletter and in part due to a jump in printing costs. The printer I have used in the past wasn't available last time so I went to Barker Printing and he proved to be more expensive than Rand, although Rand did tell me that his costs will be going up as well. I have talked to Rand and he tells me that he will be able to do the printing next month, and each sheet of paper will cost about \$.09 each. This does include folding and stitching.

Description	Quantity	Unit price	Total
Newsletter	390	\$0.513	\$200.00
Bulk mailing cost	5	\$6.50	\$32.50
Mail to World/Areas	5	\$.99	\$4.95
Total	200	\$0.609	\$237.45

I am requesting \$37.45 to cover my out of pocket expenses (these expenses were for the mailing.) We have consistently come in well under budget, but this will not continue if I am to continue producing the same size newsletter and continue to

print the numbers that I have been. I would like to see this budget increased to \$350.00 per quarter, but am not sure how to go about this at this time.

Anyway, I can use more articles for the next issue of The M.A.N. please let your Areas know and have them send their material to me. Thanks bunches,
In Service with Love,

KB

Outreach Report

Attended Topeka Learning days April 29
Attended Service Assembly at Junction City.
Have heard that someone is starting a meeting in Perry KS. Miracle Area, FFF Area, please support. Also a new meeting 701 N. 7th Garden City Western Area

I have mailing addresses for Central, Unity, Western, Miracle, Wichita Metro, JFT, FFF

Request \$72.23 for 30 Outreach Resource Booklets
Will participate in learning days on Unity Day September 2.
November RSC will need Chair and Co-Chair for Outreach sub committee.
NO Regional Computer?

Peace, Love & NA,
Denny C.

PI Report

\$343.73 Ending Balance

Public Information Report 5-21-00

Hello family,

We have been working the past quarter. Our part of the Learning Day at Forrest Park in Topeka was a god one. Members from Wichita, Newton, Lawrence, Topeka, Euporia, and of course the Greater Baldwin City Metropolitan Area plus other places I can't remember. We had a great time discussing P.I. possibilities.

Meeting lists were distributed to Area Representatives at the MARCNA XVII, (thanks to al that helped and the folks I gave them to).

We received funds for purchase of (4) four video PSA's and an opportunity to get 8 copies of each made and that is what I did (following our tradition of self support). Our total cost for the 8 sets was \$86.40 and \$13.60 was turned back to Regional treasurer.

Our State Fair Project is still in the works. We hope to get our booth space soon and hope to recruit trusted servants to help (Sept 8-17th in Hutchinson). This will be an unmanned booth but we will need volunteers to restock our literature rack, etc. Lindsay of Topeka is our coordinator for this project and he couldn't attend this weekend.

We also (just in case) have done some preliminary work on the web page issue:

1. Elected Bob K. as Region Web Servant
2. Gathered and discussed policy, etc.
3. Requested funds for Domain Name purchase.
4. Set up Ad Hock Committee to gather and refine, then present proposed policy or guidelines at August RSC weekend.

At our Sub Committee meeting we had four areas with reports (then Denny came in). P.I. is happening in our region. Workshops – learning days- meeting list – phone lines, etc. We are learning from other regions, areas, members and guidelines. Hope we are progressing.

We have a standardized form to be used in adding – deleting or changing info on the regional meeting and wallet cards. We will need all the changes at close of business today (except for Pat B. because she's special) and hope our motion to change policy concerning printing and distribution passed. Projected cost for printing seems to be going down and distribution has been done (slow but sure).

A member volunteered a camper for our State Fair Project and we will be looking for a place to park it. Some of our members form other than Hutch will utilize it during the Fair (thanks Denny C.).

We will be furnishing the both with literature and hope to have a list for purchase in August (we don't dare ask areas for donations in light of what's been said about books for the convention).

We'll participate in a Learning Day Sept. 2nd at 4-H in Mcpherson. Hope to see ya there (here).

Thanks to all who have helped me remember stuff (Alan B.- Co-Chair)

In Service

John III

PS this position will be open in August.

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

Dear Family

I have to leave. Everything is fine.

In Loving Service
John S.

**Steering Committee Report
August 13, 1999**

Good Morning Addicts in Service

Two weeks ago the first and hopefully annual Mid-America Region Service Assembly finally took place. I will give all the RCM's a copy of the agenda and a copy of the results of the survey we had everybody fill out at the end. I will explain the results. They were tremendously positive. We would suggest this become an annual event and turned over to the activities committee. Whom ever this is turned over too the steering committee would like to help with some suggestions, experience and all that stuff, good and bad that we learned. We also have leftover supplies that we are turning over to the region. We did not know what you wanted to do with it but it is yours!

We would like some clarification on updating the regional policy guide.

We are also going to look into voting procedure and abstention votes and will come back with a report in August.

We have two recommendations to fill the two vacancies on the steering committee.

Wayne M

Gary D.

We also recommend Jim W as the steering committee chair.

Interim meeting will be July 23, 200 at 1:00pm at Jeannie M's in Salina.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve, learn and grow. A special thanks to the members of the steering committee for helping me through this year.

In loving service to Mid-America Region
Jerry D

I have included the Service Assembly mission statement and the results of the survey at the end of the minutes. KB

**Mid-America Region of NA
Regional Delegate Report
World Service Conference 2000**

Dear NA Family,

This report is bitter sweet for me. Bitter because it is my last report as the RD for the best region in NA. It is sweet because I get one more opportunity to serve my region and to share with you what was given to me at the WSC. Too blessed to be depressed. Thank you all for allowing me to serve you as your Alt. and RD. I don't believe anyone can attend the WSC without being changed hopefully for the better. I have also been asked to keep this report shorter than in past years which should be fairly easy to do as there wasn't near as much business to attend to and there was less time spent in session.

Like last year this conference was a study in contrast to all the previous conferences I've been allowed to attend including the 99 WSC. For one thing, there was only one major temper tantrum by an RD the whole week and there were only a total of 71 motions which was way down from previous years.

An NA History workshop was held the day before the conference actually started. 15 or 16 members who first came to NA in the 50's and 60's shared their experience, strength, and hope with us. There was in excess of 520 yrs. combined clean time in this group of individuals and what they shared has been recorded so we don't lose this precious resource. I am a firm believer that to truly appreciate the fellowship of NA it's very important to know our history. To see how we started and how we have grown into a worldwide fellowship. These folks also appeared to have that "cut the crap and work the steps" kind of recovery which is the very essence of freedom from active addiction "The NA Way." They seemed very kind, humorous, open minded, and spiritual in their sharing. My understanding is the next task in gathering historical information is to get the East Coast early NA members together for sharing sessions.

That same evening these early NA members were the quest speakers at the Sat night speaker meeting. Unfortunately for myself I had to miss the meeting due to food poisoning or it's equivalent. It's been awhile since I had to worship the porcelain alter or sleep on a bathroom floor. Kinda reminded me of the pre-recovery days where that was a frequent occurrence. Enough of that. We did, however, get a copy of the speaker tape for auction and raffle. It is a great tape and I believe it can be ordered from NAWS.

The following day the conference officially opened with an orientation session. George H., co-executive director of the world service office, addressed the conference. For those of us who didn't know, George suffered a stroke in Feb. and remains partially debilitated. It was a shock for me and a very sad moment. George is truly one of the most dedicated individuals I have ever met and has served our fellowship unselfishly for several years. He has been and remains an inspiration to all who know him. It was announced that Floyd B. passed away from his cancer this past year. Floyd was also an inspiration to all who knew him and will be sorely missed.

The Sunday orientation session then broke up into small group sharing sessions. Topics were: what is your personal goal for this conference and what do you as a conference participant add to the conference. These type of group discussions help get the participants focused on why we were there and that it is a privilege to serve the fellowship. The sharing sessions seem to raise the spiritual consciousness of the participants and puts everyone on a level playing field.

We then moved back to the main meeting room and were served cake and given a medallion in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the WSC. Incidentally, several of the Sat speakers attended the 1st WSC. I have made copies of the minutes of the 1st WSC for each of the RCMs and RSC trusted servants. It is interesting to note the budget in 1976 was around \$2200. and that NA still operated in the red. The budget for the next 2 yr. Conference cycle is approx. \$12,000,000. My how times have changed and how we have grown. The medallions that were made for this 25th anniversary are collectors items and are not likely to be reproduced. We were lucky enough to get a few extra for raffle and auction items.

Following the opening ceremonies, the first roll call was taken with a total of 108 voting participants with 91 regions present. After some discussion the rules of order and minutes from the 99 WSC were both adopted. There was an amendment to the election procedures and then they were adopted.

Seating of new regions came next. Guatemala and the Baja-son Regions were seated by 2/3 voice vote. The conference then adjourned for the evening. There was a board meeting and open forum with the board from 8:30 to 11:00 that evening which actually got out around 11:30 or 12:00. During this session the WB discussed new motions 26-46. After the WB discussion a few RD's who had resentments over how the board had responded to their motions addressed the board and aired their resentments. This was really a good thing because differences were resolved and did not have to come to the conference floor which helped to keep the conference from disintegrating into a verbal blood bath as it has in previous years. We're learning folks. Slowly, but surely, we're learning. There was also a lot of praise for the work the WB has put in over the past year and much discussion about how information was going to be gotten from the early NA members on the East coast. The WB indicated NAWS would be trying to arrange additional interviews and meetings with both the East and West coast contingents of 50's and 60's NA members.

Monday began with discussion of Motion #1. The non-English speaking countries showed little support for the suggested fellowship evaluation for changes in literature and indicated they believe it is a USA fellowship issue. They stated it puts them at a disadvantage both because they would not understand the changes and it would put translations back even further. They were supportive of some new pieces on sponsorship but did not seem to feel they needed to be in the basic text. For those of us who didn't know, some non-English countries already put their own personal stories in their versions of the basic text. And no, it is not a violation of copyright laws as the WSC has previously given consent to do so.

We then moved into old business (IE CAR motions). A motion to postpone motion #1 definitely until WSC agreed it applies only to the English speaking version of the basic text was introduced then amended to lay on the table Motion #1.

This amended motion was defeated and Motion #1 passed. Since new information was introduced concerning this motion, Betty and I discussed the option of changing our vote but decided that this motion concerns only an evaluation process and cast our vote in the affirmative as determined by our regional fellowship input. At this point I will state that on the following Sat. the budgeted cost of the literature evaluation over the next 6 years is nearly \$600,000. Had we known what the financial impact was budgeted to be this motion may not have passed. Motion #2 passed as well with option B getting the nod (IE having the evaluation survey ready to send out to the fellowship in 2004). In light of this selection and evaluation timetable it will be at WSC 2006 before NAWS knows what, if any, changes the fellowship will want for our Basic Text and Little White Book. Motions 3, 4, and 5 all passed and we broke for lunch.

The afternoon session began by discussing what outcomes we wanted from our small group discussions. Many delegates wanted to see some tangible results from these small groups that they could take back to their regions. As we moved into small groups we were asked to focus only on the discussion topics selected for this year's conference (IE retaining old-timers and meds in recovery). We were also asked if our local fellowship thought these discussion topics were worthwhile. The consensus was that, although most regional fellowships seemed to like the topics the RDs got minimal feedback on them. I believe that may be due to a failure on the delegates part more than a collective indifference on the part of the fellowships we serve.

Feedback from small groups on retaining old-timers is listed below:

Tie them up, leave it alone because they are not working the steps if they are not coming to meetings, reach out to old-timers the same way we do newcomers, show them the respect they deserve, be patient with them, let them be human, stay in contact with them, police yourself and act like your in recovery, create an atmosphere of recovery at your meetings, don't put them on pedestals, etc.

Meds in recovery: the consensus was that although some of us need meds to deal with physical pain, or severe psychiatric illness, meds are currently being prescribed to several of our members by well meaning physicians who don't understand that moderate depression and anxiety are often part of the early recovery process and that by not allowing addicts to work through these emotional challenges by way of the 12 steps interrupts the recovery process and sometimes prevents us from progressing in our recovery. Often times addictive meds or meds of abuse are given to addicts, newcomers in particular, that actually contribute to relapse. Another problem found mostly in larger metropolitan areas are the use of harm reduction drugs such as methadone which serve only to keep the addicted whacked out on a legal drug vs. an illicit drug. We could continue this discussion ad infinitum with solving the problem. The consensus for a solution seemed to be educate physicians and judges on the recovery process and let them know what NA is all about. The second part of the solution is GOOD SPONSORSHIP. Tell your sponsees the truth and work with them on the steps. Like the saying goes "the truth will set you free but it may piss you off first."

The evening session started at 8:00 PM. Only motion 16 was introduced and it passed by near unanimous vote with only one abstention.

The following morning session brought votes on old business motions 6-14. All of these motions passed with amendments to a few of them (see attached motions lists). Later in the day we moved into small groups to discuss how to improve communication within the fellowship and increase interest in the CAR. Several solutions were offered to increase interest in the CAR:

shorten it up, keep it on a reading level that everyone can understand, use summaries at the end of motion discussions/recommendations, answer the question "what does this have to do with my home group?", remember the CAR is not for everyone, get it out sooner, etc. There was also discussion about other NAWS publications such as NAWS News, Quarterly reports, NAWS Annual Report, etc. The consensus was that these publications are worthwhile although they can sometimes be "boring and dry."

The evening session brought only a discussion and vote on motion 55 which failed by voice vote.

The following day was mostly discussion of World Service reports and literature distribution reports. I forgot to make copies of handouts by the presenters but will do so and mail them to the RCMs when I get home. There was an emphasis on the need to keep our group meeting lists current with WSO. This can now be done on our web-sites. I met with the keeper of this data for WSO and we checked to make sure they had a hyper link to our web site. The only problem we had is our web-site appears to be constructed with Microsoft programs and can't be read or located by some non-Microsoft browsers. Other than these discussions this Wed. session was brief and somewhat of a dud. Oh yeah motions 19-23 were introduced in the AM and all failed except motion 19 which was committed to the board.

The following morning election ballots were handed out, votes were cast, and ballots collected. We then went into discussion of projects for the WB. WSO has new computer software that will make task handling easier to track. This software will be in place in the near future. The budget for the next conference cycle was discussed. Motion 58 was introduced (see attached) and passed with only 2 votes against. Zonal reports were given and we adjourned for the day.

On Fri. the budget was discussed in detail voted on and approved for the next conference cycle. Several new motions were introduced and most failed (see attached). Some motions were never brought to the floor. That night there were 2 discussion groups. One concerning the use of the Internet for our fellowship and the other was RDs discussing Res. A. I went to the latter. I have given our PI chair all the info I had on the use of the Internet for discussion in the PI subcommittee. I am awaiting the results of the RD Res. A discussion and will get that out as soon as I receive it. It appears

some regions want to jump in and get Res. A Model 3 going and others want to let the river flow by itself without trying to push it. It is evident the complexion of the conference and communication throughout the fellowship continues to evolve. At this point I will mention that I was mistaken in assuming there would be an interim meeting in the off year of the WSC. Actually there will be 6 worldwide workshops. 2 to be held in North America and the rest to be held in other NA communities. This arrangement bears a striking resemblance to Model 3 of Res. A.

The day we had all been looking for finally arrived. Non-English speaking countries came to the mike to share what the conference means to them and their home fellowship. Several emphasized the need to act locally but think globally. We then went into a brief discussion about Res A. and the way we handle CAR results at the WSC. This was followed by a very controversial pseudo-survey of fellowship interest in potential changes to the Basic Text and Little White Book. Several of us were concerned with the way the questions were phrased which by their very nature produces very misleading results.

After the survey plaques were handed out to those leaving world services. The mike hog award was retired to the archives of WSO. We then closed the 25th WSC.

Again, I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your delegate. It has been a privilege and an honor to carry your voice to the WSC the past 4 years.

In Loving Service the NA Way.
Carl K, addict,
RD Mid-America Region
THE END

Alt. RD WSC-1998 Report

Hello Family,

Well, as you all may have already realized there were some sweeping changes concerning world service structure at this years conference. As the saying goes, "The voice of the people is the voice of God." Our fellowship has spoken and has overwhelmingly approved the restructuring of World Services. The next couple of years should prove to be extremely interesting at the World level of service.

Speaking of restructuring World Services, elections were held to fill the new World Service Board, Human Resource Panel, and WSC Facilitators positions. Prior to the elections, I believe in an attempt to move through this process expeditiously and to make up lost time from previous debate over motion 1 and attempts to substitute for it, the voting delegates decided not to enter into a "What If" discussion. This proved to be a double edged sword because, although we made up time getting into and electing World Service Board members, not all the positions were filled. 18 of 24 open WSB seats were filled. This left the delegates with the problem of filling the remaining seats or leaving them open. After some very spirited conversation at the microphones, it was decided the WSB is an administrative board and that they should be able to function during the transition period over the next 1-2 years with 18 members. Had the conference simply followed Robert's Rules of Order I believe we may have had a full board. However, the decision was made to proceed to the election of the Human Resource Panel.

A motion was made and defeated to increase the number of HRP members to 6 instead of 4. Again, this board was not filled because only 3 of the 16 people running received the necessary 60% vote. The HRP was left with 3 elected members instead of 4. This time, after much discussion, the delegates decided to filling the vacant position by a single transfer voting system. I will not attempt to explain how that voting procedure works at this time. In short, this system did not work either and there remains 1 vacant HRP position. The same situation occurred with the election of the WSC Co-facilitator positions. There was only 1 of 2 positions filled.

Our New WSB, HRP, and WSC Co-facilitators are:

World Service Board

Bella Anderson

Bob Jordon

Cary Seltzer

Claudio Lemoinet & Craig Robertson

Daniel Schuessler & David Jones

Floyd Best & Jane Nickels

Jan Thompson & Larry Roche

Lib Edmond & Mario Tesoriero

Mary Kay Berger & Michael McDermott

Steve Lantos & Susan Chess

Tony Walters

HRP

Jeffery Spencer

Sonny Juarez

Tata Montilla

WSC Co-facilitator

Vinnie Frattle

Congratulations to all our new trusted servants. You may recognize some of the names on this list. Most of these individuals have served in various positions at the world level for several years. At this point I would encourage all interested individuals in our region to fill out resumes and get your names into the world human resource pool next year. I would also like to encourage our region to nominate Tim S. and Tony K., if they will accept, as prospective HRP and WSB members, respectively, to be placed on next years ballot. They both have the experience and clean time requirements for these positions.

Moving along, there was a great deal of discussion concerning developing regions funding (DF) and fellowship development funding (FD). These topics were presented by the transition group and many questions or areas of concern about what we as the NA Fellowship are of are not doing to aid developing regions and developing the world wide fellowship as a whole. This is a partial list of some of those topics:

Regions providing \$ to assist other regions in being able to attend the WSC.

Regions assisting other regions with literature purchases.

Funding Limits

Guidelines for DF funding.

Examining criteria to include US and Canada in attending WSC as some regions in North America do not have the financial resources to attend WSC.

Entire conference should focus on fellowship development issues.

Assistance to NA communities before DF funding.

Small group sessions to address specific needs with other conference participants.

Cooperate with Zonal Forums for FD activities.

Partial funding as opposed to complete funding for WSC attendance.

Continue FD trips.

Better communication to the fellowship as a whole regarding DF funding.

Education and training.

More translated service material.

More interaction with developing regions early in their development.

Regular meetings of delegates only every 2-3 years.

More effective vehicles to share our experience.

Same amount of time to review CAR by not releasing it until it is translated. (It is currently translated into 5 languages).

DF forum should be a fixed expense.

Funding for regions to attend local Zonal Forums.

Etc., etc.

There was no opposition to funding developing regions, including those in the US and Canada, and no opposition to having a line item in the unified budget for this purpose.

Speaking of Zonal Forums. The plains States Zonal Forum met on Thursday, 4-30-98, at 7 PM in the Warner Center Room. Several issues were discussed including defining the purpose of having a Plains States Zone and subsequent Zonal meetings. It was decided we needed to develop a statement of purpose which we did but I do not yet have a copy to share with you. Several of the other regions in our zone are interested in being a part of the zonal forum but would like to know what they are getting for their buck and how many bucks zonal attendance will cost them. Of course we do not have the answer to those questions yet except to say that moneys can be re-cooped when hosting forums. All regions in attendance realized the pluses in having the communication that zonals provide. We all realized our zone is still in its infancy as far as its development goes. We also believe the least amount of structure the better. We did find it necessary to elect a secretary/treasurer for the Plains Zonal Forum, congratulations Tim S. Regions in attendance were Neb, Best Little Region (TX), South Dakota, Iowa, OK Region, Mid-America, and Upper Rocky Mountain Region (WY). Manuel from Spain also attended our zonal meeting and provided us with some insight into the zonals they have in Europe. Brian from TX and Gilbert from Neb. Acted as our liaisons at the zonal group meeting on Sat. Gilbert will also act as our Internet liaison.

World is developing a new web site and will be conducting a beta test for this new web site starting the first part of July 98. To be part of that Beta test we have to contact WSO prior to May 30, 98. I have taken the liberty of providing this information to Don M. who has started an unofficial web page for our region. There is no guarantee that all who contact WSO for the Beta test will be included in the test. The new WSO E-Mail # is WWW.NA.ORG as of July 1, 1998. It was decided that our fellowship will continue to have a world Unity Day even with the 2 year conference cycle and 2 year world convention cycle. Packets have been provided to RCMs with this info in them.

Other business included a report by the translations group. The translation of the Basic Text into Swedish is nearly completed and should be out soon. The Translations group now has approximately 200 items, including IP's, that have been translated into 17 different languages. Man these people work hard. Some of the difficulties they have with translations is:
Finding bilingual individuals who are in the fellowship that have a willingness to help.
Finding people with knowledge of recovery and conceptual process fidelity.
Resources both financial and human resources.
Communication between each other and WSO and WSC Translations Group.

Translatable words such as addiction, bugaboo, etc.
 Difficulty maintaining momentum from one trusted servant to the next.
 Copyright issues vary from one country to the next.
 Tracking and measuring results of their work.

The Translations group is doing a great job but need the spiritual, human, & financial help of the fellowship to insure their work continues to completion.

By the way, the cost of literature to Hazleton has been increased to where they are now being charged the same as our fellowship large purchasers. Hazleton remains the largest single purchaser of NA literature at approx. \$600,000 per year which is still a decline from previous years.

Of the new business motions (#86 to 126) only motions 98, 115, 119, and 120 passed. All other new motions failed, were ruled out of order, were withdrawn, or never came to the floor for debate.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Tim S. and Tony K. for helping me the past 2 years. Your guidance has been deeply appreciated. Most of all, Mid-America Region, thank you for providing me with this opportunity to serve you. You are, of course, the greatest region in the world. In the coming months I will review my notes from WSC as well as the literature I brought back to see if and what I may have missed in this report and will include it in the August report. One thing I did forget to mention previously is that although the WSC Policy Committee is no longer a standing committee there is an interest by some other regions, including other countries, who would be interested in sharing copies of policies with us as well as receiving copies of our RSC policies.

Elections

Steering: (nominations came from steering committee)

General member –	Gary D. (Colby)	Congratulations
General member –	Wayne M. (Salina)	Congratulations
Chair –	Jim W. (Newton)	Congratulations
Committee as a whole		Congratulations

RD	Betty P.	Congratulations
RD2	John S. Don M.	Congratulations

Activities	Jim C.	Congratulations
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Campout	Von P.	Congratulations
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Literature *None – this position is open and needs to be filled – please take this back to your Groups.*

Regional Sec *will be open for elections at next Region for the position to take effect in November.*

Old Business

- ◆ **Motion from Unity Area:** To be taken back to Groups, the RSC cease sponsoring and funding of the World Unity Day Activity.

Intent: the last World Unity Day was not well attended and was in conflict with other Area or Regional events. It is costly and it seems that this should be an Area sponsored activity.

Financial impact: Substantial savings.

This motion Fails the region will continue hosting World Unity Day

- ◆ **Motion from Unity Area:** To be taken back to Groups that the Mid America Region make a policy that vacant positions at the Regional level be taken back to Groups at least one R.S.C. cycle prior to voting.

Intent: To inform all members that positions are open, giving an opportunity to more of the fellowship, and time to consider their involvement and qualifications.

Financial impact: None

This motion Passes all vacant positions will need to go back to groups before they can be filled.

◆ **Motion from Unity Area:** To be taken back to Groups that we have the Mid America Region elect an Alternate for the Secretary and Treasure positions.

Intent: that there will be someone to fill in if someone should leave these positions for any reason, and also to gain understanding of the position and the duties that are needed for it.

Financial impact: None

This motion Fails although there was a simple majority in favor of the motion, it needed a 2/3 majority to pass – we will not have an alt. Sec ant Treasurer.

◆ **Motion from Unity Area:** To be taken back to Groups the RSC cease sponsoring and funding of the Soul to Soul function.

Intent: In order to fully explain I must read Yawan's Groups motion. It is as follows:

Financial impact: see attached.

This motion Fails the Region will continue to sponsor Soul to Soul

Motion: To change the following policy under ARTICLE XI: FUNDS, sect. G "Budgeting" (pa., 1 5):

All subcommittees shall submit to Steering Subcommittee their proposed optimal budget at the February RSC for the next year's budget. All subcommittees shall submit to the RSC a written expenditure report at each RSC.

To read:

1.) All subcommittees and RSC officers shall submit to the Regional Treasurer their proposed optimal budget at the February RSC for the next years budget.

Amended by Jerry D. to read November RSC. Accepted by the RCM (Ray G.)

2.) The Regional Treasurer will compile the individual optimal budgets and the final compiled optimal budget shall be sent to the groups of the Mid America Region for approval.

3.) Alt subcommittees and RSC officers shall submit to the RSC a written expenditure report at each RSC.

Intent: a.) To put the current practice of sending the budget to the groups for approval into policy.

b.) To allow for a solid financial accounting of the Region's funds.

\$ Impact: None.

This motion Passes self explanatory

Motion: (from the PI chair) to take back to Groups out of actions by subcommittee to change policy in M.A.R.S.C.N.A. Guidelines (pg. 6 – B – 3) to read every 3 months.

Intent: to update better and faster

Financial impact: cheaper than before.

This motion Passes it is now the policy of the Region to publish meeting lists every 3 months.

Motion to pass the budget:

Budget passes

New Business

We spent some time with the treasurer (Debbie S.) discussing which budget the checks she was going to write to today would come out of, 1999 or 2000. Hopefully this will eliminate confusion and the misplacing of monies on the books. The results are as follows:

1. 4H Building	\$190.00	New
2. Barker Printing (Nov. Min.)	70.49	Old
3. Barker Printing (Feb. Min.)	42.29	Old

4. Kirk B. (The M.A.N. March)	37.45	Old
5. Kirk B. (Min. May)	100.00	New
6. Kirk B. (The M.A.N. June)	350.00	New
7. Pat B. (Convention 2001 seed money)	1500.00	New
8. Lois W. (Soul to Soul shirts)	400.00	New
9. Denny C. (Outreach resource books)	72.23	New
10. John S. (Web site)	70.00	New
11. Barker Printing (Meeting lists)	148.77	Old
12. Barker Printing (Contact cards)	50.15	Old
13. Barker Printing (Regional contact numbers)	92.99	Old
14. Betty P. (CAR Workshops)	18.00	Old
15. John S. (Food GSR assembly)	<u>10.00</u>	Old
Total checks to be written today:	\$3152.37	

Note: All subcommittees need to follow policy and keep a record of expenditures and report those expenditures to the RSC floor each quarter. You should know and be able to report to this body what your financial status is at any time throughout the year.

Note: The income from Convention 2000 will go to the new budget. Income from activities (auction, raffle, pop) goes to the new Soul to Soul budget.

Pat B. – The Unity Group would like to know if the RSC files a income tax return with the IRS? **NO**
 Should the Unity Group and the Wichita Metro Area file a tax return? **NO**
(There is a “Tax Options Group Bulletin” put out by the WSC in 1993 at the end of the minutes KB)

Should Tangible Advertising be allowed to use our artwork from convention 2000 to show prospective clients what he and his vendors can do?

Much discussion: We will let Tangible use our Art for display purposes...he cannot reproduce it. (we took an informal vote with everyone present)

Motion: (from Fellowship For Freedom Area) we not have campout at Lake Wilson after this year. To be taken back to groups.

Intent: to look for a more centrally located camp area. Many members of FFF Area said past campouts have had bad weather at Lake Wilson.

Motion: (from Just for Today Area) to add, under the “Budgeting” policy (ARTICLE XI: FUNDS sect. G; “Budgeting) the following line

4.) **All request for funds above and beyond the optimal budget approved by the Groups, needs to be sent back to the groups of the Mid-America Region for approval.**

Intent: a.) **To allow the Groups of the Mid-America Region to fully participate in the decision making process of how their money is to be spent.**

b.) **To allow subcommittee chairs and RSC officers the opportunity to better plan all financial expenditures.**

\$ Impact: **None, this will actually prevent any frivolous expenditures and potentially save the Mid-America Region money.**

Take this back to your Groups.

Motion: (Lit committee)

Due to an unforeseen increase in printing costs, and after much discussion in the literature committee, we are requesting an increase in our budget of \$150.00 per quarter or a total of a \$600.00 increase per year. This will bring our quarterly operating budget from \$200.00 to \$350.00 and our yearly budget from \$800.00 to \$1,400 per year. With this increase in funding we will be able to resume printing and distributing 700 copies of the M.A.N. per quarter. Without this increase, we will have to cut back either the number of pages per issue, the number of issues printed, or both. The feedback we have received suggests that the fellowship likes the newsletter and wants us to continue as we have been i.e. 16 pages per issue and 700 copies per printing. (100/Area)

In Service,
 KB
 The M.A.N. publisher

MOTION PASSES: The M.A.N. budget is now \$1400.00/year – Thanks folks.

Letter from a concerned member:

I would like to address this service body regarding the controversy concerning the monies given to our RD and RD2 to attend the World Service Conference.

I attended the May, 1999 RSC at which our then RD2 asked for guidance from this service committee on concerns and problems she felt she experienced at the WSC she had just attended. Although I felt she was asking for a concrete solution from this service body, what she received was the following suggestions:

1. She could hope for the best and could again try and share a room with our then RD.
2. She could register with the WSC to share a room with another woman. It was my understanding with this suggestion that we would foot half the bill of this room.
3. She could get a room of her own, but she would be responsible for the other half of the expense of this room.

Never, at any time during this discussion, was our RD2 offered extra monies to attend WSC.

Our Rd2 was unable to attend the Sunday meeting of the February RSC, however, she did make arrangements to let this service body know that she had taken one of their suggestions and needed her half of the money that was budgeted for the WSC.

There was, to put it mildly, an immediate uproar. The concensus of this uproar seemed to be how unfair the very same suggestions given to our RD2, would be to our RD. The controversy was ended when an extra \$1000. Above the budgeted amount was given to our RD and RD2.

This leads me to address some very grave concerns I have with this service body. Although I do not presently hold a position at region, I have attended all but 2 RSC's in the past 2 ½ years and feel that I am a part of this service body, and as such I really feel that we need to take a serious look at the messages we are sending to our region as a whole, but more so to our female service workers.

These are my concerns:

This was treated as an emergency – immediately money OVER BUDGET was thrown at the problem. In truth, the problem was brought to this service bodies attention a full 9 months before February RSC. If we had addressed the problem in May, the groups could have had a say in whether to go over budget. This would have been in keeping with the concepts.

Since this was treated as an emergency, I am left with the feeling that our RD2 was not taken seriously at the May RSC. This can be for only 2 reasons:

- A) Our RD2 did not have as strong of personality as some on this service body. I assure you however, that the principles of this program were followed by our RD2. She could not have had to yell and scream to be taken seriously.
- B) She was not taken seriously by this service body because she was female. This is of course, in direct conflict with the principles of our program.

I find the message I received from this service body very disturbing, for the following reasons:

1. She simply was not taken seriously in May.
2. The exact same suggestions were given to our RD, which happened to be a male, as was given to our RD2, which happened to be a female. The uproar was because these suggestions were deemed unfair to our RD. Why were the same suggestions fair for our RD2, but not for our RD. Could it have been because our RD2 was a female?
3. Why was extra money not suggested in May when our female RD2 brought up the problem, but was immediately suggested and passed to go over budget in February when our male RD would have to follow the same suggestions as our RD2. This was passed even after our RD refused it because it went against the group conscious of our region.

As to single point of accountability, we must look at ourselves. We cannot blame Betty as she followed the principles of this program when she brought the problem to our attention, and again when she took our suggestions.

We cannot use Carl as a scapegoat. He followed Robert rules of order, raised his hand and waited to state his opinion until after I spoke up, which was ten minutes into the "That's not fair" statements. While some sat silent,

only a handful of people recognized that what is fair for the RD2 is also fair for RD and believed we should support our RD2 as we had promised in May.

Are female service workers not as important to this service body as their male counterparts. That's the message this female service worker received from this service body in February. I believe we need to take a serious look at this.

Thank you.

Stacy W.

Motion: (John S.) to drop the word "Optimal" from our Fund – planning expenditure process.

Intent: to minimize the confusion.

Friendly amendment: To call the "optimal budget" our "wish list"

MOTION FAILS.

Motion: (Von P.) move that the Steering committee develop a questionnaire to present to the RSC for an internal RSC inventory by August RSC.

Intent: to complete RSC inventory per direction of Fellowship.

Impact: None.

MOTION PASSES. – steering will develop the above mentioned document.

Motion to close Passed 5:45

This concludes the minutes for the May 2000 RSC. Once again I hope that they include all the pertinent information and that they are accurate.

Thank you,
Peace and Love
(Old Hippy Talk)
KB
Regional Secretary

MID AMERICA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
4-H BLDG Woodside & Hickory Streets, McPHERSON, KS

SATURDAY MAY 20, 2000

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	(UP)	CAMPOUT
	(DOWN)	CONVENTION
11:00 AM – 1:00 AM	(UP)	P I
	(DOWN)	ACTIVITIES
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM		LUNCH BREAK
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	(UP)	OUTREACH
	(DOWN)	STEERING
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	(UP)	LITERATURE
	(DOWN)	H & I
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM		SPEAKER MEETING
8:00 PM – 12:00 PM		DJ DANCE – AUCTION – RAFFLE FUNDRAISER FOR SOUL TO SOUL \$3 Per Person – No Addict Turned Away

SUNDAY MAY 21, 2000

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM		RSC CHAIR/CO-CHAIR, SECRETARY & TREASURER RCM'S, ALT RCM'S SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CO-CHAIRS MOTIONS & REQUESTS
9:00 AM UNTIL DONE		REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETS CHAIR/CO-CHAIRS MOTIONS & REQUESTS

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS BASIC TEXT page 100

“New frontiers are open to us as we learn how to love. Love can be the flow of life energy from one person to another. By caring, sharing, and praying for others, we become a part of them. Through empathy, we allow addicts to become part of us. As we do this, we undergo a vital spiritual experience and are changed.” ☺

MID-AMERICA REGION SERVICE ASSEMBLY
Mission Statement

The Service Assembly is to aid Groups, Areas, and the Mid-America Region in fulfilling its primary purpose of carrying the message to the still suffering addicts. This is accomplished by bringing members of our fellowship together to:

Promote better understanding of the service structure and its responsibilities. Addressing local issues within our region. Address global issues within our fellowship. Collecting our regions conscience regarding these issues.

AGENDA

Saturday.: May 6, 2000

9:00 - 10:00 am

Registration, Fellowshiping

10:00 - 10:10 am

Welcome, Brief Overview

10:10am - 12:00

Topic: Group to World

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch (Provided) and

Meet other trusted servants

1:00 - 2:00 m

Topic: What is a Home Group

2:00 - 4:00 m

Topic: What is a Group Business Meeting

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Topic: How Does The Work Get Done

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Supper (Provided)

Meet other trusted servants

7:00 - 9:00 m

Topic: Twelve Traditions

9:00 - 10:00 m

Fellowshipping/Meet other trusted servants

10:00 p.m. till Full of Serenity

Campfire Meeting

SLEEP!:!!!!..

Sunday May 7, 21100

8:00 - 9:00 am

Coffee and Donuts

9:00 - 11:00 am

Open Forum

**MID-AMERICA REGION SERVICE ASSEMBLY
EVALUATION
Summary Report**

There were 35 people that signed in for attendance at the 1st Mid-America Regional Service Assembly. The majority of the people were in attendance for the day Saturday. After supper Saturday night we lost a few bodies, these were mainly local people that did not plan to spend the evenings.

During the Marathon Meeting (I mean Jeannie and Bernie's workshop) we had the ice cream social. After the workshop most participants were shot. Approximately 12-14 people spend the night at the Assembly.

During the Sunday Open Forum the following comments were heard:

- Was great, need to have more of them? One time a year for an Assembly.
- More Communication to the groups and fellowship about the assembly to get more attendance.
- Con, to the facility was not being able to cook in the Main Building.
- Expected more people to show.
- Focus of Groups to Area to Region, that where the struggle is.

The following evaluation was presented to each participant to complete prior to them leaving the Assembly. There were 20 returned Evaluation and the percentages of respondents are listed below the numbers.

Based on my analysis of the numbers I would suggest that the Assembly met its goal for its 1st assembly. Many people came away with a better understanding of service than what they came with. Of the 75% of the respondents that reported a Low to Average Understanding of Service rated their level of knowledge of service increased after attending this Assembly.

The Money Lady will share the final financial impact of the Assembly. Jeannie.

Please complete this evaluation and turn into the designated person before you leave.

	LOW/POOR		HIGH/GOOD		
Rate your level of understanding of NA Service before this Service Assembly.	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
	10%	20	45%	25%	
Rate your level of understanding of NA Service after this Service Assembly.	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
			10%	50%	30%
Rate the Service Assemblies impact on your commitment to NA Service.	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
			20%	50%	30%
Did the Service Assembly meet your expectations?	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
			25%	35%	35%
Rate the Facilities Accommodations.	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
			5%	25%	70%
Rate your Assemblies location	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
			25%	15%	60%
			<i>NO</i>	<i>UNDECIDED</i>	<i>YES</i>
Would you attend another Assembly	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
				15%	80%
Should the Assembly become an annual event.	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
			5%		95%
Suggested Topics for future Service Assemblies:					
Getting Group People more involved in Group and Area Service.					
Conducting Group and Area Business Meetings more efficiently and quickly.					
How to get the Word out to the public.					
How to solve Group Problems.					
Group Responsibilities.					
45 minute sessions of Service Positions.					
Focus on Guide to Local Service.					
How to keep a positive attitude towards Service in a variety of diverse situations.					
Concepts.					
More free time during Assemblies.					
Do Sub-committees.					

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PI will be electing a new chair at the next Region.

Literature will be electing a new chair at the next Region.

The Regional Sec. position will be up for a vote next Region. This will become effective at the Nov. RSC, but we need to have the new sec. in place by then. (I will not be doing this for another turn – I believe in sharing the fun! *KB*)

Voting Record

Roll Call

Y= YES N= NO A= ABSTAIN								
DATE 2/20/00								
RCM	Brian S.	Brian A.	Ray G.	Tim C.	"Too Tall" W.	Pat B.	Paul R.	
MOTION	CENTRAL	FELLOWSHIP FOR FREEDOM	JUST FOR TODAY	UNITY	WESTERN	WICHITA METRO	MIRACLE	P/F
John S. Motion to accept minutes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	P
Brian S. Motion to accept treas. Report	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	P
Elect Gary D. to Steering committee								P
Elect Wayne to Steering committee								P
Re-elect steering as a whole								P
Elect Betty P. as RD								P
Elect John S. as RD2								P
Web page under PI	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	P
Region to cease hosting Unity Day	O	O	O	O	O	X	O	F
Vacant positions to go back to Groups before filling	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	P
Region to have Alt. Treas. And Alt. Sec.	X	X	X	O	O	X	O	F
Region to cease hosting Soul to Soul	O	O	O	X	O	O	O	F
Change policy under article XI (budget to treasurer)	X	A	X	A	X	X	X	P
Update mtg. lists every 3 mo.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	P
Budget for 2000/2001	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	P
FFF - no campout at Wilson Lake	Back to Groups							
Spending over budget, back to Groups	Back to Groups							
Increase budget for M.A.N.	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	P
Budget name change	A	O	O	O	A	O	A	F
Inventory survey	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	P

DATE 5/21/00											
	9AM	10AM	11AM	12AM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM

AREA RCM'S											
CENTRAL	X					X					
F.F.F.	X					X					
J.F.T.	X					X					
MIRACLE	X					X					
UNITY	X					X					
WESTERN	X					X					
WICHITA M	X					X					

SUB COMMITTEE											
ACTIVITY	X					X					
CAMPOUT	X					X					
CONVENTIO	X					X					
H&I	X										
LITERATUR	X					X					
OUTREACH	X										
PI	X					X					
PO BOX	X										
STEERING	X										

TRUSTED OFFICERS											
SECRETARY	X					X					
TREASURER	X					X					
RD	X					X					
RD 2	X					X					
CHAIR	X					X					
CO CHAIR	X					X					

TAX OPTIONS GROUP BULLETIN

Taxes and NA in the USA

In both the January and March 1993 issues of the *Conference Report*, the Tax Options Group promised the fellowship a report of the information gathered during its existence, specifically anything that might be helpful to elements of the NA Fellowship in the United States of America in making decisions about how to conduct their tax-related activities. There have also been several requests to answer a few specific, commonly asked questions about taxes. We believe this document performs both these functions. It was compiled on behalf of the Tax Options Group and hopefully contains information that is relevant to NA groups, service corporations, and local service committees in the United States as they consider how best to meet their obligations under USA state and federal tax codes.

Introduction

One of the marks of recovery is an ability to accept responsibility. As individuals, recovery gives us the wherewithal to start fulfilling our responsibilities as family members, neighbors, coworkers, and citizens. The same applies to our collective behavior as NA groups, committees, and service corporations. As collective citizens, our groups, service boards, and committees are obliged to obey state and federal tax laws like everyone else. The question is, what are those laws and how do they apply to us?

The meaning of "nonprofit" and its relation to tax exemption

Since our first NA meeting, most of us have heard NA defined as a nonprofit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem." From that, an awful lot of us have jumped to the assumption that not only were NA groups, service boards, and committees exempt from taxes and tax laws but that contributions to NA at any level were tax deductible. Unfortunately for us, neither of these assumptions is warranted.

Very, very few NA groups gross substantially over \$5,000 a year. However, if your group or committee does gross over \$5,000 annually, it may still be simpler and less expensive just to pay income taxes than go through the process of filing for tax exemption, incorporating (which usually goes along with the process of filing for tax exemption), and keeping up the records and reports required to maintain tax-exempt status once it's granted. If you believe your group or committee would be better off simply paying income taxes and being done with it, talk with a local tax consultant.

It's true that certified nonprofit organizations are "generally exempt from state and federal taxes and that contributions to such organizations are often tax deductible. However, according to the tax people, it's not enough to operate in such a way that a group or committee uses whatever contributions or other income it receives solely to fulfill a charitable purpose. To be certified as a nonprofit organization, an NA group or committee must file official requests with both the state and federal governments for tax exempt status. Until such a request is granted, an NA group, service board, or committee is not considered to be "nonprofit" by the government. Instead, it is treated for tax purposes as a taxable organization and is subject to the same income tax regulations other such organizations must abide by.

This leaves the NA group, service board, or committee with two alternatives: abide by regulations for taxable organizations, or file for tax exemption. Both alternatives have their benefits and their drawbacks.

Alternative 1: abide by regulations for taxable organizations

For many NA groups and for some NA service committees this alternative actually makes more sense than one might think at first glance. This is because US federal tax regulations and most state regulations do not require organizations with gross incomes under \$5,000 even to file tax returns, much less to pay income taxes. If your group or committee receives, as an average over a three year period, less than \$416.67 a month in total contributions and income from sales of NA literature, event tickets, T shirts, or other items, you're in the clear. (This means \$416 a month before expenses are taken out, not after!)

If this applies to your group or committee, all you need to do is make sure your treasurer maintains complete, accurate records of your group or committee's financial activities. The guidelines and record sheets your treasurer will need can be found in the Treasurer's Handbook, available from the World Service Office. So long as you maintain such records, you will be able to justify not having filed tax returns should state or federal authorities ever ask your treasurer about the matter.

Alternative 2: file for tax exemption

If your service committee has a gross income substantially in excess of \$5,000 a year, it should probably incorporate and file for state and federal tax exemption. Incorporation will provide your service committee with the stability it needs in its legal identity to maintain tax exemption over the years, regardless of who the committee's officers are from one year to the next. Filing and maintaining tax exemption is a complicated process. Doing it incorrectly can bring about grave legal and fiscal consequences for your service board or committee.

For this reason, we encourage you to consult with competent local legal and tax professionals who are familiar with the needs of small nonprofit organizations when preparing your corporation papers, filing for tax exemption, and maintaining your nonprofit tax reports.

This alternative may also apply to exceptionally large groups which host many meetings each week. In addition to having gross incomes substantially in excess of \$5,000 a year, such groups sometimes lease or purchase buildings for their meetings and activities and take out their own liability insurance policies. Such groups will want to incorporate their steering committees and file for tax exemption. These super-large groups, however, are quite rare. Most NA groups will be served best by simply maintaining good financial records and, in the few cases where it is necessary, paying the minimal income taxes they owe the state and federal governments each year.

If your group or committee has determined that it needs to file for tax exemption but is hesitant to incorporate, it can operate as an unincorporated association of individuals. Unincorporated

associations can apply for nonprofit tax exempt status, just like nonprofit corporations, without being bound by the corporate structure. However, be aware that incorporation can provide the group or committee with long-term stability that not only makes it easier to maintain tax-exempt status but actually helps ensure that our primary purpose continues to be fulfilled, year after year. Your local tax consultant can provide you with specific information on the pros and cons of operating as an unincorporated nonprofit association in your state.

Can members deduct their contributions to an NA group, service corporation, or committee from their tax bills?

No, not unless the group has been granted tax exempt status by the state and federal governments. If you deduct your contributions to a group which has not been given tax exemption and are later audited by tax authorities, you may find yourself in serious trouble.

Can't we get government tax agencies to grant a joint exemption for all NA groups, service corporations, and committees in the USA?

In 1992, the Tax Options Group was set up by the World Service Conference to investigate this idea with assistance from an experienced tax attorney. The group found that, to be granted a blanket exemption for NA, we would have to establish a system of controls over the finances of all American NA groups, service boards, and committees that would ensure the use of all income solely for NA purposes and require regular, reliable reports to some central NA organization which would account to tax authorities for the activities of Narcotics Anonymous. In practical terms, such a system would be nearly impossible to manage. In spiritual terms, it would run directly against our tradition of group autonomy and our concept of service, not government, within our service structure. For these reasons, we are simply recommending that each individual NA group, service board, and committee in the United States take up its responsibility to abide by all applicable tax regulations, maintaining accurate financial records and either paying whatever state and federal taxes, if any, are due or filing official requests for exemption from taxation.

Tax Options Group

MID AMERICA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
 4-H BLDG Woodside & Hickory Streets, McPHERSON, KS



SATURDAY AUG 20, 2000

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	(UP)	H & I
	(DOWN)	LITERATURE
11:00 AM - 1:00 AM	(UP)	CONVENTION
	(DOWN)	CAMPOUT
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM		LUNCH BREAK
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	(UP)	ACTIVITIES
	(DOWN)	PI
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	(UP)	STEERING
	(DOWN)	OUTREACH
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM		SPEAKER MEETING
8:00 PM - 12:00 PM		DJ DANCE - AUCTION - RAFFLE
		FUNDRAISER FOR ACTIVITIES
		\$3 Per Person - No Addict Turned Away

SUNDAY AUG 21, 2000

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	RSC CHAIR/CO-CHAIR, SECRETARY & TREASURER
	RCM' S, ALT RCM' S
	SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CO-CHAIRS
	MOTIONS & REQUESTS
9:00 AM UNTIL DONE	REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETS
	CHAIR/CO-CHAIRS MOTIONS & REQUESTS

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS BASIC TEXT page 90 "Surrendering our will puts us in contact with a Higher Power who fills the empty place inside that nothing could ever fill. We learned to trust God for help daily. Living just for today relieves the burden of the past and the fear of the future. We learned to take whatever actions are necessary and to leave the results in the hands of our Higher Power. " 0