



**Treasurer's Report  
May 2000**

MID-AMERICA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
AUGUST 2000 RSC

Beginning Balance: \$7,248.07

**INCOME:**

Donations: Central KS Area	100.00	
Fellowship For Freedom	150.00	
NSFGOBCKNA	17.29	
Step x Step	19.00	
Unity NA Group	10.00	
Waterman St. NA	50.00	
Wichita Metro Area	80.00	
Miracle Area	120.00	
Sub-Total		\$ 546.29

**Funds Returned:**

Kirk Brown secretary expense	9.14	
John Stanley PI videos	13.60	
Bob Berry (bad check ----- cash)	160.00	
Carl Kobler WSC expenses	526.27	
Betty Park WSC expenses	268.26	
Activities ----- supplies expenses	134.42	
Sub-Total		\$1,111.69

**Other Income:**

Convention 2000 ck #1602	\$5,029.88	
Activities --auction (cash) (Soul to Soul)	252.00	
Item raffle (cash)	136.00	
Pop (cash)	56.04	
Lois Wooten check	21.00	
Door money (actual \$190.00 -		
DJ expense \$150.00)	40.00	
H&I: cash	240.10	
Check-Bearden	20.00	
Mason	11.00	
Crow	20.00	
Sub-Total		\$5,826.02

**EXPENSES:**

McPherson County 4-Hck#1431	190.00	
Barker PrintingNov minutes ck#1432	70.49	
Barker PrintingFeb minutes ck#1433	42.29	
Kirk Brown MAN ck#1434	37.4\$	
Kirk Brown secretary expense ck#1435	100.00	
Pat Brown Convention 2001ck#1436	1,500.00	
Lois Wooten Soul to Soulck#1437	400.00	
Denny Criqui Outreachck#1438	72.33	
John Stanley PI webck#1439	70.00	
Barker Printing PI meeting list ck#1440	148.77	
Barker Printing PI contact card ck#1441	60.15	
Barker Printing PI Regional contact #'s ck#1442	92.99	
Betty ParkCAR workshop ck#1443	18.00	
John Stanley food GSR assembly ck#1444	10.00	
Jim Clarke World Unity Day ck#1445	50.00	
Jim Clarke Activities Aug RSC supplies ck#1446	100.00	

Kirk Brown MAN ck#1447	350.00	
Kansas State Fair PI booth ck#1448	307.50	
Brooke Insurance RSC insurance ck#1449	550.00	
Sub-Total		\$-4,169.97
Other Expense: 1 box deluxe checks	16.50	
Sub-Total		\$- 16.50

**ENDING BALANCE:**

**\$10,545.60**

**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**

**Presentation from Primary Purpose Area for seating within Mid-America Region**

I'm Jon and I'm an addict. I am the newly elected representative of a newly formed Area that is requesting to be seated within the Mid-America Region. Our chosen name is the Primary Purpose Area which at this time is comprised of five Groups. They are: Gift of Life in Hutchinson, How in Newton, Flying Free in McPherson, Life After in Kingman and Lyons NA. A few of the groups have been in existence for some time while the others have just recently been formed. The purpose of forming this Area, we believe, is to better serve our NA community, become more localized and have easier accessibility to our resources. We are still in the process of building a workable service structure but have elected several trusted servants. Tim S. is chair, myself RCM, Kim G. alt. RCM, Basil W. H&I chair, and we have several positions temporarily filled. Currently we are rotating our service meetings within the Area when possible. We know that this task of forming a new Area will not be easy and will require a lot of hard work and dedication, but I believe we have both requirements and we have addicts that are willing to help see this new Area succeed. By becoming a member of this Region, we feel we have a lot to offer, but will also be able to draw from the strength of Areas already in the Region as a whole. With your support and the support of addicts inside and outside our Area that we can only further our Primary Purpose.

Thank you,  
In Loving Service,  
Jon Mc. RCM

Primary Purpose Area Service Committee  
PO Box 2870  
Hutchinson, KS 67504-2870

**Central Kansas NA  
Regional Report**

Hi Family,

The Central Kansas Area has filled the secretaries position. Congratulations Liz B. You are doing a great job! H&I co-chair is Richard D. H&I chair is Tom C.

Motion to not have Regional campout at Lake Wilson failed. Motion to add under budgeting policy, article XI funds, section G. failed.

H&I is taking meetings into the Larned Correction Mental facility every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. with 6-12 inmates attending on a regular basis.

A 12 Concept workshop will be held Saturday September 30 at 1:00 p.m. in Larned Group meeting house, First Christian Church Annex, south of the Jordan Library east side of Broadway. Look for the signs. Contact Heather B. (316)-653-4516.

Hoisington NA is having their annual Day in the Park fund raiser and Area Birthday recognition Saturday, September 16 at 1:00 p.m. in Hoisington City Park behind the swimming pool. Look for the signs. (flyers are enclosed)

CKA has a \$100.00 donation for the Region

Sorry but due to the weather and my work I can't be here.

In Loving Service,  
Brian S., RCM

**Fellowship for Freedom  
Area Report**

Hi my brothers and sisters.

We are doing good and have all our Area positions filled.

Tom D. is our chair, Jimmy Y. our alt. Chair, Joe K. our treasurer, and Dave R. our alt. RCM.

We have 9 meetings going on now and our H&I is kicking but PI needs some help.

We have a campout coming up in September and our convention is coming along. It will be at the Days Inn in February.

Love and Service,  
Dave R.  
alt. RCM

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**Just For Today Area  
RCM Report  
20 Aug., 2000**

Hi Family,

Everything's going just as it should. The Area's campout the first of this month was a success.

The Area has moved the ASC meeting to Emporia, on a trial basis, to try and stimulate more involvement on the Area level. Unfortunately, apathy seems to be a common theme with the members in my Area. Any suggestions on how to stimulate member involvement at the Area level would be greatly appreciated.

Do to no quorum at the Area meeting I have no new business or meeting schedule updates for the Region. Being a "trusted" servant (not a slave) I will vote what I believe to be my Area's conscience on the Old business.

Thank You (everyone) for being a part of my life today.

In Gratitude

Ray Gould

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**Miracle Area  
RCM Report**

Howdy!

Due to unforeseen circumstances Paul R had to resign as RCM. We would like to thank Paul for his service to the Area and Region.

Miracle Area is growing. We have 2 new meetings and an Area sponsored games night to add to regional schedule.

P.I. Is now doing biweekly presentations, at DCCCA, twice a year at Haskel and have been contacted by KU.

H and I is going strong in the county jail with more than enough grateful addicts to fulfill our commitment there, and are looking to expand into the Juvenile Detention Center.

Our campout is next weekend at Clinton Lake. Jim W. from Newton, will be the Saturday night speaker, and Denny C. from Williamsburg will be the Sunday speaker.

We are donating \$120 to the Region.

Thank you,  
In Service,  
Jim C.

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**RCM REPORT  
UNITY AREA**

Unity Area has split into two Areas. The new Area is Primary Purpose. Hope everything works for both Areas. Good luck, best wishes

There are many openings at Area service level. Please come and support both Areas. I, Bryan H., am the new RCM for Unity Area. I would like to visit the Groups in the Unity Area in the near future.

Regional motion #1      Vote: 1 – 6 – 0    Failed

Regional motion #2      Vote: 2 – 4 – 0    Failed

I have no information on upcoming events at this time.

Looking forward to serve,  
Bryan H.  
RCM, Unity Area  
PO Box 161,  
Dwight KS, 66849  
(785) 482-3514

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### **RCM Report Western Area**

Hello NA Family:

Western Area is “Alive and Kickin”.

Another “In Tents” is over, well over sixty attending – not too bad. Upcoming events are:

Dodge City Roundup                      October 6, 7, & 8<sup>th</sup>

Western Area Spiritual Retreat        October 20, 21, & 22<sup>nd</sup>

We brought back our tallies from last Region – We are still doing Outreach, “Addicts on Asphalt” – next will be going to Ulysses on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

This will be my last Region as RCM. Two years is long enough. The alt. RCM, Gary D. should be taking over.

Thanks Gary.

In Service with a Smirkey Smile,  
Tom W.  
AKA: “Too Tall”

Ps. The Spiritual Retreat will be at the Boy Scout camp at Ford County Lake. Price will be \$20.00 - \$25.00 including lodging and food.

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### **Wichita Metro Area**

To the Mid America Region Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous:

Hello from the Wichita Metro Area,

We would like to welcome our new Area chair, Cat N., Crystal P., our new Area secretary, and Area PI chair, Olivia V. All are from, gosh, Wichita. We wish them the best in their new positions.

Narcotics Anonymous is growing in our Area. Meeting attendance is strong, with new faces at almost every meeting, and an increased interest in service work (yeah!). Our H&I committee is continuing to grow, we have approved a PSA for our Area, and recovery is “happening”. It is a wonderful thing to see newcomers and old-timers together. As we continue to grow it is a grateful feeling to have such a strong NA community in Wichita.

The Area is planning a function sometime this fall. When the information is updated and available I will get this information out to all the RCM’s. We are making an \$80.00 donation to the Region.

In service,  
Pat B.  
RCM  
WMA

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### **Subcommittee Reports**

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#### **Activities Report**

Greetings:

We had a good meeting with 4 Areas in attendance.

Unity Day will go on September 2, in McPherson, service workshops start at 9am. Lunch will be provided, 7p.m. speaker meeting and dance to follow. Request for \$95.00 for rent of the 4-H building and \$55.00 remaining funds budgeted for expenses.

Soul to Soul is going strong. September 22 – 24 at Camp Chippawa. Carl K. will be cooking. Please pre-register with Lois W. We are requesting \$408.00 proceeds from fund-raiser. (the fund-raiser was the dance etc. at the last Regional meeting as noted in the amendment to the minutes from last quarter. KB)

November RSC is Turkey Day. Carl K. will smoke a turkey. I need people to volunteer to bring side dishes.

Last night's dance offered plenty of room on the dance floor and in the money cans.

I would like to read the 1<sup>st</sup> Tradition and the 8<sup>th</sup> concept, (he did do – look them up) , further it would greatly benefit NA as a whole if we could check our calendars and communicate within our service structure and strive to not have 2 functions on the same night.

Thank you,  
In Service,  
Jim C.

Ps. Table damaged at dance last night to be made rite by September 2<sup>nd</sup>. (John S. stated he has a table leg identical to the unbroken one and will donate it, and fix the table at the Unity Day celebration. Thanks John.)

Pss. Scheduled functions should be submitted to the Regional Activities Chair to calendar and check for conflicts 6 months in advance. This will be greatly appreciated.

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### **Campout Committee**

This years 22<sup>nd</sup> annual MAR campout at Wilson Lake was GREAT! The weather was great, NO WIND , great food – a very laid back atmosphere. Attendance was low, but the ones who attended enjoyed themselves.

We did fill all positions. Next years campout will be held again at Wilson Lake, Lucas Park. Dates: June 29, 30, and July 1, 2001. The theme is “Going the Distance”. Food will be catered by Glen Smith.

Due to low attendance our income was lower – we are giving the Region \$134.56. Please note this amount is \$300.50 short of what Campout needs to pay because we had to pay for 2001 reservation in advance. When the Region gives us our \$1000.00 seed money, we will give the Region a check for \$300.50.

The campout committee really needs Areas or Groups to help us out by having some fund-raisers. Please help!

In Loving Service,  
Von P.

**M.A.R. CAMPOUT TREASURER REPORT: available at next RSC.**

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

August 20, 2000

To The Mid America Region Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Hello, NA family,

The convention committee took advantage of the extra hour yesterday during sum-committee meetings to get a lot accomplished. We finalized the registration form and I am delighted, on behalf of the committee to report that the prices for MARCNA XVIII will not change and are identical to last years convention. MARCNA XVIII , with the theme “The Message” will be on Friday, March 30, Saturday, March 31 and Sunday April 1, 2001 at the Ramada Inn in Hutchinson, Kansas. Registrations will be mailed out as soon as possible, as we just finalized them yesterday. I understand that this information will also be available on the MARSCNA web site soon, as well as several e-mail addresses and links to provide current and updated information. We are looking forward to seeing this new media.

Again, there will be a pre-registration deadline of February 24, 2000, postmarked on or before this date. After that date, all pre-registrations will returned to the sender. We have found that this 5 week time span between pre-registration cut-off and the convention gives the committee time to complete all the tasks necessary for all attending addicts to have an awesome

time. There are still several positions open on committee: fundraising, merchandising and entertainment. Please pass this information along to your areas and groups. We will also be meeting in Hutchinson, if possible. I will get our meeting place info. out when it is available.

We are turning a check for \$1,000 over to the Region as re-payment of the initial seed for MARCNA XVIII, as we had sent \$1,000 with Betty P., our RD for the purchase of merchandise for fundraising activities. Our account balance as of this date was \$1211.00 minus the \$1,000 and minus a \$20.00 check leaves a current balance of \$191.00.

All in all, we are exactly where we are supposed to be activity wise. We would request from all RCMs any scheduled MARCNA fundraising events for the next several months so we as a committee can prepare and make sure each event has the best possible representation and merchandise available for them. Thanks for your help..it is appreciated from the committee.

In Service,

Pat B.  
Chair  
MARCNA XVIII

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### H&I

Hello,

We have a lot going on. We got 23 meetings going on 4 Area and 2, missing. We will be having a workshop on September 2, 2000. We will be asking for money in November for an introductory guide to NA. We would like to put 50 in each prison in the state. We have elections for H&I chair and co-chair in November

Thanks for letting me serve,  
Dave R.

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### Literature Report LITERATURE COMMITTEE MINUTES August 19, 2000

- Kirk B. gave the the MAN report.
- MAN is in need of articles. At this time, there are only a few articles that have been submitted for the next issue. Areas need to get word out that anyone wishing to submit either an article or artwork for the MAN can forward them to Kirk either at [Klbertha@aol.com](mailto:Klbertha@aol.com) or by mail to The MAN, c/o Kirk Brown, P.O. Box 975, Baldwin City, KS 66006.
- Discussions on the next committee to request article from for Getting to Know Your Subcommittee column. It was decided to approach the Steering Committee. Dori volunteered to approach the committee to make this request.
- Discussions on requesting that Region look at purchasing a copier and computer and printer for use during Region.
- It was noted that MAN came in under budget again and the excess funds were returned to Region.
- It is thought that the idea of using color in the MAN would be too cost prohibitive to do.
- Idea of subscriptions were discussed. Nothing was resolved at this time.
- Discussed the idea of sending newsletter directly to groups. It was decided that it would be too costly to do this.
- Discussed the possibility of the committee getting involved in reviewing some pamphlets/projects that WSC is currently looking at being worked. Decided that we were interested in pursuing this and Tim S. agreed to accept responsibility for follow up on this to be brought back for the next RSC.
- It is felt that more communication with World as to the projects they are working on is needed.
- It was discussed what to do as far as distribution of newsletter with the addition of a new area. It was decided to leave current distribution as is and to add 50 additional copies to the count for the Primary Purpose area since there is sufficient funds allocated to do this.
- What to post on the Web site and content for the page was discussed. Web site address is: midamericana.com.
- **MAN deadline is September 10<sup>th</sup> for anyone wishing to submit articles.**
- **A challenge goes out to all area literature chairpersons to submit an article or art work for the next issue.**
- A challenge goes out to all area literature chairpersons to be present at the next RSC.

**The M.A.N.**  
**6/23/2000**

Hello Family,

Well, I just got the newsletter into the mail and have finished my financial accounting. (see table below) As you can see, we got this issue printed and distributed for just under \$.39/copy. I think that this is a great price and although Rand had to raise the printing costs, he still deserves a big note of thanks. I checked with two other printing houses, and their prices were over twice what we paid Rand.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit price</b>	<b>Total</b>
Newsletter	700	\$0.35	\$245.00
Bulk mailing cost	3	\$5.01	\$15.03
Bulk mailing cost	2	\$4.03	\$8.06
Bulk mailing cost	6	\$.77	\$4.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>\$0.39</b>	<b>\$272.71</b>
		(rounded up)	

I have been getting great material and encourage The Fellowship to continue sending me this "stuff". This is **your** newsletter and the credit for it's quality lies with you. Remember, this is not English 101. You don't have to create the perfect article to share your Experience, Strength and Hope. We all have stories that are worth telling. All you need to do is be honest, which is a Spiritual Principal that we all are working on. I can be reached at the following addresses:

Kirk Brown  
PO Box 975  
Baldwin City, KS 66006  
Phone (785) 594-2148  
e-mail klbertha@aol.com

The following table is an accounting for the yearly budget ending at the close of business on Sunday at the May 2001 RSC. I will be including this in my future reports.

Quarter/month	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Q. June, 00</b>
Starting Balance	\$1400.00
Spent	272.71
Ending Balance	\$1127.29

In Loving Service,  
Kirk B.  
The M.A.N. Publisher

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**Outreach Report**

Ordered and received 30 Outreach Resource Information Booklets.

Worked on Regional Group mailing addresses. All but Fellowship For Freedom are on this sheet. (see end of minutes KB) Don't know how they were missed! Sorry!! Several people helped finish these lists. I do believe outreach efforts like mailing addresses and speaker lists are an important inter-fellowship growth efforts.

Also, I have finally made contact with GSR's from S.E. KS, Chanute, Ft. Scott, Parsons, Independence, and Pittsburgh. I met them at a function at Ft. Scott. From some short conversation, I understood some interest in possibly joining the Mid America Region. I do want to follow up on this initial contact, for JFT Area, the Region and personally.

There was no attendance at outreach sub-committee Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 4p.m. This is my last Region as outreach chair. I will still attend Region as a warm body.

Moines received: \$72.33  
Moines spent: \$72.33 30 booklets

Peace, Love & NA,  
Denny C.

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### PI Report

Ending balance of \$ 779.81 as of 08/20/2000

P.I. Report:  
Hello Family;

Public Information is alive, learning and ready to serve! ( Lots of P.I. Folks and dedicated members at our sub committee meeting) We are collecting the meeting list updates from anyone we can get them from. The deadline is today at close of business. (RCM's can get update forms from me at the next break.) The wallet cards are same deal!

The State Fair project is proceeding well. We have a list of volunteers to attend the booth, a camper and place to park it (Thanks to Denny C. And Basil W.) This will help our members coming from greater distances to stay with a minimum of expenses. A literature order will be placed tomorrow for 1400 IP's/lil' white books and we will have 500 regional meeting list and 200 wallet cards also. We hope we have enough! To that end we are inviting areas and groups to donate IP's if they can. Please contact Alan B.(316-283-2033) Lindsey (785-234-1562)or John S.(785-594-2527) concerning those donations. We will be sending the balance of our obligation to the fair coordinator's office this week also.(\$307.50) HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE FAIR,AND AT OUR BOOTH!!! Feedback regarding this event will be appreciated so we can make it better next year.

Bob K. Submitted a list of proposed guidelines for our website, its inclusion in the M.A.N. was to initiate discussion, advice and positive input. The domain name was purchased(\$50.00) the address is WWW.MIDAMERICAREGIONNA.COM. We need a domain name server to host the site and are looking for the best deal we can get. We will be working on the various aspects of the website and guidelines at our next meeting.

We have had various presentations to organizations or groups around the region as well as workshops within the fellowship. A packet of info. will be sent to Larned State Hospital soon as well as meeting lists and wallet cards. (thanks Alan B.)

We had elections today and the committees Co-Chair will be Olivia V. (Wichita Metro) Secretary will be Kim G. (Unity Area), Alan B of Newton was unanimously voted as PI Chair and that is our recommendation. Congratulations to them all.

I will say nothing more than it's been a great time for me this past year and I'll continue to help this committee as much as I can!

In Loving Service  
John III

### Web Site Update

Content for the new Mid America Region website has been accumulated this weekend and will be up soon.

Hopefully, a server will be found to host our newly purchased domain name.

If any trusted servants are willing and able to help with how this regions presence on the Internet looks, please e-mail me at [MARSCNA@hotmail.com](mailto:MARSCNA@hotmail.com).

Thanks,  
Bob K.

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

Dear Region,

I have been doing the box on a regular basis.

If you have dated material, please have it sent to your home, because I don't always have the right address or enough time to get it to you.

**Steering Committee Report  
August 13, 1999**

We are presently working on a inventory for the Region.

We have motions to bring to the floor. They are:

- 1.) The MARSCNA secretary compile a motion log of all motions passed at the current MARSCNA which will be included in the MARSCNA meeting minutes.
- 2.) The motion log will be compiled once a year as “supplemental pages” and “table of contents” at the February RSC. The supplemental pages and “table of contents” will be distributed to all RCM’s, subcommittees and Regional officers at the May RSC for placement into the current MARSCA policy guidelines manual.
- 3.) Every 2 years the steering subcommittee will completely revise the MARSCNA Policy/Guidelines manual. The supplemental motion log will remain a part of the MARSCNA Policy/Guidelines manual as an appendix.

Financial Impact: Revisions of table of contents and supplemental pages approximately \$10.00. Complete manual revision approximately \$50.00.

Steering also recommends that the activity sub-committee take over service assembly.

Steering would like the Region to take a look at the abstention policy – are we policy based or spiritually based?

Don M.’s turn is up in November. He has been a great, great help and he will be missed. Thank you Don. We will have an open position in November.

In service,  
Jim W.

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**RD**

Unity Day will be September 2, 2000 in Cartagena, Columbia at the World Convention. I know we are celebrating it here in McPherson.

The Zonal Forum will be September 16<sup>th</sup> in Braggs Oklahoma at Greenleaf State Park. It is the 15<sup>th</sup> and ½ annual Northside Stroll and Troll and Chicken Flying Contest campout. I have flyers on the table at the back of the room. I will be requesting \$300.00 for funding to the Zonal. Anyone interested in going, please get with me or John S., RD Alt. I yield the floor to my alternate for any other news.

In Loving Service to NA and my HP,  
BAP  
RD

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**RD II**

Hello Family,

I didn’t do it...honest! – because there wasn’t anything to do. We will be attending the Zonal in Oklahoma next month (I’m looking forward to another RD trip). I have been reviewing some of the documents from World, but I’m not sure what to prepare for so I’m reading all I can just in case.

Looking forward to serve  
With Love,  
John III

Balance of RD/RD II funds after \$300.00 for Zonal is \$3725.00

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**Secretary’s Report**

This will be my last typing of the minutes for the Region – at least at this time. (Who knows what the future will bring.) The work has been just that, work, but by the same token it has been quite rewarding. I have learned a great deal about the

working of NA, the politics involved (yes, there are politics in NA) and myself during the last two years of service. I hope that the next secretary gets as much out of the experience as I have. For all my bitching, it has been an enjoyable two years.

I urge all of the subcommittee chairs, RCM's and all others submitting reports to do so not only in a hard copy, but to put those reports on disk if at all possible. This job is an enormous one, and anything you can do to help the secretary is appreciated. Furthermore, the chances of omission and error are greatly reduced when they are submitted electronically.

I will be turning over to the next secretary a CD with all of my files and folders for the last two years on it. This will include the data base that I have put together. I hope that this CD will stay with the secretary's files as a permanent record. I think that the minutes are important not only for the immediate and current needs, but as a history of where we have been and what has led us to where we are.

In closing, I want to say thank you for letting me serve. It has been an honor and privilege to do so. I expect to continue to serve the Region and NA as a whole in other capacities as my skills and abilities allow.

In Loving Service,  
Kirk B.

#### Secretary's Report (financial)

Quarter/month		1 <sup>st</sup> Q. May, 00 (close of business.)
Starting Balance for the fiscal year		\$400.00
Starting Balance for the quarter (May, 00)	<b>\$100.00</b>	
Printing	-\$62.03	
Postage	<u>-\$33.88</u>	
Total Spent	95.91	
Turned into the Treasurer	<b>\$4.09</b>	
Ending Balance for the year		\$304.90

#### Elections

Campout – there was confusion concerning **Von P.** and whether he is the campout chair for the upcoming year. We determined that his term of service continues through the 2001 campout.

Lit. Chair – Kirk B. nominated Tim S. Tim declined due to a conflict of interest. Kirk questioned the potential conflict and it was explained to him that the Region Chair may need to be a voting member at times and should be unbiased. If he/she were a subcommittee chair, he/she could not remain unbiased. **We currently have no lit. chair or co-chair; these positions up for election next RSC once again. If you are at all interested, please show up and help!** KB

PI Chair – the subcommittee nominated **Allen B.** and the floor elected him. Congratulations!

Regional secretary – **this position is still open! No interest was expressed on the floor. This is an important position, pls. step forward and serve.** KB

#### LUNCH!!! (12:20 – 1:45)



#### Old Business

- ◆ **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.

❖ **Pls. note: due to the wording of this motion, steering will develop a policy that will then be sent to groups for approval. I made a mistake when I said that “all vacant positions will need to go back to groups before they can be filled.” This is not the current policy, steering will develop said policy.** KB

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

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.

**This motion fails.**

**Note:** FFF abstained from this vote. There was much questioning of the RCM concerning the Areas vote, but no satisfactory answer concerning their choice of vote was produced.

*Tim S. pointed out that any motion that makes it to the Region should have gone through the Area. If the Area doesn't support a motion, we don't want to see it at the Regional level.*

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

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.

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.

**This motion fails.**

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Ray G., RCM, JFT asked about proxy votes. Tim S. said that if the vote, for old business, was included in a Area report, it is admissible.

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**Steering committee:** who will continue to put on the **Service Assembly**? Steering's 1<sup>st</sup> choice is activities. Activities (Jim C.) responded that they think that outreach ought to do it as it is a function of outreach. It was pointed out that outreach didn't have enough interest or people to have a subcommittee meeting this RSC. Activities pointed out that they frequently have few people at their subcommittee meetings and have a number of other commitments. Steering said that all of the members of steering that were involved with last years Assembly were more than willing to help – anxious to help.

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## New Business

Debby S. expressed concern that we have many activities conflicting with each other. Unity Day was the focus of her immediate concern. Jim W. stated that he and others ride on that day, attend Unity Day and then ride on to another function. This is the kind of cooperation and support that we need. (Debby S.)

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Bill from Barker Printing for the printing of M.A.R.C.N.A. XVII programs. Bill was overlooked or came in after the books for M.A.R.C.N.A. XVII were closed out. **The Region voted to honor this bill and will cut check to Barker for \$455.53.**

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➤ **Steering asked for permission to look into the Abstention Vote policy.** They feel that this policy needs to be reviewed. Question: “Are we policy-based or spiritually-based?”

After much discussion, the RCM’s decided to continue with the abstention policy as it is currently. It is as listed below:

**FEBRUARY 1998**

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**Passed .**

**NOTE: DUE TO A MIXUP ON THE PART OF THE 4H PEOPLE, WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY RENT NEXT QUARTER.**

**Motion to close Passed 3:30**

This concludes the minutes for the August 2000 RSC. Once again I hope that they include all the pertinent information and that they are accurate. I want to say “Thanks” once again for letting me serve. Service is an honor, privilege and duty, and I am pleased that you chose to let me be a “Part Of”. So,..... Thank you,

Peace and Love  
 (Old Hippy Talk)  
 KB  
 Regional Secretary  
 (Retired)





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**Literature will be electing a new chair & co-chair at the next Region.**

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**Steering will be electing a new member next Region. (Two in May)**

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**Outreach will be electing a new chair & co-chair next Region.**

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**The Regional Sec. position will be up for a vote next Region. We found no willingness at this last RSC. I’m sure that someone will step up to the plate next RSC. (I have lots of Faith.)**

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## Voting Record

Y= YES N=NO A = ABSTAIN									
DATE 8/20/2000									
RCM	Brian S.	Brian A.	Ray G.	Tim C.	Too Tall" W	Pat B.	Paul R.	Jon Mc	
MOTION	CENTRAL	FFF	JFT	UNITY	WESTERN	WICHITA MEIRO	MIRACLE	PRIMARY PURPOSE	PASS/ FAIL
<b>Old Business</b>									
Cease campout at Wilson lake	N	A	N	N	N	N	N	N	F
Funds in excess of budget, back up to groups	N	A	Y	N	N	Y	N	A	F
<b>New Business</b>									
Steering asked permission to look into the abstention vote again.		N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	F

## Roll Call

DATE 8/20/2000	9AM	10AM	11AM	12AM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM
<b>AREA RCM'S</b>											
CENTRAL											
F.F.F.	X				X						
J.F.T.	X				X						
MIRACLE	X				X						
UNITY	X				X						
WESTERN	X				X						
WICHITA MET.	X				X						
PRIMARY PURPOSE	X				X						
<b>SUB COMMITTEE</b>											
ACTIVITIES	X				X						
CAMPOUT	X				X						
CONVENTION	X				X						
H&I	X				X						
LITERATURE											
OUTREACH	X										
PI	X				X						
PO BOX	X										
STEERING	X				X						
<b>TRUSTED OFFICERS</b>											
SECRETARY	X				X						
TREASURER	X				X						
RD	X				X						
RD 2	X				X						
CHAIR	X				X						
CO CHAIR	X				X						

**MID AMERICA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

4-H BLDG Woodside & Hickory Streets, McPHERSON, KS



**SATURDAY NOV 19, 2000**

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	(UP)	OUTREACH
	(DOWN)	STEERING
11:00 AM - 1:00 AM	(UP)	LITERATURE
	(DOWN)	H&I
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM		LUNCH BREAK
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	(UP)	CAMPOUT
	(DOWN)	CONVENTION
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	(UP)	PI
	(DOWN)	ACTIVITIES
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 NOV 20, 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 55

**“One of the most profound changes in our lives is in the realm of personal relationships.”**



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

### FEBRUARY 1995

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

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

Passed

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

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

Passed

### MAY 1995

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

A: RSC C-Chair

B: Alt-RSR

C: RSR

D: Secretary

E: Treasurer

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

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

Passed

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

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

Passed

### AUGUST 1995

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

**Intent:** To help maintain order.

Passed

### NOVEMBER 1995

Nothing

### FEBRUARY 1996

Nothing

### MAY 1996

Nothing

### AUGUST 1996

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

**STEERING COMMITTEE:**

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

## **NOVEMBER 1996**

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

**Intent:** To reduce standing sub-committees.

**Passed**

## **FEBRUARY 1997**

**Nothing**

## **MAY 1997**

**Motion: ARTICLE XII: SEATING OF AN AREA**

**Purpose:**

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

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

**Requirements:**

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

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

**Passed**

**Motion: ARTICLE XIII: SUSPENSION OF AN AREA**

**Purpose:**

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

**Definition:**

A: Suspension shall consist of

1. Suspension of voting privileges for two consecutive RSC's.
2. The RSC will send a formal, certified, return receipt letter addressing the said problems, to the Area in question within 10 days of the close of business of that RSC.
3. In order to support the efforts of the Area in question, a duly appointed committee of no less than four (4) members of the M.A.R.S.C.N.A. consisting of RSR/Alt. RSR, two (2) ASR's, and a member from the Steering committee will attend the ASC of the said Area prior to the convening of the next RCM.

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

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

**Passed**

**Motion: ARTICLE XIV: UNSEATING OF AN AREA**

**Purpose:**

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

**Requirements:**

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

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

**Passed**

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

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

**Passed**

#### **AUGUST 1997**

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

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

**Passed**

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

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

**Passed**

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

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

**Passed**

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

**Intent:** To coincide with updated language.

**Passed**

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

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

**Passed**

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

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

**Passed**

**Motion:** To discontinue return receipt practice for meals while on M.A.R.S.C.N.A. approved trips. Amendment: \$25.00/day/diem for meals.

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

**Passed**

#### **NOVEMBER 1997**

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

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

**Passed**

#### **FEBRUARY 1998**

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**Steering Definition:** An abstention vote means that you are accepting the majority vote whether it be yea or neigh. An abstention vote is counted on the side of the majority.

Passed .

#### **MAY 1998**

**Nothing**  
**AUGUST 1998**

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

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

**Passes**

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

**NOVEMBER 1998**

**Nothing**

**FEBRUARY 1999**

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

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

**Passed**

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

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

**Passes** (bummer!)

**MAY 1999**

**Motion:** Steering committee came to the conclusion at our interim meeting that the Regional Policy Steering A.2 on pg. 9, "A.2. Present nomination for chairperson of upcoming convention." be dropped from Steering committee guidelines.

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

**Financial impact:** None

This motion went back to groups and was passed.

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

Tim S. – Seconded

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

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

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**NOVEMBER 1999**

**Motion:** (Tim S., Seconded by Kirk B.) produce wallet size cards containing but not limited to Area help line numbers, Area contact numbers, WSO number and e-mail address, and Regional e-mail. This will supplement the Regional meeting list.

**Intent:** to provide a more viable source of current information that is easily accessible to all members.

Motion seconded and passed. (take back to groups)

**THIS MOTION PASSED.**

**Motion:** (brought by the Just For Today Area) the Mid America Regional Service Committee shall start at 8:am (motions and request for funds) and end at 5:30pm or at the discretion of the Regional Chair.

**Intent:** To be considerate of our members who have to drive considerable distances; to be sure we've done our part to insure their safety.

**Financial Impact:** unknown, but none foreseen

**THIS MOTION PASSED.**

**RCM take back to the Groups for a condenses the idea of our RSC officers going to a two year length of term, having to be reelected at the end of the first year.**

**Reason:** With only 4 meetings a year, about the time that their duties and responsibilities are learned, it is time for them to rotate out.

**Financial Impact:** None.

**\*Note; This got taken back as a motion and not as a recommendation.**

**THIS WAS PASSED AS A MOTION.**

## **FEBRUARY 2000**

**Motion:** - RD and Alt. should continue on a two year rotation and the Region send the delegates to the WSC Interim meeting on the off year of the World Service Conference.

**Financial Impact:** Should save us money as the interim meeting will be shorter in time than the conference.

This motion went back to groups and was passed. **\*Note: the wording of this motion will be worked out by the Steering committee.**

**Motion:** (Carl K.) the M.A.N. be removed from the roll call list at the Region.

**Reason:** the M.A.N. is a subcommittee of the Literature committee and has a voice on the floor through that committee already.

**Financial impact:** none.

This motion **passed.**

## **MAY 2000**

**Motion:** 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

**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.

**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.

**Financial impact:** None.

## **AUGUST 2000**

**NOTHING**

