



**Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous**

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**Business Meeting Minutes**

**May 20, 2012**

The business meeting of the Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous was opened with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer by the Chair at 8:23 am. The 12 Traditions, the 12 Concepts and the service motivator was read.

**Housekeeping:** The Chair called for all requests for funds and motions and money to be turned in.

**Roll Call:** We took our first roll call at 8:25 am and the following chairs and trusted servants were present at the start of business on Sunday May 20, 2012.

**Trusted Servants Present:** Chair, Co-chair, Reg. Delegate, Alt. Reg. Delegate, and Secretary. There is no Co-Treasurer at this time.

**Area R.C.M.'s:** Central KS Area, Fellowship For Freedom, Just For Today, Miracle Area, Primary Purpose, Unity Area, Western Area, Wichita Metro.

**Subcommittee Chairs:** Activities, Archivist, Campout, Convention, Hospitals & Institutions, Literature, P.O. Box, Public Information, Steering, Soul to Soul, and Restructuring Adhoc Chair. There is no Outreach Chair.

**A. Approval of Minutes:**

There was a motion and seconded to accept the minutes as sent. No objections.

- There was a change of the order of business to seat a new area. The Oz Area was qualified and they were accepted as a new area to our region. Welcome Oz area!!!

**B. Area Reports:**

**Central Kansas Area:**

Hello Region:

Greetings from the Central Kansas Area. Our meetings continue, but as is the case with many others, service involvement continues to be a struggle. Meeting attendance appears to be consistent throughout most of the groups. We have recently set up a new phone line with an interactive menu. The number is 1-855-CKAREANA. We have a flier drive in the works to get this number out to the public. We are ready for our annual campout at Wilson Lake this coming weekend, let the camping season begin. We have the votes for the regional motions.

It saddens me to say that this will be my last RSC. I would like to say thank you to this region for the wonderful experiences and friendships you have given me. I am eternally grateful for the love and support I have received from all of you. Best wishes for the future.

In Service,

Jake D.  
CKA-RCM

***Fellowship For Freedom Area:***

Hello Regional Family,

Fellowship for Freedom has had some ups and downs this quarter. First off we would like to thank the Region for choosing to hold its Regional convention in our Area this year. We had a great time and enjoyed it immensely. Thank you for the opportunity and the great convention. We haven't had any other activities this past quarter but do have two events coming up in June and July. Our Pajama Jam is on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 9 pm at Grace United Methodist Church and our annual Luau is on July 7<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 9 pm at Forest Park building 7. Come join us for fun, food and fellowshiping. Our H&I committee continues to carry the message in to institutions 13 times a week. They are doing well but do need more women volunteers. They have implemented a new idea also for key tags. They are giving out paper key tags and have asked for the Area's support to provide those addicts with key tags once they are released. The groups in the Area were happy to participate in this idea. As for literature, we as an Area have decided to deplete our current stockpile and will no longer have this subcommittee as a part of our Area structure. This is due to financial reasons and lack of support for the committee. After the depletion of stock the groups will be ordering their own literature as they see fit. Public Information subcommittee is still struggling. There is still no chair or phone line chair. We are trying hard to get these positions filled, but haven't had any luck yet. We did however fill the position of webmaster. Our website will be getting a new look soon and look forward to the changes that are in the works. We still have no Outreach Chair or committee at this time. We are hoping that this position will get filled soon as well. Our open positions at this time are Area Co-Chair, Area Asst Treasurer, Area Asst Secretary, Outreach Chair, PI Chair and 4 steering members. We did see two new meetings added to our meeting list this last quarter. The Oakland Group on Saturday's at 6:30 pm at 801 NE Chester and the Morning After Group at 11 am on Saturday's at 135 SW Buchanan. Also the Women's Underground Healing Group has had to move again. They will now be meeting at 801 NE Chester on Sunday nights. Our Area voted on all the motions that were sent back from last region and we have half of our groups submit CAR tallies. Once we got all our tally votes we submitted them to our RD's for inclusion. That's all for now.

In loving service,

Jerry & Michelle

***Just For Today Area:***

Hello Family,

Things are going very well in the JFT Area and even though we still have a few openings on our committee, we are still meeting and getting things done as we need to.

Our Annual Mirror of Miracles Campout was held @ Toronto Lake in April with a good turnout and we all had a great time.

Coming up in June is Recovery Fest June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Elk City Lake just west of Independence. I hope to

see you there! Pioneer Group celebrates 25 years as a group this year with a Back to the 80's themed function on June 9<sup>th</sup>, so break out the big hair and mullets and join us.

Also Pioneer Group will be hosting a Soul to Soul fundraiser July 14<sup>th</sup> at Jones Park in Emporia. 3 on 3 volleyball tournament, cook out, speaker, raffle and auction.

All of the flyers for these are on marscna website, if anyone wants to know more info.

We have a donation for MARSCNA and I hope to see a lot of you around the region soon.

Much Love,  
Tony W  
RCM JFT Area

### ***Miracle Area:***

Hello from the Miracle Area!

We've had good attendance at Area last quarter. Eight out of eight groups were represented in March. We had five out of eight groups represented when Leavenworth hosted Area in April, with seven out of eight in May. The Miracle Area will be donating \$200.00 this quarter.

**Area Chair/Alt** – Michael S. continues to hold down the position as the area's chair, with Bob K. as co-chair. .

**Outreach** – We currently do not have an Outreach chair.

**Literature** – Our Literature Chair is Jack S. and we currently have formed an Ad-Hoc committee to come up with a solution for problems in keeping a literature stockpile. The committee met last Thursday and will meet again on the 31<sup>st</sup> and present some solutions at the next ASC.

**PI** – Dan S is our current PI Chair. Our PI Subcommittee has been busy. We have presented three presentations to local groups and hospitals and are under negotiations with others. Last month we had a successful Pizza and Pop Flyer Drive, spreading the message of Recovery. Recruitment of women for the Phone Line has been an ongoing effort, as there are few as of today.

**H&I** – In March we elected Jeff L. as our H&I chair at ASC, and is doing a good job getting people scheduled to take weekly meetings into the men's and women's pod in the Douglas County Jail. We also carry a weekly meeting to the Women's treatment center at the First Step House.

**Activities** – We currently don't have an Activities Chair as Kelly C's term was up in Feb. She agreed to fill in for the chair position until we can elect another. We hosted a Day in the Park on the 5<sup>th</sup> and that brought in \$137.00 for our Area. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sponsorship Works Banquet that was scheduled for June has been postponed, more will be revealed. The Last Chance Group's 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Free Campout will be held on June 22, 23, and the 24<sup>th</sup> at Clinton Lake, Bloomington West Group Campground gates open at 6:00 pm on Friday. On Sept. 14, 15, and 16<sup>th</sup> the Miracle Area Campout will also be at Clinton Lake at the Bloomington West Campground.

Overall, we are still facing some challenges with unfilled sub-committee and service worker positions, which seems to be an ongoing struggle, but we feel positive about our efforts to improve our services to our groups

and the “addict that is still suffering” in our communities. Come see us in Lawrence, Baldwin City, Perry, Leavenworth and Eudora. My future in this Region hangs in the balance with a vote to join a new area, coming up at my homegroup’s business meeting at the end of this month. I appreciate the opportunity I’ve been given to be a part of this level of service, it has been a great learning experience for me. If it’s God’s will I’ll see you next quarter, and if it’s not, I won’t.

In Loving Service,

Steve G.

***OZ Area:***

Hello NA Family,

In February group members from Colby, Goodland, and Burlington met to discuss forming a new area in North West Kansas with the purpose of sharing the message of NA more effectively. I contacted Daniel C. and discussed proper procedures in completing this task. A meeting was scheduled for March 18, 2012 where several members from region assisted us in forming the Oz Area. Colby New Hope in Colby, Freedom Today in Goodland, Recovery Today in St. Francis, and Burlington Downtown Group in Burlington, Colorado with the hope the Freedom of Choice Group in Norton will decide to join our area. I have made several attempts to contact the Norton Group with minimal success at this time. I developed a meeting list in March for the Oz Area and sent it to Daniel C. to be forwarded to Web Master. We have set up a bank account in Burlington. We are currently in the process of developing a policy. We have filled the Chair, Secretary, Treasury, and RCM positions and developed a policy committee. Kody E. – Chair; Amy M. Sec. and Treasury; Chris B. RCM; Policy Committee- Chet L. , Kody E., Chris B., Amy M., and Jesse H. Meeting attendances in two of our groups are doing well and two groups are struggling at this time. We are excited for recovery and to be of service.

In loving service,

Chris B. RCM

***Primary Purpose Area:***

Hello Family,

We do not receive much support in our area. Each group now has an acting GSR for the first time in over a year. YAY! It has been a struggle getting individuals to get to area meetings. Business is running anyway though.

We voted on all regional motions. #021912-02 pass, #021912-03 pass #021912-01 pass.

Newton HOW is having a memorial weekend campout May 25-28<sup>th</sup> @ Harvey Co West Park. Hutchinson is having a campout June 8-10 @ Lake Afton Shelter 4. Lyons has a family game night the last Friday of every month with food and games.

PPA is looking to have their annual function sometime in late September or early October. More will be revealed.

Grateful to Serve,

Angie M  
RCM PPA

Open Positions: Co-chair, Alt RCM, Secretary, H&I & Co, PI & Co, Policy, Outreach and co.

***Unity Area Report:***

Unity Area meeting are quarterly and seem to be working out well, we rotate between groups for this meeting to coincide with meetings, functions, etc. We have several positions open but seem to be having some of the groups taking care of their own H&I area need, by filling the pamphlet racks at county jails. Save the date function October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Halloween Dance.

We are bringing a check to region for @200.00 for donation.

Jon J  
Unity Area RCM

***Wichita Metro Area Report:***

Hello everyone, 5/19/12

May was elections month and marked the end of RCM Tom M's term. I was voted in to serve as WMA new RCM. Thank you, Tom for all you do for WMA and the NA community as a whole. You've left some pretty big shoes to fill. That being said, we now have Alt RCM & Secretary positions open.

Here's what I have....

PI has a work shopping available regarding detox locations available in the area as well as for answering the Hotline. We are currently trying to compile a list of volunteers to speak one on one with people calling the hotline and choosing the "to talk to" prompt.

H&I – County jail now has day and night meetings for the men (that's one night meeting per month and 2 day meetings per month) but are still in need of willingness for the women's jail before they are able to start again. This meeting was suspended back in January (I believe) due to lack of consistency with willingness and women who qualify to enter the jail.

Activities committee implemented a plan to have some sort of small monthly activity. Skating activity was scheduled on the Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. Bowling is tentatively scheduled in El Dorado in March and horseback riding was discussed for April. However, due to lack of participation, the committee decided not to schedule anything further on a monthly basis. Area Campout will now be September 14<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup> at Lake Afton Pavilion #5. Artwork for fundraiser t-shirts has been picked and we are currently looking for submissions/suggestions for a speaker. Activities chair (John T) asks for a speaker cd with any submission/suggestion. John T may be contacted at [happyjoyousandfree37@yahoo.com](mailto:happyjoyousandfree37@yahoo.com). Fundraiser functions for Regional Campout (and convention earlier in the year) were declined unless seed money is made available.

Day by Day group finally got moved into their new location -1606 Waterman. Meeting times are 7:30 everyday.

There's a new meeting in the area called South Side Serenity. They meet at 5828 S Broadway in the old Traditional building. Times are Mon/Thursday/Saturday at 7pm.

We had a group in our Area that hadn't had representation at Area and struggled to find willingness to fill their GSR position. A trusted servant from another group stepped up and (after presenting idea to their home group) volunteered to be voted in as GSR so they may have representation at Area level. This sparked some discussion as to whether or not this creates a conflict in any way as they are a voting trusted servant of one group and simply a Service Representative of another.

The Area donated \$100 to Region February. Area policy states "minimum of \$100" so it seems that has been what area is sticking with. Area had \$577.70 in the bank after all bills were paid at that time. It was brought up at March ASC that we might consider donating more money to Region. After request of funds from subcommittees, purchasing a new printer and paying bills last week, WMA has sent a donation of \$150.00. Leaving us with a balance of \$50.54 above prudent reserve.

Motion #021912-01 - policy change under voting regarding abstention votes. YES

Motion #021912-02 - policy change under business conduct regarding collection of funds owed. YES

Motion #021912-03 – policy change under "meetings" regarding RSC location. YES

Motion #021912-04 – create an Ad-hoc committee to formulate a plan for the restructuring of Region. YES

I believe I've covered everything thus far. If I've missed anything, please forgive me, I'm a work in progress.

It's truly an honor to serve as RCM for the WMA. I look forward to this next year of learning and growing in recovery.

In loving service,

Tracy C

### ***Western Area Report:***

Hello Fellow Addicts,

A split has happened out in the west. Election of officers was held and most positions were filled. Still trying to get ahold of smaller and newer groups in our area to get them involved. We would encourage any regional help in all service areas, such as H&I, PI, Outreach, etc. Also, we are still trying to verify some of their meetings. Meetings in Dodge, Garden, and Cimarron are going strong but not much info on the other groups. There is still a lot to do to get our area strong again. Some old activities will be continued and possibly a new activity will be held. Going to revise our policy and do what we can with H&I etc. Keep us in your thoughts & prayers. We need your support.

In Grateful Service,  
Alan F.

### **C. Subcommittee Reports *Activities:***

Greetings Family,

05/19/12

Activities met yesterday and had a successful meeting.

CKA Campout is Memorial weekend at Lucas Group Park, dates are May 25 – 28, 2012. Fellowship for Freedom is having a Pajama Jam on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Their annual Luau is July 7<sup>th</sup>. Just for Today will be hosting a Soul to Soul Fundraiser, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Recovery Fest is June 1-3. Miracle will possibly have an H & I subcommittee fundraiser in July or August. Miracle Area Campout is Sept. 14-16. Wichita Metro is having a campout Sept. 14-16 also. Unity is having their annual Halloween Dance on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. Phoenix Group is having a 40 Year Celebration July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Primary Purpose shared that Gift of Life campout is June 8-10 and Newton HOW campout is May 25-28. All flyers are on the website.

Please make sure all your events are submitted to the webmaster for posting to the website. Also on that note if you notice something is broken or missing send an email to the webmaster to bring it to his attention.

We continued discussion on doing a calendar of events for reference for areas and groups. More work needs done.

Mid-America Region will be hosting the Plains States Zonal Forum meeting in September. The dates are Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. We have secured dates at the Rodeway Inn and will receive the same price as we do for RSC. This will be held in conjunction and collaboration with our Regional Assembly. The Zone will host workshops on Saturday. There will be a speaker and a dance as well. Sunday will be the Zonal Business meeting and all are welcome to attend and learn how the Zonal works, does, and operates.

The fundraiser last night was for Public Information. The breakdown is as follows:

Door \$129.00  
Money Raffle \$45  
Activities Total \$174.00  
Basket \$40.19  
Item Raffle \$0  
Auction \$319  
P.I. Total \$359.19  
Grand Total \$  
Expenses \$0.00  
Check for \$100 Turned back in \$100.00  
Total turned in to Treasurer \$633.19

Thank you to Convention for the donation of coffee, cream and sugar. We have plenty for a couple of RSCs.

I am requesting funds for August rent at Rodeway Inn (I-70 Hotels) \$354.60, DJ Services \$150 and \$100 Start-up for August RSC.

Our next RSC will be at this same location on August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

With Gratitude,

Daniel C.

Activities Sub-Committee Chair

**Archivist:**

Hello family,

Once again it was a blast displaying our history at MARCNA, thanks to the committee for allowing me to invade the merchandise room. I received all convention archives, including registration packet, mini banner, original artwork, all media, pre-registration cup and shirt. While at MARCNA I also received a piece of history. Bill S. - Topeka donated a shirt from WCNA 10 1980 in Wichita. It is well worn and faded, but priceless all the same. This adds to the name tag already donated by Dennis O. I currently have Ray P.s 1980 committee name tag on loan which was also displayed.

I'm still on the search for your history, so keep looking. I've found minutes from groups or areas serve the best. The 70's are a blur and not well documented so that is my focus, the early 80's could also be a little better defined as well. I have information that will be added to the history that is currently on our website, like our region forming July 1979 with Kansas having two areas, North and South. Currently it states that we formed November 1979, which was actually the first structured meeting of the new region.

In current archiving, please email your group and/or area minutes. I will keep them with past minutes from your perspective area in order to keep the amount of folders down.

Gratefully Serving NA,

Tim S.

***Campout:***

Good Morning family,

The campout committee is moving right along, we have finalized all of our speakers, and although we had a little glitch in our original plans we worked through it and are set for the weekend. On Friday night we will be having a karaoke jam session, bring you instruments and your voices or lacking these your enthusiasm would be greatly appreciated. One of the things that we are doing this year is having live entertainment on Saturday night. If you can't come for the whole weekend please come and join us Saturday night for fun, fellowship, food, and some good entertainment. We have asked our HP for great weather, but we also know that no matter what the weather is a good time will be had by all. We do have one little thing that we could use some help with, we have rented a BBQ grill from a place in Wichita but as of yet we do not have anybody that is able to bring it from Wichita to the campout. The grill is on a trailer so it would have to be somebody with a hitch and hopefully somebody from Wichita. If you are not from Wichita but would be willing to stop in Wichita or go to Wichita and get it for us please talk to me, Grant or any other committee member.

We have been able to cover all of our expenses and so far are on track with our finances.

We have flyers for this event on the back table, take them a put them up in your group meeting hall. Please remember that the gates do not open until 2pm, we don't allow pets, and no fireworks please.

I am really looking forward to this year's campout. Thank you to all of the committee members and others that are helping to make this a great campout.

Loving Service



Kim C.

***Convention Report:***

Greetings NA Family,

Well another MARCNA has come and gone. I would like to personally thank all those who attended, donated services or gifts and my committee for a wonderful convention. We registered 495 people and then had to start giving out sticky name badges and we had approximately 540 addicts that attended. We turned over all the stuff to the Archivist for this year at the last meeting except the banner which I gave to him yesterday. We have 1 case of this year's cups leftover and a few pre-registration items. We still have some merchandise leftover from MARCNA 28 as well. The hospitality room managed to make \$95.94 after FFF Area donations and donations in the can. We have donated the leftover coffee, sugar and cream to the activities committee. Our vendors were very happy and all of them made donations to the committee. I have received a lot of positive feedback from a great many people. Overall I would say that it was a success! As for the treasurer's report, I am attaching the full report for the minutes and here is the short version. We received \$23,139.73 in sales, fundraising and donations. We spent \$20,985.42 on everything over the year and our ending balance was \$10,363.48. we paid one bill yesterday and then that gave us a balance of \$10,254.08. The committee decided to donate \$5,127.04 to the Region.

We are recommending Shelley W. for the Chair for MARCNA XXX.

Thank you for entrusting me with this service position. I learned a great deal and grew immensely!

And now I would like Shelley to give the remainder of the report...-

Hello MARCNA XXX is off to a good start- we held elections today- people qualified themselves and were voted in as follows

Co-chair- Janet W. (Salina)  
Secretary- Becky D. (Topeka)  
Treasurer- Michelle C. (Topeka)  
Fundraising-- Ed C. (Soldier)  
H&H- Jerry C. (Topeka)  
Merchandise- Tom Z. (Topeka)  
Arts and Graphics- Scott K. (Lawrence)  
Registration- Carla D. (Emporia)

Please take back to your groups that we have Entertainment and Programming open.

We noticed in our guidelines in policy the programming states they need two years clean time but three years convention experience. We would like to have this addressed and changed please. Also it was suggested we add the MARCNA timeline that has been created by our predecessors experience, strength and hope.

Our interim meetings will be held in Topeka, Kansas at the Grace United Methodist Church- 2627 SW Western at the cost of \$15.00 per meeting. We have scheduled all interim meetings to be held on the third Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm with the exception of June interim meeting- **it will be held on Saturday June 16, 2012 at 1:00 pm.**

We will have three items that needed to be addressed but time did not allow for it.

1. Left over MARCNA XXVIII- the outgoing merchandise chair suggested we donate it to FFF area. This will need to be discussed and voted on at the interim meeting. Others think it needs to be split between ALL areas in our region.
2. Hospitality chair asked about changing hotels and hospitality down to just hospitality due to the massive responsibility during the convention and normally the chair and co-chair handling the hotel issues.
3. Our theme- the theme “The Joy is in the Journey” was motioned and seconded- then there was MUCH discussion on how the fellowship has voted on themes and artwork in the past and this was not sent out to the fellowship. When the theme was brought up today the only other suggestion was “30 days or 30 years it’s still the same”

In loving and grateful service,

Michelle and Shelley W.

Your XXIX chair and co-chair

**MARCNA XXX Meeting Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Time</b>
5/19/2012	Salina (RSC)	9:00 AM
6-16-12 (Sat)	Topeka	1:00 PM
7/15/2012	Topeka	1:00 PM
8/18/2012	Salina (RSC)	11:00 AM
9/16/2012	Topeka	1:00 PM
10/21/2012	Topeka	1:00 PM
11/17/2012	Salina (RSC)	2:00 PM
12/16/2012	Topeka	1:00 PM
1/20/2013	Topeka	1:00 PM
2/16/2013	Salina (RSC)	4:00 PM
3/17/2013	Topeka	1:00 PM
4-4-13 (Thur)	Hotel	

Topeka Location

Grace United Methodist Church  
 2627 SW Western  
 Topeka, KS 66611

Salina Location

Rodeway Inn  
 1846 North 9th Street  
 Salina, Kansas 67401

**MARCNA 29 Final Treasurer Report:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income/Expense</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
5/14/11	Beginning Balance		11,409.17
5/15/11	Ck 1303 - MARSCNA (donation)	(5,000.00)	6,409.17
5/15/11	Ck 1304 - Cheryl C. (registration reimbursement)	(32.85)	6,376.32
7/17/11	CK 1305 - USPS, PO BOX	(70.00)	6,306.32
7/17/11	CK 1306 - Grace UMC rent donation	(30.00)	6,276.32
7/17/11	Ck 1307 - Michelle, reimbursement	(7.06)	6,269.26
7/17/11	Ck 1308 - HCF (2011 badges & programs)	(190.00)	6,079.26
7/17/11	Deposit - merchandise sales	80.00	6,159.26
8/20/11	Deposit - merchandise sales	40.00	6,199.26
8/20/11	Ck 1309 - Allen Lee tshirts	(365.36)	5,833.90
8/20/11	Deposit - merchandise sales	15.00	5,848.90
8/28/11	deposit - hospitality donation Noon Group, Topeka	100.00	5,948.90
8/28/11	Deposit - merchandise sales	192.00	6,140.90
9/18/11	Deposit - merchandise sales	180.00	6,320.90
9/18/11	Deposit - merchandise sales	36.00	6,356.90
9/18/11	Ck 1310 - Hallie supplies	(120.00)	6,236.90
9/18/11	Ck 1311 - Grace UMC rent donation	(15.00)	6,221.90
9/24/11	Deposit - merchandise sales	35.00	6,256.90
9/24/11	Deposit - FFF fundraiser donation	431.15	6,688.05
10/16/11	Deposit - merchandise sales	48.00	6,736.05
10/16/11	deposit - returned monies from Hallie	29.13	6,765.18
10/16/11	Deposit - merchandise sales	12.00	6,777.18
10/16/11	Deposit - merchandise sales	78.50	6,855.68

10/16/11	Ck 1312 - Grace UMC rent donation	(15.00)	6,840.68
10/16/11	ck 1313 - Scott K. Mileage	(80.40)	6,760.28
10/23/11	deposit - hospitality donation Gift of Life, Topeka	100.00	6,860.28
11/19/11	deposit - pre registrations	410.00	7,270.28
11/19/11	Deposit - merchandise sales	36.00	7,306.28
12/18/11	deposit - pre registrations	225.00	7,531.28
12/18/11	Ck 1314 - Tom Z. reimbursement	(24.50)	7,506.78
12/18/11	Ck 1315 - Grace UMC rent donation	(15.00)	7,491.78
1/8/12	deposit - hospitality donation FFF Area	200.00	7,691.78
1/15/12	deposit - pre registrations	787.00	8,478.78
1/15/12	Debit Card - Wooden U Recover	(291.16)	8,187.62
1/15/12	Debit Card - 4 Imprint	(802.74)	7,384.88
1/15/12	Ck 1316 - Scott K for merchandise	(500.00)	6,884.88
1/15/12	Ck 1317 - Michelle reimbursement	(15.93)	6,868.95
1/30/12	deposit - hospitality donation Spiritual Connection, Topeka	100.00	6,968.95
1/30/12	Ck 1318 -George P. Sat Speaker	(301.69)	6,667.26
2/11/12	Deposit - merchandise sales	44.00	6,711.26
2/11/12	deposit - Miracle Area fundraiser	660.00	7,371.26
2/18/12	ck 1319 - Michelle reimbursement	(28.79)	7,342.47
2/18/12	ck 1320 - J&K Awards	(1,100.14)	6,242.33
2/18/12	ck 1321- Tshirts Etc	(685.30)	5,557.03
2/18/12	ck 1322 - Jerry C. Hospitality	(1,200.00)	4,357.03
2/19/12	deposit - pre registrations	4,879.00	9,236.03
2/22/12	Debit Card - Wichita Stamp	(11.35)	9,224.68
2/22/12	Debit Card - US Lanyards	(85.00)	9,139.68
3/4/12	Debit Card - Discount Mugs	(880.87)	8,258.81

3/9/12	Ck 1323 - Abouds coffee	(155.32)	8,103.49
2/27/12	Debit Card - Lamination Depot	(40.85)	8,062.64
3/12/12	Ck 1324 - James P. Sun Speaker	(357.60)	7,705.04
3/18/12	ck 1326 - HCF	(19.50)	7,685.54
3/18/12	ck 1327 - Registration return	(82.00)	7,603.54
3/18/12	ck 1328 - registration return	(45.00)	7,558.54
3/18/12	ck 1329 - Tshirts Etc	(2,898.07)	4,660.47
3/19/12	deposit - pre registrations	2,629.00	7,289.47
3/18/12	ck 1330 - Grace UMC rent donation	(15.00)	7,274.47
3/30/12	Debit Card - PC Nametag	(27.39)	7,247.08
4/12/12	ck 1331 - Cash change for convention	(600.00)	6,647.08
4/12/12	ck 1332 - registration refund	(45.00)	6,602.08
4/15/12	ck 1333 - Pinpoint Designs	(120.00)	6,482.08
4/12/12	ck 1334 - Chad Elliott DJ	(200.00)	6,282.08
4/12/12	ck 1335 - Final Drive - Band	(400.00)	5,882.08
4/12/12	ck 1336 - HCF	(14.50)	5,867.58
4/14/12	deposit - pre registrations	230.00	6,097.58
4/14/12	convention deposit	3,839.00	9,936.58
4/15/12	ck 1337 - Jerry C. reimbursement	(47.81)	9,888.77
4/15/12	ck 1338 - Shelley W. reimbursement	(30.32)	9,858.45
4/15/12	ck 1339 - Holiday Inn	(6,714.92)	3,143.53
4/16/12	convention deposit	853.75	3,997.28
4/16/12	convention deposit	1,583.17	5,580.45
4/16/12	convention deposit	5,287.03	10,867.48
4/16/12	ck 1340 - Becky D. gas reimbursement	(42.00)	10,825.48
5/11/12	ck 1341 - Trophies & T's	(462.00)	10,363.48

## ***Hospitals & Institutions:***

Hello Family,

There is quite a bit going on for our region with H&I. The first item I would like to address is a letter that came to the PO Box in February that was handed to me yesterday (May 19<sup>th</sup>) right before the H&I subcommittee meeting. The policy states that the PO Box will be checked weekly and things will be sent out immediately upon receipt. This did not happen and it is hard for the subcommittee to respond in a timely matter. What can we do to help this process?

Next the H&I subcommittee is complete with myself as chair. Tim K as co-chair, Angie M as secretary.

We passed the hat & collected \$10.00 for this committee. Western area possibly facilitate a meeting etiquette panel presentation @ New Chance in Dodge City once a month – more will be revealed. Continued H&I meeting at Ford Co Jail women's side.

JFT – continually takes meetings to both men and women @ Lyon Co Jail.

CKA is currently fulfilling 3 H&I commitments – Bt Co Jail men and women and the juvenile correctional facility at Larned.

PPA is currently involved with the KDOC minimum security, Mirror in Newton, Harvey Co Jail, looking into stating a maximum security meeting where more addicts can be reached.

We set a goal of getting at least one KDOC facility hooked up for the next unity day speaker.

Grateful to serve,

Tom M  
H&I Chair.

***We took a break from 9:28am – 9:41am***

## ***Literature:***

The literature committee finds itself in a unique position. At this time there isn't any literature for review and input.

With that being said we devoted our time discussing the MAN and how it could be created here at the region.

Tim S gave a presentation on how to create the MAN with the software we have available. We also discussed various ways to get people to submit articles for the MAN. Tim shared about how many people blog, text, IM and Facebook. All anyone would have to do is hit email and submit these publications to the newsletter.

It was also suggested to do theme issues. Hopefully with all these suggestions we will be able to be more productive in the future.

In Loving Service,

John W.

***NAWS Contact Report:***

May 2012

Greetings Family! I apologize about not being able to make Region again this month. I do not feel that I will be able to continue commitment to hold this position due to my inability to come to the Region meetings. I have enjoyed updating the website for our Region and I do hope that as some time in the future my life will slow down enough that I can come back and be involved at the Region. I have updated meetings for our Region based on the current area lists on the Region website. Thank you again for allowing me to serve!

ILS, Lisa H.

***Outreach Report:***

May 19, 2012

Hello Family,

We still have no willingness for any positions on Outreach.

We had several Areas report on some activity with "Capture the Banner." This is going even without chairs at the area level.

We had discussion on postponing the deadline for the History Project. This was collaborated with Literature. As well as the idea of publishing a featured group's history in the newsletter.

Will your group's history be featured in the next newsletter?

ILS,

Daniel C.

***P.O. Box:***

PO Box is being checked weekly more often than not there is simply "junk mail". I brought with me today 2 insurance certificates 1 current invoice for Hutch Correctional and 2 letters for the H&I Chair.

Tracy C

Just spoke with H&I Chair and got his address to forward mail to him, he also offered to come to Wichita from El Dorado to pick up any mail H&I may receive.

As I wasn't at March Area, April didn't happen and we both forgot about the letters this past ASC May 8<sup>th</sup>.

***Public Information:***

The sub-committee did have representation from 8 areas and there were reports from all. Some of the information received was: literature racks are being maintained and monitored throughout the region; some areas/groups are having flyer drives; there are new and existing phone/helplines throughout the region and some are needing more women to help out; updated meeting schedules are being printed; and the website in the Just For Today area is being updated.

ELECTIONS: there is no willingness for chair or co-chair. Carrie did step up for and was voted in as secretary.

WEB SERVANT: Tim S. was voted in as the Co-Web Servant. The previous Web Servant (Bob K) has formed a committee to train several people to learn how to maintain and work on the website. Bob stated he will remain on to train for 1 year, until May 2013.

In new business the Miracle Area has stated that they are working on more presentations for that area. There was also some discussion about PSA's. The Alt RD, Daniel, did share that NAWs has different options on PSA's that can be downloaded & edited for the Region or the areas. Please check this out at: [www.naws.org](http://www.naws.org)

During the meeting Suzie S. from WMA did bring a presentation of a phone/helpline which is region-wide and is toll free. This vendor does have the capability of adding more phonenumber options. Many believed the importance of a region wide phone/helpline and some shared that maybe just the informational phonenumber would be the best way to go. By having this type of service, it would unify the region rather than having many phone/helplines out there and it would cause less confusion. The possibilities are endless. There was much discussion on whether or not this sub-committee should go ahead and pay for another month of this service (the first 30 days are free for everyone to call and listen to) or should this be a motion to take back to the groups to determine if they are interested in a region-wide toll free phone/helpline. It was decided to take back to groups. The financial impact was listed as up to \$200 per month for the phone/helpline.

Also, not mentioned in the meeting, but we need to be aware of the procedure for updating your groups and areas meeting list information. Be sure that the area RCM gets in touch with the area web contact person. The area web contact person will send the information to: [info@marscna.net](mailto:info@marscna.net) (Web Servant). The Web Servant will update the Regional website information. REMEMBER, this information has to be submitted prior to the first of the month of the RSC meeting (Aug 1, Nov 1, Feb 1 and May 1).

In Loving Service

Debby S.

***Restructuring Adhoc:***

Hello family,

5/19/12

Restructuring Ad-hoc Committee has been very busy reading and gathering information. We have met face to face two times. We have created a couple of different avenues for communication outside of the physical. We are working diligently to gain knowledge about the various avenues of how restructuring can take shape. We do not have a clear plan of action yet or goals for how long this project will last. We will try and get a plan of action put together for the next RSC. Hopefully we have an idea by then how much time we will need for this project. It is my hope that when this committee is finished we will have a well informed proposal that fits our Region and will help to improve our effectiveness in carrying out our primary purpose.



So far the discussion and focus has been around Consensus Based Decision Making. There is an overwhelming amount of information around this topic in NA and we are exploring and discussing how this process works.

We will meet again on June 16<sup>th</sup> in Salina at 1:00 p.m. Any one is welcome to attend.

ILS,

Daniel C.

Restructuring Ad-hoc Chair/Alt. Delegate

***Steering:***

We are bringing Aaron B and Mike T to be reaffirmed today. We are also recommending Tim K as a new steering member. Aaron B needs to be voted in as Steering Chair.

We reworked the “audit motion” that we had brought in February as requested and are presenting that back to groups.

There are a few things that steering will be working on in the policy and are still in the process of attaching the forms section. The word “draft” has been deleted from the guidelines and it is correct on the website. Thank you Bob for your prompt attention to this and making them easily accessible.

I want to thank the committee and the region for having the confidence in me to serve these past 4 years. It has truly been an honor and a growing experience that I could not have imagined.

In Loving Service,  
Janet W.

***Soul to Soul:***

Hello Family,

First and foremost I would like to apologize for not being able to attend the May RSC. My position as Soul to Soul chair is very important to me and I assure you that we are making progress.

We finally were able to secure Camp Chippewah in Ottawa, KS. We will be staying in the Asbury Lodge. The dates for Soul to Soul are set for Sept 7,8,9 2012. The Lodge holds 52 people and has all the facilities we were searching for. The cost for registration will be \$70.00 per person. This covers all lodging, meals and you will also receive a t-shirt and a coffee cup. Registrations are available on the back table or ask Flo. Please take these back to your areas and groups.

We also have planned our 1<sup>st</sup> fundraiser, it will be held at Jones Park in Emporia, KS. This even will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. It will start at 2pm with a 3 on 3 volleyball tournament. The cost to enter a team is \$15.00 per team. There will be prizes for the winners. We will be grilling burgers and hot dogs and 6pm, there will be \$5.00 cost per person. Then at 7pm we will have a speaker and this will be followed by a raffle and an auction. There are also flyers available for the fundraiser. Please take them to your area and groups.

We would like to have another fundraiser somewhere. If there are any groups interested you can talk to Flo or myself and we will try and plan a date. Flyers and Registration are also posted on the regional website. I will see you all again in August at the next RSC.

**D. Officers Reports:**

***Regional Delegate Report:***

PSZF Report – MARSCNA May 2012

Hello Family!

The PSZF met at the World Service Conference in Woodland Hills, CA on Tuesday evening, May 1, 2012. There were all 6 regions in attendance; Mid-America, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Best Little, and OK. Our treasurer and web-servant were unable to attend. Our PR coordinator participated by Skype.

The main project we are working on currently is a manned booth at the Mid-West Conference on Problem Gambling and Other Addictions, held June 6 – 8 in Kansas City, Mo. We hand out literature & meeting schedules. The PSZF has had a booth at the event before and it has been good PR for the fellowship. While at the WSC, The PSZF co-facilitator spoke to someone at NAWs and asked them to donate some literature or other items for the booth and got a commitment from them but we are not sure exactly what they will be sending. In addition, John S. said he has packets that belong to zone so we will be utilizing those. Barry, Amanda M, John S. and Misty K. will be in KC to man the booth.

The RDA from the OK Region had some questions about resources for the deaf addicts that are coming to meetings. We brainstormed ideas about where to get assistance from their own localities.

Our next meeting will be held in the Mid-America Region Sept 28 – 29 in Salina at Rodeway Inn. More will be revealed... Watch for flyers.

I encourage you all to read the zonal reports in the Conference Report. I am amazed at the amount of work they do considering all the obstacles they have in their path.

In Loving Service,

Misty K. RD

WSC Report to MARSCNA – May 2012

Hello Family!!

To start... Thank you for the opportunity to serve. The World Service Conference was the most exciting, exasperating, incredible, wonderful, frustrating, and amazing experience I have ever had. It is hard to put into words the overwhelming sense of gratitude I feel for Narcotics Anonymous. My life is forever changed. Thank you!

The trip started off with delayed planes but the day was saved with the opportunity to go to a meeting in Hollywood, The Real Deal, right after I arrived. There were around 40 people from out of town, mostly Delegates and Alternates. It was a great meeting with the Delegate from Ireland sharing his story.

Saturday brought the World Board Forum where all were welcome to ask questions. It was the last opportunity for Non-Delegates to address the board in a formal setting. There were a number of questions

about the qualifications and duties of the board itself, World Convention locations and bidding process, translations, donations process to NAW, service delivery, and struggling RSOs. There was discussion about a national service body. It is discussed in the SSP and the regions are already clustered into zones. It was stated by member that SSP is very divisive to fellowship.

There were workshops and speakers Saturday afternoon in different rooms around the hotel. I was honored to be asked to share at “Let Go or Get Dragged.” I was asked a couple days before I left for California so, of course, I immediately called my sponsor to chew her out for sharing my step work. Over all, I think it went well. I shared the time with Alan L., RD from Hawaii.

Sunday brought brief presentations from Iran, Tejas Bluebonnet, Brazil, Nepal, and Sweden about their regions. Then small group introductions and a hopes & fears discussion. We found that many of the hopes were the same among many of us; Unity & Compromise. Also the main fear was the same also: To be competent as a communicator to our and to be able to process the info effectively. We also work shopped the principles of the 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition in small groups: Unity, Responsibility, Integrity, and Anonymity.

The afternoon, we had an explanation of business and the voting process, including the history of the proposed CBDM process. Motion 7 was introduced (see summary for details). Much discussion.

After the Monday morning session on The Delegate Survey and a brief discussion on the Service System Project, we began Old Business Discussion. All the Motions are straw polled to gauge support and the opened for discussion. In addition, there are proposals to amend some of the motions that are dispatched before the final straw poll. After that we moved into the 8 WB Resolutions. The same straw poll and proposal process was used to move through these. We broke at 1:30am after Straw Polling Regional Proposal A. We came back at 9am on Tuesday morning to finish discussion on the RP. We then voted on all Motions, Proposals and Regional Proposals. (See WSC Draft Summary of Decisions)

The HRP gave a presentation on the history of the HRP, the nominations and blind scoring process, and the voting process.

The Zones were free to meet on Tuesday evening and were given the space to do that. The PSZF chose to eat first and then we meet in the Urban Oasis, fireside to have our meeting. There is a separate report fore that meeting.

Wednesday morning we had elections, then a presentation on NAWS budget plan. There was much information on literature, WSC support, Fellowship Development, NAWS events and projects. There is also a lot of discussion on funding of WSC participants and seating. We saw a video from Iran that is worth seeing. They are making great strides in Fellowship development in that country. That led into Public Relations and the results of the Membership survey.

Some of the Demographic info about fellowship –

17500 people participating

162 people institutionalized

Women 47%/ Men 53%

Average age – about the same Ave age drug-free – 8.69 to 10.87yrs

82% sponsor/ less than half sponsor

20% of those who sponsor do not have a sponsor

70% do some kind of service but commitments are down (age?)

We also discussed NAWS professional events and the effects they are having on the fellowship Public Relations efforts.

We went to the Calamigos Ranch for lunch and fellowship. It was an awesome afternoon! After we returned, a member had a rental car and several of us went to another outside meeting in Hollywood. Excellent evening!

Thursday we had morning workshops on Communications and Collaboration with Jim Delizia. The NAWS report followed in the afternoon with information on Strategic planning, FD, E-Subscriptions, Literature Development, Website Redesign, IT, and removal of pdfs from the NAWS website. There was a large discussion about WSC seating and the issue will be discussed more in New Business. We then had workshops again using the Planning Basics guide. This is a very useful tool that can be utilized to “jump start” our efforts.

Friday started with a presentation on Fellowship Development. This was a very informative session with many statistics and info from the fellowship as a whole. Some of these are:

- NA speaks 74 languages
- 23 book length pieces to be translated – most Basic Text
- Professional translator are crucial – (over 30 on WSC floor have helped with translations)
- Able to keep free & subsidized lit at an even amount buy printing lit locally (Russia, etc.)
- 58076 meetings Worldwide (May 2010) Regions map is one of the most requested pieces of lit
- NAWS workshop participation costs have dropped
- Middle East – Iran, Arabic –speaking Egypt
  - 4 times as many Iranians filled out Lit survey as Americans
  - More “Welcome to NA” given away than any of the rest of the World
  - Illegal for more than 3 people to meet in Egypt without a legal association
- USA –
  - 9 Zones
  - 6 Service Events
  - 3 conventions
- Europe –
  - 3 Zonal Forums
  - 4 Service Events
  - 1 Convention
- Eastern Europe –
  - 2002 Western Russia Region was founded, 103 meetings a week all over Russia
  - 2012, 937 meetings a week all over Russia
  - 9 times zones
  - 10 hours by plane, East to West

More will definitely be revealed!

We had a zonal session that group members of the zones together and we discussed collaboration and our relationship with NAWS.

We began New business at 2pm and all expected to have another long session to the wee hours. Most were in high spirits through the evening with dancing on the conference floor during breaks. As in Old Business, we began with straw polls and discussion. The actual Formal New Business motions were dispatched in about 20 minutes and went very smoothly and the same for the WB Straw Polls. Having the discussion session first seems to be an efficient way to get through business and the facilitators handled the sessions very well. There was a potential for chaos, but they managed to keep it to a minimum.

Saturday we had Straw Poll to gauge support for upcoming ideas and to discuss how we want to move forward from the conference. This also gives an idea for IDTs for the next cycle. I have included my notes from that day as they are not included in the WSC Summary.

### **Do we want to continue with the experiment of proposals?**

- Strong Support
- Our vote – No – Would like for all motions to be in the form of proposals not just regional proposals.

### **Seek the body's concurrence for the specific limitations of discussion / debate?**

- Strong Support

### **Limit number of times a person or region can speak in a session so that thought is given to the comment before speaking?**

- Roberts Rules?
- Limit the number of times a person (including WB) or region can speak on any one motion, proposal, straw poll or resolution so that thought can be given before speaking?
- Not a consensus from the body on a limit/needs work

Have a filter for all proposals to ensure they are clear before they are accepted?

### **WSC Seating –**

Do you support the WB recommendation to not consider any region for seating at WSC 2014?

- Our vote – No
- 41 – 55 – Clear the body wants to move forward & seat regions at the next conference
  - Discussion – lots of pros & cons

Continue the spirit of the existing moratorium for one cycle (Do not consider regions resulting from a split).

- Standing vote – 73-20
- Our Vote – Support

Proposal X – To allow the RD to remain on the floor while AD speaks with only one speaking.

- Strong Support

Early Release of CPRs – Strong Support

Face book page for NAWS – Strong Support

To mark on face of service IPs – Strong Support

Conf. Part. Bulletin Board –

- Support

There was so much more I could have included but this is lengthy as it is. My notes and all papers are available for your perusal. If there are any questions or you need further information, please don't hesitate to contact me or Daniel. We would be happy to help you. I believe we will be presenting some of the info and ideas at coming regional meetings.

Again, thank you so much for allowing me to serve.

In Loving Service,

Misty K. RD

***Alt. Delegate Report:***

Hello Family,

5/19/12

It goes without saying that I have been very busy. I am filled with gratitude, humility, and a feeling of unity that I had not yet experienced in my recovery. The understanding gained from attending the WSC is completely filling. I cannot put words to the experience.

It was amazing to be a part of history with Living Clean being approved. History was also made when we elected a full World Board since its inception. What an experience. Most of you have read the reports I have posted on the online group we created and they will be attached to the minutes. Our presentation has the information from the outcome of the votes and we have given copies of the Summary of Decisions to the RCMs. I will present more information about the other sessions at the next RSC. I know this written report does not give much information. I lost all of my notes that were saved on a flash drive and I hope to be able to recover those notes. We do have lots more to share and will give the information in parts so it does not flood the information flow and will be better received and easier to share with your Areas and Groups. There are so many wonderful things happening in Narcotics Anonymous today.

It is absolute honor to serve.

In Loving Service,

Daniel C.

Alternate Delegate

Sunday at the WSC

4/29/12

The morning session started off with some amazing reports from a sampling of regions. Iran which is fast expanding talked about struggles that they have. Mohammad was arrested when he returned from WCNA in San Diego last year. It is very difficult for them to have activity with America. Their government does not understand that NA is not the US government and they cannot move money back and forth. The fellowship of NA in Iran is not that old and is growing extremely fast. They have almost 4000 groups and almost 400,000 addicts. This is the largest fellowship outside of the US. They cannot donate money directly to NAWS. They have recently donated \$20,000 to the Asian Pacific Forum (which is a Zone). Nepal gave a report and they have a very new Region, formed in 2005, and this is their first WSC to attend. They have had NA in Nepal since 1994. We also heard from Brazil, Tejas Bluebonnet (South Texas), and Sweden. We ended that session with the Serenity Prayer in every language present at this Conference. It was very moving to hear languages that I have never heard spoken and to see the Unity in the room.

The second session was focused on the theme of WSC 2012 “Inspired by our Primary Purpose.” We had small group breakouts focused on getting to know each other, followed by a sharing of hopes and fears for our service during the week. We then had a very lengthy discussion revolving around our 5th Tradition and the spiritual principles behind our primary purpose. We talked about Integrity, Responsibility, Unity and Anonymity. Again great to talk about these principles in regards to the work that we do and remembering the reason we are truly here, “to carry the message to the addict that still suffers.”

After lunch we came back together in the riser section for Orientation. We talked at length about World Board Nomination and Election process. We learned about how the process works for Nomination through the HRP (Human Resource Panel) and through RBZ (Regional, Business, and Zonal). During this current conference we have 11 World Board (WB) positions to fill. There are 18 possible seats on the WB. 15 are currently filled. The WB has never been full since its inception. The last two cycles have only elected 2 members for the WB. Conference Participants (CPs) have expressed frustration with the overall process of nominating and voting on elections. Their seemed to be some misunderstanding of how many nominees should be voted on and in. Over the last couple of cycles CPs tend to vote on the number of vacant positions or less. Some of the nominees had received 50% support, but not the required 60% needed. If CPs cast votes for the number of vacant seats we would likely fill the board.

The last session of the day was a large amount of information involving how the Business Process works. We learned about who can vote and when. What will be voted on, motions, straw polls, resolutions and proposals. We will have pre-business, discussion sessions and formal business over the next week. During Old Business, only the RDs will vote. During New Business and Moving Forward, the RDs and World Board both vote. A lot of how things work is located in the Guide to World Services. The Conference has been moving towards a discussion based conference since Resolution A (1996). We learned about Consensus Based Decision Making and how we apply that during business.

Tonight I joined some other CP and attended a meeting in Sunland, on the west end of the valley. It was a tradition study and was on the 4th Tradition. I always enjoy attending meetings when I am traveling and the reason is the autonomy of the fellowship and seeing how the local meetings are done.

In Loving Service,

Daniel C. – Alt. Delegate

### **Daily Reports at the WSC**

Monday at the WSC

4/30/12

Today began off with a review of the Delegate Survey and a brief discussion about Our Service System. Old Business Discussion began after that at about 11:30 am. At the WSC, under the experimentation process, Old Business is discussed and straw polls taken, proposals reviewed, and discussion made. Then after Discussion, a new session is begun of Formal Old Business, where votes are actually taken. Old Business Discussion went from early in the morning until after 1 am (which is about 16 hours sitting in session, with the exception of breaks and food breaks). We did not finish Discussion and we will begin again in the morning with Old Business Discussion and then go into Formal Old Business. There is a lot of discussion around all the Resolutions, Motions, and Proposals. Along with Proposals for Amendment to these items of discussion. Tomorrow I will be reporting to you all the outcomes of Old Business which includes all of the items in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR). I can tell you that it appears that some amendments will possibly occur during Formal Old Business. I do not want to jump the gun and report the possible outcomes until after business is discussed. My hope is to report the actual outcome, vote counts, and our vote based on your conscience tomorrow.

At this time I am exhausted and will close my eyes for a few hours to be able to open them again tomorrow fresh.

ILS,

Daniel C.

Tuesday at WSC

5/1/12

Today was supposed to be the NAWS Annual Report and HRP. Due to Old Business Discussion being at great length. We reconvened this morning in Old Business Discussion. We started Formal Old Business at 11:30 am and conclude shortly before 5 pm. For the purposes of being a little brief I will give you the vote and our vote on each item of business discuss and amendments made.

For understanding purposes, there were 112 Conference Participants and 15 World Board Members. With our current Guide to World Services, WB members do not have a vote in Old Business.

Motion 7 was first. Motion 7 had concern with changing the way we do business as an experiment with only this conference, WSC 2012. This motion carried by voice and with 2/3 majority. Our vote was in favor.

Motion 6 was to approve the minutes. This was passed by voice and our vote was in favor of.

Motion 1, dealing with Living Clean, passed with unanimous decision.

Motion 2, dealing with Giving the WB permission to make non-substantive corrections to literature, passed by standing vote 90/19/1 and our vote was against. The motion was amended to state that – not less than 120 days in advance of publication.

Motion 3, dealing with allowing the WB to bundle and excerpt literature, passed by standing vote 89/22/1 and our vote was in favor. The motion was also amended with the same wording as Motion 2.

Motion 4, dealing with allowing the WB to create electronic and digital enhancements to our literature, passed by standing vote 87/23/1 and our vote was Present (which means we would like to be excluded from the total of ballots cast. The conscience of our region was split evenly and we felt best to not abstain due to abstention being counted as a no vote). This motion was also amended with the same wording as Motion 2.



All amendments were made prior to the motion being voted on and were discussed at length in Old Business Discussion.

Motion 5, dealing with WCNA frequency and rotation, was passed by voice with 2/3 majority, and our vote was in favor.

Resolution 1 – Our service efforts will be carried out through a system that includes structure process, people and resources. Motion Carried by voice and our vote was in favor.

Resolution 2 – The service system is group-focused and includes a local-level body dedicated to exclusively to addressing group concerns. Motion Carried by voice and our vote was in favor.

Resolution 3 – Training and mentoring of trusted servants are essential functions of the service system. Motion Carried by voice and our vote was in favor.

Resolution 4 – Service bodies are purpose- and vision-driven. Motion Carried and our vote was in favor.

Resolution 5 – Service bodies work together to utilize planning processes to organize and coordinate their efforts. Motion Carried and our vote was in favor.

Resolution 6 – Service bodies make decisions by consensus. Motion Carried by standing vote 77/31/1. Our vote was Abstain due to our conscience being very close and slightly heavier on the No side. We did not feel like we had an absolute conscience on this from the groups.

Resolution 7 – The service structure includes local service bodies, state/nation/province service bodies, and intermediate bodies if needed. Service bodies follow established geographic boundaries. They are not self-determined, but are formed, based on need, through a collaborative planning process and agreement at the next level of service. Motion carried by standing 61/44/2. Our vote was against.

Resolution 8 – State/nation/province boundaries are the primary criterion for seating consideration at the WSC. Motion Carried by standing 60/46/1. Our vote was against.

All Resolutions only required simple majority to pass. Misty attempted to have Resolution 7 ruled out of order based on not being a very clear conscience of the body. It was also challenged and defeated that they only required simple majority on all 8 Resolutions. This issue was debated at great length with the members of the floor. Also I would like to note that all Resolutions are only agreements in principle and at this time they have no direct effect on current times. These are for future guidance and will be used as guides going forward with the Service System Project.

We then had a presentation from the Human Resource Panel, on how they arrive at nominations for WB members and co-facilitators, as well as nominees for the Human Resource Panel. We currently need 11 WB members going forward, 8 will serve 6 year terms and 3 will serve 4 year terms. If 11 are elected it will be the first time it has been full since the initial inception of a WB.

Tonight we will be having a Plains State Zonal Business Meeting. We will not have too much business to discuss. Mostly, our next meeting which will be in our Region in late September. Also we will be discussing the Public Relations project for the Governor's Conference in June.

ILS,

Daniel C.

Wednesday and Thursday at the WSC

5/3/12

Wednesday was a truly inspiring day. The elections were taken care of, and the World Board was filled. After elections there was a Public Relations session. We learned about the membership survey. This survey was record setting. They had 17,500 members fill out surveys, 162 were institutionalized. Both of these numbers are records. The average clean time is 10.87 years. There are some other very interesting figures that Misty and I will share when we have RSC. The amazing parts of the PR session were the PSAs. Most of them are on [www.na.org](http://www.na.org) and can be viewed. Also we saw a video about Iran. I also learned that Iran is doing Outreach to Afghanistan. Very cool stuff.

After that it was off to the "Ranch." There members play futbol. It was a very relaxing day. Then several of us went over to a local meeting in Hollywood and out for fellowship after. Our home groups could learn a lot from the way they make you feel welcome in the rooms out here. More very cool stuff.

Thursday was full of information. NAWS gave information from the Annual Report. There is talk of creating a NAWS Facebook page, we will be discussing this further in the last session. They also gave us information on Publications and a redesign of na.org. The redesign will make the website easier to navigate. In the morning we had round table sessions on the topics of communication, collaboration, and principles before personalities. The evening ended with a round table discussion on the Planning Basics guide. The theme talked about was Think Globally: Act Locally. A very defined focus on Fellowship Development.

Tomorrow is the big day. If Old Business is any kind of predictor for New Business, it could turn out to being another very late night. We don't actually go in to New Business session until 2 pm. We will talk about the items that were in the Conference Approval Track. Along with that there are several proposals being presented. Some of these involve stopping the Service System Project, as well as revisiting RDAs being allowed to speak for their Region while the RD is in the room, and to stop funding WB to attend WCNA and to stop providing staff for WCNA and changing it to a volunteer based event. There are several other motions and I will give a much more detailed report over these, much like I gave on Tuesday.

ILS,

Daniel C.

Friday at WSC

5/4/12

Today started off with a session on Fellowship Development. We heard about efforts in Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asian Pacific Forum, Canada, and the USA. It was very informative and humbling. The amount of exposure you see about this fellowship on a global scale is almost overwhelming. When you see Iran and Israel sitting next to each other on the Floor. The Asian Pacific Forum doing work in Bangladesh. The Fellowship Development by our members in Kenya and Egypt. There is so much more as well. We will share some of the videos and information with the Region our meeting. I am thinking about setting up the projector to show some videos on Saturday. I think that will be a good way to present some of this information. The other session this morning dealt with the relationship between Zones and NAWS. Mostly discussion on the needs of the Zones and how we believe that NAWS can help.

New Business Discussion began in the afternoon. We discussed all motions and proposals. The motions were those that affected the budget. The proposals were everything else. They were proposals to stop funding for

SSP and those were given opposition on the floor. Along with proposals regarding transparency, WCNA, and RDAs given the ability to share on the floor. All the motions carried, including the line item budget for the Service System Project (SSP) which our vote was against based on those groups who gave us a conscience on the CAT.

We then took time to give our conscience on the Straw Polls from the CAR. They were all given support on the floor. Some of those Straw Polls we were against, some for, and some present but not voting. Our interpretation of the Regional Conscience was very close on most of the Straw Polls.

The RD Team will be sharing all the outcomes and all the proposals with the RSC. Not that I don't want to share them here, it is a lot of information and will take a little bit of explanation on some, and I don't want to misrepresent any of that information.

Tomorrow we will do a session on Moving Forward. This is where NAWS and WB do some straw polling on what worked well and what we would like to see for the next cycle. I will try and give a report. We have a more relaxed day tomorrow and will probably be doing some fellowshipping and R&R. We leave for the airport on Sunday at 6 am.

ILS,

Daniel C.

***We took a break from 10:36am – 11:01am.***

- The RD Team then gave a power point presentation of several items that were shown at the WSC and shared the outcomes and what our votes were on the proposals and straw poles.

***Secretary Report:***

No Report

***Treasurer Report:***

**Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous  
Treasurer Report – May 20, 2012 RSC**

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>			<b>\$ 9,381.49</b>
<u>Income:</u>	Donations & reimbursements	\$ 6,436.33		
		<u>140.00</u>		
	Total Income			<b>6,576.33</b>

	<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>\$15,957.82</b>
Expenses:				
02/28/12 cc	AD airfare WSC		462.70	
05/20/12 #1267	HCF – history project (lit. escrow)		18.50	
05/20/12 #1268	Amber Carris – sect’y expenses		25.00	
05/20/12 #1269	Debby Stewart – office supplies		12.29	
05/20/12 #1270	Misty Keen – copies WSC		29.21	
05/20/12 #1271	Rodeway Inn – Aug RSC		354.60	
05/20/12 #1272	Daniel Crotinger – Aug RSC startup		100.00	
05/29/12 #1273	Access Storage		832.20	
05/20/12 #1274	Alliance Agency		1,408.25	
06/06/12 #1275	HCF – May meeting lists		<u>82.22</u>	
	Total Expenses			<b><u>-3,324.97</u></b>
	<b>Bank Balance</b>			<b>\$12,632.85</b>
	<b>Less: Prudent Reserve</b>			<b><u>8,857.00</u></b>
	<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>\$ 3,775.85</b>

	<b>Less: Escrows</b>			
	H & I		\$ 554.86	
	Literature		390.43	
	Outreach		382.40	
	P I		980.31	
	Rent		354.60	
	Insurance (due Aug. 10)		1,408.25	
	Storage (due Feb. 13)		208.05	
	P. O. Box (due Feb. 13)		14.50	
	Web Page (due Sept. )		71.55	
	RDA (due Feb. 14)		<u>187.50</u>	
	Total Escrows			<b><u>- 4,197.85</u></b>
	<b>Spendable Balance</b>			<b>\$ ( 422.00)</b>

On 10/18/11 there was a debit for \$190.80 to EIG Power for the web page. This was subtracted in the bank account but never put on any treasurer's report.

***Co-Treasurer Report:***

No Co-treasurer

***Chair Report:***

No Report

***Co- Chair Report:***

No Report

**E. Old Business:**

- **Motion 021912-001: (*Debit Card Motion from Adhoc*):** From Debit Card Adhoc: To present Policy/guidelines for the Regional Debit Card to be accepted by the groups. The debit card Adhoc committee presented a proposed policy.

A RCM Vote was taken and there was a tie.

CKA Motion: Resend motion 021912-001 back to groups.

Intent: Communication breakdown prevented an accurate group conscience to be determined.

Vote was taken – passed – this needs to be taken back to groups.

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VII. No member shall have signatory rights of more than one Regional debit card at one time – Regional debit cards include Regional Treasurer, Convention, Campouts or any other Regional Subcommittee that may acquire a debit card.

VIII. Once the treasurer's term is up the debit card is to be returned within 30 days to the incoming treasurer/chair depending on the committee.

- **Motion 021912-01: From:** Central Kansas Area

**Motion:** Change policy under voting: Page 6; Item B; Line 1; sub line b. change to: An abstention vote is neutral, when an abstention vote is the majority, the motion will be sent back to the maker, or the groups for additional consideration.

**Intent of Motion:** Provide a true conscience in matters affecting MARSCNA and NA as a whole.

**Discussion:** There was concern that the way the policy is written now the abstentions go with the majority, and it may not be a true group conscience.

RCM Vote was taken – motion passed.

- **Motion 021912-02: From:** Steering  
**Motion:** IV Business Conduct. G. Policy for the collection of funds owed by Region #2 last sentence to end with the word parties.  
**Financial Impact:** None.  
**Intent of Motion:** NA is not in the business of charging interest.  
**Discussion:** There was a question about how many promissory notes have been given; the chair mentioned he didn't think there had ever been any promissory notes given.

RCM Vote was taken – motion passed.

- **Motion 021912-03: From:** Steering:  
**Motion:** In policy III Meetings B. change “in McPherson, KS” to “designated by 2/3 majority vote by RCM’s”  
**Financial Impact:** None  
**Intent of Motion:** Meeting location has changed but we wouldn't need to change policy again if the location is moved again.

RCM Vote was taken – motion passed.

*We broke for lunch from 1:05pm – 2:16pm*

### **Elections:**

- **Treasurer:** No willingness or nominations. Take back to your areas
- **Co-Treasurer:** No willingness or nominations. Take back to your areas.
- **MARCNA XXX Chair:** Shelley W was nominated out of committee – she qualified herself – she left the room and a vote was taken. She was voted in. Thank you Shelley.
- **Outreach Chair:** No willingness or nominations. Take back to your areas.
- **Steering Chair and 3 Steering Members:** Aaron B was nominated out of committee for Chair – Both Aaron B & Mike T had to be reaffirmed – Tim K was nominated out of committee as a member – they qualified themselves. – they left the room and a vote was taken. They were all voted in. Thank You Aaron, Mike and Tim!!
- **PI Chair:** Debby S has willingness but she doesn't want to step up at this time – she will think about it and come back in August. No other willingness or nominations. Take this back to your areas.
- **RSC Chair:** Janet W was nominated and she accepted. She qualified herself – she left the room – a vote was taken. Thank you Janet!
- **RSC Co-chair:** Sally R was nominated but declined. Jeff R was nominated but declined and Michelle L was also nominated and declined. No other nominations or willingness. Take back to your areas.
- **Activities Chair:** No willingness or nominations. Take back to your areas.
- **PI Chair Revisited:** Debby S has willingness – she qualified herself – she left the room and a vote was taken. She was voted in. Thank you Debby!
- **RSC Chair Revisited:** Aaron B is willing – he qualified himself – he left the room – a vote was taken – he was voted in. Thank you Aaron!

- **H&I Chair:** Tom M has willingness – he qualified himself – he left the room – a vote was taken. He was voted in. Thank you Tom!
- **Literature Chair:** John W has willingness – he qualified himself – he left the room – a vote was taken. He was voted in. Thank you John!
- There was then some discussion on some other positions that some members thought was supposed to be up for reelection, it was determined the Steering Committee is going to work on this issue.

*We took a break from 3:23pm – 3:36pm*

**F. New Business:**

○ **Motion 052012-01:**

**From:** PI Subcommittee

To take back to groups we would like to know if groups are interested in having or participating in a regional phone line at a cost of up to \$200.00 per month with the potential of having the options seen today (subcommittee meeting).

**Financial Impact:** Not more than \$200.00.

**Intent:** Having a regional phone line would unify all regional efforts to attract new members and those professionals serving future members. It could be set up for live calls or not and...

**Discussion:** It was mentioned that there are some companies out there such as Voice Nation that are cheaper than \$200.00 a month. It was also shared that all the motion is asking is if the groups want a regional phone line. One member shared there shouldn't be a financial impact listed on the motion, but after some discussion a straw pole vote was taken to determine if the motion is clear as written.

This motion needs to be taken back to areas.

○ **Motion 052012-02:**

**From:** Steering

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**Amendment:** In the last sentence change the word "anyone" to any member of the Mid-America Region.

**Discussion:** There was a question on if the word should be "books" or financial records. It was determined that "books" is an accounting term. There were no objections to use the work "books". There were questions on when our calendar year actually ends, it was decided it is May. There was an amendment to the motion to change the last line to say "The bank statements shall be made available to any member of the Mid-America Region who wishes to view them at the end of business meeting on Sunday at each RSC. There was some concern that the new RSC Chair would have



difficulty accessing the online account, but after some members with experience with our bank shared it was determined our new chair shouldn't have an issue logging into the account.

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- A member shared that should find out if we need a 501-C3. It was determined since each committee with a checking account has their own ID # we don't need one. It was also shared that the last time we looked into this it was encouraged by an attorney not to file a 501-C3.
- Final Treasurer Report was given and requests of funds were voted on. There was a motion and second to pay all bills and request for funds even though we are going into our prudent reserve.
- It was approved to change the signers on the regional checking account. The new signers will be the Chair – Janet Wood, Co-chair – Aaron Burd and the Regional Delegate – Misty Keen.
- Motion to Close!

*We closed the meeting at 4:52pm with a moment of silence and prayer.*

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**MID AMERICA  
REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
2011 AUGUST QUARTERLY MEETING**

**At the Rodeway Inn**  
**1846 North 9th, Salina, Kansas 67401**

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Saturday, August 18**

<b><u>9:00 am -11:00am</u></b>	<b>Main Room Back Room</b>	<b>Literature Hospital &amp; Institutions</b>
<b><u>11:00am - 1:00 pm</u></b>	<b>Main Room Back Room</b>	<b>Campout Convention</b>
<b><u>1:00 pm - 2:00 pm</u></b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
<b><u>2:00 pm - 4:00 pm</u></b>	<b>Main Room Back Room</b>	<b>Public Information Activities Soul 2 Soul</b>
<b><u>4:00 pm - 6:00 pm</u></b>	<b>Main Room Back Room</b>	<b>Outreach Steering</b>
<b><u>7:00 pm – 8:30 pm</u></b>	<b>Speaker Meeting</b>	
<b><u>8:30 pm - 11:00 pm</u></b>	<b>Regional Hospitals &amp; Institutions Fundraiser DJ Dance - Auction &amp; Raffle \$3.00 per person NO ADDICT TURNED AWAY</b>	

**NA AUCTION / RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED**

**REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**      **Sunday, August 19**  
General business, motions, request for funds.

**MEETING STARTS AT 8:00 a.m. and finishes when done.**