



Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous

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Business Meeting Minutes

February 17th, 2013

The business meeting of the Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous was opened with a moment of silence by the Chair at 8:14am. The 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts were read.

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

Roll Call: We took our first roll call at 8:21 am and the following chairs and trusted servants were present at the start of business on Sunday

Trusted Servants Present: Chair, Co-Chair, Reg. Delegate, Treasurer, Audit Ad hoc Chair and Secretary. There is no Co-Treasurer or Alt Delegate at this time.

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

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

A. Approval of Minutes:

The chair asked if there were any amendments that needed made to the minutes. There were no amendments. The minutes were approved by the RCM's.

B. Area Reports:

Central Kansas Area:

Hello from Central Kansas Area NA,

Hope everyone had a safe and happy Holiday season. Dynamics in our area has changed some since our last RSC. Jeff and Sally R relocated to Topeka this past week and will be sorely missed but never gone. CKA NA sends our prayers and best wishes as they begin a new journey. The loss felt will last but a minute as their presence impacted so many in the CKA community. We thank them for their love, friendship, service and devotion. Topeka, take care of them – they are quite precious to us.

We filled two positions this month - I stepped up and was voted in as our area RCM, and Jann B stepped up and was voted in as our area Chair. Yay!! We still have several positions open but making progress.

After much discussion and solution seeking, in order to respect NA as a whole, CKA voted to cancel our Memorial Day Campout due to the restrictions limiting the amount of campers\tents and attendee's at Friday and Saturday night meetings. Please take a flyer back to your group and help us be responsible by announcing this at any meeting you attend.

Hays "Fellowship for Freedom" NA group has planned a function for Saturday, May 25. Fliers are available.

Our H&I commitments continue at the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility, Ellsworth Correctional Facility (Medium Camp), and Barton County Jail Men's and Women's. Beginning this month, H&I will begin taking a meeting into the Minimum Camp at Ellsworth Correctional Facility the last Monday of each month. Larned Just for Today NA continues to provide H&I @ Sunrise twice monthly. CKA H&I continues to need female volunteers for the Barton County Jail meeting. If interested, please contact Dusty C.

Members continue volunteering to ensure PI racks are stocked, while others travel within our area supporting other groups and capturing banners.

CKA voted "yes" on the motion to disband Steering Committee and we have a donation of \$200.

Grateful to serve,

Cheryl C, CKA RCM

Fellowship For Freedom Area:

FFF Area RCM Report 02-2013

Groups

MOA: Blue Balls campout March 22-24, 2013 at Pott II State Lake in Manhattan. They are also trying to get a flier drive together to get more awareness about the meeting.

Recovery First: The Thanksgiving and Christmas open house meals and meetings at the meeting hall went well. They have also been making some changes in their meetings so that the meeting etiquette is better.

North Topeka Underground is going to close its doors due to the facility they hold it in is closing. They made donations to the area activities committee of literature and raffle and auction items.

Our meeting in Meriden, *With Healing Comes Hope*, is struggling and not sure how much longer they will have a meeting. We have not heard from the meeting contact and they have not attended area in 2 months. More will be revealed.

Meetings in need of support are Women's Underground Healing, Recovery First, NA at the Mission and 21st Street Recovery.

Subcommittees

H&I: The message is being carried through 13 meetings. We still need some volunteers to help out with the Juvenile Detention Center, especially men.

Outreach: Outreach has been going to meetings that are outside of Topeka due to support needed. There have been a few addicts that are helping out. They also were asked about doing a flier drive for one of those meetings. Outreach is also thinking of some fun things to help get some support at meetings that need it.

PI: They are continuing to fill the racks that are out in the public. We are still looking into other options for our phone company, more will be revealed. Our new website is up and running. It is still bare bones at this time, more changes to come.

Steering: At this time there is a motion to disband Steering due to the lack of work. We are following the idea of the region in the aspect thinking that the human resources could be used better somewhere else.

Activities: We finally got a full committee in December. There have been 2 functions since the last region and they have been very successful. The one held this month was donating half the proceeds to H&I and PI to buy literature since our bank account is below prudent reserve at this time. The other half will be donated to Area.

Generally the Area is doing okay. As I mentioned above we are below prudent reserve at this time. We are hoping that with the end of the year financial report that maybe we can see what needs to be done in order to keep our heads above water. We had our annual inventory last month and we are pleased to see that we are slightly improved in areas from the 2011 inventory. The meeting was a great success and the GSR's gave a lot of information and feedback. We are also interested in having the RD come to our Area and do a presentation on CBDM. We will probably discuss when this month. We have only a few open positions at this time and they are Area Co-Chair, Alt RCM, and Treasurer.

That's it for now.
In grateful service,
Michelle

Just For Today Area:

Dear Family,

Love & Hugs from the Just for Today Area, a lot of awesome stuff is happening in our Area! The only open positions we have open now are: H&I Chair, PR Co-chair, Alt RCM, Literature co-chair, and Outreach co-chair. We are very excited because we are having so much more participation in our area! We have a new Outreach chair, Keith M and our new literature chair is Tandra S!! Yay!! We are checking in with the Oswego boot camp again, as they are open once again, to see if they are wanting NA to help in some way and if so we will get a Public Relations panel and go see how we can help, even if we can just supply literature to start with then we will go from there. Our new Outreach chair, Keith M has made a questionnaire to take with him to every group he visits to find out their needs and if area can help! He has asked to be given flyers for upcoming events to take to each group too! Awesome!

Some of the members of Freebirds group got together and had a banner made for our new groups, Crossroads NA in Yates Center they were very excited when we gave it to them! But we had ulterior motives; We wanna go steal it! HA HA!!

Some of the activities in our area are as follows: Recovery fest fundraiser March 16th, 2013 @ the 4H building in Independence, KS. Doors open @ 4PM, more info call Dave A 620-330-2975. Against all Odds, groups annual pajama jam March 23rd, 2013 in Pittsburg, KS 514 Broadway, doors open @ 6PM. We are in the planning stages for our fundraiser for Mirror of Miracles, our FREE area campout...more will be revealed, by the way it will be the 25th year of Mirror of Miracles, how awesome!

Don't forget to visit and post of our area website jftareana.net! Awesome! Go check it out! All of our upcoming events are on our area website and I hope they are on the regional website too!

Love and Service
Flo H

We do have a \$100.00 donation this quarter!

Miracle Area:

Hello from the Miracle Area!

We now have 8 groups participating in our Area. Our sub-committees are functioning but looking for service workers to help with the decision making and day to day function. We have open positions in Archives, Outreach and PI Chair.

Secretary – Congratulations to our new ASC secretary, Ed B.

Area Chair/Alt – Bob K. resigned his chair position to become GSR of his home group and Michael S. is serving as “acting” chair until we vote a new one in March.

RCM-team – Scott K. was elected as our new Alt. RCM. He has experience in this position having served as our RCM in years past.

Outreach – This committee continues to lack a chair, leadership and is basically in a holding pattern until we decide to either disband or re-activate it.

Literature – Jack S. continues to manage our literature stockpile. We are still working toward a \$5000 total value balance to enable our literature stockpile. Jack’s term will end this next month and we will elect a new lit chair in March.

PI – Dan S. will conduct a flyer drive in Leavenworth this month. We have a new version of our meeting directory on the Regional website to include 3 new meetings, Tues, Thurs Noon at Lotta Soul and Saturday Midnight also at Lotta Soul. We continue to look for a new PI Chair..

H&I – Jeff L. continues to field meetings at the Douglas County Jail and First Step Treatment Center. We have canceled some of the men’s and women’s jail meetings for lack of volunteers. We are working on finding volunteers to help us out and discussing reducing our commitment to twice per month until we fill out our volunteer corps.

Activities – Thanks to Angie R., our Activities Chair helped to make the H&I learning event, PI interim and Campout Interim a success.

We are having an a MARCNA fundraiser St. Patrick’s Dance on March 16th 5pm-11pm at the FUMC, 946 Vermont, Lawrence.

We are donating \$211.39 to the RSC this quarter.

Overall, we are still facing some challenges with unfilled sub-committee and service worker positions but are looking for and discussing solutions and 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.

In Service,

Nate F.

Primary Purpose Area:

No Report – RCM Absent

OZ Area:

Hello NA Regional Family,

Oz Area's overall attendance is low and needs support. We finally implemented a policy for our area. We started and completed a project of putting together Welcome packets for the newcomer. The packets were distributed equally among our four groups with the hope they will each continue with this idea to make the new comer welcome. We are still putting together pull-tab fliers for the communities in the area. Oz Area decided to rotate the monthly ASC meeting for awhile to any group that wants to host it with the intent to raise interest of other area addicts to become involved with service on the area level. Oz Area is discussing the possibility for an Area Campout this summer to raise interest and finances. Colby New Hope Group will have a campout on May 31, June 1, and June 2 at Sheridan County Lake 10 miles east of Hoxie, Kansas. There is a flier to the regional web site for this function. I explained the Motion 111812-03: To disband Steering Committee to our GSR's to take back to their groups in December. Colby New Hope, Recovery for Today, Burlington Downtown Group all voted yes to the motion. There was no return vote from Freedom for Today in Goodland. Oz Area is having trouble with NA members and groups joining other fellowships to formulate functions using the NA name and Logo, along with receiving funds from the event. The Oz Area Chair and I have explained the violations, in love, of our traditions with some acceptance. I am going to express interest (a need) at our next area meeting to develop a workshop on traditions.

In loving service,

Chris B. RCM

Unity Area Report:

Hello Family

We held our quarterly meeting on January 28, 2013 in Solomon, KS with 7 out of 8 groups attending. We seated a new group called Solomon N.A. Their meeting are Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at the Solomon Friendship Center—119 W. 4th St.

Our Area is thinking about making a T-shirt highlighting the groups and the cities they service. The motion going back to the groups to combine the H&I, PI and Outreach committee into one committee.

Unity Area will be having the following events in the future so mark your calendars: Halloween Dance at Sterl Hall (Fairgrounds) in Abilene KS on Saturday, October 26, 2013 and there will be a Picnic in May hosted by the Clean and Serene Group of Abilene, KS. Flyers will be posted on the MARSCNA Website.

In Service

Jon J. RCM

Robert C.

Alt. RCM

Wichita Metro Area Report:

Hello Regional Family,

Recovery is alive and happening in WMA. A lot of changes going on also. H&I is struggling badly and PI is not much better. We do have a new group that formed. The Freedom group on East 9th St 2810 I believe is the address but will need to verify that. Sunday at 7pm is the meeting time. We are struggling with

willingness at area level. Literature chair open, H&I chair open, treasurer open, filled co-chair position at last area but chair maybe stepping down due to a new job. Our area campout is scheduled for August 23rd – 24th at Lake Afton, west of Wichita. Trying to secure shelter #5 again. The theme is Living Clean – A Life Long Journey. Still soliciting artwork. Well I'm lost now, been a crazy quarter for me. I'll try to do better next time. Oh yeah, I brought 4 bids from motels in Wichita for 2015 MARCNA

HYIATT – River Walk, Wichita

Best Western North 53rd Wichita

Holiday Inn Kellogg N Rock Road, Wichita

Double Tree Inn at Airport Hilton Property, Wichita

In Service

Tom M

Oh yeah, area donation \$130.00 and Yes vote to disband steering.

Western Area Report:

Absent – No Report Sent.

The regional delegate did contact members from the Western Area, The RCM and several members recently resigned their positions. They are not meeting again until August, because there is little support from their groups in the area, so they are currently trying to get support from their groups before they meet again. . They are struggling and could use support from the region. Their next area meeting is August 11th in Garden City at St. Catherine's.

C. Subcommittee Reports

Activities:

Hello Family,

Much was discussed in Fellowship Development yesterday including: Unity Day hook-up, The Annual Regional Service Assembly, our contract with our current facility where we have RSC and the May RSC and theme. As the Activity Chair there are several of these things I am responsible for helping facilitate but we are proposing to change the format of both the Regional Service Assembly and the World Unity Day hook-up in hopes to reach more addicts and to but still work in the spirit of our policy.

We are asking that the RCM's take both separate issues back to their Area's for interest of groups or areas hosting a "World unity Day Hook-up" and for also hosting several Regional Service Assembly's at their local ASC's. There will be workgroup's to drive the Regional Service Assembly's at the ASC's with facilitators for each area if this is desired by the area's per your RCM's.

May RSC theme will be "Family Reunion" with our family members bringing their family favorite dish for a Potluck supper at 6pm followed by several speakers from different clean time generations and areas. Instead of a dance we will be having "Addiction/Recovery" Pictionary with teams that can either be your area or sponsorship tree or groups (however you choose to team with your family). I will make a flyer to be emailed out and posted on the Regional website.

Fellowship Development Learning Circle was last night and was successful.

Financial breakdown of last night is as follows-

Start up money= 50.00

Auction= 211.00

Food and Coffee donation= 25.27

Cash turned in to treasurer= 271.00

Funds raised= 221.00

All receipts turned in for Nov. and Feb. RSC

Rent was paid to Rodeway Inn for the amount of 354.60. And I will be requesting another 354.60 for May and \$50.00 start-up money. Anyone wanting to help with the Potluck dinner and/or game night to be held Saturday night please contact me at the email or number below.

In loving Service,

Sara B.

clean24.7mama@yahoo.com

785-577-6884

Archivist:

Hello family,

I'm still going through the archive tub Miracle Area brought last November. Thanks Nate for allowing me to keep it another quarter, or possibly until MARCNA. I received a shirt from Jon J. Saturday from the August 1986 RSC meeting held in McPherson, it is now the oldest region related t-shirt in archives. I also received several, 90 day round key tags from the mid '80s, thanks Chris B. for passing those on. These and many other items will be on display once again at MARCNA.

Version two of the Mid-America history report still hasn't been posted on our website. For some reason every time I emailed it to the web servant or his personal email he claimed the attachment was rejected. I'll try again from a different computer and see if he gets it. Speaking of computers, mine crashed this past quarter and I was forced to do a complete reformat. No NA or Mid-America files were lost as they are backed up.

Once again I am sending out a request for access to minutes, flyers, or anything else that helps define the history of the Mid-America region, NA in Kansas, or group histories dating through the 1970s and '80s. The '90s and beyond are well documented, but information from 1990-1993 could use some further input from areas. If you are willing to donate boxes of NA stuff lying around collecting dust that would be great, if you treasure the boxes of stuff you have but are willing to allow me to scan or copy and then return it, that too would be great.

Please add me to your area email list. I have folders created for each area and will archive your minutes in them. That also goes for region's committees and sub-committees, I will archive your minutes as well in the master folder. Please send them to timandeb@cox.net

Gratefully Serving NA,

Tim S.

Campout:

Hello family

My name is Ed and I am an addict. The campout is running about 7 months behind schedule with the time. However we do have all the positions filled and we are making progress on the campout. Our fundraiser chair has some great ideas for merchandise to sell at the campout. Our programming chair has some great ideas for activities at the campout. He is also looking into speakers, if anyone has suggested speakers for the campout we want to hear about them so we can get great speakers that carry the message. We want everyone

to feel a part of so there are going to be a lot of activities at this year's campout. Catering is putting together a menu and estimated cost for the meal and will present it at our next interim meeting which is set for March 9th at baker's dozen in Topeka, KS. We are going to start holding 2 interim meetings each month till we are caught up on the time line and the campout is on schedule. We have a general idea of a head count for the meal we will be serving; we estimate 300 plus addicts and their families for the meal. I will have more details and hope for the time line to be on schedule or maybe even a little ahead by our next regional meeting. I see no reason why this campout will not be on schedule and a success. Wilson Lake was reserved for the campout, the money for the reservation has been returned to the region. The campout committee is asking that the \$440.00 be returned to the campout committee to be deposited into the campout checking account.

Ed C.
Campout chair

Convention Report:

Convention report for February 17, 2013

Hello family; convention is coming along nicely. We had over 100 people pre-registered prior to the ones Carla had collected after writing her report—the pre-registration ends today.

PI was gracious enough to give us 600 meeting schedules to put into the bags- we will be adding to our time-line to ask for the meeting schedules and summer edition of MAN at the Nov RSC.

Naranon will be joining us again this year and hopefully give an informational meeting- we have a board room available for this to take place.

WE will be using a debit/credit card reader donated to us by Daniel C. We will be adding a surcharge for the use of them as our cost will be 2.75% of each transaction.

We will have a special quilt raffle, the quilt represents all 9 of our areas in the region- we will do the drawing on Sunday morning.

Treatment letters are still not out- I had a malfunction in my printer so Michelle printed them for me and I will get them out this week. Sorry about that.

I have a flyer for each RCM to take back which is a request for artwork and a theme for 2014 convention—to be brought back to May RSC.

We are making a recommendation today out of committee for Janet W to be the 2014 MARCNA chair. Her position will begin in May 2013.

In service

Shelley W.

Fellowship Development:

Hello Family,

2/17/13

We have had lots of involvement in this committee. We talked about new groups and meetings forming. We also talked about Western Area and they are struggling. We discussed Unity Day Hookups and have a proposal for the floor. We want to send this out to see if there is willingness to host a Hookup. We also have a proposal concerning the Regional Assembly and bringing it to you. There is concern that in recent years the Assembly has not been effective in its efforts. We hope that our proposal brings solutions. We would also like to see the committee continue for another two cycles. We covered some ideas for the next RSC as well.

The workshops last night went well for those who were involved. We have presented the information. I am not sure that it was the best suited environment and would have liked to see more involvement from all the people that were here for subcommittees. Hopefully we can take this to our groups and the rest of our fellowship.

The work that has been done since this committee's inception is tremendous. More work has been done than some of our committees that are involved have done in quite some time. I hope to see this continue.

ILS,

Daniel C. – Ad-hoc Restructuring Chair

Hospitals & Institutions:

Hello Family,

We had a small but informative H&I subcommittee meeting yesterday. There were 4 areas represented, Unity, Central, Miracle and Wichita Metro Area. Lack of willingness seems to be the theme in our areas as of late. Where H&I is the topic anyway. We had some discussions about how to better try to get the message of H&I service out to our prospective areas.

The training/mock presentation seemed a success but actually did not net any new volunteers as of yet. Still good info shared and received I believe. It laid the ground work for more in the future possibly. If any RCM's would want something similar let the subcommittee know and we will try to accommodate.

We hope to next time be better prepared and organized. We are basically cheerleaders for the H&I movement which starts at the group and area levels.

We want to get a list of facilities we support now and some artwork together for a possible H&I t-shirt project to raise funds for these efforts. If an H&I small spark starts somewhere we hope to fan the flames to build some fires for H&I again!! Ed agreed to make a flier and sent out for H&I.

Sorry I forgot to pass basket so no 7th tradition this time.

Thanks
Tom M
Regional H&I Chair

Literature:

Hello Regional Family,

We had 19 people attending literature sub-committee this time. All committee members were present, and we had 3 areas that gave area reports which is very encouraging. The interest in literature continues to grow each time we meet.

The committee hasn't had much to work on except for the Mid-America Newsletter, which will have its summer edition coming out soon. We are very pleased to be able to announce that the MAN will be ready this year and be available to the convention committee to place in the registration packets. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the MAN. This publication could not be possible without your submissions. We need your help to make this happen each quarter, please continue to send your articles and art work to newletter@marscna.net.

There are a couple of pieces of new literature in the works; The Traditions book project and Introduction to NA meetings. You can have your input by going to na.org and filling out the surveys on these two pieces at this time. We are very excited to have these new literature pieces on the horizon. Hopefully we will be doing some workshops in the literature committee on these two new pieces when they go to their next phase of development. Daniel C said he would be willing to do workshops on the upcoming new literature.

We will be printing 1000 copies of the MAN; 600 of which will go to the convention committee and the other 400 are to be brought to the May RSC. We are requesting \$350.00 for printing of the MAN at this time.

Grateful to Serve,

John W.

NAWS Contact:

No Report – Position Open

Outreach Report:

No Report – Position Open

P.O. Box:

Hello Region Family,

I have sent the mail with Tom M and trust that he's distributed it as instructed. I did however fail to send the box key in case someone steps up for the PO Box position, (I believe it's up for election?) If this occurs, I'd be more than happy to mail the key where ever it's needed. If no one steps up for the position, I'm also more than happy to continue checking the Regional mail box until the next RSC.

This past quarter the mail box has yielded 1 bill for insurance from Alliance (?), 1 bill for printing from Hutch Correctional and our renewal bill for the PO Box in Wichita. All of which has been scanned and emailed to our Treasurer and originals sent with Tom M. There were also several flier / registrations for numerous conventions that I trust Tom has laid out on the table. Aside from these items, a couple of standard "junk mail" pieces were the only other things received. As always, the Friday before RSC was the last time the box was checked to insure all mail received and distributed is current.

I believe the last RSC, Daniel volunteered to check into the possibility of having the mail "forwarded" to another P.O box located in Salina or some other possible solution for a more practical location for the mail to be received as it has been typical that there is very little participation from the WMA in the RSC. I'm unaware if he was able to check into this...???

My apologies for being unable to attend this RSC, I miss you all so very much, but look forward to seeing you all at MARCNA and the May RSC.

Please advise regarding the box key.

In loving service,

Tracy C
PO Box

Public Information:

Hello NA Family,

We did have a very busy meeting with lots of things to cover. I would like to encourage all of the areas to please send representation to these meetings as important information is being discussed, and all the groups should be informed.

1. MAR Website.

It was discovered that the website did not have the August of November 2012 RSC minutes posted. This brings concerns on if the current information is actually being posted. Bob K was not present to address the questions, but he had contacted me and advised that the items were now being posted. Also, has training been done with the persons that requested to be a part of the website operation? We do need to get this addressed and Debby will contact him on this.

2. Meeting list printing costs have taken an increase in price. Rod D was able to QUICKLY get 1600 lists printed from the printer Inc in Junction City for \$247.50. If we give the Hutchinson Correctional Facility ample lead time we can have the 1600 meeting lists printed for \$117-----BUT, we need to get them the information much sooner than in the past. Please inform everyone:

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFO TO THE WEBSERVANT IS APRIL 15TH, JULY 15TH, OCTOBER 15TH AND JANUARY 15TH.

The committee was also able to turn over meeting lists to the Convention committee for the registration bags at MARCNA XXX.

3. Regional phone line. At the interim meeting in Lawrence, many items of importance were dicussed. The most important was confusion of the motion voted on in November 2012. For clarification, RCM's will be asked on the RSC floor on Sunday: Does this subcommittee have the OK to proceed with the setting up and operation of the regional phonenumber without anymore approval? And noting that the cost of under \$200.00 will be definitely sought.

An ad-hoc committee has been formed to format the menu's and record the messages, along with developing the procedures and guidelines to be followed. Lots of work in the next few months with the possibility of having a test up and running by May RSC. It is a process, be patient, this will be done. Most of their work will be done via phone and online communication. Persons on the ad-hoc committee are: Carrie C, Nate F, Victor and Debby S.

Thank you to everyone that helped at our meeting and all the great discussion. **PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND RESPRESTATION FROM YOUR AREAS TO THE RSC TO BE A PART OF THIS PROCESS! THIS IS A “WE” PROGRAM, AND WE NEED ALL OF YOU!!!**

In Loving Service,
Debby S
PI Chair

Restructuring Ad hoc:

Hello Family,

2/17/13

Work continues with Ad-hoc. We are bringing a proposal to conduct business as a trial using CBDM for today.

We have started work on Public Relations and formulating a plan for this. We hope to have some foundation to present in trial form for the RSC by August of this year.

The committee would also like to see if anyone is interested in being involved in our work.

ILS,

Daniel C. – Ad-hoc Restructuring Chair

Steering:

Hello Family,

We actually did some work in Steering yesterday and from the straw pull sounds like it may be for the last time, but oh well times are changing. We had 5, that's right 5 convention bids to go through. 4 from Wichita and 1 from Hutchinson. We went through all of them weighing their pros and cons. Seeing as we are only a committee of 3 we decided to include all in attendance in the vote and after weighing the options the Steering committee is recommending that we go with the Double Tree Hotel in Wichita. Other than that I have updated most of the commitment lengths and some of the changes to the policy and I am requesting that if any subcommittee has made any changes to their guidelines please get those to me so I can keep an updated set of guidelines to go along with the updated policy to make everyone's life easier in the future.

In Loving Service,

Aaron B.

Soul to Soul:

Hello Family,

Things are going good for Soul to Soul, we are staying up with our timeline. We have fundraising t-shirts available for \$15.00 each. We have also had our 1st fundraiser; we raised \$727.81!! Yay!

We've made a rough draft of the menu for the weekend. Our next subcommittee meeting is March 10th @ noon in Yates Center in the Bressner hall. The things we still have to plan out are pre-registration shirts and mugs, agenda for the weekend and a 2nd fundraiser. We are looking for the design for the pre-reg shirts and

mugs so if you have or know of anyone with some design ideas please contact myself or Rosalie C at our email: Rosalie C – changes.selfhelp@gmail.com, Flo H – flo_hancock@yahoo.com.

We do have pre-registration forms here today; the cutoff date for pre-reg is August 12th, 2013.

We will keep you updated on our progress so more will be revealed.

In Loving Service,
Flo H & Rosalie

Audit Ad hoc:

Regional Audit Ad Hoc Report

The committee met twice to go over the books for the region. We found the books to be in good order and the books balanced to the penny. There were a couple of things that we thought would be helpful in the future.

Our recommendations are:

- Get a deposit stamp for the general account.
- When a debit purchase is made that it be put in the bank register at the time of bank reconciliation, not before in anticipation. We found some entries that were done in anticipation and did not actually happen that we had to correct.
- We also believe that every expense should have a request for funds... whether there is an invoice or not. This will ensure that all expenses and checks are accounted for and we are accurate in the bookkeeping.
- We also decided that the Hutch Correctional Facility bill that was in question needed to be researched. But we also stated that we only wanted half of it paid for until the research was done and all the questions about the outstanding bills was answered. During our second meeting of the committee we found out that the entire bill was paid for. We were slightly confused and left with even more questions. We would like to know why our recommendation was ignored.
- We also believe that the treasurer should maybe look into making the treasurer's report more reader friendly.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be of service to the region once again.

In loving and grateful service,

Michelle

D. Officers Reports:
Regional Delegate Report:

Hello Family,

2/17/13

I would like to say it is an extreme honor to be able to serve this Region and I want to say thank you for the opportunity. In the recent months I have been able to get caught up on some things and put some extra focus

in to my service. I lost my employment and continue to look for work. Have no fear, at this point my commitment to NA and this Region comes first and will find a job that fits into that structure.

In November, I was asked to attend Central Kansas Area and present a workshop on Consensus Based Decision Making. In January, I attended the Celebration of Recovery in Wichita and gave the same workshop. I would like to remind everyone that I am available to do workshops at any of your events or even at your area meeting. We can do a current or past IDT, we can do an SSP update, Tradition Book Project, or any other topic you would like. I would also like to know when all the areas have their next few meetings. I would like to try and make my way around the region and attend.

Last weekend, I attended the PSZF and OK. Region General Assembly. Aaron B. attended to help gather information and has a report. Sara B. and Amber C. also attended. Tim S. and Dusty C. were there on Sunday. It was an amazing weekend. We had workshops on Group Conscience, Supporting Our Vision, Navigating NA.org, and an SSP update. There was a wealth of information.

Plains State Zonal has some great things going on. Our presence will again be at the Midwest Consortium on Problem Gambling and Substance Abuse, in Kansas City, in June. We will only setup a table on the first day, as this is the day with the most traffic. The other days are basically nil with people visiting tables. If you would like to volunteer please let me know. We had a very lengthy discussion on a Multi-Zonal Learning Convention. We are currently in talks with Southern Zone and Midwest to collaborate on this event. I would like some feedback from the floor on this topic. We also talked about Trusted Servants at this level of service and holding positions. Since most participants are Delegates they inevitably tend to hold positions for the Zone. The Zone would like feedback on this topic as well. The bank account at Zone continues to be an issue with service fees and we believe we have found a solution and/or addressed the problem. Zonal is also collecting photos from events throughout the regions to be in our report at WSC. Please send photos of any of your events, learning days, or service in action. These can be sent to photos@pszfna.org Also the Zone is considering a nomination to the World Board for the next WSC. This is also something I need feedback on. The next Zonal meeting should be in July, in Nebraska. We are also planning to do a CAR workshop in Texas at the end of January. More information to come on both these events.

Living Clean Commemorative is out for purchase. The WB is having discussion regarding Bulletin #29: Regarding Methadone and Other Drug Replacement Therapy. There is some new information posted on the SSP concerning CBDM. There has not been any update on how the field testing is going. There is ongoing discussion on small and large State/National/Provinces, Region reunifications, Zonal involvement, and several other topics. The field testing continues through July and I would look for an update around fall of this year. The Traditions Book Project should move into its next phase in April. This will be a phase of gathering more input/writing about the Traditions. WCNA information is available. You can now register online. They have limited the number of rooms at each hotel and will negotiate more as they fill up. Early Bird Registration just ended. The price is still lower than normal and will go up again in July to full price. An Introduction to NA Meetings is out for review and input from the fellowship until 30 April 2013. This is a service pamphlet and will be presented for Fellowship Approval as an informational pamphlet. NAWIS is hosting webinars for PR, H&I and Conventions. Anyone is welcome to participate. You can sign up for these via email:

- Events@na.org for conventions
- HandI@na.org for Hospitals and Institutions
- PR@na.org for Public Relations/Public Information

There should also be a mobile app launched soon. This will include a meeting finder and Just For Today, Daily Meditation. This will be available in both android and apple.

That is all the information I have for now. Again I would like to express my willingness to be of service to your area and/or group. Let me know how I can help.

In Loving Service,

Daniel C. - RD

Alt. Delegate Report:

No Alt. Delegate at this time – No report.

Secretary Report:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer Report:

**Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Treasurer Report – February 17, 2013 RSC**

	Beginning Balance			\$ 12,527.18
Income:				
	Donations & reimbursements	\$ 2,597.02		
	Add back ck #1284	50.00		
	Donation from Soul to Soul	642.34		
	Total Income			\$ 3,289.36
	Sub-total			\$ 15,816.54
Expenses:				
11/18/12 #1287	Alliance Agency, Inc.		\$1,416.00	
11/18/12 #1288	Amber Carris – sect’y expenses		20.00	
11/18/12 #1289	Rodeway Inn – Feb. RSC		354.60	
11/18/12 #1290	Sara Burd – Feb. startup		50.00	
11/18/12 #1291	Tom Medlin-H&I escrow-postage		15.00	
11/18/12 #1292	Tom Medlin-H&I escrow-H&I event		200.00	
11/18/12 #1293	Daniel Crotinger – Zonal/Feb.		200.00	
11/18/12 #1294	HCF – MAN printing		voided out	
12/21/12	HCF – All Outstanding Invoices		1045.29	

#1295				
01/02/13 #1296	The Printery-MAN printing 750 copies		217.43	
	Total Expenses			\$ 3,518.32
	Bank Balance			\$ 12,298.22
	Less: Prudent Reserve			4,506.50
	Sub-total			\$ 7,791.72
	Less: Escrows			
	H & I		\$641.86	
	Literature		276.30	
	Outreach		186.40	
	P I		830.31	
	Rent		354.60	
	Insurance (due Feb.13)		1,416.00	
	Storage (due Feb. 13)		834.00	
	P. O. Box (due Feb. 13)		58.00	
	Web Page (due Sept. 13)		142.50	
	RDA (due Feb. 14)		1,000.00	
	Total Escrows			\$ 5,739.97
	Spendable Balance			\$ 2,051.75

Co-Treasurer Report:

No co-treasurer at this time – No report.

Chair Report:

Nothing to report

Co- Chair Report:

Plains States Zonal Forum

As seen by a newcomer to Zonal (Your Regional Co-Chair)

Friday, February 8th, 2013

Does your Higher Power ever put you right where you need to be? Mine sure the heck does and that's where I found myself this past weekend during my initial experience with a Zonal Forum. A group of us arrived at around 6:30 p.m. just in time to have dinner. Following dinner and for the rest of the night I found myself fighting back tears of gratitude. The speaker for the night spoke directly to me with the realization that I need to be practicing Recovery based Service and work at staying clear of Service based Recovery. He also caught my attention when he discussed his dislike of the clean-time count-down; he feels that we alienate the newcomer by having them sit the longest. I got to thinking would it such a bad idea to have a clean-time count-up with a hug line for the newcomer (the newcomers stand first and are welcomed (hugged) by every addict in the room as they stand for their clean time), yes it would take a little longer than normal? I have to ask, where is your gratitude for the program that saved you?

After the speaker and some fellowshiping around the coffee pot I made my way to the campfire meeting where the enlightenment continued. The general topic was Service Work, I can't share the specifics but by being there it helped reenergize my commitment to my own Recovery and the service positions I'm currently involved with. There was truly an awesome group of what I will call "The Winners" in which my Higher Power led me too to be a part of. So just in attending for the evening I can only hope to take this experience and remember it so I don't lose the focus I gained.

Saturday, February 9th, 2013

I awoke this morning continuing with the overwhelming feeling of gratitude, knowing that I am right where my Higher Power wants me to be. Then I read the entire daily meditation, which I rarely ever do, and it reminded me of how I used to feel and how I rarely feel that way today. Even just by coming to Zonal and getting out of my comfort zone I can still catch myself feeling a part from, but what the program is teaching me about keeping an open mind and listening for the similarities I can quickly become a part of.

I was outside smoking and was listening to a couple addicts talk about sponsorship and what it is to them, and again I found myself becoming reenergized for this program. I am not yet blessed with a sponsee who wants to live this program, but by listening to these addicts share the love, hope and general concern they have towards another addict I have hope that I will be given the opportunity of witnessing a miracle in the closeness that they share. I must remain patient and wait for my Higher Powers Will to work in my life.

On with the learning, I attended the first workshop offered that morning which was on "Group Conscience." While sitting through this workshop there were several topic/questions that caught my attention for both my personal Service Work and some I feel any Service Body should be considering. They are as follows:

- True Spiritual Principles are never in conflict.
- Is it a true Group Conscience when only 5% of a group participates in a group business meeting?
- Or is it that 95% of the group delegated the 5% involved at the group business meeting?
- Has there ever been a Group/Area/Region etiquette workshop/discussion/meeting? If so, how often are they held?

- When discussing an issue, is the reason for being against being explained so all members can make a well informed decision? Or is it left unexplored?
- “It’s better not to be done than to be done with someone’s’ name behind it”
- If a committee begins holding people more accountable in their Service Work, people will begin holding themselves more accountable with their Service Work and their own personal lives. That’s why we are here, to learn a new way of life.

The next workshop I attended was the “Service System Project Review/Updates”; there was a lot of information discussed and I discovered exactly how uninformed I am about this topic. So to avoid causing any confusion I’m not going to give a report on something I myself don’t understand, YET. Just know that there is a ton of information for review and when you keep an open-mind it seems excitingly-scary (which most change is). Information is available at www.na.org/servicesystem or you can email any questions you may have to servicesystem@na.org. Or if you fumble through the internet like I do, the steps to take are as follows: Go to www.na.org then select “For Our Members” tab and scroll down to the “Projects & Surveys” link and finally select the “Service System Project.” So if you would like to know what is happening with our Service Structure or are terrified of change then you need to check this out.

We broke for lunch and the fellowshiping I witnessed and participated in was simply amazing, I guess you just had to be there, sorry. The next workshop I attended was “Navigating NA.org.” Our own Daniel C. presented the workshop and I feel the easiest way to learn is hands on, so I’m not going to go into any of this. If you have any questions I’m sure that several can find or know the answer.

The final workshop of the day was “Supporting Our Vision”, we listened to Jimmy K’s vision and then discussed ways to support it. How we need to be more transparent with the reporting of information throughout our Service Structure. Letting the group know when there are successes in service, such as unanimously voting in the Living Clean book the first time it is presented. We also discussed everyone’s favorite topic of Self Support and how it involves more than just putting money in the basket, and how can we draw attraction to Service Work. Many people said that they got involved when an old-timer or sponsor drug them along for the ride and kept dragging them. That was how I got involved and it has kept me coming back.

Sunday was the actual Zonal meeting and I had a hard time following along so I am hoping that Daniel can fill you all in with those activities. So this wraps up my experience with my first Zonal and I hope it didn’t bore you too terribly. I had an awesome time and will try and make them in the future.

In Loving Service,

Aaron B.

We took a break from 9:50am – 10:10am.

E. Old Business:

1. Elections:

- Co-treasurer – No willingness or nominations, take back to your areas/groups.
- NAWS Contact – Tim S has willingness, the qualifications were read, and he qualified himself. He answered questions, he left the room, and a vote was taken. He was voted in. Thank you Tim!
- Outreach Chair – No willingness or nominations – take back to your areas/groups.

- Steering (4) Members – Going to wait on this to see if we are going to disband steering committee or not.
 - Alt Delegate – Nate F has willingness – qualifications were read – he qualified himself and answered any questions, he left the room and there was discussion. A vote was taken – He was voted in. Thank you Nate!
 - P.O. Box Chair – putting this aside until we talk about P.O. Box in business today.
 - Campout Chair – Ed C was nominated out of committee, he qualified himself – he left the room – there was discussion – a vote was taken – he was voted in. Thank you Ed!
 - Convention Chair – Janet W was nominated out of committee – she qualified herself, she left the room and there was discussion. A vote was taken and she was voted in. Thank you Janet!!
2. **Contract with Hotel** – The hotel is supposed to email the contract to the Activities chair, if she does not receive it this week, she will contact them again.

3. **Concerns about Policy:**

There was concern that the policy that everyone has is not the most up to date due to motions that have been passed since the policy was printed. Several members shared they would like to see these policy changes. The co-chair has a personal copy of the motion logs that he has kept. He made a copy of this and gave to the RCM's. It was mentioned the secretary was supposed to keep a motion log, the current secretary shared she was unaware of this. There were concerns about needing to look back at the minutes to find new motions, or changes to policy. A member shared that the policy should be up to date with all the updates. There were also concerns that the past 2 regional minutes have not been on the website. The Chair shared that the policy was passed in November 2011 and that is the policy that we asked to have printed to be brought. It was also shared that policy states that the motion logs will be compiled once a year to be given to RCM's at May RSC.

4. **Motion 111812-03:**

From: Restructuring Ad hoc Committee

Motion: To disband Steering Committee

Intent: To better use our human resources.

Discussion: The Restructuring Ad hoc chair explained why this motion was brought. It was mentioned at this time Steering is not working on any projects. It was also shared the Regional floor has the ability to assign ad hoc committees to work on projects that the Steering committee has been doing. The committee has not been represented by members from the whole region in a long time. They are struggling to find members currently. It was mentioned an ad hoc committee allows members to be appointed based on their experience and knowledge. Currently the Steering members are assigned tasks that they may not be educated on. There was a call to question – 5-2-0 passed – it was then ruled out of order and discussion was continued. A question was brought up about who would be fulfilling duties that the Steering committee currently does, such as the convention bids. A member shared if this were to get passed an ad hoc committee could be formed to created those guidelines. It was mentioned currently the Convention bids are given to the Steering Committee but it gets discussed and voted on at the regional floor – so that duty could be given to the regional floor.

A RCM vote was taken – 6-0-1 Motion Passed.

We took a break from 11:28am – 11:53 am

5. **Projector Screen** – The regional delegate visited with the old delegate and currently the person who owns the house where the projector screen is at, will not be coming back anytime soon. The old delegate will be coming back sometime soon to get some more of her stuff and at that time we should be able to get the projector screen.

6. **Phone line clarification** – There was confusion on if PI committee was given permission to proceed with going forward with the phone line or did it need to go back to areas again? There was a straw poll taken, most of the RCM's believed it was okay to proceed; there was a couple areas that wanted to see it go back to groups first. It was decided to go ahead and move ahead with the phone line without going back to groups. The PI chair shared she will make sure everyone has the information before they proceed. Most of the work is currently being done online and on the phone.
7. **CBDM Test** – The Ad hoc Committee brought a proposal today to change the order of business and use CBDM (consensus based decision making) today during business. There was concern that not everyone was here for the workshops and not everyone knows how to use it yet. There were also concerns that the color cards are too complicated, and it's too early to trial this. One member shared we need more workshops on this. Another member shared that we don't want to give everyone the idea that it will make business faster, because it won't. The delegate mentioned this is a much simpler than Robert's Rules of Order. He also shared he is willing to talk to the ad hoc committee to see if they are willing to simplify it. He is willing to teach CBDM. A lot of other regions are currently using CBDM and seems to be working well for them. It was also mentioned they learn things hands on, so maybe we should just try it. It was then suggested to try this at May RSC for new business. There was an RCM vote on whether or not to use it today. Only 2 RCM approved it, so it failed for today. It was agreed to do it in May 2013 RSC during new business. The ad hoc chair will get the cards and the sheet with the information for CBDM to the RCM's to take back to their areas.
8. **Convention Bids** – There were 5 convention bids brought to the Steering Committee yesterday, and they went through the pros and cons of each bid and they are suggesting the Double Tree Hilton in Wichita. It met most of the requirements. Coffee price is \$30/gallon, but the prices for the banquets were not specific. Rooms are \$94.00/night with 153 room nights. They matched everything from the bid in 2009 with a few changes, with an increase in price of \$500.00. We can bring anything we want into the hospitality room, and there is no minimum or maximum on food or beverage. The motel does want us back. A member explained of the process they went through to make the best decision. A member asked if we can post convention bid guidelines to policy? The answer was yes. A RCM vote was then taken. Vote: 7-0-0 – MARCNA 2015 will be at Double Tree Hilton – Wichita, KS.
9. **P.O. Box Issue** – There was a suggestion to move the P.O. Box to Salina. There was also suggestion that when we have the mail forwarded that we send a letter we received mail from so they know we changed our address. There is no change in policy. We will need a motion for this, that will be brought in New Business.

F. **New Business:**

1. **Fellowship Development Feedback** – We brought a proposal to continue Fellowship development subcommittee for 2 more quarters. It was suggested to give Fellowship Development the Steering Committee time slot and give activities a time slot. It was also suggested to have working lunch. It was suggested we have Fellowship Development and Activities back to back, so it can still fall under the Fellowship development. Soul to Soul asked if they can have a time slot back. It was then suggested to have a 4 hour time block for Fellowship development, which will include time for activities and Soul to Soul. There were no objections, and will get a schedule worked out for this.
2. **Insurance** – The RD visited with the Oklahoma RD and found that they only pay \$2500 per year for their insurance. They only pay for RSC events and all their meeting halls. They do have an option for groups/areas to purchase writer coverage for their groups/area events for about \$20.00 a piece. This is something we should consider. Our Insurance contact has contacted our Insurance writer and asked for quotes to get to us by May RSC. She was given the okay to research this further. Currently

we pay about \$5600/year for insurance. There was suggestion to send this information back to groups/areas, and the RD plans on giving this information to areas when he visits the area meetings. The procedure to request insurance needs to be added to the policy. It was suggested we add it to the minutes until we get this in our policy. The secretary will make sure that happens.

3. **Zonal Trusted Servants** - The zone needs feedback from the regions on having their delegates also be serving as trusted servants, such as secretary, facilitator, etc. There was concern shared at zonal that it is hard to be a facilitator, secretary, etc and also be there to represent their region. It was suggested that it should be up to the individual member if they can handle the responsibility for 2 positions at that level. It was mentioned that it could be possible for the regions to pay for facilitators and other officers to attend zone, but that would be an added expense on the regions. This information was given to the RD to take back to the next zonal meeting.
4. **Amanda's Nomination** – Our zone has received a service resume from the outgoing Iowa Delegate that would like to be nominated for world board. The RD passed out the service resume and spoke about her commitment to NA and the service she has done. There will be 2 slots open for world board. If anyone has any questions the RD will send them to her and get an answer. The zonal recommendation automatically puts her name in the pool of recommendations. Several members shared their experience with her. It was mentioned that 60% of the floor at WSC for her to be voted in. The RD was given the vote of confidence on what his recommendations should be.

We took a lunch break at 1:03pm – 2:22pm

5. **Multi-zonal Learning Conference** – There was a lot of discussion at zone to have a multi-zonal service learning day, similar to Western States Learning Days (WSLD), or Florida Symposium. The RD asked if we are in favor of this. Currently our Zone (Plain States Zonal Forum) the Midwest Zone and Southern Zone are talking about joining together for this. Southern Zone is definitely on board with this, and Midwest Zone is still talking about it. It would be a convention type event with workshops on lots of different topics and would likely have world participation. There isn't much in the mid west for this. There are events like this in the eastern states and western states, but not much in the mid west. The RD shared he did voice concerns about finances for this, because we don't know where the money would come from this. He did volunteer at zonal to be part of the exploration committee to help research this further. There were several questions from several members on how much this would cost, and how many people would attend. It was mentioned that other learning conferences have approximately 1500-2000 people attend, and not sure how much it would cost. One member shared that this could draw in many members from other states/zones/and even international. Currently some of the other evens similar to this have regions/areas help do fundraisers to raise money for the events. During zonal it was discussed of having this bi-annually, possibly the year after the World Conference. There was more members concerned about cost, and if the regions would have to provide seed money for this event. A member shared concern that we may not be able to financially support this event or be able to send out delegates, depending on finances at the time. At Western States Learning Days in October several members from our zone met with members from Western States Learning Days to get information on how they put their event together, and they brought that information back to zonal.
6. **Zonal Trusted Servants Revisited** – There was a concern that this issue did not get answered. There was question if this region is willing to help support the zone so the zone could possibly be able to fund its trusted servants to attend zonal meetings.
7. **Proposal** –
From: Fellowship Development
Proposal: Ask areas/groups for willingness to possibly host a world unity day hook-up for RCM's to decide on location(s) at May RSC 2013.

Discussion: There was concern on the date of this, but as of right now WCNA has not decided if it will be Saturday or Sunday, but they do know it will be the weekend of Labor day. This will be sent back to the area/groups and they will bring back willingness in May. No objections to send this to areas/groups.

8. **Proposal** –

From: Fellowship Development

Proposal: To form a workgroup to offer to host workshops at each area's ASC. (Jeff, Sally, Daniel, Cheryl – CKA, Flo – JFT, Michelle – FFFA, Chris – OZ, Sara – PPA, Kathy – WMA, Robert – Unity.

Intent: To bring Regional Assembly to each area in lieu of set location of Annual Event

Discussion: The regional assembly has suffered to get support for the past several years and would like to see RCM's support and hopefully we can come to their areas instead of them having to come to us, instead of having an event with poor attendance. We can have workshops on any topic that area would like to see. It was mentioned we will only go to their area if we are invited, it's up to them. It was also mentioned if this doesn't work then we can still have an annual event in November or December. There was a question if this would be a change in policy. It was answered that no, it would not, because policy just says we need to have 1 annual assembly, and this would be considered being the annual assembly, it would just be 9 of them hopefully instead of just 1. A member shared that this may create more participation. An RCM vote was taken 5-1-1 passed.

9. **Requests for Funds** - The treasurer read off all the expenses. An RCM vote was taken to decide whether or not to pay them all. RCM Vote – 7-0-0 – passed. We have \$683.75 after all expenses are paid.

10. **H&I** – H&I decided to make H&I t-shirts and would like to know the name of the facilities that are served by each area. There was a concern that this would violate traditions by printing facility names on the t-shirts. It was shared they would be using the abbreviations instead of the names, and members still felt that was violating traditions. It was then suggested to just put the cities on a map with a star in each city there are H&I commitments. They need to know by March 15th what cities have H&I commitments, please sent this information to the committee.

11. **Motion 021713-01** –

From: Miracle Area

Motion: To appoint an ad hoc committee of 5 members to 1.) Fix the internet issue at our current RSC location by the beginning of May RSC and/or 2.) agree to a significant rental price reduction (i.e. \$100.00) in RSC weekend with the hotel at our current location and/or 3.) find a new location or locations in or very near Salina, KS at the best price and options to be presented by C.O.B. May RSC

Intent: Get internet access and a better facility to hold our RSC weekend and functions.

Discussion: There was concern because we have already entered into a 2 year verbal agreement to our current facility. There was also concern because the motel has promised us the internet would be fixed for several regions in a row and it has not worked yet. The chair asked the Activities chair if she is willing to contact the hotel, she was concerned about burning a bridge, because we have developed a good relationship with this motel. She agreed to contact them and see what they will agree to do. It was mentioned we have researched all the other locations in Salina, and this is the cheapest location. There was another concern that not all the locations have been explored, such as churches, or possibly having our event in 2 different locations for each day. It was also suggested we purchase a hot spot or pay a member who has a hot spot to use theirs for the weekend. An RCM vote was taken. 2-5-0 – motion failed.

12. **Motion 021713-02** –

From: Wichita Metro Area

Motion: Move the regional Post office box to Salina.

Financial Impact: \$60.00 size (cost of the box)

Intent: Get post office box closer to regional meeting facility to expedite mail transfer to respective officers/trusted servants/easier access/availability of this region.

Discussion: The chair is willing to get a box in Salina the same size we currently have (medium size box). It was asked if we should give her permission to go up a size if they do not have the size we want available. There was then a suggestion for willingness for the P.O. Box Chair. Amber C showed willingness and qualified herself. She left the room a vote was taken and she was voted in. Thank you Amber!! She will take care of getting the P.O. Box changed to Salina.

13. **Newcomer Issue** – There were several newcomers at Regionals this weekend and there was some negative feedback given by them. They did not feel welcomed this weekend and some of them do not want to come back. They felt uncomfortable all weekend. They wanted to come here and learn. Several members shared their experiences with their first experiences with region and encouraged them to come back, and continue to learn. It was mentioned we need to ask if there are newcomers at the beginning of the meeting on Sunday and also during subcommittees on Saturday.
14. **Disbanding Steering** – We voted today to disband the Steering committee and there was question on what we need to do from here. It was suggested to create a position for Policy Coordinator and we can create ad hoc committees for the convention bids, and any other topic that may need to be created. The co-chair is going to bring the motion log for the next RSC. It was suggested to have an ad hoc committee created to go through policy to see if there are any other things that need to be changed. There was a question on if this falls under fellowship development committee. There will be more discussion on this next RSC.
15. **Meeting Updates** – There was a question on how to go about updating meetings with NAWS. The regional delegate explained how to update meetings on na.org.
16. **P.O Box Revisited** – There was concern on who to write the check to for the P.O. Box, there was a suggestion to leave it blank and let the new P.O. Box Chair fill in the amount and get that to the treasurer. The new P.O Box chair asked to just write the check to her and she will cash it and if it cost more than \$60.00 she will bring receipts to next RSC.
17. **Newcomer Issue Revisited** – It was suggested to add an Introduction at the beginning of the RSC business meeting to ask if there are any newcomers.
18. **Secretary Reminder** – The secretary reminded everyone to make sure to get their reports to her and reminded them that if they need her email address get with her so they can send it to her.

We closed the meeting at 4:33pm with a moment of silence and prayer.

Take back to Groups/Areas:

- **Open Positions:**
 - Co-treasurer, Secretary, Archivist, Activities Chair, H&I Chair, Literature Chair, Public Information Chair, Outreach Chair
- **Motions:**
 - **Proposal** –
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PROCEDURE FOR CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

In order for the Certificate of Insurance to be issued, supply the Insurance agency with the following information:

1. Name of the NA group this will be for
2. Mailing and location address for the NA group
3. Name and mailing address of the facility requiring the certificate of insurance
4. If this is for an event, please provide dates of the event and the location as to where it will be held.

Agency information to contact:
Alliance Agency Inc.

(877) 249-6208 or (620) 241-0213

The certificate will be typed and mailed:
To the group requesting the certificate
To the facility requesting the certificate
To the MARSCNA treasurer (policy kept on file and all certificates)

Guidelines for obtaining bids at all inclusive hotels for Mid America Region Convention of Narcotics Anonymous

General:

- *Meeting room for interim meeting (non RSC months)
- Staff to accommodate convention of 300 to 500 people
- Registration – 4 tables in lobby or adjacent to entrance
- Merchandise – room with 15-20 tables (prime location) and 3 phone jacks
- 24 hour Marathon meeting room with seating for 30-50 people
- Hospitality Suite – easy access to courtyard or other seating with first (1st) floor or handicap accessible
- (Availability to bring in food and coffee for hospitality room)
- *Fellowship area: 50 to 100 people (open 24 hrs. If possible)
- Conference space – 2 rooms to accommodate 150 people each (workshops)
- Auction – room with 3 tables easy access
- Friday night speaker – seating 200 to 400 people, dance floor, stage
- Saturday night speaker – seating 350 to 550 people, dance floor, stage
- Sunday morning speaker – seating 200 to 350 people
- Sunday closing committee meeting room

Rooms:

- Sleeping rooms 150 to 200 available with 50 to 75 room nights block (Friday 3 p.m. – Sun. 1 p.m.)
- Room rate available for Committee Thursday night
- Rate guaranteed after block met
- Maximum number allowed per room
- Number of rooms complimentary for every 50 rented
- Is there a penalty for not making room block? (Sleeping rooms)

Food Services:

- Coffee; price per gallon or per person (lock in price) – 200 to 400 gallons over weekend
- Saturday night banquet price per person with 75 to 100 estimated maximum
- Sunday morning breakfast price per person with 50 to 75 estimated maximum

Are prices for room rental determined by food & beverage sales?

Availability & cost of AV (audio/video) equipment?

Set up/tear down fee?

Replace with cancellation clause

Location:

Name of Hotel:

Dates available:

NO *Easter Weekend*

Contact Person:

Can prices be guaranteed until after Regional weekend? _____

Person(s) obtaining the bid needs to attend Steering Committee meeting to present the bid. There may be questions and the hotel may need to be contacted while the meeting is taking place.

*Not deal breakers but great if they can accommodate

MARCNA 30 QUILT



SPECIALTY ITEM RAFFLE
TICKETS ARE \$1 PER TICKET OR 6 FOR \$5
TICKETS ON SALE AT CONVENTION

DRAWING TO BE HELD AT MARCNA 30 ON SUNDAY APRIL 7TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL SHELLEY AT 620-757-0450

MARCNA XXXI

Needs your help...

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR IDEAS FOR OUR
CONVENTION THEME & ARTWORK
PLEASE SUBMIT IDEAS AT THE MAY 18TH
CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING AT 9 AM**



**If you are interested in being
a part of the convention committee
all positions are open
Elections start in May at RSC**

Please contact Janet at (785) 342-5406 or by email at cajungirl54@cox.net for more information or submissions



**MID AMERICA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
2013 MAY QUARTERLY MEETING**

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Saturday, May 18

9:00 am -11:00am

**Main Room
Back Room**

**Convention
Literature**

11:00am - 1:00 pm

**Main Room
Back Room**

**Public Information
Ad Hoc Restructuring**

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

LUNCH BREAK

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Main Room
Back Room**

**Fellowship Development
Campout**

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Main Room

Back Room**

**Fellowship Development
Soul to Soul
Hospitals & Institutions**

6:15 pm – 8:30 pm

Potluck Meal with Speaker Meeting

8:30 pm – 11:00 pm

**Family Reunion Night
Recovery Pictionary
Raffle & Auction ... items needed
No addict turned away**

NA AUCTION / RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, May 19

General business, motions, request for funds.

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