



**Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous**

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**Business Meeting Minutes**

**August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

The business meeting of the Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous was opened with a moment of silence by the Chair at 8:15 am. 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 8:23am and the following chairs and trusted servants were present at the start of business on Sunday

**Trusted Servants Present:** Chair, Co-chair Reg. Delegate, Alt. Reg. Delegate, Treasurer, 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, OZ Area, Primary Purpose, Unity Area, Western Area, Wichita Metro.

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

**A. Approval of Minutes:**

The chair asked if everyone received the minutes and asked if there were any amendments to be made. There were none. RCM vote taken - Minutes approved.

**B. Area Reports:**

**Central Kansas Area:**

Hello from Central Kansas Area NA,

First, we'd like to thank Daniel for the workshop, Carie for sharing her ESH, and everyone who attended the Great Bend Function. The support of our fellowship was amazing. Thank you!!

The Larned "Just For Today" NA group is planning their annual Rib Bar-B-Que for Saturday, Sept. 21st at Schnack Park in Larned. Sadly, the Larned Group is closing the door on their Monday night 7 pm meeting, Sept 2nd. They will continue holding all other scheduled meetings currently on the meeting lists. If you are out that way – stop by and give them some support. Fliers are available.

Another change in the Central KS Area is the Russell "Nothing to Fear" NA group removal from CKA and CKA meeting lists. They continue holding meetings at St. Elizabeth Church 66 S Culp on Thursdays at 8 pm.

Concerning the motion/proposal from Unity concerning the sale of merchandise – we voted to continue utilizing the Alternative store and not have open sales.

Our H&I commitments continue at the Ellsworth Correctional Facility (Medium and Minimum Camp) and the Barton County Jail Men's and Women's. The Larned Juvenile Correction Facility H&I meetings continued to be suspended due to lack of staff availability at their facility. CKA continues to need more male and female volunteers.

We have a \$300 donation from the area and a \$100 donation from the Great Bend "Living by Faith" group. Grateful to serve,

Cheryl C, CKA RCM

***Fellowship For Freedom Area:***

Hello family,

Overall the Area is doing well. The groups are doing well as a whole. There is one new meeting in the Area and that is MOA on Friday nights. It is a rotating group. The number for the meeting is on the webpage to find out where the meeting is each week. We also have a meeting that is struggling and that is the Women's meeting; they desperately need support.

As for the subcommittee's, they are doing well. In H&I the committee is trying to put things in place to help the committee run smoother and in accordance with the H&I handbook. There is a mandatory training on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm for those involved or wanting to get involved with H&I. There is a flyer on our webpage with all the information. As for PI, they too are trying to make some changes. We asked the Area to change our phone number to a toll free number so that we can change phone companies and cut about \$50 a month on our phone bill. More will be revealed. The phone line has also changed to an information only phone line. Our webpage is also going through some changes. Please check it out. Activities have a couple of events on the calendar. There is Unity Day on 9-1-13 at Tecumseh Park from 9 am to 3 pm. Following the Unity Day speaker we will be hosting a learning day and a Chili cook-off. Please come join us. One of our Area groups is having their annual function to help raise funds for H&I. It is Late Night Overnight 3 at Bloomington West Group Camp at Clinton Lake. Also Friday Fright Night is scheduled for 10-25-13 at Garfield Shelter; more will be revealed.

As for our ASC, we have great attendance every month. This last quarter however our donations have been low and we are not able to donate because we are below prudent reserve again this quarter. We still have the same open positions of Area Assistant Secretary, Area Assistant Treasurer and Alternate RCM. Plus next month RCM is open. This is my last month as RCM and I am stepping down. Hopefully we will be able to vote in a new RCM team before next quarter.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

In grateful service,  
Michelle

***Just For Today Area:***

Dear Family,

This will be my first time giving a report for region as alternate RCM. I hope I will do a good job seeing how I'm following in Flo's footsteps!!

We have 2 open positions which are secretary and treasurer. The flier drive we held for “Yellow Brick Road” went extremely well. Our Coffeyville group has closed, but we do have 2 new groups that have seated to our area, Yellow Brick Road from Sedan, KS and Pleasantan Group from Pleasantan, KS.

Doug B is our new co-chair and Rosalie C is our new activities chair. Our area has tabled a motion to change how often we meet due to economic hardships. Some of our groups don’t have enough to come every month, so in September we will vote and if it passes we will meet every other month.

Evelyn has spoken with chaplain Fegan and Shatmyer on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Training for volunteers is an 8 hr class and we must fill out the applications and sent them in. We are also looking for some help from region on having an H&I and PI presentations to help those of us who aren’t familiar with the do’s and dont’s with these presentations.

Our area has decided that we need no more or no less than 50 newsletters. We have 9 groups and we give 5 to each group and 5 to the Girard Treatment Center.

Our Area has been on a tight budget for a while and we have \$75.00 donation for this quarter. Freebirds needs literature and area does not have it to give. Freebirds asks that the RCM ask region for the literature that they need. Meditation books, Step Working Guides, and It Works How and Why and Basic Text.

Our final vote on the insurance policy is Yes on option #1 and Yes on the Inland Marine writer. Pioneer campout is September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> @ Malvern Lake, watch for signs.

Freebirds is having a speak and eat on September 15<sup>th</sup> to raise money needed to keep our doors open. It will start at 10am @ Love Chief Cabin, Riverside Park in Independence, KS. Bring a cover dish or dessert, raffle and auction items needed.

Thanks for letting me serve,  
Tandra S.  
Your Alternate RCM for the JFT Area

P.S. Our new group the Yellow Brick Road had their 1<sup>st</sup> annual speak and eat August 10<sup>th</sup> @ the old sedan lake and it was a hit! 18 addicts showed up and lots of fun and recovery had by all!

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

Dear Regional Family,

Things are going well in the Miracle Area, even without a Public Information Chair, but all other positions are filled. We are preparing to print new meeting lists next month. Mark R. has been helping with this task. Our “Don’t Be a Square” Dance in June, and our “Day in the Park”, in July were moderately successful, but our Sponsorship Banquet on August 3 was a huge success. Over 50 addicts attended the Sponsorship Workshop and over 70 addicts enjoyed the Banquet meal. Our Activities Chair, Angie R. has been busy this summer and she will be stepping down in September, but not before our Area Campout September 6-8 at the Elm Group Camp at Clinton Lake. There are flyers here this weekend. Looking forward, the Baldwin Shindig will be September 15, 2-6pm at Baldwin City Lake near Baldwin, New Way Groups’ “Fandango” will be at Spillway Park, Clinton Lake, October 5<sup>th</sup> with campfire and potluck starting at 5pm and RIP will be celebrating 17 years with a costume party October 12, 5pm in Lansing at the 4-H Building.

John S. was elected as our Literature Chair last month and is keeping the groups well stocked with literature. Hospital and Institutions meetings have been struggling for lack of volunteers and delays in some orientations for some who have volunteered at the Douglas County Jail on the men's and women's sides and the First Step House. Jeffry L. has started having interim meetings on Saturday afternoons to address these issues. We recently updated our Policy Guidelines and we are trying to keep everyone informed. We unfortunately did not come to a decision on the Zonal Proposal at our last ASC, but will try to accomplish this next month. We are donating \$200 to the RSC this quarter.

In service,  
Scott K. R.C.M.

***Primary Purpose Area:***

Hello Family,

Lots of events going on in PPA. GOL (Hutch) will be having a campout Aug. 30th-2<sup>nd</sup>, with Unity Day Hook-up on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. GOL will also be having a Halloween Dance on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H building. Flying Free(McPherson) will be having their annual Blue Ball Ball Dec. 14th, the theme is "From Near Death to New Life". It is a zombie costume theme.

Our area is struggling with open positions and currently has all open positions except Alt-RCM and Outreach chair. We are keeping it a float and running on limited services and will meet again next month in hope of some passed motions to allow us to do business and increase participation.

ILS,

Sara B.

Alt-RCM, PPA

***OZ Area:***

Hello Family,

The OZ Area is excited to report that we will be having our very first OZ Area function on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August in Burlington Colorado. The start time will be at 2pm MST or 3pm CST. We have a flyer on the Regional website with more information and hope to see some of you make the trip.

The OZ Area has also been doing some H&I project driven work done in the Norton Correctional Facility. As of now our area was able to order and send some literature to the facility for the guys and several members have been able to participate in their meeting once a month.

The St. Francis group has expressed that they are looking to close their meeting after a long period of time and no one attending

The Burlington group is also struggling at this time but they are going to be doing some flyer drives to hopefully get more participation.

On a positive note the Norton group attended our area meeting and have now joined our Area. More to be revealed in this breakthrough.

The Oz Area is still operating under a project driven format and it is working extremely effective for us. The Oz Area is excited for the future of carrying the message in our Area.

In Loving Service

Kody E.

Oz Area RCM

***Unity Area Report:***

Unity Area had their quarterly meeting July 20, 2013 in Solomon, KS. We are sorry to announce that the Solomon NA meeting has closed their doors due to lack of interest and participation. This results in 8 groups remaining in the Area. The participation at the last Area was at a low tide as only 3 of the 8 groups were physically present with elected service representatives. The Area continues to work on the T-Shirt design and the t-shirt will be available at the next Unity Area function, the Halloween Dance and Chili Cook-off at Sterl Hall, Abilene, KS on 26 October 2013.

The Area has combined the following service positions: PI, HI and Outreach into a new position to be known as A.G.D. (Area Group Development) at this time, there has been no willingness to fill this position.

The Area has also asked groups to consider disbanding the activity position and the Area will assist Groups with functions by appointing an ad hoc committee to assist the group being more project driven and bonding the Area with the Group.

Jon J RCM

Robert C. Alt. RCM

***Wichita Metro Area Report:***

Hello everyone,

08/18/13

Wichita Metro Area continues to grow with yet another new group starting up. Living Clean meets at 2540 S Meridian on sund, tues, and fri at 7pm and seems to be receiving much support. Freedom Group has recently added a new meeting times at 2810 e 9<sup>th</sup>, those times being tues, thurs, and sat at 8 am as well as their sund 7pm. HOW group has moved back to 530 N cleveland and has added Fri 7pm meeting to the schedule.

**H&I** –H&I in our area seems to continue to seek qualified willingness to help carry the message. Good Sheppard is still in need of females. Tom worked hard to get Unity Day Hook up in the El Dorado Correctional Facility. Thank you Tom for your tireless efforts.

**Activities** – Unity Group is planning their annual Street Dance now turned into a “campout/barn dance” for sept 14/15 however...having trouble securing their location so this information may change. MWBR. Just For Today group is having their annual FunD Raiser on sept 28<sup>th</sup> at 6143 sw140, flyer available. Living Clean is planning a couple of functions possibly for Halloween nothing has been confirmed as they are trying to coordinate with other local groups. MWBR

Wichita Metro Area is planning and coordinating with RD a function hopefully in October (mwbr) for a service assembly of some sort to try to spark some fire of interest and willingness to be more involved in serve. Area Campout is Aug 23 thru 25 at Lake Afton Shelter 5. Tshirts area available.

We have a new Treasurer and she went back to Jan thru our records, located and corrected a few mishaps and seems to be getting our finances in better order. We are donating \$100. to Region this quarter.

Our literature was to take inventory of our stock and get info to Deb S for Ins as this seems to continue to come up as a concern. Our area is wondering what the deductible is?

RD, Daniel came to visit WMA in July and was welcomed with open arms. However, I had several GSR's asking me what exactly the purpose of his visit was.....welcome to my area.

We continue to struggle with filling positions at area level. Co chair remains open, Co treasurer, PI and Lit. remain open with only lit being covered by our previous chair person.

Alt RCM was filled by Mark C, Treasurer was filled by Rebecca and H&I by Shotze.

There really isn't much going on in the WMA as of late. Participation has dropped and willingness to serve is hard to come by.....

ILS

Tracy C

RCM WMA

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

Western Area NA Minutes for 8/11/13

Scott R opened the meeting at 2:00pm with the serenity prayer

Sarah D read the 12 concepts and Rod D read the 12 traditions

Tony K read the first two paragraphs for Tradition two.

In attendance were Scott R – Chair, Tony K, Lissa M, Rod D, Candy S, Sheryl S, Sarah D, and Sara D.

We heart group reports from Against All Odds NA – Dodge City, KS, Freedom and Service Fellowship – Guymon, OK, HOW group – Cimarron, KS and Hope Group of Garden City, KS.

Scott recapped the current state of the Western Area with explanations of the past six month's inactivity to focus on the groups and garner more support for the area. This has left us with most positions in the area service committee unfilled. He asked for willingness to serve. Because of the current situation all present are voting members at this meeting.

Sarah D of Dodge City was nominated for Western Area treasurer. She qualified herself and was voted in as Western Area Treasurer without dissent.

Tony K of Dodge City was nominated for RCM. He qualified himself and was voted in as RCM without dissent.

Candy S of Garden City expressed willingness to serve as RCM alternate, and qualified herself. She was voted in as alt RCM without dissent.

We discussed other positions including Secretary, H&I, PI, Outreach and Activities and while there was willingness to learn, none of these positions were filled at this time. Secretary duties will be shared with Chair – Scott R, Treasurer – Sarah D, and alt RCM – Tony K for now.

Sarah D gave a treasurers report with \$72.09 listed in the bank account. She was instructed to have the signature changed to reflect the current officers. She reported that the PO Box had not been paid and was closed. It was unclear if the same PO Box can be retained. The phonenumber also has an unpaid balance estimated to be close to the amount in the account. Donations were on hand of \$50.00 from JFT Ulysses and \$25.00 from FSF Guymon. At the end of this meeting the basket was passed and \$33.00 was donated from members present.

Discussion was held on possible area activities including past events such as the Chili cook off contest, Area campouts, and the Enchilada feed. This was referred back to groups for further input.

We discussed clarification on the Western Area Boundaries. It was suggested that the boundaries be west of Highway 183 in Kansas and South of Highway 96 in Kansas through the Oklahoma panhandle. This will be a clarification in the area guidelines and will need to be approved by the groups.

We also discussed timing of the area meetings. It was suggested that we hold area meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of months that regional meetings are held and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month following regional meetings to allow for action on regional business but skip the intervening month. This would mean having area meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of February, March, May, June, August, September, November and December with no meeting in January, April, July and October. This is a change of policy and will need approval by the groups. We did set the next area meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the AAONA meeting hall in the basement of 509 North 2<sup>nd</sup> in Dodge City, Kansas. The meeting was adjourned in the usual manner.

### **C. Subcommittee Reports**

#### ***Archivist:***

Hello family,

Last quarter I was approved to order 20 legal size hard sleeves at a cost of \$88.49 (check was made out for \$88.14). Before ordering I compared the price break with 25 sleeves, which dropped the price from \$3.76 each to \$3.20 each. The total with 25 sleeves was \$93.61 so I am donating the difference of \$5.47. I brought some of our early flyers sleeved up to show the quality.

I have received archives from the regional committees of campout, convention (minus cup) and previously soul to soul. I also received photos from the regions 1989 4<sup>th</sup> of July campout at Webster Lake and 1990 MARCNA in Great Bend, plus a few from the 1988 Chili feed and 1991 Junction City campout...priceless memories! I bought a cheap album to put them in so you could see them at this meeting. Ultimately I will try to scan in the region photos, but it may take a while.

Yesterday I also received two tubs with past Unity Area minutes in them; I haven't looked in them yet but will incorporate it with what I already have to get a chronological archive.

I have started a revision on the history document, this 3<sup>rd</sup> edition will have more photos and some updated information in our early years. As I find more documents, minutes, flyers, etc. I'll keep updating. Finding a complete set of RSC minutes from the first eight years would be awesome. The 70s and early 80s are a blur,

with this region and me. July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 will be this region's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I would hope that someday we recognize this accomplishment.

Gratefully Serving NA,

Tim S.

### ***Campout:***

Hello family

The camp-out was a success I feel, we did have an incident from boating but the region is not liable for any of the bills. I feel that everyone had a great time and we couldn't have asked for any better weather. We did learn what works and what don't for our next camp-out for our activities. We had a lot of feedback that we had some great speakers and plenty of activities. We fed 147 people Saturday evening and with a lot of compliments on the food. I feel our caterer done a great job budgeting the food bill. We did have some left over items that fundraising purchased and are in my inventory list. I did have a few complaints about dogs at the camp-out, I was not aware that it was regions policy and we did not have it on our camp-out flyer that no dogs were allowed. I was not going to tell anyone they had to leave because of their dogs since we the committee did not have it on our flyer; we know now that it is regions policy and will have it on next year's camp-out flyer. **According to the time line we were to elect chair, co-chair and any other positions at the last meeting at the camp-out. I was told by another regional member that we needed to wait till RSC to vote in any positions other than chair. We have had the willingness and positions were filled. I do not feel we should take a position away when someone has stepped up and filled a position because they had willingness.**

Voted in positions for next year's camp-out (7-7-13)

Wess-chair

Kayla-secretary

Robert-treasure

Ed-co chair

Criss-entertainment

Nate-fundraising/merchandise

### **Positions open**

### **Catering**

Next year's camp-out is at Bloomington west Clinton lake Lawrence KS. And it has been reserved. I would like to see it moved to central Kansas for the following year (2015) this way it is about the same distance of travel for all; this gives the committee plenty of time to find a centrally located place to have it. as most of you know the committee this year was organized and put together since February and we were rushed to get the camp-out done and on time. The treasures report, caterings report, and camp-out inventory list is in my report

### **Fundraising Inventory**

Merchandise



Item	Left Over	Beginning Inventory	Number Sold or Donated
2012 Shirts		21 total	18
Medium	2		
Large	1		
Pre-Campout Shirts		28 total	15
Large	5		
2XL	8		
2013 Shirts			
Small	1	5	4
Medium	3	7	4
Large	6	15	9
XL	8	30	22
2XL	16	30	14
3XL	3	8	5
4XL	2	5	3
Bandanas			
Red	16	30	14
Blue	1	31	30
Black	0	31	31
Frisbee's	44	99	55
Mugs	53	99	46

**I have had a few request for the package deals we were running at the camp-out and as these inventory numbers change we will report them in our camp-out minutes so region will know where their inventory !!!!!**

### **Camp-out inventory**

1-nurf football  
 1-Air pump  
 1-bag Sidewalk chalk  
 5-full roles raffle tickets  
 4-partial roles raffle tickets  
     Odds and end sand toys  
 9-scavenger hunt papers in bags  
 1-bag pencils and pens  
 130-large coffee cups  
 240-small coffee cups  
 430- bowels  
 200 –small plates  
 1-carving knife  
 14 aluminum deep pans  
 1-na license plate  
 1-power strip  
 1-partial roll duct tape  
 2 boxes serving gloves  
 2-rolls aluminum foil  
 200- Plastic knives

100-plastic forks  
2- freezer bags-1 gal.  
1-20lb bag charcoal  
1-white erasable board  
1-volleyball net  
1-2gal white plastic buckets  
9-rolls paper towels  
3-9pack toilet paper  
6-50cnt sleeves of cups with lids (Gregg donated)  
4-trash cans with lids  
1-first aid kit  
80-55gal trash bags  
1-chest freezer  
1-big white Gott cooler  
2-Gott water jugs  
4-totes  
Inventoried 7/28/2013 by Ed C.

## **CATERING REPORT**

I would like to say our catering chair fed twice as many people this for less than it cost last year, with the items he resold to recoup \$93.00 with lots of leftover food, great job Gregg, catering report is as follows.  
Dear Family,

It was my great pleasure to serve you as catering chairperson at the 2013 MAR Campout. I will not be able to fulfill those duties for the 2014 Campout. I ask Ed to allow me to write this report in an effort to help the chairperson for the '14 campout. It has been my experience in the past working on various convention and campout committees that everyone thinks theirs is going to be the biggest and best one ever, while I certainly hope that next year's is bigger and better than this year's it is easy to get trapped. What I mean by this is that when I first took the position the estimated attendance was for 350 people, which turned out to be 3.5 times as many people as the campout in 2012. Then as the campout grew nearer the estimate was reduced to 275, then again to 225. Now this made my job very difficult because the last thing I wanted to happen was that a number of people would not get to eat. So being in the restaurant industry I did what I was trained to do and took the last number I was given and added about 7.5% and ran with it. As it turns out we did have a lot more people in 2012. The 2012 campout at Lake Wilson fed 92 people; in 2013 at Clinton Lake we fed 147. That is an increase of over 50%. However, you must keep in mind that we were planning on at least 225; therefore we were 33% short of our projected attendance.

Now that I have bored you with the numbers let me explain. What this boils down to is that we had approximately 80 hotdogs, one nearly full steamer of BBQ chicken, 16 lbs. of potato salad, 8 lbs. of strawberry whip, 50 pkgs of buns, and approx. 5 gal. Of ice cream left over. We also had approx... 7 lbs. of coffee left. The leftover open food was placed out free for the taking and most of it was gone the next morning, weather people or raccoons got it is in God's hands. The food that had not been opened and was kept in a stable environment I attempted to get some kind of return out of. I was able to sell 5 lbs. of the coffee for \$40.00; I sold the buns at half price to the soup kitchen for \$25.00, and the one box of hot dogs and the potato salad to the Am. Vets for \$28.00. That means that we recouped \$93.00.

It is my opinion that the next committee, while shooting for the stars, remember that every committee estimates to high. Please do not sell yourselves short but I would plan the campout growing 10-15% and plan your meal accordingly. It seems to me that we have a lot of waste and it seems to come from the fact that we

guess to high. I am willing to help plan next year and will help in any way that I can, I am not willing to take responsibility for the meal.

Again, Thank You all for allowing me to serve you, God made everything work just the way it was meant to work. I was overjoyed at responses that I got about the food and I pray that you all enjoyed every bite. I put all the love I had into that meal and your smiles made every minute worthwhile.

THANK YOU

GREG K.

**TREASURE's REPORT**

Opening Balance	\$2,258.73	Assumed Treasury 16 Feb 2013
Deposits	\$440.00	refund check for Wilson Lake 19 Feb 13
	\$605.00	sale of Pre-Campout T-shirts 19 Feb 13
	\$190.00	sale of Pre Campout T-shirts 9 Mar 13
	\$315.00	sale of Pre-Campout T-shirts 13 Apr 13
	\$150.00	sale of Pre-Campout T-shirts 17 May 13
	\$ 35.00	SALE OF LAST YEAR t-shirts 17 May.13
	\$ 30.00	SALE OF LAST YEAR T-SHIRTS 8 June 13
	\$ 2.52	Refund from Nate F. Success 8 June 13
	\$100.00	Change from Greg K 3 July 13
	\$ 138.00	Ice Sales*** 3-7 July 13
	\$762.00	Merchandise Revenue *** 6 July 13
	\$ 25.00	Consignment Nate's Hat*** 6 July 13
	\$288.00	Raffle Ticket Sales*** 4-6 July 13
	\$250.00	Donation for supper*** 6 July 13
	\$203.00	Auction*** 6 July 13
	\$129.50	Ice Cream Social*** 6 July 13
	\$794.00	Merchandise Revenue*** 6 July 13
	\$145.00	Merchandise Revenue*** 7 July 13
	\$ 18.00	Ice Sales*** 7 July 13
Total	\$4620.02	
Expenses	\$574.70	Allen Lee for Pre-Campout T-shirts, 16 Feb 13
	\$ 11.64	Kayla W. Postage stamps; 9 Mar 13
	\$421.26	Allen Lee for 2 <sup>nd</sup> order of T-shirts; 13 Apr 13
	\$ 33.75	Nathan F. for campout flyers; 13 Apr 13
	\$400.00	Nathan F for mugs and Frisbees; 17 May 13
	\$270.00	WesleyM for bandannas 17 May 13
	\$750.00	Greg K for catering deposit 17 May 13
	\$350.00	Express Print for Camp out T-Shirts 8 Jun 13
	\$ 24.90	Wesley M for balance on bandanna 8 Jun 13
	\$ 13.00	Michelle C. (Raffle Tickets) 4 July
	\$ 61.60	Robert C. (5 Basic Text) 5 July 13
	\$ 60.60	John (5 Basic Text) 5 July 13
	\$353.00	Express Printing (Remainder of bill) 7 July 13

\$250.00	DJ Services Tom M	7 July 13
\$350.00	Catering (remainder of bill)	7 July 13
\$100.00	Greg K (change for event)	7 July 13
\$ 28.00	Nate F. Printing (laminating)	7 July 13
\$375.00	Robert C. (Reservation 2014)	7 July 13
Total \$ 4427.45		

Calculations	\$2,258.73	Starting Balance as of 16 Feb 2013
	PLUS \$4,620.02	deposits, merchandise sold, raffle, auction, ice
	Total \$6,878.75	
	Less Expenses \$4,427.45	
	Total \$2,451.30	7 July 2013 per count at Camp out
	Total \$2,451.45	per check book

The bottom line is the numbers do not match what I told the committee and what the checkbook states. This is in part to the fact I wrote one additional check #780 for the reservation of next year's camp ground for \$375.00 I am also off \$0.15 from Camp out numbers to the checkbook numbers, which I will gladly reimburse, to salvage my integrity or step down from the position. Robert C. Treasurer

Refund from Wilson Lake	Profit	\$ 440.00
Pre-Camp out T-shirts	Expenses	\$ 995.96
	Sales	\$1,260.00 prior to Campout
	Total profit	\$ 264.04 prior to Camp out
2012 Camp out T-shirts	Expense	\$ 0.00
	Sales	\$ 65.00 prior to Camp out
	Total profit	\$ 65.00 prior to Camp out
2013 Camp out T-shirts Frisbees, cups, bandannas*.	Expenses	\$1,395.18
	Sales	\$1,701.00
	Profit	\$ 305.82 plus remainder of merchandise
Consignment sales Nate F NA caps	Profit	\$ 25.00 5 caps at \$5.00
Catering	Expense	\$1,100.00
	Donations	\$ 250.00
	Ice Cream Social	\$ 129.50
	Loss	\$ (720.50)
Ice Sales	Donations	\$ 156.00
Auction	Donations	\$ 203.00
Raffle	Donations	\$ 288.00
DJ Service	Expense	\$ (250.00)

Housekeeping Expense \$ (174.84)  
Stamps raffle tickets, printing lamination, purchase of ten (10) Basic Texts

Reservation for 2014 Expenses \$ (375.00)

\*The sales of the T-shirts was difficult to track, as some items were not selling and the 2013 T-shirts were bundled with other items as daily specials. I am probably as the Treasurer responsible for the breakdown of the items and how many were sold. Unfortunately, we had three people counting the money but each was counting a bag whereas the money should have been counted prior to the committee meeting or following with each bag inventoried, counted and then recounted and entered into record. I am going to suggest that we rent or borrow a cash register next year to separate the sales of items, specials, ice, catering, etc.

**I want to thank all the committee members and general members!!! You are the only reason the camp-out was able to be accomplished and successful!!!!!!**

**The camp-out committee will be giving region \$451.45**

**In Loving Service Ed C.**

Hello family,

I am looking forward to serving as your camp-out chair, I feel we have a good committee this year. We are getting a start on the camp-out with our fist interim meeting being in October, merchandise/fundraising will be bringing suggestions for merchandise for fundraising as well as prices. The entertainment chair will be bringing entertainment and activities idea's to the October interim meeting. we have had a member step up and offer to fill the catering position. We will vote on his decision for catering chair in October. I feel we are off to a good start with the camp-out.

In loving service Wess M

***Convention Report:***

MARCNA XXXI Report  
August 18, 2013

We had a tremendous amount of members attend our meeting yesterday. It was nice to have so much support and it was great that new members from Wichita were in attendance being the convention will be in Wichita next. We have a winner of the artwork for our convention. It was kept anonymous and Tim S. had the winning design. He will be getting a free registration and a shirt & mug with his design on them. As of today our bank balance is \$3,824.22 after paying for our tank tops. Fundraiser is the only position open at this time so please take this to your Area and announce it at your meetings. Tom is willing to take shirts to sell at the Dodge City Round-up and to purchase items at World convention. Kimmi & Tim are taking some shirts to sell at the Gift of Life campout on Labor Day weekend. We have certificates for auction/raffle at fundraisers and are donating a free registration to each Area for them to use as they see fit. If you put on a convention fundraiser your event will also get a shirt and mug to donate to your Group or Area for the auction and raffle. It was decided pretty much unanimously not to have a banquet or breakfast but to have a luncheon on Saturday instead with possibly a speaker. We will be increasing breakfast in the hospitality room. We want to make it more affordable for everyone. Our focus is the newcomer so the Programming chair is working on this. If you have any speaker cds please let Debby S. know. We really didn't have a lot

of time to go over the menu so it has been tabled until our next meeting. Our next meeting will be September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at Recovery Cove located at 139 N. Santa in Salina.

Gratefully, Janet W.  
Convention Chair

***Convention Ad hoc:***

There was no report. There was concern that the chair for this committee had less than a year clean. There was also concern that the regional chair is on the committee. It was explained she is on the committee because she is the current convention chair. It was suggested to re-assign a chair to this committee since no work was done over the last quarter. This will be addressed during old business today.

***Fellowship Development:***

Hello Family,

August 2013

Fellowship Development was very successful and after the trials of the morning sessions the committee had much less confusion. Soul to Soul Chair said that all their work was done and they did not need a breakout slot. We talked about new and struggling meetings around the region as well as the areas that are looking for opportunities and direction. There is word of a meeting going in Bazine and it is listed on the NAWS meeting portal. There is also a request from a probation officer to get assistance on starting a meeting in Ness City. This information will be shared with CKA and see what assistance we can offer. We also had some discussion about the Regional Service Assembly and helping gather ideas for how to do one in each area.

**Events**

Next RSC will be our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Activities would like to have a DJ and dance and our theme will be "Home for the Holidays" We will do a potluck meal and pass around a sign-up sheet for food items. We will need several volunteers to cook turkeys/ham. Activities will be sending invitations to the local half way houses and treatment center to invite them to share a meal with us and then stay for a gratitude sharing meeting. There was also much talk about the needs of several areas for training and support. Wichita Metro would like some workshops and help with their area to help increase interest in convention and service. Also JFT would like help with workshops on PI and H&I so they can be better equipped to take meetings and a presentation to Boot camp in Oswego.

Last night was a success. All were much help and attendance was good. Thank you all for who attended our candle light meeting. Financial breakdown is as follows-

100.00 Start up. With 89.00 and 14.05 in cost. 0.00 returned in funds.

Coffee and food donation was 81.00

Auction raffle is 486.00

Total made \$465.00

10.00 for outreach shirts- We have more of these. Please see Activities Chair.

**Orientation**

Going to make a 3-4 page document... They have each volunteered to create different sections of the document and will be communicating via email and hopefully have a working draft done by next RSC.

## **Newsletter**

Robert reported that the people that agreed to proof read the MAN are not giving him feedback. He is asking for active participation. Kayla W. and Flo H. have asked to be added to the list of people to proof read the MAN.

The MAN editor indicated that this is his last quarter as the editor, so we will need to open the position and take this back to groups.

Electronic Mailing List: The Editor has concerns about using his computer to send out the digital copy of the MAN, he has some concerns about getting a virus on his own computers. The Editor is going to give the Delegate the contact list ( people that have requested to get the MAN), he ( the Delegate) is going to create a contact list in the gmail account for the region, then the Editor is going to send the gmail account a copy of the MAN it will be sent out to the contacts from the Regional gmail account.

The MAN editor indicated that there has been an uprising in his submissions since the regional campout, that there were some submissions given to him at the campout enough for 8 of 12 pages of the next issue.

The editor has indicated that the literature laptop is posing some difficulties in being user friendly, he believes that it is because the software has not been registered. Providing that the laptop is here we are going to ask somebody with more expertise to look at it and give us their opinion.

The invoice for the last printing was 130.84, the editor has written a check back to the region for the remaining balance of 219.16 of the 350.00 that was requested last region for the printing. We are requesting \$350 for the next printing. The reason we are asking for that amount is if we don't get the submissions that are needed in a timely manner and we have less time to print the price goes up.

In Loving Service,

Daniel C.

Fellowship Development – Co-Facilitator

### ***NAWS Contact:***

Hello family,

I have gotten most of the groups updated, as best as I can. This definitely has been a major undertaking and if I had more information from areas I could take care of their officers, sub-committees, and contact information that is also mostly outdated. As of Saturday Oz area hadn't registered with NAWS yet, thanks Kody for getting it done during the free time Saturday evening. Right now the groups are still listed with Western area; I'll work on getting them moved after this RSC. I know once this project gets completed keeping it updated will be so much easier.

Currently the meeting lists on our region web page range from spring 2012 to June 2013, while the latter seems pretty current to us, professionals see it as two months old and probably outdated. If the meeting list provided to the website is created separate from the list printed, it could possibly be updated after every

monthly meeting, even if the only change is the date of the list. For those that are taken directly from what gets printed and updated quarterly, maybe a disclaimer stating “updated quarterly” be added. Just a thought.

Please send me your area minutes, complete with current roll call or signup sheet. This is the only way I can keep NAWS updated if your area doesn't have a current area NAWS contact person. It would also help me if I knew who your area NAWS contact person is and how to get in touch with them if I see something out of place that needs their attention. The most current information is always the best information.

Gratefully serving NA,

*Tim S.*

[timandeb@cox.net](mailto:timandeb@cox.net)

785-819-4806

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

Hello Family,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! I have been checking the P.O box once or twice every week. We didn't get much this quarter. This is what we got:

- A letter from the United Way asking if we had any updates... I mailed the letter back with our new address.
- A letter from the Great Bend Convention Center asking us to fill out a survey, which I gave to Janet.
- NA Way
- A Whole in the Wall Newsletter
- Pre-registration fliers from Region 51...they are having a convention on Oct 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas.
- Pre-flier from San Diego Imperial Counties Regional Convention...their convention is April 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2014...they are currently looking for speakers. If you have a speaker tape or CD to send please send a copy with the completed form on the pre-flier.
- Flyer from The Yellow Brick Road N.A Group in Sedan, KS...they had a function on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Since the event was before region, I emailed out the flier to everyone, and sent it to Daniel to make sure it got put on the website. Their group is meeting on Fridays at 7pm at Epiphany Episcopal Church (309 W Elm St Sedan, KS).

That's all the mail we got this quarter. I have placed all the fliers and newsletters I received on the table for everyone to look at. I also gave the extra P.O box key to Aaron B after the last RSC. If we elect a new secretary today, we can turn that key over to our new secretary...until then Aaron B has it. I hope everyone has a great next quarter! See you all in November. ☺

ILS,  
Amber C  
P.O. Chair

***Public Relations:***

Hello Family,

August 2013



Public Relations got off with a bit of a rough start but I think after the confusion it was a success. During the beginning hour we pulled together and got updates to what is current. We talked about the Omaha PR presentation to professionals and talked about doing one in our region. A workgroup was established and they met with Communications. I facilitated the meeting due to no PI chair and Co-chair was uncomfortable chairing this committee. No recommendation was made out of committee for Chair.

### **Communications Workgroup Report**

PI booth in Hutchinson: Training to be done to volunteers from Gift of Life to man booth. In the process of getting more information on dates, contact info and cost.

Need meeting list coordinator to get information off website and send to printer. They are checking with the printer on formats they will accept .

They discussed PR presentation that members attended at PSZF and are working on presentation to professionals using their format and adapting for our region's use. Anticipating this to be a long term project and will use the area planning tool to setup timeline for presentation.

### **Web**

All flyers have been uploaded and posted that I have received. Also minutes have been posted. I would like to get the MAN uploaded as well and intend to work with our newsletter Editor to be able to get this accomplished. The regional meeting list is another chore. I do not have pagemaker and therefore do not have the ability to convert the pmd file to a pdf document. This has served as a bit of a problem getting the current regional meeting list posted in a timely manner. I have attempted to enlist some help and have not received a pdf version. I hope to be able to accomplish that this weekend. I have also updated all the email address so they direct to the appropriate person. The other thing that I have noticed is the lack of knowledge amongst our fellowship in regards to this site. Some addicts and groups do not know there is a regional webpage let alone an events calendar. I think that it may be a good idea to put out a flyer in regards to how to access along with posting instructions for flyers and meeting lists. I hope that we do not go long without a webservant.

The web workgroup was productive in discussing task that need to be done. A flyer will be made and distributed, I will contact Bob to talk about options for updating the webpage via the internet vs. software, also we need to let everyone know that following up on emails is very important.

### **Hospitals & Institutions**

They had 6 of 9 areas at the breakout meeting. They are pleased to report that an H&I meeting has begun in the Norton Correctional Facility. Their attempt to the Unity Day Phone Hook Up into Kansas DOC has succeeded at the Eldorado Facility. The facility is allowing single day passes for NA members to attend the Sunday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, Phone Hook Up. They have contacted NAWS and will obtain a cd of the World Convention closing meeting to make available for presentation to facilities unable to hear it live.

They will participate in H&I training at the Sept. FFF Area meeting. It will be noon to 3:30 on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> in Topeka at 27<sup>th</sup> & Western. Roger is the contact at 785-501-4316. Also, Jerry C. at 785-213-2896 is the area chair.

They continue to have fundraising shirts available. They are collecting on last quarter's contracts and will turn that money in tomorrow.

H&I is asking for funds tomorrow to pay \$333.45 to Allen Lee Screen Printing for shirts and \$76.40 to purchase 4 each Basic Texts and It Works: How & Why to place at the Reno County Jail.

They elected Dusty C. as Co-Chair and are recommending Tim K. to the Regional floor as chair.

## **Phoneline**

Guidelines for Phone Line online account access:

Not less than five members of the RSC have access to the username and password for the phone line. These members include:

- PI Chair
- PI Co-Chair
- Phone Line Facilitator
- Web servant
- RSC Chair
- Or as designated by RSC chair

Process for Update:

We need to appoint someone to temporarily do the updates. The acting Phone Line Coordinator is willing to do this for the next quarter. PI Co-chair is willing to take over after that.

Scripts have to be changed in the Excel file, then that file has to be transferred to phone.com. This information needs to be relayed (acting Phone Line Coordinator is the contact person for changes). It was suggested to have a biannual audit of the phone line to make sure changes match up with the regional meeting list. A member suggested that information should be updated during the actual Phone Line workgroup so that changes could be made in real time. It was suggested to have the web servant forward any information on to the Phone Line Coordinator so changes to the phone line could be made accordingly, leaving a single point of accountability for information changes. It was also suggested that a form be made available to RSC to submit meeting changes. It was decided to update the phone line information once every 30 days, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, to coincide with the regional meeting list changes.

There was discussion about the usage of an automated voice versus a human voice on the phone line. It was discussed and decided that an automated voice will be used for scripts that will frequently change, and a human recording will be made on static scripts.

It was decided to create a Phone Line Coordinator position. It was discussed that a list of duties needs to be developed, along with the additional duties attached to the web servant position to accommodate the phone line information updates. The possibility of a general email address for “changes” be created that will go to both the web servant and Phone Line Coordinator.

There was discussion about the creation of policy for password access, and what the process would be to take a member off the online account login list. The following is the wording that was decided on:

“Change the password to the online account when a member is taken off of the access list.”

Financial responsibility of the phone line was discussed. The acting Phone Line Coordinator stated that the date to renew the current phone.com contract is July 2014. The main body needs to be asked where the

financial responsibility lies: the PI budget or the general fund? A member suggested the possibility of having phone line fundraising functions in the future to cover this cost.

The acting Phone Line Coordinator strongly suggested to keep the phone line private (Mid-America Region member access only – non public use for now) and please ask for feedback from members.

In Loving Service,

Tim K.

***Restructuring Ad hoc:***

Hello Family,

August 2013

Ad-hoc Restructuring continues to work diligently. We have a draft of some possible guidelines for restructuring our regional. This is a working document and is not ready for approval. We are seeking input from everyone on whether or not we are heading in the right direction and if we need to continue this work.

Yesterday was a success and even had to make a change “on the fly.” After getting through some confusion in the morning the afternoon went more smoothly. We did change the schedule a little bit and will make this change at next RSC as well. We decided to reconvene after breakout workgroups for wrap-up discussions and reporting. Overall yesterday was a success and lots of work was done and projects begun.

The committee would always like to see others join in. We are meeting almost weekly but mostly every other week via the internet and conference calls. This has proven to be a very effective way to hold short meetings and get lots of work accomplished.

ILS,

Daniel C. – Ad-hoc Restructuring Chair

***Soul to Soul:***

Dear Family,

Soul to Soul is right on track! And we hope to see some of y’all there! We had set the end of pre-registration for August 12<sup>th</sup> but are extending it to close of business at this August RSC! We are already have about 21 registrations! Where else can you go for a 3 day weekend with lodging, food, fellowship and all the serenity and spiritual healing you need for such a great price? Oh yea and you get a shirt & mug only if you pre-register!! We still have some fundraiser and shirts for sale for \$15.

We have the full menu for the weekend (that includes Friday evening, Saturday morning, noon & night & Sunday morning, plus snacks!!)

If anyone has any other camps to possibly hold Soul to Soul next year please have your bids turned in to either Rosalie C, Victor H or myself before the close of Soul to Soul this year! We reserve the camp a year in advance!

I talked to the camp again and the hayrack wagon ride through the woods is set-up for Saturday 5pm-5:30pm. Always a lot of fun!

I am posting my position as chair of Soul to Soul out of the fellowship as open out next committee meeting will be at the close of Soul to Soul to elect next year's committee! So if ya want to come by a part of a very spiritual event come check it out. You will not be disappointed!

Thanks for allowing me to serve!

Love & Hugs  
Flo H  
Soul to Soul Chair

*We took a break from 9:38am – 9:59am*

**D. Officers Reports:**

***Regional Delegate Report:***

Hello Family,

August 18, 2013

It has been an extremely busy quarter. As most of you are aware Amber and I were married in June. This made life very busy along with my commitment to this region. Thanks to getting married we were able to take a honeymoon and we attended a handful of meetings in Texas including the oldest group in that state. It is always great to be able to go to meetings outside of my homegroup. In June I was able to attend Primary Purpose Area meeting. I also attended Wichita Metro Area in July. I had planned to attend Western Area in August but they were meeting in Guymon, Ok. and I was not able to do the 5 hour drive there and back on Sunday. I have spoke with Scott from Guymon, and several other members of that area and offered our support as a region. I continue to attempt to visit every area meeting and hope to do so before the CAR arrives in December. There are only three left on my list – Unity, Miracle and Western.

Nate and I attended the Plains States Zonal Forum in July. Jeff, Sally, Amber, John S. and John W. were also in attendance through the weekend. Omaha was the place to be. The Eastern Nebraska and Southwest Iowa had a terrific workshop for professionals. Although the number of professionals in attendance were limited there was some great information shared and some really good connections made. There were 9 professionals and several NA members. They started with a presentation about NA and then a Q&A panel with 4 members. They also had a probation officer do a presentation with a Q&A of probation, a counselor and mental health professional. They also did a mock meeting with a speaker who got clean through H&I and the P3 project. Truly amazing message. Workshops all day Saturday were very informative. The most beneficial for myself was the new Tradition Project workshop. We got to experience this fresh new workshop for gathering input, that has not been posted yet to the project webpage. There was also workshops on CBDM, Planning Basics and In Times of Illness. During the business meeting on Sunday we talked about the **Multi Zonal Service Symposium**, that I previously emailed out to the region. We hope to have heard back from every region on this proposal by October 1<sup>st</sup>. This is an updated deadline. I hope to have further discussion about this proposal during business. We also updated Zonal guidelines in reference to World Nominations along with nominating a member of our zone to the World Board. There is also a request for photos to be used in the Zonal video at WSC. Pictures of service work in action or any NA events can be submitted to [photos@pszfna.org](mailto:photos@pszfna.org). The Midwest Consortium was a success and we are going to try and do a PR presentation there next year. There was questions brought up about getting our Regions to support the PR presentations on Friday's of the Zonal forums, as there are additional costs for meeting space and travel costs for the delegates and NAWS reps to attend early. It was decided to bring **back to Regions to ask if they want Zonal representation at their PR presentations, and how do they want the funding, to help support this, to happen?** Next Zonal meeting will be January 17-19, 2014. This will be a CAR workshop in Rapids City, South Dakota at the Alex Johnson Hotel. I am turning in receipts from Zonal in July and giving back \$15.79. Also I have turned in a request for funds for \$103.46 for fuel reimbursement to Nate for travel.

In other news, the World Board held a Webinar on the last day of their recent meeting in July. I was unable to participate due to a prior engagement with work. There was a short notice given on the exact date and time of the webinar and it did not fit into my schedule. Oddly enough it was probably the only real Saturday I have to work all year. At this webinar the World Board announced some recommendations they were submitting to the Conference Agenda Report. The WB is recommending to discontinue NAWS funding of the RD to WSC. I also believe they are going to recommend RDAs to not attend the WSC. They have concerns surrounding the size and cost of the WSC as well as continued growth being a factor. With the CAR fast approaching these topics as well as many others have created quite a stir on the discussion boards. I have a hard time keeping up on every post and all the chatter that occurs. There is also going to be an update for the SSP coming out soon. I believe this is due to drop by the end of the month. Also the Traditions book project is in a new phase and the session profile was great and would be great to workshop around the Region. NAWS has some commemorative items coming out soon, a special 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Basic Text and special mug. Also the Living Clean book should be available in electronic format soon.

I look forward to doing lots of CAR workshops around our region this cycle. If your area wants to host a CAR workshop please get with myself or Nate and we can help get this done. Also the Traditions Book project workshop or any other workshop that you would like to have we can do.

In Loving Service,

Daniel C.

***Alt. Delegate Report:***

I attended the Plain States Zonal Forum in Omaha, NE with Daniel C. I didn't realize that for our RD and I to travel together, the RD would have to drive 2 hours out of his way on his way to Omaha, so we drove separately. I attended the combined Region PR presentation to Corrections and Treatment Professionals. I was disappointed in the turnout of professionals (9) but the presentation was done well and the printed materials supplied by NAWS made for a very professional look. It appeared to me that positive relationships were created with Correction and Treatment staff members.

I attended a writing workshops for the Traditions Book Project, facilitated by Mary B. (WB member). We wrote about our personal experiences with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition and I liked the format of the writing workshop and would be happy to help facilitate a similar workshop or workshops in our 9 Areas.

We discussed the Multi Zone Service Symposium and it appears to be a great idea but questions remain about funding and representation by Regions. 27 Regions are proposed to invite to attend.

Daniel C. asked me a couple times what my "take away" from the Zonal Weekend, and I replied that new connections with Addicts in service around the Plain States Zone (Oklahoma, Texas, S. Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa) will provide new personal service resource and experience, strength and hope for service and recovery issues in our Region.

An open letter to the Mid-America Regional Committee Members from Nate F. your current Alternate Regional Delegate.

This past Regional Service Committee weekend in Salina accomplished some positive things, but if you will indulge me, after some reflection, I would like to express some personal concerns that merit consideration between now and our next gathering.

I was elected to my current Alt. RD position at the February 2013 RSC. At that time, it apparently was a close vote and discussion hinged on the fact that I do not currently have a Sponsor in Narcotics Anonymous. I was asked if “I had a Sponsor” during my qualification time, and I explained that I have not been sponsored by any one person in the last 26 of the 31 years I have been Clean in Narcotics Anonymous. I went on to explain that sponsorship is not a requirement or a “must” for working a recovery program in Narcotics Anonymous and is not a requirement for Service or positions of Service in Narcotics Anonymous. (I challenge anyone to prove different) I went on to explain that I had a working, living knowledge of the 12-Steps, 12-Traditions and 12-Concepts. I remember having to wait outside the meeting hall for a considerable time while it was discussed and voted, long enough to finish an entire cigar!. I was grateful for the opportunity to learn and Serve in a new position to me, after a long history of Service Work in Narcotics Anonymous at the Group, Area and Regional levels. I understand that I serve at the Areas (RCM’s) discretion and appreciated the faith they placed in my ability to serve.

This past RSC, I was asked to chair the Public Information subcommittee for the coming year by the subcommittee on Saturday. At the main meeting on Sunday, I was asked to qualify myself for the position. I did, in identical fashion to the way I qualified myself for the Alt. RD position in February. I was asked one question from the floor – “what service positions do you currently hold?” I explained that I was my Area’s Chairperson and the Regional Alternate Delegate. I was the only candidate willing for the position and my nomination came out of committee. I was again outside waiting, long enough to almost finish a cigar. When I was brought back in, it was explained that I was voted down, due to my “lack of a Sponsor, oh, and maybe you have too many service positions”. I was actually a little relieved at not having to add the work and responsibility of the floundering PI committee(web servant resigned, meeting list coordinator resigned) to my list of TO DO, but at the same time concerned that the PI obligations will be unmet due to lack of leadership, when I was told the news.

On my two hour drive home, it occurred to me that the RCM’s had made a statement with their vote to deny my election. The statement was that there was a lack of confidence in my ability to chair the PI subcommittee due to the absence of an official Sponsor in my life. Several questions immediately occurred to me that needed answers. Did that “lack of confidence” translate to my other service commitments? Did the committee feel I was capable of setting up our Regional Phone Line, representing the Region as the Alternate Delegate and at the same time not capable of chairing a Sub-committee of the Region? That failed to make sense to me. I started to wonder if this will be an issue, should I still not have an official Sponsor in 2014 to deny my election as Regional Delegate, HP willing and I stay Clean, Alive and the “creek don’t rise”?!

So, as a result, I need some clarification from our RCM’s. I don’t want to waste the Mid-America Regions time and money ,training me in the Alt. RD position to be told in 2014 that my lack of sponsorship is an issue for election to the RD position. I will ask for a vote of confidence at our next RSC in August. and an explanation that makes sense as to why I can hold one position without sponsorship and not the other.

Today in Narcotics Anonymous, I have a support system of Home Group and male members though-out Kansas, other States and Countries that are mentors, confidants and brothers in Recovery in Narcotics Anonymous. This has served me well for the last 26 years of my 31 years Clean!

I want to make this statement clearly – I am not taking my ball and going home. I have earned my seat in the rooms and have a pit-bull like determination to keep it. One day at a time. I do however, have some questions for your consideration:

What is the difference between my honesty about not having an official Sponsor in Narcotics Anonymous

and those members who hold service positions that have SINO's (Sponsors in Name Only)?

What service guide, pamphlet, booklet, website, piece of literature in Narcotics Anonymous are you determining that Sponsorship is a requirement for Service?

How can I be entrusted to serve in one position, but not the other?

I heard our Regional Chairperson exclaim "just get a sponsor" when I was brought back into the room and told I had been denied the PI Chairmanship. So, my last question is – who among you, will meet my definition of sponsorship and sponsor me?

I look forward to our coming dialogue and decisions.

In Service,  
Nate F.  
Alt. RD, Mid-America Region

**Secretary Report:**

I got 2 copies of the storage unit key made during this quarter, however one of them did not work, so I will be taking that back this week and get a new one made, so I will have 2 extra copies of the storage unit key in my secretary box.

**Treasurer Report:**

<b>Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous</b>				
<b>Treasurer Report – August 18, 2013 RSC</b>				
	<b>Beginning Balance</b>			<b>\$10,622.03</b>
Income:				
	Donations & reimbursements	\$7,903.36		
	Donation from Convention	\$2,000.00		
	Total Income			<b>\$9,903.36</b>
	<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>\$20,525.39</b>
Expenses:				
5/19/13 #1308	NAWS--Unity Day Hookup		50.00	
5/19/13 #1309	Access Self Storage--payment for 5/13-5/14		825.80	
5/19/13 #1310	Alliance Agency Insurance		1170.00	
5/19/13 #1311	Roadway Inn--aug rent		354.60	
5/19/13 #1312	The Printery--1600 mtg lists from feb.		247.50	
5/19/13 #1313	Printing of the MAN--Robert Crofoot		350.00	
5/19/13 #1314	Allen Lee Screen Printing-H&I T-shirts		592.73	
5/19/13 #1315	Sara Burd--aug startup		100.00	
5/19/13 #1316	Amber Carris--sec expenses		25.00	
5/19/13 #1317	Daniel Crotinger--RD team travel expnses		516.40	
5/19/13 #1318	Tim Stewart-- Archivist expenses		88.14	

5/19/13 #1319	KCI--1800 mtng lists		148.80	
6/23/13 debt	Phone.com tax?		12.55	
6/23/13 debt	Phone.com original 100 min a month agreement for one year		213.33	
6/23/13 debt	Phone.com upgraded plan to include 900 min a month for a one year		332.46	
				<b>\$5,027.31</b>
	<b>Bank Balance</b>			<b>\$15,498.08</b>
	<b>Less: Prudent Reserve</b>			<b>\$7,000.00</b>
	<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>\$8,498.08</b>
	<b>Less: Escrows</b>			
	H & I		516.13	
	Literature		286.30	
	Outreach		226.40	
	P I		809.63	
	Rent		354.60	
	Insurance (due May.14)		1416.00	
	Phoneline (due May.14)		140.00	
	Storage (due Feb. 14)		206.45	
	P. O. Box (due Feb. 14 )		29.00	
	Web Page (due Sept. 13)		190.00	
	RDA (due Feb. 14)		1500.00	
	<b>Total Escrows</b>			<b>\$5,674.51</b>
	<b>Spendable Balance</b>			<b>\$2,823.57</b>

***Co-Treasurer Report:***

No co-treasurer...nothing to report

***Chair Report:***

Nothing to report

***Co- Chair Report:***

Nothing to report

**E. Old Business:**

**1. Elections**



- a. **Co-Treasurer** – Michelle C was nominated and she accepted. The qualifications were read. She qualified herself, she left the room, and a vote was taken. She was voted in. Thank you Michelle ☺ Michelle Crow now needs to be added to the Regional bank account.
- b. **Secretary** – The qualifications were read. There was no willingness or nominations. There will be no secretary at the next RSC, at the next RSC the chair will ask someone that will be willing to help. The co-chair stated he is not capable of taking the minutes.
- c. **Campout** – Wes was nominated out of committee. He qualified himself. It was mentioned he didn't have the campout experience, so he has to be voted in by 2/3 vote RCM vote. He was asked several questions and he answered them. He then left the room, there was some discussion. A vote was then taken. He was voted in. Thank you Wes ☺
- d. **H&I** – Tim K was nominated out of committee, he qualified himself. He answered questions and then left the room. A vote was taken. He was voted in. Thank you Tim ☺
- e. **Public Information** – Nate was nominated. He declined at this time, until he gets an answer about why he got declined at last RSC. It was suggested to re-visit this after we address this.
- f. **Outreach Chair** – No willingness or nominations. Concern about why this position is still posted. It was mentioned as of right now it is still in policy, so we will keep it posted as of right now.

*We took a break from 11:26am – 11:46am*

- 2. **Letter to NAWS from MARCNA XXX** – A letter was supposed to be written to NAWS regarding the vendor who did not show up at MARCNA XXX. The past convention chair called NAWS and they stated that since they did not send back a signed contract, there wasn't anything they could do.
- 3. **Ad hoc/Selling of merchandise** – The ad hoc chair for this committee has under a year clean. Nothing was done over the last quarter. It was suggested a new committee be formed. There was concern about this not going back to groups/areas. It was explained this ad hoc committee was formed to research this, it was suggested the groups need to vote on this because it's never been voted on before. Mentioned it's not about making money, it's about fairness. It was suggested to not form an ad hoc committee and just send it back to groups. The 9<sup>th</sup> concept was mention, and suggested we get all the information the RCM's need so they can take it back to their areas. It was suggested to amend the motion and add "NA apparel" and not be able to sell other fellowship's merchandise. It was shared we need to support the convention so we can have a convention next year. The proposal was then read. It was mentioned we could be violating vendor's contracts. An RCM asked if we are setting precedence for subcommittees to come to the RSC floor to ask for permission for everything they do. Another member shared that the traditions override the policy. A member asked if any contracts have been signed for next year's convention. The convention chair answered that no contracts have been signed yet. A member on the current convention committee shared that the committee has talked about how we can make the alternative store more available to members. It was shared that convention has their own guidelines. The original motion was found, and we will be sending this back to groups to be voted on. It was also asked if it is ok for groups/area/subcommittees to bring their merchandise on Sunday RSC. It was agreed that is ok.

DATE: 5/19/2013

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4. **Insurance/Literature** – The chair asked if all the groups and areas contacted Debby about their literature stockpile, so she could get it added to the insurance writer. Unity and Miracle area have. If you have not contacted her, please contact her with the stockpile amount and location of the stockpile.
5. **Alt RD Issue** – The Alternate RD is requesting a vote of confidence for his position as Alt RD. The intent is to clarify stated requirements for RSC service to our membership. It was mentioned when we voted him in; we gave him the vote of confidence. The alt RD gave clarification. He has concern about getting voted as RD but not as PI chair. It was mentioned don't think people voted differently, there was a different amount of RCM's here to vote. It was shared that no alternate gets assurance they will get voted in as a chair position; there could be different RCM's when the RD position is up. It was suggested to bring a motion to change policy to include "must have an NA sponsor." A couple of RCM's mentioned they will take this back to their areas and get their area's conscience. It was shared that working a program should imply they have a sponsor. The alt RD is asking if it is a requirement to have a sponsor and he does not want to waste his time or the region's money. It was suggested we need to make sure we put what requirements we want in the policy. The RD made a motion to add in Article VI Elections – Sub B, add in place #1 "To be living example of our universal program." There was concern this was still unclear. Motion died on the floor. It was shared the current policy was accepted without the sponsorship requirement. It was suggested to table this until next RSC. It was then mentioned we had the discussion he asked for, and he is still the alt RD. No need to continue this at the next RSC.

*We took a lunch break from 1:21pm – 2:35pm. We reopened with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.*

**F. New Business:**

1. **MARSCNA Facebook Page** – The Facebook page was created to invite members to the RSC and members were upset that it turned into something negative. It was shared it was an event not a Facebook Page. The Activities chair shared the event was created to talk about the BBQ. A member shared this page is not endorsed by this region, was created by a couple of members. It was mentioned Facebook is public and members can write whatever they want to, it was then shared this event is by invite only and all members are addicts. A member shared that there are some members here this weekend that wouldn't normally be if it wasn't for this event page. There 330 members a part of that group, pretty cool. It was suggested we could "sanitize" it and delete posts that are negative. We can use this as a valuable resource to get the information about this event. It was mentioned if someone has an issue with this, that member should be here. A member felt there wasn't anything nasty or degrading, it probably wasn't used correctly. It is a great tool to use for our RSC event and can benefit us in the long run. A member from Gift of Life group shared that they had a Facebook page and it didn't work well for their group, but the Facebook Event seems to work well. It was mentioned that we can delete off topic posts. It was asked who the moderators are, and it was answered there are no moderators, just hosted by the Activities Chair and the RD. It was

suggested to create this as a closed page instead of a group. Suggested to take a straw poll on what to do. It was then shared this is an outside issue it's an unofficial page, just something someone put to let us know. It was mentioned that the only thing we should be concerned about is whether or not the Mid America Region logo should be used. Activities Chair shared it was a very useful tool for her to post what she needed for the event.

2. **Requests for Funds** – The Treasurer listed the requests for funds and the RCM's voted on them. All requests for funds were passed.
3. **JFT Area Requesting Literature for Free birds Group** –  
**Motion:** That the Mid America Region help the Freebird group in the Just for Today area buy literature: 3 Basic Texts, 3 It Works How and Why, 3 Meditation books and 3 Step Working Guides for a total of \$117.26 (Shipping added)  
**Intent:** To help a struggling group get some literature  
**Financial Impact:** \$117.26  
**Discussion:** It was asked if this is for the literature stockpile, or what this is for? The JFT RCM explained that the group attendance is very low and had to use all the money to pay the bills. The area had no money to help. A lot of groups are struggling and don't have the money to buy. There was concern about buying literature for a group to sell. It was suggested that the group could put together an order and members pay for it and they would have their literature order. It was also suggested to pass a hat today to donate money to them for literature. Activities has some literature in the storage unit they could probably donate. The group has some key tags but are keeping the doors open instead of buying literature. It was shared that there are some groups that don't have literature and they are great meetings. It was also mentioned that maybe need to look at another location that is cheaper. A vote was taken. 1-7-1. Motion Failed.
4. **Convention Bids** – The bids are due in November. We don't have a mechanism for taking care of the bids since Steering was dissolved. We will get bids and address on the floor at November RSC.
5. **Newsletter Distribution** – MAN editor shared not comfortable with sending MAN out from his personal email account, so he has sent the list of contacts to the RD and he will then send it out from the MARSCNA gmail account. Mentioned there are a bunch of MAN's available, please pick them up. It was asked if this is proper use of the MARSCNA gmail account. The past MAN editor said he felt this would be appropriate. It was suggested to log into the newsletter account and send out the MAN. It was suggested to create a different email account to send it from. It was then asked why the literature laptop was not being used. It was decided it was okay to use the gmail account to send it out.
6. **Campout Site** – It was mentioned the campout booked Clinton Lake because there were no other sites that would hold us at the end of campout. They booked it realizing they may have to cancel it if another site becomes available. It was suggested that members bring bids for locations for the following year. There was concern the policy was met. It was then explained policy was followed, the policy was read. It was shared the timeline and policy don't match up, but the committee is going to work on adjusting it. Campout has always chosen where the campout will be. It was mentioned we can only book a spot one year in advance and that weekend fills up fast.
7. **Campout Timeline** – The chair talked to the campout chair and explained that they can change the timeline at any time they need.
8. **Literature Laptop** – The laptop is not working, so the RD is going to take the laptop and fix it and load the newsletter account on the computer.
9. **Restructuring Guidelines** – The Restructuring Ad hoc committee has been working on guidelines and the committee wants to know if they are moving in the right direction. Not looking for a yes or no answer, just an idea if this is going in the right direction. It was mentioned that unity area is using some of this in their area and so is Oz Area. Several members shared they would like the committee to continue working on the guidelines. It was shared that having guidelines is important so we know

how we may be moving forward. It was then suggested we do CBDM in the business meeting along with the new structure next RSC. All RCM's were in favor. A copy of the guidelines were passed out to all RCM's and subcommittee chairs and officers of the RSC.

10. **Multi-zonal Service Symposium** – The RD gave a copy of the multi-zonal service symposium to all RCM's and mentioned the deadline for the votes is October 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a funding issue on whether or not we can afford to send our delegate because it will be costly to go. They are looking at possibly having the event in St. Louis, MO, we just need opinions on whether or not we think it would be a good idea. They are requesting the regions donate \$100.00 for the start-up but they do not want money yet, because there is no bank acct set up yet. A few RCM's shared they can discuss this at their area and email the RD with their votes. At this time they are looking at a one-time event for this. A member shared this could be a very positive resource for us to send someone to. The RD shared we used to send someone to worldwide workshops but due to funding they are no longer having those. This needs to be taken back to groups; email the RD by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. He just needs a yes or no vote on whether groups support this. It was suggested we can wait until November RSC to send money, so we can wait and see whether or not the groups approved it.
11. **Revisit PI Chair Election** - Nate F was nominated for the PI chair again, but he will decline at this time.
12. **Phoneline Bill** – The treasurer needs direction on if it is okay to add the phoneline bill to the budget and add it to housekeeping expenses or what we need to do. CKA made a motion regarding this  
**Motion:** Add to Regional Policy under Item H Budgeting pg 7 “Phoneline” to the priorities paid first list  
**Intent of Motion:** To make phoneline payment part of housekeeping  
**Financial Impact:** \$560.00  
RCM vote was taken – motion passes. This is a change to policy, so it needs to go back to groups.
13. **Activities Request for Funds** - Activities is requesting \$200.00 in white books to use out of the Outreach escrow account. RCM vote was taken – 9-0-0 motion passes.
14. **Western Area** – Western Area RCM mentioned Dodge City Round-up is the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in October, he forgot to put it in his report. The RD asked if he could get a flyer to him for that and he would put it on the website.

*We closed at 4:04pm with a moment of silence followed by prayer.*

*Take back to groups/areas:*

**Open Positions:**

- Secretary
- Outreach Chair
- Public Information Chair
- Soul to Soul Chair
- Phoneline Coordinator
- Web-servant
- Meeting List Coordinator
- Convention – Fundraising Chair
- Campout – Catering Chair

**Motions/Other Business:**

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2. Convention Bids are due at November RSC

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# ARTWORK NEEDED

**REWARD GIVEN TO WINNING  
SUBMISSIONS!!**

**Theme: A Promise of Freedom**

We are now taking submissions for t-shirt artwork for 2014 Mid America Regional Campout. Artists' of the chosen artwork will be given a merchandize package as a reward for their hard work! Information to be included on the shirt includes the date of the campout, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – July 6<sup>th</sup> and location, Bloomington West Campgrounds at Clinton Lake.

Artwork must be done electronically. Vector or any other digital program will work.

Send submissions to Nate F. at  
[nanate1@yahoo.com](mailto:nanate1@yahoo.com)

marscna.net ...

# Mid America Regional Website

**A VALUABLE RESOURCE TO ADDICTS IN KANSAS!**

- *Meeting lists*
- *Events calendar*
- *Newsletter*
- *MARSCNA History*
- *Group Histories*
- *Contact information*
- *Other NA links*

Information for  
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**MID AMERICA  
REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
2013 NOVEMBER QUARTERLY MEETING**

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

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am -11:00am**

**Campout**

**11:00 am – 11:30 am**

**Public Relations**

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**Public Relations Workgroups**

**H&I, Webpage, Phonenumber, Communications**

**1:00 pm - 1:30 pm**

**Public Relations Wrap-up**

**1:30 pm - 2:30 pm**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**2:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Fellowship Development**

**3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

**Fellowship Development Workgroups**

**Newsletter, Soul to Soul, Events, Orientation**

**4:30 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Fellowship Development Wrap-up**

**5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Convention**

**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Dinner – Turkey/Ham**

**Bring Side Dish or Desert**

**8:00 pm**

**Auction & Raffle**

**8:30 pm - 11:00 pm**

**Meeting followed by DJ Dance**

**NO ADDICT TURNED AWAY  
NA AUCTION / RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED**

**REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

General business, motions, request for funds.

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