



Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous

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Business Meeting Minutes

Aug 21st, 2016

The business meeting of the Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous was opened with a moment of silence by the Chair at 8:00 am. The 12 Traditions were read by Jeff R., and the 12 Concepts were read by Tim S. All Attendees introduced themselves.

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

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

Administrative Officers Present: Chair, Secretary ,Treasurer, Regional Delegate, Alt. Regional Delegate

Area R.C.M.'s: Central Kansas Area, Fellowship for Freedom, JFT Area, Miracle Area, Oz Area, Primary Purpose Area, Unity Area, Wichita Metro Area

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Subcommittee Chairs: Archivist, Campout, Convention, Fellowship Development, P.O. Box, Public Relations, Restructuring Ad Hoc and Soul to Soul.

A. Approval of Minutes:

The Secretary read the minutes from the Feb. RSC Meeting. The chair asked if there were any amendments to be made.

A sign-in sheet was passed around.

Quorum is 8, votes needed are: 5 for simple majority, 6 for super majority.

B. Area Reports:

Central Kansas Area:

We would like to welcome the Phoenix group to Central Kansas Area. We are excited to have such a vibrant group join us. I'm pretty excited to live in the area I'm representing!

The Great Bend Day in the park went well in June. Great Bend Living by Faith also has a new meeting, on an experimental basis, Saturdays at 8:00pm. The Pratt day at the lake went well, also, and Pratt Tree of Life also has a new meeting Wednesday mornings at 8:00am. The Larned group is hosting their annual Rib Feed on September 10th at Schnack Park in Larned. The Central Kansas area meeting will meet at 12:00 that day prior to the event. The doors open for the Rib Feed at 3:00pm and we will hold an H&I training for interested volunteers. As well as some awesome barbeque, we will celebrate area birthdays. We hope you can join us! The

Phoenix group is hosting a Unity Day event on September 3rd at Recovery Cove in Salina. We will meet after the women's meeting concludes at 11:30 for the serenity prayer at 12:00pm and a potluck following. We are discussing our annual Christmas Dreams event, more will be revealed.

Our area formed a Public Relations workgroup to bolster area PR efforts in each of our communities. Our goal is to have a booth at one community event in each community next year. We have participation from each group on this project and I'm really excited about that. We do have a request for the region – for these future events, we would like to use the regional PR display, please.

We are still taking meetings into the Barton County Jail once a month for men and once a month for women. We are also still taking in a meeting to Ellsworth once a month, and we have two new volunteers to help with that effort. Our new group, Phoenix, has two H&I commitments; every 4th Sunday (and the 5th when there is a 5th Sunday) to Valley Hope in Moundridge, and once a month to Central Kansas Foundation in Salina. I will discuss with my area about ideas for the regional H&I workgroup, as Alan requested.

Grateful to serve, Beth N. RCM

Fellowship for Freedom Area:

Hello, Family;

The Area is doing well, however we have had three groups withdraw their membership. Our Area had its annual Luau, it was considered a success allowing me to bring \$300 today to donate to our region. The next event will be our Murder Mystery and a date has not yet been set. Outreach is strong and active, they will be holding a poker run where they will be travelling to the towns that hold meetings within our area. This will be Sept 10th. H&I is having a bit of trouble however myself and the H&I Chair are trying to encourage H&I members to not only keep bringing the meetings in but also encourage them to show up at Area and give a report. P.R. is short on fixed positions, however the tasks continue to be completed. That pretty much sums it up. Tim M.

Just For Today Area:

Hello Family,

I would like to start out introducing myself as the new RCM for Just For Today Area, having been voted into this position in July. So, you can all breathe a big sigh of relief knowing that there will be another warm body here for the next year! ☺☺☺

Just For Today Area has welcomed a new group to our area. First Step NA Iola is holding meetings on Tuesdays at 7 pm at 214 W Madison in Iola. Melvern is no longer holding meetings and Toronto is not holding meetings at this time because they have lost use of the building they were holding meetings in. Yates Center has moved their meetings to 114 N Main Street at the Ambulance Service meeting room.

The 18th Annual Recovery Fest was a huge success again. 175 people were registered with a combined 1,025 years of clean time. JFT Area held a roller skating party in Parsons, KS to raise funds for Mirror of Miracles Campout raising \$618.00. Great fun was had by all.

Mirror of Miracles, Just For Today Area's free annual campout, will be at Big Hill Lake in Cherryvale, KS on September 16th-18th. Come and join us for great fellowship, food, campfires, meetings and swimming! There will be games of frisbee golf beginning around 2:00 on Saturday and there will also be a kids sidewalk chalk contest.

JFT H&I continues taking panels into Girard Treatment Center every month. H&I is also continuing a big push of getting literature into facilities in our area with plans to advance this effort even further.

The Just For Today Area treasurer has requested an audit be done of our books. Our Area RCM, Secretary, and Treasurer will be conducting this audit together in the near future. JFT Area has voted to raise our regional donation to \$200.00 quarterly beginning with today's donation. We voted yes to setting the Regional prudent reserve at \$6,000.00.

I took the discussion from last region regarding upgrading to a climate controlled storage unit for archives and storage back to Just For Today Area and the idea was well received. An advance group conscience was had to vote yes when the subject comes up again.

In Loving Service, Matt M., JFT Area RCM

Miracle Area:

The Larrytown group has started a men's group. Meetings are held on Saturdays at 2pm at the First United Methodist Church – 10th & Vermont. The Recovery is Possible group in Leavenworth needs support. Attendance is down and the group's meeting schedule has been reduced as well. Hope and encouragement were offered to the group at the August ASC and Miracle Area groups are encouraged to support RIP during this time of transition.

Area Activities

A successful Day in the Park event was held in Lawrence on June 18th. The Miracle Area was fortunate to be so close to the Region's Campout held over the July 4th weekend. Despite less than ideal weather conditions, there was a good turnout at the campout from the Miracle Area. The annual Sponsorship Banquet was held on August 13th. The event included a panel discussion about sponsorship, raffle, auction, and an amazing meal. Everyone is looking forward to the annual campout that will be held over the Labor Day weekend at Clinton Lake.

Elections

Interest and willingness for participating in Area business continues to be strong in the Miracle Area.

- Josh G. was elected to serve as the Public Information Chair and is also serving as the alt-RCM.
- John S. was elected into the Literature Chair position at the August ASC.
- Tim S. replaces Jim W. as the Miracle Area Activities Chair.

Miracle Area Donation to Region: \$250.00

OZ Area:

Good day to all, first things first. We tried to send a \$500 check last quarter. For some reason that got all screwed up so they ended up canceling the check and reissue me another one for me to hand-deliver here today. I have a donation today in the amount of \$476.33.

Oz Area has a new logo now. It is on our current flyer for our next event, the Burger Flipping Thing being held September 10th in St. Francis Kansas.

I also have an updated meeting list for our area. I will be sending that in to Megan 4 update. The Burlington Colorado group is small but sturdy. The St Francis group has reduced its meetings due to reduced attendance, but the people who are attending are solid. The Norton group is in a constant state of flux due to the treatment center clients, but attendance has been good. In Colby our attendance has exploded. Through the week we've been averaging between 10 to as many as 15 addicts each meeting. Friday night has been averaging 18, and our Sunday night Candlelight meeting and has been averaging 25 addicts every week. We've had quite a few newcomers welcome to the group and last week one of our old heads celebrating 26 years clean. The group is very healthy right now and it feels like we are winning.

The Goodland group had been struggling. Thanks to the redoubled efforts of our area chair Robert B from Colby, they have we established two meetings a week. Thank you Robert for all you do.

We've started a new project. We're trying to collect information for our area archives. If anybody has knowledge of anything, or has any documentation from the old days when Oz combined with Western area then reestablished afterwards, it would be helpful if you could pass that along to me.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Nick K, Oz Area RCM

Primary Purpose Area

Hello, Regional Family

Sorry for missing last Regional but grateful to be here this weekend. Meetings are going well in Primary Purpose Area in Lyons, Newton and Hutch. Newton H.O.W.'s area campout was rained out as was the meeting scheduled to be held at the Campout. We moved the Saturday BBQ for the campout to our house and it was well attended. We also had an impromptu Area meetign August 26, 27 and 28. Newton H.O.W. will be hosting a makeup campout at harvey County East park. Gift of Life will be having its Back to Basics campout Sept. 2 - 5, 2016 at Harvey County West park. Lyons will be having its annual Fish Fry Oct. 15, 2016 in Lyons. more to be revealed. Also Newton H.O.W. will be gearing up to start planning for its annual Turkey Feed in November. I'm sure there will be other events but due to not meeting in November, that is all I know. Thank you for letting me serve.

In Service, Becky B., Primary Purpose Area Chair/RCM

Unity Area Report:

No report

Wichita Metro Area Report:

Hello, N.A. Family

Wichita Metro currently serves 9 groups at this time. Our groups carry the message to 57 meetings a week and are doing well with attendance. Many groups have even added meetings. Our P&I is active and making contact with groups that have not made it to Area recently. They are seeking info on what their needs may be and if Area can do anything to assist them. They have also planned a flyer blitz September 17th in Winfield at 12 noon that day. They continue to update the Area meeting schedule. H&I is making more contacts with facilities. They are approached regularly about adding committments but like a lot of other N.A. Service, there is a shortage of volunteers or members able to qualify for corrections. We currently serve approximately 17 facilities with 139 in attendance. Our WMANA campout was a success and well attended even with all the heat we have been having. We had a lot of fun, food and fellowship and had no injuries or fatalities. We had many kiddie pools going as the lake was experiencing technical difficulties. We also have been having campfire meetings the 2nd Sarturday of the month at a local park. Each group has facilitated the meetings. They have been well attended. Living Clean Group had a Soul to Soul fundraiser at the park last Saturday prior to the Campfire Meeting. Misery is Optional in El Dorado is having their 7th Anniversary party on September 24th at the meeting house starting at 6pm. Food, games and dance are planned. Living Clean Group in Wichita is having a tailgate party at their new meeting facility on October 22nd at 3pm at 3735 W. Douglas. Regional Donation is \$250.00.

In loving service, Mark S.

Western Area Report:

No Report

C. Subcommittee Reports

Archivist:

Hello family,

I don't have much to report this quarter. I have been separating regions archives from my personal collection and placing in our basement room for storage. This applies to items I show at MARCNA each year, banners,

and media. All documents and items passed on from RSC committees, minus items listed above, get transferred to file cabinets in our storage unit.

I was given a stack of archive donations from Michele and Burnalee in Topeka, the list here defines the contents:

- Ⓢ Three sets of minutes (11-14, 11-28, 12-5 1979) Registration committee for WCNA 10 held in Wichita.
- Ⓢ Four folders containing FFF minutes ranging from 1986 to 2008 (appr. 126 sets)
- Ⓢ One folder containing PPA minutes ranging from 2007-2009 (28 sets)
- Ⓢ One folder containing MAR Steering committee minutes from 1999-2001 (21 sets), various flyers and handouts.
- Ⓢ Various MAR Activities minutes and flyers from 2009-2011
- Ⓢ One set of 2013 MARCNA XXX door placards defining what each room was used for.
- Ⓢ FFF 2008 Fright Night artwork and flyers

I scanned the WCNA Registration minutes and placed in an existing folder for that 1980 Wichita convention; the rest will be filed away.

Once again I will throw out a plea for the region to invest in a climate controlled storage unit. As the Mid-America Region passed its 37th anniversary this past July much of its history had disappeared as states broke off and members moved on. In just a little over a decade, we have managed to collect considerable amounts back, as well as save merchandise, media, and minutes as events happen. None of these things, even paper stock, is safe in the current storage condition. With extreme temperatures, dust, and excess humidity or lack of humidity, what we have accumulated won't last. Many items would be destroyed in just one summer if stored there, like media. We not only have hundreds of speaker/workshop cassettes, but we have TV commercials from WSO previously used by networks. Our original banners and the mini banners made each year for posterity can't handle extreme temperatures either. Most regions that I have talked with either have a climate controlled office or two storage units, one of which is climate controlled, yet this region feels a member can just "hang on to it" (see above where I mentioned "members moved on"). It would be nice if someone generously donated an office space or small home with cheap utilities, but waiting around for that miracle to happen isn't being responsible.

Gratefully serving, Tim

Campout:

Hello, family;

MID-AMERICA REGION CAMPOUT #37 TREASURER'S REPORT

June 2015- August 2016

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
OpenBankAccount	452.00	06/18/15
Incomefrom2015CampoutatClose	3,325.88	07/06/15
Transferfrom2015to2016CampoutAccount	1,353.01	07/06/15
IncomefromSquarefrom2015Campout	239.52	08/12/15
ReimburseRegionfor2016CampsiteReservation	(375.00)	08/15/15
2015CampoutDonationtoRegion	<u>(2,500.00)</u>	08/15/15

Usable Balance for Campout #37 - 2016 2,495.41

ADD:

MerchandiseSalesIncome	80.00	11/05/15
MerchandiseSalesIncome	1,260.00	11/06/15
MerchandiseSalesIncome	290.00	12/02/15
MerchandiseSalesIncome	30.00	12/15/15
MerchandiseSalesIncome	130.00	02/22/16
MerchandiseSalesIncome	655.00	02/22/16
MerchandiseSalesIncome	455.00	04/19/16
MerchandiseSalesIncome	173.00	05/18/16
Deposit	381.00	06/21/16
CampoutIncome: Meal Donations	472.67	07/04/16
CampoutIncome: ReturnfromCatering	90.00	07/04/16
CampoutIncome: 7thTradition	367.66	07/04/16
CampoutIncome: AuctionIncome(Cash)	794.00	07/04/16
CampoutIncome: AuctionSeedMoneyReturn	75.00	07/04/16
CampoutIncome: Raffle	724.00	07/04/16
CampoutIncome: RaffleSeedMoneyReturn	75.00	07/04/16
CampoutIncome: Merchandise	705.00	07/04/16
CampoutIncome: AuctionIncome(Card)	474.00	08/11/16

Convention Report:

Hello family,

Tom could not make it this morning due to a family emergency. Please keep him in your prayers.

The convention planning is moving along in line with the timeline. We have elected most chairs and co-chairs for this committee. We have Hospitality, Hospitality Co-Chair, Entertainment Co-Chair and Registration Co-Chair positions open, please announce this at your areas and groups. We voted on our theme and artwork last month. Our theme this year is "Guide Me in My Recovery". Our pre-registration flyers should be out in the next month or two. Our fundraising efforts are underway. We have tank tops currently for sale plus previous year's merchandise. Also we have voted on and adopted new internal guidelines. These passed unanimously. We are turning these in to the region to be included with the region guidelines.

In loving service, Michelle, MARCNA 34 Co-Chair

Guidelines appended below

NAWS Contact:

Open position, no report

Fellowship Development:

Morning NA Family

Well this was a Short and Sweet Fellowship Meeting this Quarter. We had no new Meeting or Group changes this Quarter.

**** Newsletter-** we still don't have a Editor, Though Michelle C has taken the Editor Computer to look over the Format and see if she would want to take the Editor Position.

After Talking to Flow H. About what was her biggest struggle being the Editor, her Reply was getting submissions. So once Again we are asking once again for submission with the suggestion that we ask members Celebrating Clean Time to submit. Since it is Fresh on Our minds when we are Celebrating where, why and how we got here.

**** Events -**We Got The Plans For November RSC Hammered out and will be requesting fund in the amount \$100 for Key deposit, \$100 rent of Venue and \$ 100 for November Food and incidentals.

Events also Has schedule a service Assembly in Lawrence in December , More in Events report

**** Soul To Soul** got menu finalized , event Mug and T shirts. Remember Pre Reg. ends this Weekend and please Remember that they are Able to take Plastic, See Ben T.

Thank You

In Loving Service, Ben T.

P.O. Box:

We received five items in the PO box this quarter:

- Check from Central Kansas Area
 - Gave to Treasurer
- Letter from Hutchinson Inmate
 - Gave to H&I Coordinator
- NAWS News
 - Gave to Facilitator
- Volunteer Regional Convention registration forms
 - Set out on table.
- United Way 2-1-1 update form

- PO Box chair will take care of this

ILS, Beth N. PO Box Chair

Public Relations:

Good morning from PR,

Once again your PR teams have done great work during this quarter and again yesterday. First off, I have not done a good job of keeping track of work group elections but with help from Ed B, I'll find out when each coordinator took their spot and start a tracker for this.

Work group activities

Media – Megan reported that she has the hard copy of the meeting list updated and has coordinated with the phone line so that both methods of finding meetings in our region match. Please send any changes to mstrawn85@gmail.com

H & I – There were four areas represented today at the H&I meeting. The work group hopes to get out to visit the area meetings around the region. Alan was able to gather information from the areas represented today but needs to get contact information for the other areas so he can find out when they are meeting. This workgroup also wants to work on how to get more members involved, especially female volunteers.

Phone line – Once again this work group coordinated with Media to update the phone line information from the most current meeting list. The live addict feature has been going well with addicts taking daily shifts from 2-5 & 5-8. Nate has been the back up for all shifts in this effort. During yesterday's meeting additional volunteers were signed up so a new shift will be added from 11am – 2pm. Last quarter, got 46 calls, 5 voice messages, one Live Addict request.

Web – (Copied from Ed's report) The Mid-America Regional Web Site is progressing nicely. I would love to say it's up and going, but it's not. I have spent a great deal of my time fussing with the Basic Meeting List Toolbox. There are some software problems which I am trying to iron out. There's some good news and some bad news on several fronts. Regarding the BMLT, the bad news is, we have been unable to get the "Find a Meeting Near Me" function to work, though we have tracked the problem to our BMLT satellite installation. It looks like we need an updated BMLT satellite installation, and I am going to have to turn this issue over to members with bigger geek skills than I have. The good news regarding this issue is, I have been meeting, both in person and online, some very interesting addicts from points south and west of here. I have built the meeting list spreadsheet for the Mid-America Region, and it can be autoloading to the database by Tom K. in the Tejas/Bluebonnet Region. I made liberal use of Microsoft Excel's automation tools in building the spreadsheet, as we have a LOT of meetings! The good news here is, of course, the Mid-America Region is blessed to have a LOT of Narcotics Anonymous meetings!

The web site has a good Events Calendar feature, and loading new events is fairly straightforward. The flyers upload from a .jpg and the user can download the flyer with a simple right-click. The only page that I know of that's missing is the page for the Mid-America Newsletter. This should not be difficult to do, I would have looked into this except I did not think of it until this week. Once the meeting list is shipped, I'll get on that. I had really hoped to have the site ready to present at this RSC, but that did not happen. We are, however, very close. Many thanks to Jeffrey L., Daniel C., Dylan S., Tom K., Lori W. and Tony K. and many more people I've missed, for their assistance.

Presentations – (copied directly from Beth's report) We discussed the presentation in Coffeyville. The result of this presentation is that the community members present provided the PR team with possible location spots for meetings, and the local librarian requested information on how to order literature from na.org for their library. We have plans in place to follow up and follow through with this effort.

We are in the process of restructuring. We discussed having the Presentation group as a standing workgroup with varied coordination of projects. Jeff R. will work on policy for this based on the other standing workgroups to present for consideration by the region. Since we have so much going on, we need to figure out a sustainable organization. Beth is willing to continue coordinating. (When I was elected, there was no term limit as it was a project).

We will be requesting \$250 for a booth at the Governor's Conference for the prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, October 3-5 at Hyatt Regency in Wichita. Grant L. is coordinating this effort, with help/coordination from the larger group. We are submitting a literature order for this event.

Jeffry and Beth will be showing off our projects and resources during their MZSS presentations.

We are planning for presentations at the 2017 Wichita convention, Jeffry L. coordinating, the 2018 Topeka convention, Jeff R. coordinating, Garden City soon, Beth N. and Jackie M. co-coordinating, and the possibility of having a booth at the Mental Health Conference at the state hospital in Larned. The Governor's Conference on Problem Gambling and Substance Abuse was brought up, but we decided not to take on more commitments at this time.

We have a long list of next steps including: fine tuning our resources, updating our presentation, training presenters, and analyzing survey data.

We appreciate the opportunity to do this work and the willingness and enthusiasm of those involved.

We are submitted two requests for funds - \$250 for the event in Wichita in October & \$175 to purchase a professional table skirt and a foldable table to put it on. I have a photo of one similar to what I am asking to order if anyone would like to see. We currently have over \$1000 in our escrow account.

Grateful to serve, Sally R. PR Facilitator

Restructuring Ad-hoc:

No report

Treasurer Oversight Ad-hoc

No Report

Soul To Soul:

Dear Family,

We had a great time at the Newton function, as well as the function hosted by living clean. Out of the 4 registrations we raffled off, two newcomers won free registrations, along with a member who has not yet attended soul 2 soul. Big thanks to the committee and Living Clean group for helping us make that happen!

Our block for making debit and credit transactions is now functional, in case anyone wants to make last minute pre-registrations. I'm not currently sure whether or not we are going to make the cut-off for horseback riding.

Last week we only had 4 registered for it and now it is getting pretty close, so we may have that event this year, the cutoff is this weekend.

We have decided on our pre-registration T-shirts and coffee cups and they will be ordered soon. The cooks have been rearranged due to the lack of attendance at our meetings, however the menu is in the works and will be completed soon. We are asking for notification of any food allergies so the cooks can work around them. I am glad that things are finally unfolding for Soul to Soul, thank you for letting me be of service.

In Loving Service, Sean E., Soul To Soul Chair

Treasurer's Report

Hello Family,

Life is busy and Full. Thank You Narcotics Anonymous for all the blessings you have provided me.

Thank you Wichita for an awesome Fundraiser, Sorry I was unable to attend. We made \$237.00 and gave away 2 free preregistrations.

Our balance in checking is..... \$2679.71

I have cash and checks on hand that still need to be deposited.

Wichita Fundraiser Cash.....	\$237.00
Cash on Hand.....	\$200.00
6 Pre Registrations.....	\$450.00
Total to be deposited.....	\$887.00

We have 25 people pre-registered, 4 of these are free pre-reg. We only have 4 people prepaid for horseback riding, so if we don't meet the requirement we will have to refund the money to the people who have paid for it. As of Now before any refunds with checking and cash and checks on hand to be deposited, we will have \$3566.71. I will be checking the P.O. box for late registrations. Any received after Monday 8-22-16 will not be eligible for the T-shirt and cup. So if you need to register, lets get it done.

In Loving Service, Soul 2 Soul Treasurer, Tim P.

Break

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Roll Call:

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D. Officers Reports:

Regional Delegate Report:

Report appended below

Alt. Delegate Report:

No report

Secretary Report:

Hello, Family!

Not much to report, there is, of course my usual plea for all trusted servants to get me their reports promptly. Also, the sign-in sheet has an added column for the "Date of Election" for all trusted Servants. It would be just peachy if all trusted servants would fill this in on the sign-up sheet.

The only other thing I have concerns the qualifications for trusted servants listed in the MARSCNA Policy manual. When I was listing qualifications for open trusted servant positions, I noticed that some of them, e.g. Facilitator and Co-Facilitator, still reference Consensus-Based Decision Making. At the May RSC, we discussed this among the policy issues the Ad-Hoc Committee needed to sort out, but I need to mention it, as it

is mentioned in the May minutes in regard to the open Co-Facilitator position. Thank you for allowing me to serve the Fellowship,

Ed Burris, Secretary, Mid-America Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Treasurer Report:

Report Appended below

Co-Treasurer Report:

Open position, no report

Chair Report:

No report

Co-Chair Report:

No report

E. Open Forum:

Augusta group had a fire in the building where they meet, are looking for new location.

Campout renting site for an extra day to avoid problems getting the electrical hookup site for the Catering equipment hookup.

Tim M.; need to lock the gate behind us

Ben T.; put on the flyer that the site is reserved for Catering

Chris H.; we are discussing solutions in committee, but for now, it's already reserved

Break for lunch

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F. Old Business:

Quorum is 8.

Elections;

Co-Facilitator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No willingness ➤ No nominations
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Qualifications read; minimum of 5 years continuous clean time, minimum of 2 years of Regional participation, a thorough understanding of consensus-based decision making, the ability to facilitate all discussions with a firm but gentle spiritual approach.

Take to groups

Co-Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No willingness ➤ No nominations
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Take to groups

Co-Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No willingness ➤ No nominations
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Qualifications read; minimum of 5 years continuous clean time, minimum of 2 yr. involvement at the Regional level, past experience with accounting, bookkeeping and/or treasuries, 2-year term length

Campout Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Jeffry L. nominated from Sub-committee ➤ Qualified Self ➤ Jeffry L. elected Campout Chair
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NAWS Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No willingness ➤ No nominations
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Qualifications read; 3 years continuous clean time, minimum of 2 years Regional participation, refer to page 12 “NAWS Contact Person”

Open Positions, take to groups:

- Co-Treasurer
- Co-Secretary
- RSC Co-Facilitator
- Soul to Soul Chair
- NAWS Contact
- Treasurer

Discussion of Storage Unit upgrade

Nate F.; Miracle Area feels this is too much money

Tim S.; \$2080.00 for 11 x 20 climate controlled unit, \$825.00 now

Jeff R.; we are using a member’s house now

Chris H.; archive items don’t help the addict who still suffers, we shouldn’t spend the money

Tim S.; everything we have will fit in the new unit

Motion 082116-001; From: Unity Second: JFT	
Motion:	Purchase climate-controlled storage unit
Intent:	To protect sensitive Archive items

Financial Impact:	\$2079.55 Annually

Nate F.; hesitant ro spend this amount of money
Chris H.; money, property and prestige interfere with primary purpose
John J.; two other regions have asked to see our archives
Jeff R.; like to see RCMs vote on whether to send it to groups
Vote to send to groups
Central – Y
FFF – Y
JFT – Y
Miracle – Y
Oz – Y
PP – Y
Unity – Y
WM – Y
Passed 8-0-0

Restructuring Policy

Motion 082116-002; From: Restructuring Ad-Hoc Second: none needed	
Motion:	To Approve Section IV “Business Conduct”
Intent:	None given
Financial Impact:	none

Send to Groups

Discussion of Western Area

Sally R.; we should remove them from the meeting list after sending a letter from the chair until we hear from them
Nick K.; I sent a text to Marla asking if there was any willingness to serve at RSC
Nate F.; meeting list is printed before we get here, do we do it now?
Sally R.; its feasible to send a letter
Daniel C.; send a letter to each group
Debbie .; it’s been 5 or 6 RSCs, they don’t show any willingness, we should remove the meetings
Tim M.; we haven’t reached out physically
John J.; do they have to be in an Area or region to be on our list? No, just need reliable information
Schatzie T.; need to know if meetings are going
Nick K.; I had a sponsee drive 70 miles one-way to a meeting that wasn’t current
Debbie S.; call police department?

Nate F.; give the chair discretion, with information gathered by Nov. 1, to decide which meetings to remove
Vote of confidence from RCMs to allow Daniel C. to send letters and make recommendations

G. New Business:

Discussion of a group's donation earmarked for Phone Line

Put the money in General Fund and add it to escrow used for housekeeping where Phone Line is paid from

Motion/RF\$ 082116-003 Public Relations	Not to Exceed \$175.00	To further professionalize our P.R. efforts
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Vote

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle – Y

Oz – Y

PP – Y

Unity – Y

WM – Y

Passed 8-0-0

Motion/RF\$ 082116-004 Public Relations	Not to Exceed \$50.00	Literature for P.R. booth
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Vote

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle – Y

Oz – Y

PP – Y

Unity – Y

WM – Y

Motion/RF\$ 082116-005 Public Relations	Not to Exceed \$350.00	Booth at Governor's Conference on Child Abuse
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Vote

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle – Y

Oz – Y

PP – Y

Unity – Y
 WM – Y
 Passed 8-0-0

Motion 082116-006; From: Regional Delegate Second: FFF	
Motion:	To remove from policy the requirement for an annual service assembly. Fellowship Development, p.19, #9
Intent:	To allow the Events Sub-committee to have a service assembly if and when it is requested
Financial Impact:	none

Debbie S.; how many people attended the last one?
 Daniel C.; that one was a Project Primary Purpose fundraiser, it was well attended
 Debbie S.; how about the others?
 Nate F.; others are not well attended, this gives us the freedom to have one when it is requested, and not spend money on events which aren't well attended
 Vote
 Central – Y
 FFF – Y
 JFT – Y
 Miracle – Y
 Oz – Y
 PP – Y
 Unity – Y
 WM – Y
 Passed 8-0-0
 Send to Groups

Discussion of Convention Guidelines
 Michelle C.; due to money handling, general members of the Convention Committee will need to have 1 year continuous clean time
 Jeff R.; how do newcomers get experience/
 Nate F.; are we voting on this or editing?
 Michelle C.; since there is a question of clean time requirement, we would like review and input
 Daniel C.; consider the 12 Concepts when you review this
 Sally R.; is the timeline part of the document?
 Michelle C.; I'll get it printed and distributed
 Nate F.; review and input at Nov RSC, vote at Feb RSC, take to groups

Motion/RF\$ 082116-007 Regional Delegate	\$825.00	Send Regional Delegate and Alt. Delegate to MZSS in Milwaukee
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Jeff R.; if motion voted down at one RSC, can it be reintroduced?

Jeffry L.; we have sent \$2500.00 and \$1500.00 to Zonal, majority of Regions in U.S. are in favor of Zonal representation

Sally R.; the MZSS is not a decision making forum, our representation makes no difference

Tracy C.; what is the difference between MZSS and Zone?

Jeffry L.; MZSS is several zones

Nate F.; Networking with those outside our zone is valuable

Sally R.; last year, all information from MZSS was on the web site, there was no roll call of participation

Debbie S.; send one representative to MZSS, other to Zonal

Nate F.; the Phone Line information I received was from one-on-one conversation with addicts at MZSS

Ben T.; we agreed to send representation to Zone, does MZSS follow up on Zone?

Jeffry L.; no, MZSS is a separate event

Ben T.; we aren't at Prudent Reserve, this is only every 2 years

Sally R.; there are 8 people from this region attending on their own dime

John J.; What does Zone do?

Nate F. and Jeffry L. explained Zone function

John J.; it makes more sense to not donate and send delegates instead

Nick K.; agree

Nate F.; argument about people paying their own way is moot, we are your representatives

Michelle C.; last time we sent people, we didn't get any information back, no workshop

Jeffry L.; we don't want to set a precedent for self-funding

Jeff R.; it's not about whether it's beneficial, it's about whether its funded

Beth N.; would rather send Fellowship Development and Public Relations Facilitators

Vote

Central – N

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle – Y

Oz – Y

PP – Y

Unity – N

WM – Y

Passed 6-2-0

Convention Bids for 2019 due at November RSC

Discussion of Donations

Treasurer shows \$6519.25 above Prudent Reserve

Michelle C.; last year we donated and the next RSC we were in the hole

Nate F.; suggest donating \$3000.00 to Zone

Jeff R.; suggest donation to P3 (Project Primary Purpose)

Nate F.; \$3000.00 to Zone, \$1000.00 to P3

Michelle C.; \$2519.25 left

John J.; suggest \$2000.00 to Zone, \$1000.00 to P3

Motion/RF\$ 082116-008 Regional	\$1000.0 0	Donation to Project Primary Purpose
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Delegate Second WM Area		
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Vote

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle – Y

Oz – Y

PP – Y

Unity – N

WM – Y

Passed 7-1-0

Motion/RF\$ 082116-009 Regional Delegate Second WM Area	\$2000.0 0	Donation to Plains States Zonal
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Vote

Central – Y

FFF – Y

JFT – Y

Miracle – Y

Oz – Y

PP – Y

Unity – N

WM – Y

Passed 7-1-0

Open Positions, take to groups:

- Co-Treasurer
- Co-Secretary
- RSC Co-Facilitator
- Soul to Soul Chair
- NAWS Contact
- Treasurer

Motion to close

Second

Vote

Passed unanimously

Closed at 5:45 with Serenity Prayer

Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Treasurer Report – Year End Report 05/15 to 02/16

			<i>AMOUNT</i>		
<i>Income:</i>		ALL AREA DONATIONS	4,677.00		
		ALL GROUP DONATIONS	985.60		
		EVENTS	364.05		
		PUBLIC RELATIONS/FD	232.36		
		S2S/CONV/CAMPOUT	8,434.32		
		RETURNED MONIES	358.25		
		REIMBURSEMENTS	675.00		
		Total Income			\$ 15,726.58
<i>Expenses:</i>					
		<i>ACCOUNT</i>		<i>AMOUNT</i>	
		ALLIANCE AGENCY		\$ 4,068.00	
		STORAGE UNIT		825.80	
		NAWS DONATION		1054.74	
		PSZF DONATION		1000.00	
		PHONELINE.COM		522.24	
		PO BOX		91.00	
		MAN PRINTING		874.53	

		MEETING LIST PRINTING		971.86	
		IPOWER		239.76	
		RSC START-UP/SUPPLIES		280.00	
		RD'S TRAVEL EXPENSES		900.00	
		WSC		2000.00	
		TREASURER'S EXPENSES		10.74	
		DONATIONS TO ESCROWS		2000.00	
		CAR/CAT		312.00	
		PR PRESENTATION		350.00	
		Total Expenses			\$ 15,500.67
		Spendable Balance			\$ 225.91

**Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Treasurer Report – May 16, 2016 RSC**

5/15/2016		Bank Balance Forward			\$ 14,589.14
Income:	2/15/2016	Area/group donations	2,517.00		
		Subcommittee donations	105.00		
		returned monies/other	71.00		
		Total Deposits			\$ 2,693.00
		Starting Balance			\$ 17,282.14
Expenses					
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DATE	CHECK #	TO		AMOUNT	
5/15/2016	1444	Alliance Agency - insurance		\$ 1,404.00	
	1445	Salina Public Library - Aug rent		100.00	

	1446	Friendship Center - Nov Rent(Amber)		217.00	
	1447	Storage - annual payment		889.20	
	1448	Amber - Aug Key Deposit		50.00	
	1449	Nate - Supplies for Aug		50.00	
	1450	City Blue Print - MAN		180.60	
	1451	City Blue Print - Mtg List		172.00	
	ACH	Phone.com - phonenumber bill		523.49	
	1452	Nate - Zone Aug		750.00	
		Total Expenses			\$ 4,336.29
		Bank Balance			\$ 12,945.85
		Less: Prudent Reserve			\$ 6,000.00
		Sub-total			\$ 6,945.85
Escrows:		Fellowship Development		\$ 1,238.76	
		Public Relations		1,041.45	
		Rent		166.30	
		Insurance (through Nov 15)		1,180.00	
		Phonenumber (due Aug17) (ACH)		140.00	
		Storage (due May. 16)		222.30	
		P. O. Box (due Feb. 16)		35.00	
		Web Page (due Sept. 16)		180.00	
		RDA (due Feb. 16)		500.00	
		Less: Total Escrows			\$ 4,703.81
		Spendable Balance			\$ 2,242.04

Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous

Treasurer Report – August 21, 2016 RSC

5/15/2016		Bank Balance Forward			\$12,494.70
Income:	5/16/2016	Area/group donations	850.00		
		Subcommittee donations	6,586.96		
		returned monies/other	476.70		
		Total Deposits			\$ 7,913.66
		Starting Balance			\$20,408.36
Expenses:					
DATE	CHECK #	TO		AMOUNT	
8/21/2016		Alliance Agency - insurance		\$ 482.75	
		Salina Public Library - Feb rent		150.00	
		Amber - Key deposit LC/FC		150.00	
		Nate - Events, start up		100.00	
		City Blue - MAN Feb		220.00	
		City Blue - Mtg List Feb		180.00	
		Ed - Secretary		38.39	
		PR (Escrow) - table cover/table		175.00	
	Debit Card	PR (Escrow) - Gov. Conf. Booth		350.00	
		PR (Escrow) - literature		46.66	
		RDA - MZSS travel expenses		825.00	
		P3 donation		1000.00	
		PSZF Donation		2000.00	
		Motion - storage 001		2000.00	
		Alliance Agency - insurance (Nov)		1505.79	
		World Donation		13.46	
		Total Expenses			\$ 9,237.05
		Bank Balance			\$11,171.31
		Less: Prudent Reserve			\$ 6,000.00
		Sub-total			\$ 5,171.31
Escrows:		Fellowship Development		\$ 1,238.76	
		Public Relations		1,041.45	
		Rent		166.30	
		Insurance (through Nov 15)		1,180.00	
		Phoneline (due Aug17) (ACH)		280.00	
		Storage (due May. 16)		222.30	
		P. O. Box (due Feb. 16)		52.50	
		Web Page (due Sept. 16)		240.00	

RD report:

Hello Mid-America Region. I was looking forward to a little break in activity after the very busy previous quarter (WSC 2016). As your Phoneline Coordinator, my plans were to get the "live" addict feature up and running (which happened!) and as your Campout Co-chair, enjoy our Regional Campout (which happened!) and as your Events Coordinator, plan the next RSC weekend (happened) and work on the upcoming Regional Service Assembly, (which will happen). But, in addition to that, NAWIS decided to issue an FIPT statement for review and input. I have included it in my report. This statement was for review and input by Delegates and the input I gave was that I felt the statement should be given to the entire fellowship for review and input. The deadline is Sept 1st, so in all likelihood, this won't happen.

Draft Statement for delegate review by 1 September 2016

A statement from the WSC 2016 regarding NA intellectual property and the integrity of the NA message

One of the most important topics we discussed at World Service Conference 2016 was the reproduction and use of NA literature as it relates to group registrations and local NA websites. Present were 215 Conference participants, including 16 World Board members, and Regional Delegates and Alternate Delegates from 112 regions, representing 40 countries and speaking 26 languages.

As a Conference we were able to find consensus when it comes to protecting our intellectual property and the availability of a low cost Basic Text.

- 95% of delegates believe the Fellowship still affirms the rules contained in the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)*.
- 86% of regional delegates did not support the CAR motion that asked for a low cost Basic Text (This is the tenth time the WSC has been asked and did not support this idea).
- 83% of Conference participants see earlier approved versions of our Basic Text as meaningfully different than hybrid versions that have never been Fellowship-approved.

With strong support, we agreed on the following:

- 74% of delegates believe that NA World Services should not register groups that clearly intend to use material that is not NA Fellowship-approved in their meetings.
- 71% of delegates believe that NA World Services should take action to remove NA recovery literature from ASC/RSC websites, even if it means shutting down the site.

And while there was support, this issue would benefit from more discussion:

- 63% of Conference participants want to say that NA groups use current editions of NA Fellowship-approved literature.

The *FIPT* is clear: NA literature belongs to the Fellowship as a whole, the groups are given voice through their delegates at the WSC in any decisions regarding NA literature. NA recovery literature is copyright-protected and not available for editing. NA literature is not available for printing locally or for posting on local NA websites.

The Group Booklet is also clear that NA groups use only NA approved literature in their meetings. As a Conference, we agree that groups who choose to use unapproved NA literature (most commonly, the gray form or the baby blue) in their meetings are in conflict with the guidance in the booklet and the conscience of the Fellowship.

The NA program is one of honesty and integrity. At some point we must stand together as concerned members and insist that those who initiate and support these activities simply stop. As participants of WSC 2016, we agree that now is that time. There will likely never be unanimity on these issues, but it is our role to reflect the conscience of the Fellowship expressed at WSC 2016. We also believe this is echoed by the ongoing commitment of the NA Fellowship to the guidance offered in the *FIPT*.

As the service body of NA to which is delegated the responsibility of reflecting the collective voice of the NA groups, we make the following requests:

- NA groups who are using literature in NA meetings that is not NA approved, please stop.
- Individuals who are printing, posting, and distributing NA literature (both approved and non-approved), please stop.
- Service committees who are posting NA recovery literature, please stop.

We ask this in the spirit of unity, and in support of our collective mission to carry the NA message to the addict who still suffers.

So, there it is, if you have questions or comments, even after Sept 1st, you can call or message me at 785-766-7850 or email delegate@marscna.net.

More exciting news is that the feature article in the latest NA WAY is about the 2015 Mid-America Campout! The cover photo is of Tim and Debs tent that year and a nice article which was written by Jodi J. and originally published in the Mid-America Newsletter. Here is a link to the online version.

http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/naway/en/NAWay_Jul16_Web.pdf

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Jeffry and I are looking forward to attending [Home](#) Plain States Zonal Forum on August 26th-28th, with workshops on Service topics, a PR presentation to local professionals in the Lincoln, Nebraska location. Workshop topics are: Open Forum, 7th Tradition, Planning our Future/Role of Zones, and Triangle of Self Obsession The main business meeting will happen on Sunday.
<http://www.pszfna.org/images/jevents/57a11e233f6142.95490213.pdf>

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Jeffry and I will also travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin the last weekend in September to participate in the Multi-Zonal Service Symposium. Much information about this event can be found by visiting: [Home](#)



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We look forward to networking with other RD/RDA teams and bringing back useful and practical information that will benefit our Region and it's members.

Thanks for letting us serve you, we will see you all at the November RSC weekend in Salina.

Yours in Service,

Nate F.