

Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous

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Business Meeting Minutes May 21, 2017

The business meeting of the Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous was opened with a moment of silence by the Co-Chair at 8:05 am. The 12 Traditions were read and the 12 Concepts were read.

Housekeeping: The Chair called for all requests for funds, donations and motions.

Roll Call: The following trusted servants were present at the start of business on Sunday may 21, 2017. Area R.C.M.'s: Central KS Area, Fellowship For Freedom, Just For Today, Miracle Area, Never Alone, Never Again, Oz, Primary Purpose, Unity Area, Wichita Metro. **Not Present** was Western. **Subcommittee Chairs:** Archivist, Campout, Convention, Fellowship Development, NAWS Contact, PO Box, Public Relations, Restructuring Ad Hoc, Soul to Soul and Treasury Oversight. **Administrative Officers Present:** Co-Facilitator, Reg. Delegate, Alt. Reg. Delegate and Treasurer. Not present was Facilitator.

A. Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved as is.

B. Area Reports:

Central Kansas Area: Hello from CKA, It's good to be back after missing the February RSC. Please welcome LT (Tim), our new RCM II. We look forward to his fresh perspective on service at the Area and Regional level. All four groups continue to actively participate in the Area; Great Bend, Larned, Pratt, & Phoenix group of Salina. We feel fortunate to have members from all groups holding positions at the Area level. H&I continues to take meetings into Barton County jail, with a monthly meeting for men and one for women. Meetings are going into Ellsworth Correctional Facility medium camp twice each month and there has been some discussion about starting to take a meeting into the minimum side at a different time on the same evening, using the same volunteers. We have also discussed going into the Larned Correction Facility sometime in the future but right now there aren't enough active volunteers to make that happen. The Area policy has been changed to permit those who are still on criminal justice supervision to volunteer for H&I as long as they meet all other qualifications and it is permitted by the facility. Our H&I workgroup has sent out information to all group about Sponsorship Behind the Walls and hopes to see our Area and Region active in the project. The Area has added an H&I co-coordinator position and hope to have that filled next month. Our PR workgroup will have a booth at June Jaunt in Great Bend on June 3rd and Santa Fe Trail Days in Larned on June 10th. We also are looking at some potential booth opportunities in Pratt and Salina. We have asked to use the Regional PR table and cover as well as have regional meeting lists and business cards available. We hope that this simple project this year will lead to members in all the communities being excited about the PR opportunities we may have in the future. Our Area has developed a workgroup to investigate and possibly plan a women's retreat. We are currently researching locations that would be good for this type of event without breaking the bank. If you have any information that might be helpful please let Amber know. More will be revealed about this project. CKA groups continue to capture banners from each other but that activity has slowed down a bit over the winter months, hopefully it will revive now that the weather is warming up. Here's what else is going on in our groups. Great Bend "Living by Faith" will be hold their Day in the Park on June 17th starting at 3pm in Vets Park. Dinner will be at 5 with a speaker to follow. I heard a rumor there will be homemade brats for this event so bring your NA raffle/auction donations and your appetite and enjoy a great time.

Larned "Just for Today" group sadly had to close their Thursday night meeting due to lack of attendance, but reports good attendance at their Monday night meeting. They have installed new carpet and hope to have visitors come check out the new look. They have started planning their annual BBQ and may be in a new location this year. More will be revealed. Pratt "Tree of Life" group continues to grow, reporting double digit attendance at most meetings. Unity has been the unspoken theme for this group. They strived to have as many group members as possible attend MARCNA, eight of their members were there, many for their first convention.

Fellowship For Freedom Area: Hello family! FFFA is doing well! Our average Area attendance is 12 seated groups. We recently elected a new assistant treasurer.

*Public Relations just put new literature racks in Valeo Crisis Center, Hiawatha probation office and Court Services office.

*Outreach has a "Poke the Pig Posse Party Hog Roast" on July 15^{th.} They're planning to have a hog calling contest and a frog jumping contest. You can bring your own frog or buy one there to use in the frog race. There will also be a speaker and dance following the hog roast.

*H&I is currently taking meetings to the women's prison, Valeo, Mirror in Topeka and Hiawatha, and the Shawnee County Jail.

*Activities moved the disco dance to next Saturday, the 27^{th,} to be held at Lowman United Methodist Church beginning at 6 pm. Devon W. will be sharing her experience, strength and hope. There is also our annual Luau scheduled for June 17th in Manhattan; Elbow Binder, from Nebraska will be sharing his experience, strength, and hope.

In loving service, Julie B.

Just For Today Area: Hello regional family, JFT area is alive and well. We recently had a skating party and bake sale to raise money for our annual Mirror of Miracles campout in September. This is a free campout and fish fry and will be aheld at Big Hill Lake in Cherryvale in September. Flyer will be available soon. Next Saturday May 27th Pioneer group is having a 5K Poker walk to raise money for PI. Starts at the Kiwanis Shelter in Peter Pan Park in Emporia, KS. the best hand wins a 30th Anniversary Pioneer group coffee cup. For details contact Rod D. 620-757-6205 or Blue at 620-481-0106. June 2-4 will be Recovery Fest at Elk Lake in Independence, KS. Come and join us at the biggest and best campout in Kansas. On June 17, First Step group in Iola is having a cookout. Riverside Park in Iola. Eat at 4 pm, Amanda B. from Emporia is speaking at 6, raffle after speaker. Just for Today has a busy summer full of activities planned Everyone is invited to attend. We just finished updating and making revisions to our policy at our March ASC. It has been sent to groups for approval. The treatment center in Girard that we take the H&I panel to recently changed the guidelines for us to follow. We are now only allowed 2 people. We have a \$200 donation today. In loving service, Rich C.

Miracle Area: Dear Mid America: The message of recovery is very much alive in the Miracle Area. We are striving to serve the groups and give as much support as we can. Our Activities committee is the strongest it has been in years. A lot of dedication and passion has gone into planning these events. We have many warm bodies doing the work now, wherein the past, its fallen on one single person. Although the committee wrapped up the Cosmic Bowling event on March 31st, they turned right around and hosted a bonfire meeting on April 15th. Simultaneously, they were already planning our 1st Annual Spring Clean Campout, which took place on March 5th, 6th, and 7th. Friday night featured a dinner and campfire meeting. Saturday was nonstop, starting with breakfast, horseshoe and volleyball tournaments, and a total of 4 Narcotics Anonymous meetings. Kyle E. from Wichita shared his experience, strength and hope as the guest speaker. To show support, the groups donated a total of 25 different pieces of literature, which were given away at the event in one form or another. This was an ambitious event to plan, but the outcome was a massive success. We are looking forward to the activities committee reprising this next spring. Coming up this summer, A Day in the Park is scheduled for June 10^{th.} Plan on a lot of food, fellowship, and games at Dad Perry Park in Lawrence KS. The Annual Sponsorship Banquet will be on August 12th from 2:00 PM – 7:30 PM at the First United Methodist Church in Lawrence, KS. Admission is \$7 for singles, \$12 for couples with no addict turned away. We will be enjoying smoked brisket and pork butt. The Not So Famous group

volunteered to smoke the meat and facilitate the preparation of the meal. Look forward to Michelle C. from Topeka as the guest speaker and a question and answer panel, which will feature 2 males and 2 females. We will then finish off the summer with our Miracle Area Campout in September. Our group service is getting stronger. It's been tough for the Miracle Area to get people interested in service. After bringing it to general members' attention, we've started getting some results. We still don't have all the bodies we need to effectively sustain certain groups, but many members are crossing over to fulfill duties in groups other than what they consider their primary group. So far, this is working. We are still looking for ways to get general members excited about service. Lotta Soul carried a strong message on April 22nd with an event called "Lotta Palooza". The activity featured great speakers, food and fellowship at the 4H grounds in Lawrence KS. Step By Step continues to host their monthly wing-ding, although it has been moved to the first Monday of each month. New Beginnings is planning an evening of Serenity Under The Stars on June 24th from 6-11pm at the Lawrence Community Shelter. We'll be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs, an outside meeting, a game of hungry human hippos (look that up on YouTube!), and an outdoor movie using a projector. The Larrytown group's next quarterly potluck is set for June 17th. The groups also thank the Region for accepting the Convention bid for 2019. We all look forward to serving in this capacity soon! Our H&I subcommittee has had to make some tough decisions recently. A volunteer was removed from the committee for not carrying a clear Narcotics Anonymous message. Our PI team is exploring the idea of building a website dedicated to our area. The intent would be to showcase the meeting list, flyers, an events calendar, possibly archives, area policy, and minutes. This is still in its beginning stages; thus nothing is official yet. The groups have voted to YES to the regional motion regarding the new Treasury Oversight position. And finally, the Miracle Area is donating \$300 to the region this quarter. Thanks for allowing me to serve. Josh G.

Never Alone, Never Again: Good Morning Region, The Never Alone Never Again area is doing well and is continuing to progress in our development, we continue to revamp and develop our guidelines as our needs change and grow. We continue to be focused majorly on Hospitals and Institutions work and we continue to develop our strategy for our Public Relations outreach. We are carrying the message of Hope and Recovery into the following places; Valeo in Topeka on Monday and Wednesday and are looking at adding a Saturday meeting. Mirrors Inc in Topeka and are expanding to everyday, Sims Kemper in Topeka to the adolescents, and CKF in Junction City, were continuing dialog with Osage county jail, Restorations in Manhattan, and Stormont Vale Mental Health of Topeka. Our recent H&I fund raiser on May 6th saw 170 addicts and raised just over 1800\$. putting our H&I fund at just over 1900\$. We are looking at going into High Schools and Universities with posters and generic material to post on message boards that point to the phone lines and websites as a way to reach a an under served section of the public. One of our member groups, Dirty Little Secrets in Ogden, is experiencing some attendance issues. Mainly, a lack of attendance. they currently have two meetings a week but after this month are considering going to only one. Please, if your in the geographic area on a Tuesday or Saturday at 7:30 pm try to show your support and attend. We do not have any more events set in concrete in the short term but groups are beginning to get together and plan events for the summer, if you want information as it becomes available i will make sure you get just grab me later. also please if you have upcoming events please inform me as we like to keep our events calendar full. ILS, Jacob K

Oz Area: I apologize for missing the last 2 RSC'S. Life has been lifing me as of late. We're having an event June 3rd, sponsored by New Hope of Colby. I believe this is the 39th campout, and its still a free event. Its at Sheridan Lake, 8 miles east of Hoxie. Meals, speakers, & prizes for the biggest fish. Again this is a free event. We're still doing H & I work. It's incredibly rewarding. I did get an updated meeting list sent in, so our Area meeting list is current. The Norton group is thriving. The St Francis group is also doing well. The Goodland group is doing good, with lots of newcomers. The Colby group is doing great. The only group that's really struggling is Burlington Colorado. They're pool is very small. There is a flyer for the New Hope campout, but I don't have one today. In service, Nick Kane OZ RCM

Primary Purpose Area: Things are going well in our area. Hutchinson had a Carbash on May 5th in Hutchinson. Lyons had their St Patrick's fundraiser which was well attended. Newton H.O.W. is gearing up for our annual pre-campout campout May 26-29 at East Lake. Gift of Life will be having a campout on June 8-11, flyer is on the webpage. G.O.L. will also be having Back to Basics campout in September; more will be revealed. Our area is growing and attendance is good. our area meeting H&I and PI efforts are still going on Primary Purpose is up and running. we have 10-12 members and are working on getting an area meeting list done and updated. More will be revealed. In loving service, Becky B.

Unity Area Report: Unity Area had their quarterly meeting in Abilene. We rotate our meeting between our 9 groups. We have \$100 donation to our region today. Jon J

Wichita Metro Area Report: Good morning regional family! Wichita Metro Area is busy carrying the message of Narcotics Anonymous. Our Area has resumed campfire meetings at Watson Park on the 2nd Saturday of the month with each group hosting through September. Living Clean group is celebrating 4 years as a group June 17th in their Springing 4 Recovery event. Also their meetings will be moving to 7 pm from the current time of 8 pm as of June 177. Sowing the Seed group is planning a July 4th Celebration at Island Park. No flyer has been created yet for this event. The Wichita Metro Area Campout is also being planned for Sept 29 - Oct 1. at Lake Afton. A flyer will be available soon. H&I is currently taking meetings into 10 facilities 32 meetings per month and carrying the message to approximately 200 clients per month. PI maintaining several IP racks around the area. Efforts are being made to update contacts in cooperation with regional efforts. Southside Serenity and Plain-O groups are struggling with attendance but are receiving support from area groups who are attending their meetings. Financially we are regularly dipping into prudent reserve to conduct area business. we have a donation today of \$80 for region. At our most recent RSC on May 7th there was a concern shared about flyers and events not being posted on the area and regional sites. the webmaster emphasized the need to have flyers sent to her in order to get both sites updated. thank you for the opportunity to serve NA. In humble service, Schatzie T.

Western Area Report: not present, no report

C. Subcommittee Reports

Archivist: Hello family,

I set up and displayed archives once again at MARCNA, probably for the first time didn't have anyone try to buy any of it. I received a signed mini-banner, which has been added to the collection, and brought the six banners in our possession to be displayed. Those banners and other boxes of archives are now being stored in our storage unit, and I hope to continue moving boxes a few at a time so the documents or merchandise can be properly stored in one of the locking file cabinets. While at RSC I received MARCNA preregistration merchandise and a flash drive containing mp3 files of the speakers and workshops. Michelle is working on getting the rest of merchandise and maybe a full set of CDs with artwork to be added as well. Some of you saw a photo of the storage unit interior I posted on our facebook page. It appears the seal at the bottom of the door is deteriorating and allowing rain and dirt to blow in. The unit was in the poorest condition I have seen, if the region isn't interested in obtaining a climate controlled unit they ought to at least check on a different plain one. Brent K., who recently passed away in Wichita, was very much involved with the formation of this region and did service for the fellowship throughout his life. Many boxes, totes, and a file cabinet were delivered to this RSC to be turned over to archives by Brad S., also from Wichita. Brad also wants to address the region in behalf of Brent and his brother. The list of contents will be a time consuming labor of love, and will be presented next RSC in full. I've updated the flash drive containing Mid-America archives, and continue to add minutes from groups and areas as I receive them. If your area isn't emailing minutes to archivist@marscna.net then maybe consider bringing hard copies for the quarter to this meeting (RSC) and personally handing them over. I will scan them to be added to e-folders. That's about all I have this guarter. Gratefully serving NA, Tim S.

Campout: Catering Chair request the final amount of the budgeted amount. We budgeted \$1500 and we supplied the final \$700. Most all the food for the Friday and Saturday night meals are purchased. The \$700 is for breakfast and paper products, drinks, et al. Just a reminder that prior to KC being catering chair we spent nearly \$1500 for the Saturday night meal alone. The campout committee purchased 50 white t-shirts with this year's logo printed in black for the tie-dye event. Please pass along to the groups that are interested in being part of the tie-dye event and if children want to be involved they need to bring their own t-shirt/clothes. The committee decided to move the 2018 campout to Beloit, KS. Jon J. from Beloit is the co-chair and will either be the chair or find someone to be the chair for 2018. Jon will need much support from central Kansas folks to pull off this change. Jeffry

Convention: Hello family, MARCNA 34 was a success and we would like to thank all those that made that possible. We have some archives to turn over to the archivist, with more coming. We would also like to thank Tom again for an excellent job leading the committee and for his service! After all was said and done with the treasury we will be donating \$3,822.35 today. We also will be emailing a copy of the final treasurer's report to whomever is doing the minutes. MARCNA 35 kicked off yesterday by voting in 7 new members. The co-chair is Tony K. from Lawrence, treasurer is Shelley W. from Emporia, Arts & Graphics chair is Mike G. from Wichita, co-hospitality chair is Jo S. from Lawrence, co-programming is Jeffry from Lawrence, registration is Lynn P. from Emporia and co-registration is Flo from Independence. I would like to thank them for stepping up and for their service. We also set the meeting schedule for the next year and the locations for those meetings. If anyone would like a copy of that schedule please let me know. The theme and artwork were to be decided yesterday, however the committee decided at the arts and graphics chairs advice, to postpone for one month. So there is another 30 days for artwork and theme to be submitted. Please send those submissions to convention@marscna.net or jst42day89@cox.net please. The deadline is June 16th. There will soon be a save the date flyer and a speaker tape flyer circulating; be on the lookout for those. The committee also has discussed another topic that they wanted the region to know about. In November they will be meeting at 9 am from now on. They have discussed it at 2 different meetings and know about the possible conflicts and issues it could arise with the campout committee. However, they feel the benefits of moving the meeting far outweigh the conflicts. I brought this up at the events meeting yesterday and it was discussed. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Michelle Final Treasurer's report – ADDENDUM C

Fellowship Development: Hello family, We had another successful Fellowship Development meeting yesterday. Thank you to all of you who participated! We have an update on the Western Area! They will be having an area meeting on June 10th @ 5:30 at the Against All Odds meeting Hall in Dodge City. They are still having meetings. More will be revealed next quarter! FD Facilitator will be up in August for election, so this needs to be in the RSC minutes. Soul to Soul: This event is coming up quickly! September 22-24, 2017 @ Camp Chipewa, Ottawa, KS. I hope all of you can make it. Pre-registration is due by August RSC. It is \$75 for the whole weekend. They are going to be having a fundraiser on July 8th in Emporia from 11:30 -6:30 pm. Dinner at 4 pm. Speaker is Jan K. from Independence. This is her first time speaking, so come and support her! They will be doing a Silly Olympics Fundraiser and games will begin at 12 pm. They will be auctioning off a free registration to Soul to Soul. There is a flyer available for this event. Take one to post in your home group. MAN: This workgroup did not meet, however, there is concern because there have not been submissions. We would like to re-assess MAN printing and quantities that are needed for your groups and areas. We will be sending out a flyer for you to also post in your home group for articles. Please send your articles to newsletter@marscna.net. EVENTS: it was decided for May RSC event to cancel the campfire meeting and go support the local home group, due to weather. August RSC event was discussed and we decided we will be having our committee meetings at the community learning center and will be reserving a park shelter and having a BBQ dinner with hot dogs and hamburgers and are requesting #300 for this event, along with \$50 to reserve shelter. November RSC was also discussed. we will be renting the Friendship center for both days (Saturday & Sunday) and are requesting funds not to exceed \$340 to go ahead and get this reserved and are requesting to use the debit card for this. We will be having a gratitude meeting and for an event we will be doing Recovery Idol via Karaoke. We are going to ask Convention and Soul to Soul if we could give a free registration to the winner. We will request funds for entertainment for November at August RSC. we will be voting for winners of Recovery Idol via donation baskets. The person

with the most donations will be our Recovery Idol Winner! Campout and Convention will both meet at 9 am so the meetings don't get interrupted with the evening activities. We will be doing an auction and raffle also in November. The Service Assembly was also discussed. It was suggested to do a technology based GSA. We decided to have a GSA available in person and via Zoom. We do not have a date yet for this, but are thinking we will decide a date at August RSC. We would like to have this in Salina at the Learning Center. Some topics for webinars were discussed and some suggestions were: BMLT (basic meeting list tool), Sponsorship Behind the Walls, H&I regarding hookups during conventions. We would like some input if your groups or areas would like to see something in particular please let us know. We would like to present a motion to change the service assembly to bi-annually. This would make the service assembly every 2 years and it would be in the odd years. Thank you for allowing me to serve, ILS, Amber C & Ben T

NAWS Contact: Updated the database for two meetings in Ark City.

P.O. Box:

- Bill from City Blue Print for November MAN remaining balance
 - Gave to Treasurer
- Convention Merchandise Vending request
 - Gave to convention
- Donation from Oz Area
 - Gave to treasurer
- Letter from Shawnee County DOC inmate
 - Gave to Alan B
- From NAWS: 2016 Annual Report & in Brief and February Future of the WSC

 Gave to Daniel via LT
- Bill from Access Self Storage
 - Gave to treasurer

Public Relations:

Hello family from Public Relations, Our day started yesterday with an opportunity to be flexible. But after some adjustments to the agenda, we managed to get a lot done. Here's the breakdown;

During our basic PR meeting we discussed the BMLT and how to streamline the changes within all the entities that need the information; meetings lists, webpage, and phoneline. (Ed will give a little more information on this in person) It will be important for these workgroups to work together closely so that changes are shared across the board. Hopeful, somewhere in a future universe there will be a way to make one change that updates all of these locations.

We added two new workgroups. There is a group who will be working on putting together policy for the regional phoneline. Nate will lead this workgroup and Ed and Schatzie have volunteered to help out. We also have a workgroup that will be an extension of the Zonal project, Sponsorship Behind the Walls, to begin finding sponsors within our region to be part of this effort. Jeff will lead this workgroup so if you are interested, get in touch with him.

We look forward to hearing more from both of these new projects.

Here is what's going on in your standing workgroups:

Media – Megan was not present for the PR meeting but didn't have anything she need to meet about today. H&I – Alan helped out at an H&I training in Lawrence and he has also been doing some impromptu H&I trainings in Newton. H&I is willing to come to any area and provide H&I training. Please continue to encourage members to get involved in service.

Phoneline – There were 22 changes this quarter and those were entered prior to the meeting. There has been an average of 25 calls each month, most of those coming from the Wichita area and the majority of those accessing the meeting list. There have been about 1/8 of the callers wanting to speak to a live addict. The hours between 1 am and 8 am have not gone live yet and there doesn't appear to be any interest from the

volunteers to pick up these hours. This workgroup hopes to provide training each RSC during their breakout time. Please stress this opportunity at your areas and groups. The phoneline workgroup did point out that due to the amount of work necessary for all of the changes, they will go back to making changes on the computer instead of re-recording. Just a reminder – There is a flyer posted on the events calendar at marscna.net requesting phoneline volunteers.

Webpage – We discussed adding SSL Certificate for marscna.net site. We need certificate to comply with the expectations of financial institutions and credit card users for security when doing financial transactions over the web (such as online registration for convention or other event). Also need certificate so the BMLT meeting finder utility can use the location services of a mobile device. Ed has done the research and found this service for a reasonable costs and we hope to add this to the website. I will ask that the webservant give a more detailed explanation when we discuss the request for funds. He can also speak to any questions about the BMLT and where we are on the new webpage.

It was pointed out today that on the current website we need to add Ark City to the front page under Wichita Metro meeting link.

Presentations – This workgroups has 3 members who will be trained to be backup or fill-in presenters. They will be training during virtual meetings beginning June 4th, hoping to have a live audience for them to practice in front of at a regional weekend sometime soon. The Wichita event went smoothly but we were discouraged by the lack of professional attendees. We are returning \$264.04 from the \$350 allotted. The Topeka presentation is being planned and will hopefully have a better attendance. There are several people working on identifying potential attendees. This workgroup is also going to begin working on a webinar that can be presented to professionals virtually with a shorter time frame than the current live presentation. We also discussed putting together a learning module that could be posted to the regional website for professionals to view as a brief explanation about our fellowship.

I have turned in 3 requests for funds:

Up to \$350 to purchase meeting lists

Up to \$39.99 to purchase a case for the projector

Up to \$100 to add a security layer to our current website design.

In August 2017 the following PR positions will be open – PR coordinator and co-coordinator, phoneline coordinator, media coordinator and webpage coordinator. Please take these back to your groups. It was a very productive day and I am thankful for everyone's cooperation to get the work done despite the agenda changes we needed to make. I am always amazed at what we can get done when we work together. Thanks for letting me serve, Sally R. PR coordinator

Restructuring Ad Hoc: The Restructuring Ad Hoc met on May 4th and are submitting two motions:

- We are submitting Section IV Business Conduct to be sent back to groups for approval
- We are submitting updates to Section VIII (in respective subsections): Add two-year term limits to Facilitator, Co-Facilitator, Archivist, and NAWS Contact.

Beth N., Restructuring Ad Hoc Chair

Soul to Soul: - We have scheduled a fundraiser for Saturday July 8, 2017 from 1130 to 630 pm at Peter Pan Park in Emporia Kansas. Jan K from Independence will be our speaker at 5. We will serve hamburgers and hot dogs at 4 with baked beans, chips and potato salad. We will have silly Olympics starting at noon teams of two. \$5.00 per person per team. And \$5.00 to eat. Baked goods auction and two soul to soul preregistrations for raffle as well as other items. We have fundraising shirts for sale. Unfortunately I do not have them with me today. Sorry. They are \$15.00 apiece. Black with white writing. The dates for soul to soul is sept 22,23 and 24. &75.00 for the weekend. Horseback riding available for an additional \$15.00 this year. Great news you can register online through marscna.net. Our menu is planned for the weekend of soul to soul. Treasurer reports we currently have 200.00 in cash on hand and 962.52 in checking account. Thank you for letting me serve. Shelley W. 2017 soul to soul co-chair.

Treasury Oversight: Nothing to report at this time. In loving service, Michelle

D. Administrative Officers Reports:

Facilitator Report: Not present, nothing to report

Co- Facilitator Report: nothing to report.

Secretary: position open, nothing to report.

Regional Delegate Report: Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Delegate. It has been a long 5 years (extra year due to Misty moving). It has been a learning experience. My hope is that I served you well. I plan to concentrate my service work at my home group and as facilitator of the Plain States Zone for the next 18 months. I'll see you at events and in Lawrence. In service, Nate F.

Alt. Delegate Report: 3 webinars so far, 1st webinar was more focused on learning the technology **March** - **Change the planning timeline for this cycle**

- Off cycle year Gathering, Circulating and prioritization of ideas
 - NAWS is trying to have more consensus for ideas coming to the WSC
 - Involve the RD teams from the beginning of the cycle
 - Improve Communication and Collaboration among the regions
- Increased use of webinars for collaboration
 - Note: RD and RDAs will need computer skills
- Continued use of Workgroups, Workshops, Surveys and Direct Feedback
- Environmental scan survey (or some survey thereof) be one year after WSC
- October before WSC Finish input for:
 - Recovery Literature
 - Service Tools
 - o IDTs

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Breakout Groups

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What do you like about the approach? b. What don't you like?
- 2. How can we build on these ideas?
- 3. What other ideas could we consider?

April - HRP Scoring changes

- Proposed Changes to WSC
 - 1. Elimination of traditional formal business
 - 2. All Votes require 2/3rds passing votes
 - 3. Change the name of Old Business
 - *CAR* Discussion & Decisions
 - Changes to Motions are not considers if initial Straw Poll reflects consensus
 - 4. Changes to New Business
 - Divide New Business into two sessions
 - CAT Discussion & Decisions
 - Eliminate Formal Business
 - Changes to Motions are not considers if initial Straw Poll reflects consensus
 - New Proposals submitted at the WSC
 - Of the 33 New business proposals, only 5 carried
 - Have a session dedicated to Prioritizing New Proposals
 - Limit to two 90 minute sessions
 - Goal: End Friday Session at a reasonable time (Not 1am)
 - Voting Thresholds
 - A mess in 2016
 - To pass must be 2/3rds
 - Small Group discussion focused on the Above

- I mentioned MANY New Business Proposals are a "reaction" to the results of Old Business
- I proposed that New business proposals due 1 hour prior to CAR Session

Annual Report is out for consumption. Much good information about global fellowship development. The link to 2015-2016 NAWS Annual Report:

https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/reports/ar/2016/AR2016 Web.pdf

Treasurer Report:

SEE ADDENDUM B

Co-Treasurer Report: Position is open.

Break at 10:15 am to 10:30 am. Roll Call was then done.

E. Open Forum:

Newsletter Discussion:

The MAN Editor brought up that over the last three quarters, and also according to the prior editor, we may not be prudently using our funds to circulate the newsletter. There have been about 5 submissions in the last 8 quarters and that is all. Not sure if people are ignoring it or if they are reading it and throwing it away or if people just don't care. I'm not sure if it's being used and I don't think it's a waste of money if it's not being used. We have been printing it for so many years and I looked through the archives and noticed that as the years go by there were plenty of submissions that dwindle down year by year and then you start to notice "reprinted from" over and over again. I'm having a hard time seeing that this is a prudent use of our funds where we could use the funds elsewhere to further our primary purpose. So instead maybe we do away with it or just do it online only. I have put 2 questions in the newsletter a quarter with no response, I've talked to people and asked for input and received none and I am at a loss here. The people who have participated I am truly grateful to. But I am at a loss and I need input.

The RDA mentioned that he is in a paperless job, so to speak, and thinks that putting the newsletter online is a good idea and that most people do not use paper. He posed the question that maybe we could make the MAN a blog. Maybe having a modern delivery method would be helpful.

The Archivist mention that it has always been stated that it had to be published, but never how it had to be published. We can evolve.

LT mentioned that he doesn't read paper at all, but when he was behind the wall, he did then. He believes that we should modernize it for those on the outside, but should also consider those on the inside that can't get these kind of things.

PR Co-Facilitator mentioned that we still need a way to edit those writings in some manner. the RCM's need to make sure that we are getting that information to their home groups about supporting the MAN.

It could be put in a more printer friendly version for the Area's when it's put online so it can be printed as needed by those Areas and their donation adjusted accordingly. This way the information is still getting out. See if she is not getting any articles, it means you all don't really want a newsletter. We need to listen to the fellowship, sometimes we vote with our hands and sometimes we vote with our lack of action/interest.

The former MAN editor also mentioned that not everyone is online and nor do they want to be. we need to remember those people in the community.

Maybe we can print the newsletter as needed. So maybe we can ask the areas to reassess their needs when it comes to the newsletter and maybe we can cut down the number we print.

Then the archivist mentioned that once upon a time areas used to swap newsletters. The MAN Editor the reiterated the fact that the Fellowship Development asked the Areas to reassess their needs.

Western Area Discussion: Jeff (Co-Facilitator) and Nick (Oz) are going. June 10th at 5:30 pm at 509 N 2nd Ave in Dodge City to the Western Area Meeting. Other members from Oz are going as well. Sally mentioned that this is good guidance for us

Does the **<u>storage unit</u>** pay for the strip on the bottom of the door at the unit? Maybe we need to check into that and get that issue fixed.

Our insurance is due for renewal in August. The company has contacted us, tentative premium is about \$6,000.00, it used \$5,623.00. Jon stated that the RD's mentioned that other regions were paying less, and do we need to look into that. Debby then explained the premiums and how the policy worked, and they rated us differently than other regions. That is why there is a difference.

F. Old Business:

- **1. Elections:** please do not applaud, for reasons stated previously
 - a. Secretary no willingness, please take back to groups
 - **b.** Co-Secretary no willingness, take back to groups
 - c. Co-Treasurer no willingness, take back to groups
 - d. RD Jeffry nominated and accepted. He qualified himself. Congratulations!
 - e. RDA Rod is willing. He qualified himself. Congratulations!
 - e. P.O. Box LT is willing, but does not meet the clean time requirements or participation requirements. RCM's waived the participation requirement and the clean time requirement. LT then qualified himself. Congrats LT!

2. Motion 021917-002 By Treasury Oversight - Passed

AREA	Central	FFF	JFT	Miracle	Oz	NA, NA	PPA	Unity	Wichita Metro
VOTE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes

***The Treasury Oversight Committee has now been dissolved and there is now an open position of Treasury Oversight Member.

3. Zonal Representation on the floor at WSC 2018 - Back to groups again

Break 12:05 - 12:20 pm. Reopened with Roll Call.

G. New Business:

1. Insurance: Policy is due to expire. Tentative premium is \$6000, current is \$5,623.00. Do we continue to carry the policy? I make a proposal that we renew our insurance policy, based on the tentative cost of \$6000.00, if an increase of \$500.00 or more is noted, we will bring back to region to discuss. Seconded. Intent: so we are not delinquent on payment.

AREA	Central	FFF	JFT	Miracle	Oz	NA, NA	PPA	Unity	Wichita Metro
VOTE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

2. Motion 052117-001 From Fellowship Development

Motion: To change the Service Assembly to be bi-yearly. **Intent:** To have a more informative well thought out service assembly and this would be on the odd number years beginning this year 2017. **Take back to groups.**

3. Motion 052117-002 from Restructuring Ad Hoc

Motion: Add to Section VIII of policy (in respective subsections): 2 year term limits for Facilitator, Co-Facilitator, Archivist, NAWS Contact. Intent: Include term limits in policy. Back to Groups.

4. Motion 052117-003 from Restructuring Ad Hoc

Motion: To send back to groups Section IV Business Conduct for approval. **Intent:** Reconciles business language. **Back to Groups. SEE ADDENDUM A**

5. Money ...

Housekeeping - Alliance Agency \$1405.75, Access Self Storage \$912.00, August Rent \$100, Key Deposit \$50 = \$2467.75 **Other** - August RSC Events Start up \$50, Food & Supplies August RSC \$300, MAN \$250, Meeting lists \$350, November RSC Rent \$340 (Friendship Center), Security layer for web site \$100, Carry Case for projector \$39.99, Move money to PR Escrow from general funds \$500, Secretary expenses \$25 = \$1954.99

6. Brad - From Brent K.'s Family. A letter was read and a donation of \$500.00 was given to us. A copy of the letter is at the end of the minutes. ADDENDUM D

Discussion about where money is to go that Brent left us.

7. Setting Prudent Reserve

The treasurer suggested \$6000.00 to be our prudent reserve again. There was no objections. Prudent reserve is \$6000.00 for the fiscal year 2017-2018.

8. Donation to World

A donation to World will be made in the amount of \$228.00.

The meeting was closed at 1:42 pm. We circled up and closed in the usual manner.

<u>OPEN POSITIONS</u>: Regional Secretary, Regional Co-Secretary, Regional Co-Treasurer, and Treasury Oversight member.

If you need the requirements for the positions that are open, please refer to the regional policies that are posted on the regional website.

ADDENDUM A

IV. Business Conduct

A. General

- 1. To aid areas and groups in their primary purpose to carry the message of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 2. All Regional trusted servants are accountable to the RSC each quarter.
- 3. In order to vote on any business, the quorum shall be 2/3 of seated areas in MARSCNA.
- 4. Other conduct of business will follow in this order: The Mid America Regional Guidelines, <u>A</u> <u>Guide to Local Service in Narcotics Anonymous.</u>
- 5. Elections and financial issues will be in old business.
- 6. Policy
 - a. Policy changes must go back to groups first. After consideration by the groups, a 2/3 majority of the seated areas is required to pass the policy change.
 - b. Co-Facilitator maintains a log of changes that the MARSCNA passes regarding the administrative function of its committees and officers. This list should be chronological and distributed quarterly with the MARSCNA minutes by the secretary. A yearly updated log should be inserted into the Policy/Guidelines of the MARSCNA.
 - c. Every two (2) years the policy should be printed with any additions and/or changes to be redistributed to the members of the RSC.
 - d. The log will be compiled once a year as supplemental pages at the February RSC. The supplemental pages will be distributed by the co-facilitator, to all RCM's, sub-committees, workgroups and regional officers at the May RSC for placement into the current MARSCNA Policy/Guidelines Manual.
 - e. As needed a workgroup may be formed that will review and make revision recommendations of the MARSCNA Policy/Guidelines Manual. They will submit recommendations to the MARSCNA.
- 7. A quorum change can be made if a seated area is not represented at two consecutive RSC's. (This is not a removal from the Region, just from the quorum).
- 8. All members should be considerate and refrain from dominating discussion. If a member is dominating or being inconsiderate it shall be addressed by the floor of the RSC.
- 9. To accomplish an expeditious forum we will generally have:
 - a. Motions
 - b. Seconds
 - c. Discussion
 - d. Motions for discussion to cease
 - e. Vote to cease discussion
 - f. Read the Motion
 - g. Vote on the Motion

B. Voting

1. Voting is to determine God's will as expressed through group conscience; it is not to determine personal opinion. The exercise of group conscience is the act by which our members bring the spiritual awakening of our 12 steps directly to bare in resolving issues affecting Narcotics Anonymous.

- 2. Vote results to be recorded by the Secretary and placed in the minutes
 - a. All votes pertaining to elections will be recorded as Support or Opposition.
 - b. An abstention vote is neutral, when an abstention vote is the majority, the motion will be sent back to the maker, or the groups for additional consideration.
 - c. Elections will be carried out using a simple majority rule, by show of hands, either indicating support or opposition of the member presented for the nomination to the floor.
- 3. All motions/items made at the RSC or motions/items sent back to the groups shall include financial impact statement and intent.
- 4. Voting Participants
 - a. RCM's are voting participants on the RSC floor.
 - b. All members are voting participants in workgroups/subcommittees unless otherwise defined by said workgroup or committee.
- C. <u>Removal of Officers</u>
 - 1. Voluntary: Notice shall be given in writing to the RSC Chair prior to the next RSC meeting.
 - 2. Involuntary
 - a. Two (2) consecutive meetings missed.
 - b. Relapse during term of office
 - c. RSC retains the option to remove an officer of the RSC in the case of gross negligence or fraud, by a 2/3 majority of the RSC.

Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous Treasurer Report – May 21, 2017 RSC

	Beginning Balance				\$ 13,522.32
Income:					
11/21/2016	Area/group donations	\$ 1	,700.00		
	Subcommittee donations	\$ 1	,335.00		
	returned monies/other	\$	135.79		
					\$ 3,170.79
					\$ 16,693.11
Expenses:					
2/19/17 #1476	Alliance Agency - insurance			\$ 1,405.75	
2/19/17 # 1477	Salina Public Library -			100.00	
2/19/17 # 1478	Amber - Key deposit			50.00	
4/8/17 #1484	PO Box			76.00	
5/19/17 #1480	City Blue - MAN May			206.40	
5/20/17 #1481	City Blue-Mtg List May-			335.40	
2/19/17 #1482	Amber - start up funds May			50.00	
2/19/17 #1483	Jeffry L - Projector			600.00	
4/8/17 #1485	City Blue - Remaining balance Nov 16 MAN			8.60	
					\$ 2,832.15
	Bank Balance				\$ 13,860.96
	Less: Prudent Reserve				\$ 6,000.00
	Sub-total				\$ 7,860.96
	Less: Escrows				
	Fellowship Development			\$ 1,238.76	
	Public Relations			141.45	
	Rent			416.30	
	Insurance (through Nov 17)			1,176.50	
	Phoneline (due Aug17) (ACH)			560.00	
	*Storage (due Feb 17)			666.90	
	P. O. Box (due Feb. 17)			87.50	
	Web Page (due Sept. 17)			360.00	
	RDA (due Feb. 18)			1,250.00	
	Total Escrows				\$ 5,897.41
	Spendable Balance				\$ 1,963.55

ADDENDUM C

MARCNA 34 Final Treasurer's Report

Date	Ck #	Transaction descriptions	Income	Expense	Balance
6/1/16		balance forward	4921.68		4921.68
6/19/16	1481	Michelle - copies reimb		8.73	4912.95
6/20/16		Deposit - fundraising	583.27		5496.22
8/1/16		Deposit - fundraising	59.00		5555.22
8/20/16		Deposit - fundraising	165.00		5720.22
8/20/16	1482	Annette V FR (Auction/Raffle)		500.00	5220.22
9/1/16	1483	Wells Design - Tank Tops		933.66	4286.56
9/18/16		Deposit - fundraising	154.00		4440.56
9/18/16	1484	Danita S A/G (banners for Conv)		225.00	4215.56
9/18/16	1485	Linda R Reg (supplies)		550.00	3665.56
10/16/16		Deposit - fundraising	50.00		3715.56
10/16/16	1486	Linda R Reg (PO Box)		64.00	3651.56
11/21/16		Deposit - Registrations	283.00		3934.56
11/21/16	1487	Annette V FR (FR items)		300.00	3634.56
12/18/16		Deposit - A&G ret. Monies	10.00		3644.56
12/18/16		Deposit - Fundraising	210.00		3854.56
12/18/16		Deposit - freturned monies FR	13.36		3867.92
12/18/16	1488	Michelle - printer ink		20.00	3847.92
12/18/16		Deposit - Registrations	773.00		4620.92
12/18/16		Deposit - Reg/Pay Pal	720.45		5341.37
1/13/17		Deposit - Registrations	476.00		5817.37
1/14/17	DC	SW Air - A Freeman Travel		385.48	5431.89
1/17/17	DC	Expedia - Travel 2 Speakers		1285.20	4146.69
1/22/17		Deposit - Reg/Pay Pal	161.26		4307.95
					4307.95
1/22/17	DC	Expedia -Travel		522.60	3785.35
2/4/17		Deposit - Reg/Pay Pal	218.62		4003.97
2/4/17	DC	Wells Design - Shirts/Sweats		1308.49	2695.48
2/9/17	DC	Prec Printing -Badges		1119.89	1575.59
2/14/17	DC	Wells Designs - merchandise		1500.00	75.59
2/13/17		Deposit - pay pal	496.39		571.98
2/14/17	DC	Deposit - hotel		500.00	71.98
1/19/17		Deposit - pay pal	85.00		156.98
1/19/17		Deposit - pay pal	97.00		253.98
1/19/17		Deposit - pay pal	156.00		409.98
1/19/17		Deposit - pay pal	209.00		618.98
1/19/17		Deposit - pay pal	119.00		737.98
1/19/17		Deposit - pay pal	112.00		849.98
1/19/17		Deposit - pay pal	126.00		975.98

2/13/17	1	deposit-reg	152.00		1127.98
2/13/17		deposit - reg	179.00		1306.98
2/13/17		deposit - reg	110.00		1416.98
2/13/17		deposit - reg	232.00		1648.98
2/17/17	1489	stop paymnet fee		30.00	1618.98
2/17/17	1490	City Blue Print		92.45	1526.53
1/17/17		deposit registration pay pay	1412.58		2939.11
2/18/17	DC	Office Max - hospitality/Oxford		33.45	2905.66
3/6/17		deposit	100.00		3005.66
2/21/17		deposit	1102.00		4107.66
3/3/17		deposit - reg	100.00		4207.66
3/6/17		deposit - reg	217.00		4424.66
2/18/17		Deposit - paypal	165.81		4590.47
3/2/17		Deposit - paypal	562.18		5152.65
3/18/17		Deposit - paypal	105.30		5257.95
3/19/17	1491	Greg K - hospitality money		1000.00	4257.95
3/21/17	1492	Start up cash		600.00	3657.95
3/26/17	1493	Michelle - Hosp start up		100.00	3557.95
3/24/17	1494	Lee Taylor - DJ		200.00	3357.95
3/25/17	1495	Richard - VOIDED		0.00	3357.95
3/25/17		DEPOSIT	5773.32		9131.27
		Shaw - WRSO (Gene mug			
3/25/17	1496	collection)		200.00	8931.27
3/25/17		Deposit PP	577.02		9508.29
3/26/17		Deposit PP	719.62		10227.91
3/26/17	1497	Tom M - reimb baquets/batteries		125.76	10102.15
3/26/17	1498	Michelle - supplies		18.04	10084.11
3/26/17	1499	BW Wichita - VOID		4395.00	5689.11
3/26/17	1500	Wells Designs - merchandise		3636.87	2052.24
3/28/17	DC	Wells Designs - merchandise		2585.95	(533.71)
3/27/17		Depoisit for Sat	7876.11		7342.40
3/27/17		Deposit for Sun	803.62		8146.02
3/28/17		Best Western (cashiers check)		3895.00	4251.02
3/28/17		Deposit	4395.00		8646.02
2/27/17		Fees - returned check		46.00	8600.02
3/20/17		deposit	216.33		8816.35
4/2/17	DB	fee refund from bank	6.00		8822.35
					8822.35
					8822.35
3/31/17		Seed for MARCNA 35		5000.00	3822.35

ADDENDUM D

Mark S. Kidd 1608 SW High Topeka, KS 66604

May 9, 2017

Mid America Region Narcotics Anonymous P.O.Box 3534 Salina, KS 67401

To those who were the true spiritual brothers and sisters of my brother, Brent Kidd,

On behalf of the family into which Brent was born, we thank you for being the support and love for our brother that his birth family was not able to be. We recognize the enormous love so many of you had for him, and are grateful that he had you in his life.

In recognition of the great importance you had in his life, I would appreciate it if you could use the enclosed funds in a way similar to how Brent would have spent it. We know the conventions and annual campout were enormously important to Brent, as was the distribution of literature and keeping of the archives.

One last legacy that our shared brother may be able to impart to us may be somewhat more difficult.

My family and I, at the time of Brent's death and memorial service, were overcome with awe at the life Brent had built for himself, and so securely kept from us. We will never know the impact there could have been had we known the Brent you knew. Yes, opening oneself up to others involves risk of judgment and disappointment, but it could turn out to be, as I would like to believe it would have in our case, an opportunity for reconciliation and real appreciation.

If you could give your families a chance to see the people you have become, you might find that those family members might have grown a little, too. Or they could be the same crap... but if you don't let them see, you'll never know.

I hope that Brent, in his death, knows how proud we are to call him our brother.

Sincerely. mbs Kill

Mark Kidd

BRENT ALAN KIDD

October 10, 1954 - April 13, 2017 Wichita, Kansas

Memorial Service Asbury United Methodist Church 2801 West 15th Street North, Wichita, KS 67203 Wednesday, April 19, 2017 1:30 p.m.

Officiating Rev. Rob Winslow



Brent Alan Kidd was born on October 10, 1954, the second child of Guy Sterling and Charlene (Miller) Kidd. He attended Wichita North High School and Wichita State University, where he explored his interests in the then-emerging field of computer technology. In his youth, Brent attended Asbury United Methodist Church.

Brent worked at several different jobs through the years, but found his true calling in life was helping others to overcome addiction. He spent countless hours, over the 33 years since he took his own firm steps toward freedom from alcohol and drugs, in giving of himself to help others do the same. Whether it was to help others get to meetings, provide a safe place to spend a night or two, or simply to hold a hand and listen, Brent was tireless in his mission of helping others as he had been helped. He is specially remembered for his vast and varied music collection, which he share with others from several states as a disc jockey for numerous events.

Brent is survived by his sister, Belinda Kidd, Wichita; his brother Mark (Mary Beth) Kidd, Topeka; his nephew, Connor Kidd, Overland Park; and several cousins. Loved as he was by his birth family, it is his chosen family, the people he met and spent so much time with in service to those in recovery, who will miss him the most. His siblings honor this chosen family with gratitude that the coin commemorating his 33 years of sobriety can be buried with his cremations.

Mahatma Gandhi is credited with having written "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." By that measure, Brent was truly a man who found himself. We are all grateful to have known him along his way.



MID AMERICA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE 2017 AUGUST QUARTERLY MEETING

<u>At The Learning Center</u> <u>308 W Elm, Salina, Kansas 67401</u>

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Saturday, August 19th

<u>9:00 am -11:00am</u>	Convention
<u> 11:00am - 11:30 am</u>	Public Relations
<u> 11:30 am - 1:00 pm</u>	Public Relations Break-Out Sessions H&I, Web, Phoneline, Communications, etc.
<u>1:00 pm - 1:30 pm</u>	Public Relations Wrap-Up
<u>1:30 pm - 2:30 pm</u>	LUNCH BREAK
<u>2:30 pm - 3:00 pm</u>	Fellowship Development
<u>3:00 pm - 4:30 pm</u>	Fellowship Development Break-Out Sessions MAN, Soul to Soul, Events, etc.
<u>4:30 pm - 5:00 pm</u>	Fellowship Development Wrap-Up
<u>5:00 pm – 7:00 pm</u>	Campout
<u>7:00 pm – 9:00 pm</u>	Bar-B-Que In The Park Jerry Ivey Park, Shelter #1, Salina, KS

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETINGSunday, August 20thGeneral business, motions, request for funds.

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