



MARSNA
PO Box 3534
Salina, KS.
67402-3534
www.marsna.net

May 20th, 2018 Minutes

- Ⓝ Jeff opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- Ⓝ Dusty C. read the 12 Traditions
- Ⓝ Lora B. read the 12 Concepts
- Ⓝ First roll call – 7 areas represented (*1 more added before business sessions started, bringing 8 out of 10.*)
- Ⓝ May 2018 minutes were approved without objection.
- Ⓝ Area reports were given:

Ⓝ **Central Kansas Area:**

Hello from CKA,

Recovery is happening in the Central Kansas Area. We have some open positions at the area: Co-Chair; RCM II; H&I Co-Coordinator; and Web Contact.

We have some area events coming up: Women's Retreat Fundraiser June 9th, Noon - 4 pm. It's a Guided Painting event. Everyone is welcome to participate. It is taking place at the Phoenix Group meeting Hall in Salina. The CKA Women's Retreat is Oct. 12-14. At our next area, we will start working on Christmas Dreams and more will be revealed. H&I at Ellsworth is going good, with 7 volunteers.

Great Bend "Living by Faith" will be having a pie night at their June 1st, 8pm Birthday Night celebration. Come eat some pie and listen to Daniel C. share his ESH. We still met on Sundays and Wednesdays @ 5:30p; Tuesday @ Noon; Fridays and Saturdays @ 8pm. "Living by Faith" will not be having their "Day in the Park" but are discussing a Speaker Jam in late fall. More will be revealed.

Kinsley "Midway NA" meets Tuesday @ 7:30. They need support at their meeting. Area has started some Outreach for the next couple months. Stop by and visit or road trip down for a meeting. Larned "Just for Today" meets Mondays @ 7pm and Thursdays @ 7:30p. The Thursday is a new meeting and is doing well. The Rib Feed is set for September 22nd @ 3pm. More will be revealed. Pratt "Tree of Life" hosted a potluck dinner prior to last area meeting. It was well attended. They have no events scheduled at this time. They are meeting on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays @ 8pm. Salina "Phoenix Group" meets 8a & 8p Sundays; 5:30p & 8p Mondays; 7p Tuesdays; 12:15p & 8p Wednesdays; 7p Thursdays; 12:15p & 8p Fridays; 10:30a & 8p Saturdays. They are hosting speakers Joey R. May 30th, Beth N. June 16th, and John W. June 27th. Their Annual Campout is June 22nd -24th at Kanopolis Lake, in the same location at Venango Park.

I believe that's it. We have a proposal for the area to centralize the CKASC. More will be revealed. We also have a \$200 donation.

Grateful to serve, Dusty C. CKA RCM

Ⓝ **Fellowship for Freedom Area:** *absent*

Ⓝ **Just For Today Area:** Hello Regional family,

JFT area is still having good attendance at most of its meetings. Last weekend we supported a flyer drive in Neodesha to help the "Misery is Optional" group get the word out about their meeting time and location.

We hope to see all of you the first weekend in June at "Recovery Fest" in Independence, KS at Elk City Lake. Everything is ready and we are excited. We have speakers lined up from Colorado, Missouri, and Oklahoma, as well as our home group speaker Saturday afternoon. We have activities for the kids, workshops, pulled pork barbeque, campfire meetings, a dance both nights and raffle and auction as well. Bring the whole family, there's something to do for

everyone. We are working hard to have another awesome weekend of fellowship, fun, and carrying the message. We expect this year to once again be the largest campout in the state.

The "Never Alone" group in Sedan will be having their 2nd annual speak and eat on Saturday June 16th. Doors open at 1, first speaker at 2, eat at 3:30, 2nd speaker at 5. Followed by raffle and bake sale. Raffle and bake sale items needed. Main dish will be provided, please bring a side.

Pioneer group in Emporia will be having a "Nature Roundup" campout at John Redmond Reservoir June 22-24. Speaker meetings Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Saturday evening meal will be provided.

All of the these flyers can be found on the regional website. We have a \$200 dollar donation today.

Thanks for letting me be of service,

Rich C., JFT RCM

 **Miracle Area:** Hello family!

Things are plugging away in Miracle Area!

We currently have 40 meetings that are regularly meeting weekly, and our attendance at these meetings continues to grow. Many of these meetings are literature study meetings and there has been an emphasis on getting literature to newcomers. This effort has been well received by all!

H & I efforts are continuing to grow and are reaching addicts inside the Douglas County Jail and First Step at Lakeview women's treatment facility located in Lawrence. An H & I literature fundraiser will be held in Lawrence on June 23rd. More information about this and all other Miracle Area events can be found online at www.miraclearea.com or www.marscna.net

A CAT/CAR workshop was held in April in Lawrence and was attended by 8-10 addicts. The May 5th campout was well attended and all attending addicts reported having a wonderful time! Miracle Area is excited to host the 2019 Mid-America Narcotics Anonymous Regional Convention!

Sherri G. has been voted in as the areas Chair and Tony K. was voted in as Co-chair. We thank Chris H. for his tireless service to the area, and look forward to the continued service of Sherri and Tony.

During the January ASC, Miracle Area member Nate F. brought forward an issue he wanted to see the area and region support. The Florida region FIPT, was/is an issue that Nate expressed a tremendous amount of interested in, and resulted in the Miracle area voting in favor of bring a motion to the Mid-America region floor requesting support of the Florida region. This was supposed to have been brought to the RSC floor in February. Due to an unexpected family issue, I was not able to attend February's RSC and the motion was not brought to the floor. I hope that the area and region will accept my humblest of apologies and help guide me in what (if any) next steps should be taken in this matter.

The Miracle Area is donating \$500.00 to region.

In grateful service,
Elizabeth S.

Never Alone, Never Again Area: Good morning region from the never alone never again area of narcotics anonymous.

Not much new to report from our area things are beginning to stabilize as we come into our peak season. It seems that like in our active addiction we get more active with the warmer weather.


We recently held our second annual h&I fundraiser and while the numbers are still out initial reports are that it was a success.

Currently we are carrying meetings into 7 facilities and are looking to add another 7. We'd also like to thank the miracle area for their members who have come to bolster our numbers.


Would also like to thank the outgoing convention committee for allowing Topeka to host the convention and bringing good people n recovery to our home.

lls

Jacob K. rcm nana

 **Oz Area:** *No report submitted*

 **Primary Purpose Area:** *absent*

 **Unity Area:** Unity ASC Report

Our area meeting was held at Club 86 in Beloit. Representatives from Hays, Beloit, Concordia, Abilene, and Salina were in attendance. No one from Herrington or Minneapolis showed. We have a donation of \$100 for region. I did get the Freedom Club in Concordia, KS to list their meeting on the regional meeting list, they do not want to part of the area.

Jon J. – RCM, Unity

 **Western Area:**

Greetings again from Western Area. I am happy to report that we are alive, well, and doing better each quarter. After doing some outreach to other groups in our area, I think we've finally got a current meeting list. This is very exciting news because most of our information was old and outdated.

I'm happy to report that we have 3 new groups in our area; Garden City, Meade, and Lakin. The meeting list has been forwarded to Ed on the Mid America website.

We met March 3rd and we had 23 people in attendance for our area meeting. This is exciting news because we started out with 4 people + Jeff R. almost a year ago. Our area continues to grow and communication is still key. Making new contacts and reaching out to other groups has been very beneficial. We did decide on having future area meetings in Liberal due to this being a more centralized location and the facility will accommodate our needs. We are still meeting every quarter the month after the RSC. This seems to be adequate for now.

We have our first area campout planned for June 15th through the 17th. I was surprised with the willingness for a

campout committee and they have done an excellent job so far on planning the event. I'm looking forward to this camp out along with many other members. We will hold our next area meeting on June 17th after the Sunday speaker at the lake. We are still in need of your junk. Your trash is our treasure. We will take anything that your groups want to get rid of for raffle items or literature, we'll use it. We currently raffle off some of the craziest things you ever seen that are not NA related. The raffles at our events have proven to be decent money generator. The money provides us with the ability to continue purchasing literature and key tags from NA World services.

I am bringing a \$50 donation from Against All Odds. Money Matters for the area seem to be in a positive standing. We are using our area money to secure campsites. Each group seems to be in the "we can pay the rent" financial standing. Except for the newer groups and some of the smaller attended groups struggle financially to be fully supported. We have done our best to help the new groups out with care packages of a basic text and key tags. I've done my best to direct our new groups towards the Mid America website along with NA.org for meeting materials and upcoming events.

The addicts on asphalt concept has been pitched to our area. We are encouraging our members to travel outside of the home groups to experience new meetings and grow relationships.

Probably the most exciting news of all in Western Area is the willingness. We've got some really good members that would like to see Western Area grow and thrive in the future. We are looking forward to our second year.

In loving service,
Spencer J.

 **Wichita Metro Area:**

Good morning family,

Things at the last Wichita Metro Area Service Committee happened and I'm almost at a loss as to how to report. I believe in reporting accurately, but I am struggling with how to do this 1) Truthfully, 2) without creating controversy, 3) without gossiping, 4) avoiding personalities, 5) promoting unity, & 6) while focusing on solutions.

During service meetings I have found that oftentimes people with good intentions become passionate in making points & controversy ensues. Although I don't want to rehash "he-said she said", I do think not mentioning this shows being transparent in my reporting & borders on being deceitful.

The discussion concerned an event being planned by our activities chair, a fishing day at El Dorado Lake on June 2nd. A heated discussion occurred which, in my humble opinion revealed the need for a calm discussion on the Traditions & how they can be applied in our discussion process in a Spiritual way. I believe a robust training would be helpful at an area event, but no solutions were suggested by our body as to when and where. Hopefully the Spirit of Unity will prevail, allowing WMA to move past recent events.

Business has been conducted and some things have changed for the first time in quite a while. We now have a PI chair, we elected an RCM, and I expressed willingness to commit to Alt. RCM and was elected. Then the RCM stepped down, but we didn't vote on RCM position. We also didn't vote on the RSC donation, it is written in policy that we give an \$80 donation, but since that would have taken us in to prudent reserve, we would have needed a vote by GSRs. However, the amount for gas and lodging for RCM was increased, and since I stayed with a friend last night, I have the \$80 donation in cash from the amount allotted for travel.

We have resumed campfire meetings at Watson Park, with the intent of each group hosting/facilitating a month. This is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month through September. A fishing event, "Fishing with NA", is being held at shelter #2 at El Dorado Lake on June 2nd. A meeting will be held at 7 am, a speaker at 6:30 pm at the lake. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, along with condiments. Please bring a side dish and enjoy fishing on free-fishing day. June 23rd Living Clean will be holding their "5 to Stay Alive" event celebrating 5 years. Doors open at 4, \$3.00 per person, \$5.00 per couple. Buy a shirt, get in free! A "4th of July" event is being planned, no flyer yet. Sowing the Seed group will be celebrating 9 years on Sunday, Oct. 7th at Island Park main pavilion, beginning at 3 pm.

PI and H&I are moving along. Discussions have already commenced about PI with the acquisition of a chair and co-chair. In closing, I would like to bring to the forefront that how we conduct business matters. It is quite possible that new members or groups are interested in becoming involved in service work. It is our responsibility and obligation to ensure that this aspect of recovery is attractive to our members. When we conduct ourselves in ways which are attractive, people want to get involved, when we don't, they don't, which impacts our fellowship in ways we cannot imagine.

Yesterday my closest friend from my past life died. We all know people who qualify for membership, remember the addicts who still suffer...the ones not here yet, the ones just coming in, and those who have been around and are still hurting.

In Humble Service,

Schatzie T.

Subcommittee Reports:

Archivist - Hello family,

Today marks 10 years for me as archivist, and sadly, the documents, paraphernalia, audio and video, and anything worth archiving have just recently made it to a clean, climate controlled facility. So now the work begins, most has been loosely filed, in no particular order, and what was locked away in the file cabinets has accumulated a layer of dust.

The task of archiving is always ongoing, not so much with electronic files being emailed, but with older documents that come in and need scanning, as well as speaker cassettes needing transferred. Over the years I have been selective with what gets scanned or converted, due to both time and equipment. Mainly focusing on regional minutes and newsletters, but including group or area minutes and flyers that get loaned but need returned. All of which helped put my history document together.

Speaking of the history document, I invested \$40 to get 10 color copies printed for MARCNA. I want to thank the committee for once again allowing me to set up the archives; I got quite a bit feedback and questions about the displayed items. I also received items while at MARCNA to be added to archives, including the only known surviving piece, a plate clock, from the Ash House in Wichita. Ash House was the first recovery club house in Kansas, and where the 1st Literature Conference for the Basic Text was held. The other items are listed below.

I carried 10 banners to MARCNA, and left with 9. No one saw who took the MARCNA XXX 2013 Lawrence banner. The theme for it was "The Joy is in the Journey" if you happen to see it. *(After report was given Jeff R. stated that banner belonged to Larned group and was hanging there.)*

Archive donations at MARCNA

- Ash House Clock
- convention merchandise (minus speaker/workshop recordings)
- 3rd Osage Street dance t-shirt
- 7th HOL t-shirt
- 2001 and 2003 Recovery Fest buttons
-

Gratefully serving NA,

Tim S.

 **Campout:** Campout Committee Report

We would like to remind everyone attending the 4th of July campout on July 6-8 that the pool rented to us on Friday and Saturday night from 7:30-9:00pm is also the only time the showers are open! No other showers are available at the campgrounds.

We will be serving hotdogs on Friday evening, sausage and biscuits Saturday morning, pork loin Saturday evening, and rolls & muffins Sunday morning. The updated schedule is as follows:

Thursday July 5 th	Campground opens (<i>call for time</i>)
Friday July 6 th	Campout officially begins: Fishing contest starts at noon
	7:30 pm – 9 pm free swim (<i>city pool</i>); showers open during this time!
	9:00 pm kids movie
	9:00 pm open meeting / fellowship
Saturday July 7 th	7-8:30 am breakfast
	9:00 am Speaker (Heath D.)
	10:00 am volleyball
	10:30 am Disc Golf and Horseshoes
	Noon Tie Dye with Sara B.
	5:00 pm Pig Out!
	6:00 pm raffle and auction
	7:30 pm-9 pm free swim (<i>city pool</i>); showers open during this time!
	9:15 pm kids movie
	9:30 pm Speaker (Dan R.)
	11:30 pm Open Meeting/Fellowship
Sunday July 8 th	8:00 am Fishing contest ends
	9:00 am Speaker (Janet J.)
	10:30 am pack up / clean up
	Noon campout ends

Any questions, please call me at 785-569-1284

Did all RCMs get interim minutes?

Jon J.
Campout Chair

Ⓝ **Convention:** *See attached*

Ⓝ **Fellowship Development:** *Send as separate attachment*

Ⓝ **NAWS Contact:** No Report

Ⓝ **PO Box:** PO Box Chair Report May 20th, 2018

I last checked the PO Box on Friday.

This is what was there throughout the quarter.

- I few things for the treasurer
 - Receipt from paying for PO Box annual fee.
 - Invoice from Access Storage
 - Invoice from City Blue Print
- Conference Report – Gave this to the RD

I think that was it.

ILS,

Amber C.

Ⓝ **Public Relations:** Public Relations Report – May 2018

We are still in need of a Phone Line Coordinator. The current volunteer has been in the same position for over seven years and needs to be rotated out. We are also in need of a PR to Presentations Workgroup Facilitator. However, we filled the co-facilitator position. The region has a new participant Curt S. Curt has been living in San Jose and has been active in Public Relations at their region for more than a decade. Recently, Curt has retired and moved back to his hometown; Manhattan, KS. Please welcome Curt.

Workgroup Reports:

Phoneline

Howdy all. I have no change list from the Meeting list coordinator. As soon as I get it, I will update the phoneline to reflect any and all changes since Feb. RSC.

Some statistics since my last report in Feb 2018.

64-total calls

6- "live-addict" calls

10- voicemails left and answered

13- Phone-line volunteers

We need at least 10 more volunteers to answer calls. Please let your Area and home group know that I can train them by email so they will not have to travel to Marquette, KS to get trained! Contact me at: Phoneline@marscna.net or 785-766-7850.

I have the banner for the campout and gave it to Jon J.

Finally, I have been involved with the phone line since before inception in 2014 and am ready for someone else to step up. If anyone is interested, please contact me at the aforementioned ways.

In service,
Nate F

Web Servant

Dear Family:

The web site is running well, the calendar had bunches (no, BUNCHES!) of events listed, and the Basic Meeting List Toolbox is updated as of the latest information our Meeting List Coordinator has received from the Fellowship, thank you Tracy C. for your service! Additionally, the Mid-America Regional Meeting list is available for download from the Web Site. This is actually available in two forms, an "alphabetized" meeting list for viewing or downloading, and a "booklet" meeting list formatted the same way as our printed meeting list. This can be downloaded, then duplex printed and assembled as a stapled booklet. Area meeting lists are available online as well. Documentation has been created for operation of all of these features, in case your humble web servant should be run down by a turnip truck.

A process is in place for creating a Mid-America Regional Meeting List directly from the BMLT database. At this time, the process works through Excel, and is not as "automated" as I'd like, but it is workable. The advantage of using this approach is, all the meeting information comes from the same database. We will still have the same issue of keeping the information up to date and correct, however using this approach, we only have to make changes in one place.

Moving forward, we are working on a page to allow the Fellowship to submit articles to the M.A.N. Newsletter via the web site. This is in its infancy, however, most of the "learning curve" has been climbed, so development should be quick. More will be revealed, and we will keep the RSC apprised of development.

A discussion of the M.A.N. Submission page is a good place to segue into discussion of an adventure the Web Servant had in late April. As anyone who is web active knows, there's bad people out there, and they're always looking for vulnerable web sites to infect. Well, we were vulnerable, and they found us.

While I was working on the submission page, I believe I opened a gateway to the 'bot that attacked us. We had no malware protection in place, which we thought we had through iPower. The attack shut down the site, and, as it was less than a week before Convention, I felt I needed to get the site up again asap. I was also suffering from a wicked sinus infection, and my decision-making skills were definitely not up to snuff. I engaged Site-Lock Security, and through a misunderstanding, I bought a 1-year contract, at \$60 per month, with a 1-month-free for purchasing a one-year contract. This contract can be cancelled, however, there is a 50% charge for cancellation.

Unknown to us, we were not protected against attacks by malware. On the 22nd of April, we were attacked by a malware 'bot which infected the web site. Our host, iPower, shut down the site and sent us a report. Acting as single point of accountability, I engaged Site-Lock web security to clean and protect our site. This cost \$660 per year, which I paid for. This gives us the protection and closes the security holes. At this time, we have iPower hosting paid through

September, 2019, and Site-Lock paid through April 2019. I would like to see some of the members who have more experience with and knowledge of the administrative issues to discuss hosting and security and determine if the tools we have in place are adequate, or if we can do better from a financial and service standpoint.

I would like to extend my thanks to Tom K. of the Tejas-Bluebonnet Region of Narcotics Anonymous in Texas for his help in restoring access to the site. Site-Lock got us back up and running, but the attack had left malicious code on the site which prevented us from logging in to do maintenance. Tom was able to find and exterminate the gremlins. Tom has also been very helpful to me in understanding how the Web programming software works.

Moving forward, we plan to complete the building of the M.A.N. Newsletter Submission page and extend the automation of the Mid-America Regional Meeting List generation. We will then begin reaching out to Areas and Groups to see what the Web Service Sub-Committee can do to assist them. For now, please be tuned in to marscna.net for more information! Thank you for allowing me to serve the Fellowship,

Ed Burris, Web Servant, Mid-America Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous.

Plan of Action for Website

1. Review current Drupal site/plugins and look for a CSS editing module that doesn't conflict with the currently installed modules.
2. Review current BMLT DB site, including looking at Drupal modules for better display to web page.
3. Find a submission form module that allows attachments to use for newsletter submissions.
4. Research DNS name with iPower.
5. Reach out to Barry, Webservant for Plains State Zonal forum to look at moving our BMLT database and see whether moving to one of their Drupal shards is feasible.

Media

Meeting lists are printed, Media coordinator will work with phone line coordinator to get updates on phone line. There are two telephone numbers on the meeting list which are not correct.

PR Presentation to Professionals

We had a great presentation to professionals, with a PowerPoint and member panel for questions and answers. There were 11 Professionals in attendance, 8 from Kansas State Board of Nursing investigating team, 1 therapist, 1 counselor, and 1 case manager. Professionals were interested in Narcotics Anonymous with questions and interactions with Presenters and Panel Members, and left with a better understanding of what NA is and what NA is not.

In Service Jeff R.

Financials:

Literature	\$63.60
Printing	\$98.47
Refreshments	\$60.00
Pens, Pencils	\$16.99
Total	\$239.06

Starting Funds: \$300.00

Return to PR escrow: \$60.94

☎ Soul to Soul:

Hello family,

We sold shirts at MARCNA alternative store. Did well, sold 19 shirts and had two new folks from Hays Kansas pre register. I have pre registration forms available. Our registration deadline is August 19th. Remember pre reg will get you a bed, meals for all weekend beginning with Fri dinner through Sun breakfast, a towel and a coffee mug this year.

The menu is in and we are going to eat well. Example Saturday night meal will be bacon wrapped stuffed chicken breasts.

We will attempt to have two fundraisers this year. Waiting on approval to join an existing event from two groups in the Wichita metro area. If we get the OK we will have an ice cream social, raffle and auction beginning at 6pm. We will have yummy toppings for the ice cream which we will be selling. Followed by an 8pm campfire speaker. This will take place at Watson Park in Wichita on August 11th.

The other fundraiser will be July 21, at a park in Emporia KS. More will be revealed when we get the park reserved. Most likely will start around 4ish with food, fun and fellowship. And Tracy C will be our speaker at this function.

We have folks on our committee checking prices for mugs and towels.

Also if a new location is desired we need that info by Aug RSC please.

ILS

Shelley W.

Officer Reports:

☎ Regional Delegate:

Regional Delegate report from the WSC – 2018

Travel to Lubbock, TX

I kept to receipts for the event however, the receipts would not be accepted by the temporary treasurer last quarter. The current treasurer suggested that I pull at least the hotel receipt from my email. I will try and find it in my email after this meeting and forward to the treasurer.

However, this cycle's RD team did not request funds for the four CAR workshops that were held in the areas.

Conference Agenda Report & Rules and Tools

The first motions at the WSC are always a definition for the “Process” of handling motions and proposals when they are brought up on the floor for consideration. Sometime referred to as “Rules and Tools,” they are key to the efficiency of the Conference.

The number of voters: 123 voting members 114 RD’s... Regional Division is 69 USA and 45 Non-USA. The other thirteen are World Board members and as most of you know they do not have a vote in the CAR Sessions.

One of the important changes to the “Process” was the change to two-thirds requirement for ANY motions or proposals that pass on the WSC floor. We use an electronic voting system with push button numbers and there are four options for voting; 1) Yes, 2) No, 3) Abstain, 4) Present Not Voting. This meant 76 required for a motion/proposal to pass for any votes/straw polls that had no one voting Present Not Voting as these votes are subtracted from the total. This means there is some variability is exactly what number is required for two-thirds.

In this same Proposal which made the process two-thirds, we added a time saving measured for the CAR sessions that included no reading of the motion by the Maker and also no response from the World board. Since the motions and WB response were in the CAR, I felt this was a good idea. I voted in favor. The Final Vote passed with the following counts: 108-5-0-1

A second time-saving proposal was brought to the floor. Typically, anyone speaking gets three minutes for their comments, questions, etc. Because of the sheer volume of motions/proposals it was proposed by the World Board to limit speaking to two minutes. (This did not include non-English speakers as they were allotted 4 minutes plus.) The estimate given was this change would save three and a half hours of conference time.

Overall, these changes were effective in my opinion. Both CAR and CAT sessions were completed effectively and efficiently. On the issues the floor was split, we spent plenty of time in discussion.

Another important motion (CAR #25) was the allowance for remote/electronic attendance for the Regions that have delegates unable to obtain Visa access to the United States. Iran proposed Amendment D which allowed RDs from the regions attending via online meeting software to also have a vote. That vote was transferred by private message to a member of NAWS who enters the vote on the keypad. This motion had consensus support on the final vote 106-2-0-3.

With a thunderous ovation, Iran’s participation and vote secured, we headed into the “meat” of the CAR motions.

Next, with an increased pace, Motions 1 (Project Plan to Convert Social Media Service Pamphlet into an IP) and 5 (NA Service Prayer reword & poster) passed quickly and easily. We now have a Service Prayer in NA if we choose to use it!

However, in that same block of voting, Motions 2 (Remove IP 27 *For The parents or Guardians of Young People in NA.*) failed without much discussion.

There was some discussion on and 4 (MP3 digital download of the Basic Text Fifth Edition in Spanish) but it ultimately failed as well.

Motion 7 (Create Service Pamphlet (SP) for the rights of groups to reprint Narcotics Anonymous recovery literature covered under the *Fellowship Intellectual Property but is also a FIPT bulletin #4*) was a close vote with much discussion but also ultimately failed by only 2 votes. Rod (RDA) felt the discussion was cut short, but disagreed as several people said the exact same argument in different ways. The final straw poll was accepted because no one challenged the vote.

Motions 8 (To replace the first paragraph under "What kinds of literature should we use:" in the group booklet), 22 (To discontinue the WSC Conference Participants "online" Discussion Board) and 23 (develop plans to move to a three-year conference cycle) all failed with Consensus Lack of Support.

Now, in the afternoon of the CAR session, we start on the history making votes. With Motions 18, 19, 20 and 21 all passed with most well over the 2/3rds majority. With those 4 votes, NA now has Zonal Delegates for Zones with 2 or more unseated regions. These Zonal Delegates are funded by NAWS and have a vote at the WSC. Zonal Delegates can bring an alternate if they choose as well.

Motion 15 (to hold a 3-day meeting of 2 representatives from each of the existing zonal forums) was also very close but moved in the wrong direction when Anthony (NAWS Executive Director) discussed the cost of this event at over 100k. It started out close to the 2/3rds with 73 Regions for and ended up with final vote of only 51 for.

Motion 16 (That the WB develop a project plan, including budget and timeline, for presentation at WSC 2020 on the role of Zones) was an important vote and affects our Region through our Zone. This motion was discussed in the Future of the WSC project plan (CAT pages 15-16) in that if this motion passed then the zones themselves would appoint a representative to the Workgroup. The motion pass with nearly consensus support with a final vote of 93-15-3-0. The Plains States Zonal Forum meets Wednesday, May 23rd 2018 to appoint this representative for the workgroup as there is a June 1st deadline for the nomination.

Motion 17 (World Service Conference participants from regional delegates to zonal delegates. This change will occur over 3 conference cycles) and Motion 14 (IDTs will be selected based on the following "online" process) and amendment (an attempted to clean it up a bit with alternate translation process) was withdrawn by their respective makers.

Next, Motion 10 (Remove: WORLD SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BULLETIN #29, Regarding Methadone and Other Drug Replacement Programs) and Motion 11 (Remove "Narcotics Anonymous and Persons Receiving Medication Assisted Treatment" from publication and use.) failed with Consensus Lack of Support.

Motion 9 (create or revise one piece of recovery literature to directly address Drug Replacement Therapy (DRT) and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)) was somewhat controversial and had a lot of discussion. We originally voted on Motion 9 with No as this was the conscience of the Region. However, there was an important amendment to the motion we felt it will promote conversation on the Traditions and shed more light on the issue.

The amendment that was presented as follows:

To amend motion 9 to read as follows: To direct the World Board to create a project plan for consideration at WSC 2020 to create or revise one piece of recovery literature to directly **address how NA members receive and behave towards addicts that are on Drug Replacement Therapy (DRT) and medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).**

Intent: To focus the discussion on NA and NA members and not on what may or may not be an outside issue, DRT and MAT.

Rationale: : DRT and MAT are here and not going anywhere. How doctors and /or treatment centers treat their patients is not our business. We have no control or say over whether DRT and MAT are used to treat their addicts seeking recovery. Actually all the information we have been able to gather seems to indicate that DRT/MAT is the treatment of choice for addicts at this time. That being said discussion MAT/DRT on its merits or at all will likely be time consuming and not necessary fruitful. Discussing our attitude and behavior toward these addicts, what our fears are, why some of us shun them, or make them feel unwelcome might help us arrive at some solutions, other than telling them to keep

looking for “friendlier meetings”. How we behave towards these addicts directly effects our public image and the perception some of the professional community has or will have about NA. We believe that discussion is important, but should center on us and not on those folks on DRT/MAT that are seeking recovery.

In the end, Motion 9 passed *without* the amendment and we should be seeing some information coming from NAWS in this cycle.

South Florida Inspection Request & the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)

South Florida’s RD was allowed to address the WSC floor directly for about 10 minutes and layout their reasoning behind their request. In the end, South Florida compromised with NAWS and greatly limited the scope of the inspection. The scope was limited to one year (2016) and only the Chatsworth NAWS main office financial statements. NAWS capitulated to this much narrower inspection which allowed the fellowship to move forward. I believe this was good for unity and required no vote from the WSC which I believe would have NOT supported South Florida and would, in my opinion led to a legal battle.

Below are the Straw Polls and Votes from this part of the WSC on May 5th 2018:

First Straw Poll – Do we agree that we want to change Article 5 Section 3 of the Operational Rules? (Similar question as asked earlier but a little clearer.) 93-15-4-2 Consensus Support – We voted Yes

Second Straw Poll – Do you support a temporary suspension of the right for an inspection request from a single region. (this suspension would expire at the WSC 2020) 77-32-3-1 Strong Support – We voted Yes

Much discussion about the difference between the Trust Document itself. In other words, the legal document that must comply to California law. .i.e the Intellectual Property Trust. The Operational Rules define how to operate when making requests etc. This is Article VII defines how changes to the Operational Rules AND the Trust Document

Results: 89-19-0-4 Consensus Support

Acting as the trustor, the delegates present at the WSC 2018, we are suspending Article 5, Section 3 of the FIPT Operational Rules, while we make a decision about the future. This suspension would expire at the close of the WSC 2020. Results 85-23-0-3

Elections

The 2018 WSC filled six of the nine positions open on the World Board. Please congratulate Mid-America Regional member Daniel C. as he was voted in as the co-facilitator for the 2020 and 2022 WSC meetings.

Final results are below:

World Board

1. Hammed A-T
2. Irene C
3. Lib E
4. Paul F
5. Tana A
6. Yoel G

Human Resource Panel

1. Craig R
2. Nathanael M

Co-Facilitator
1. Daniel C

Conference Approval Track (CAT): All of the typical World Board & NAWS motions that are in the CAT for conducting business passed with Consensus Support. The tally only had 3 responses to the CAT. All of the following CAT motions were approved:

Approve WSC of the Future Project Plan for inclusion in the 2018-2020 NAWS, Inc. Budget	116-6-4-1
Mental Health IP Project Plan	121-4-0-2
New Daily Meditation Book Project Plan	117-8-0-2
Approve Tools and Training Project Plan	118-3-2-4
Approve Corporation Budget for 2018-2020	118-5-3-1
Increase Travel Reimbursement Policy	120-4-1-2
Local Service Toolbox for Convention and Events become World Board Approved Service Materials	122-4-1-0

Seating Motions

The seating motions that were brought forward by the Seating Workgroup passed. The regions requesting seating that were not brought forward by the Seating Workgroup were brought forward by member regions but were not seated by the conference.

Netherlands	120-5-1-1
Mexico-Occidente	115-6-2-4
Ukraine	120-3-2-2
Eastern Pennsylvania	48-73-2-4
Nordeste Brazil	54-66-1-5
Brazil Central	58-63-0-6
Minas Brazil	57-65-1-4

I really enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of the process. It is an honor that the Mid-America region allowed me to serve.

In Service,

Jeffry L.
785-550-.0849

Alt. Regional Delegate:

The first order of business was to approve the 2018 rules for the week. All decisions at WSC 2018, excluding elections, will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority. Old business will be renamed “CAR-Related Discussion and Decisions.” Decisions on proposals and motions was made in this session. The WSC Co facilitators did make it clear when final decisions are being made.

If a motion or proposal has consensus in the initial straw poll (80% support, or not in support), the Conference will have the option to discuss and decide on the motion without any amendments.

Motions related to items in the CAT material will be discussed and decided upon during a separate session, named CAT-related Discussion and Decisions, using the same process as the *CAR*-Related Discussion and Decisions session.

These items worked well during the process this WSC and were adopted for the way the 2020 Conference will do business from now on. I heard from some that the Groups Voice has been taken away in this process. I however do not think that, of course time will tell, and I could be wrong I have been in the past.

Speaking of voices being taken away the Delegates did put a moratorium for two years on any other Regions asking for a review of the FIPT. During the next two years there will be a work group I believe that will work on a revision of the Operational Rules of the FIPT. World Board wanted the Conference to change those rules, but the Delegates said they would not be comfortable doing that without going back to their Groups. The World Board and the South Florida Region came to an agreement on the present request for reviewing the FIPT. You will find that information in the Dropbox as well.

Getting together with around 114 Delegates, their Alternates, plus all the staff from the World Service Office is daunting. The universal language of Recovery needs no interpretation you could tell we all wanted to help the still suffering addict anyway we could. To open the Conference, we listened to the serenity prayer in different languages. New Zealand Addicts sing their prayer and the Regional Delegate has promised to record it for us, so we can play it for everyone at home. I am sharing a drop box file with all the RCM's that have all the files from the World Conference so if you see anything in the files that you want more information don't hesitate to ask.

The banner map of all the Regions that NAWS was showing us (using the Regional Reports) says there are 70,064 Meetings Weekly. And to give you an update from back when I was Delegate back in 06/08 Iran which was just coming into the Service System they now have 25,000 a full third of all the meeting in the world. So other interesting Zonal information is. The Asian Pacific Zone has 8 times zones in it which is about 1/3 of the planet. The Zonal work groups use I believe Zoom to do most of their business. You must remember that them and the European Zone operate much like our Regions do over here providing service to their Regions. The European Delegates Zonal Forum meet formally twice a year once during the winter months and once during the summer in conjunct with a Convention that last for 4 days. They have 3131 Meetings weekly with 16 seated and 14 non-seated Regions. The Russian Speaking Zone has 8 Regions in 7 countries with 2000 meetings weekly. To show you where some of the money goes in Fellowship Development. African Zonal Forum meeting is fully funded by NAWS because they would not be able to meet because of their economics. I think that is some really good use of funds that the Groups give to NAWS. Speaking of which you will find an updated Regional Donation booklet in the drop box (I will be sharing with you the RCM's and Alternate RCM's so look for that file address this following week).

You will find in the drop box file I will be giving you some of Power Point Presentations and mp4 videos we where given for you look at. I did remove as much as possible some frames that showed some pictures of different addicts from around the world. Please don't share them on social media sites. The exception to this is the mp4 videos that were passed out and our own Zonal Power Points Presentations. We have more of these Presentations in a drop box file that NAWS set up for us that is password protected.

News from the World Service Office is WCNA 37 in Orlando, Florida already has 8,207 registered. NAWS has had gotten IP # 1 in 6 more languages also 5 more keytags in different languages. The Electronic Basic Text has been downloaded 21,735 times, It Works 11,161, Sponsorship 1.315 Living Clean 11,688 and The Step Working Guide 2,297 plus 636 interactive versions.

The Conference will also decide on Saturday how to carry forward new business proposals that received considerable support but were not the most highly prioritized.

Jeffry has covered all the motions, so I will not cover them. I do want to add that some of the Regions not getting seated I felt was wrong the three Regions from Brazil. Also Eastern Pennsylvania Region even though all the Regions around that Region pleaded with the Conference to seat them.

The Literature survey that was online at na.org that got filled out by individuals said we would like a **step working guide aimed at members not new to the steps** and the second top answer was an **IP 'NA and addicts on DRT/MAT'**. The top Regional response was also an **IP 'NA and addicts on DRT/MAT'** with number two being adapt the **SP 'Social Media and Our Guiding Principles into an IP** to use in meetings.

So, on Thursday we were presented with 26 what we would have called new motions except we voted at the start of the conference during the rules of engagement to call them ideas or proposals. **New idea proposals submitted at the WSC will be prioritized by Conference participants through a simple yes/no survey listing each proposal. The proposals that are the most highly prioritized will be discussed in two 90-minute breakout sessions on Friday.** WB then had us vote yes or no on which of these we wanted to discuss. Friday we were given the results of that vetting showing the top 4 that the Delegates wanted to talk about. Arne the WB Chair that the numbers where a little screwed up as some delegates were not clear on how they were supposed to mark them some marked yes and no, some didn't mark either. Example the top motion **That the Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous be updated by 2020 WSC to reflect decisions made since the last update.** Got 86 yes and 26 no votes total 112. The second top survey **To make na.org site multilingual (translate it to most spoken NA languages).** Was 80 yes and 35 no votes total 115. The third top survey **To direct the World Board to create a project plan for creation of the "NA virtual group and service guide"** 71 yes votes to 43 no votes. The fourth proposal was **To make the Delegates Sharing Session a permanent item on the WSC agenda, with a workgroup comprised of RDs every cycle.** 68 yes and 42 no.

So, there you have the top four new proposals that the 2018 Delegates believe that the fellowship wants to talk about over the next 2 years. My quest to you the RCM's is take the proposals back to your Area's and ask your GSR's do they seem like kind of goals you want your World Board to achieve.

Jeffry claims this way of vetting the proposals made the cream of the crop rise to the top. I believe we should add one more step in the process taking the top 13 proposals and vetting them one more time, letting the cream of the crop truly rise to the top. Either way he is correct the top four ideas are what the Regional Delegates believe their Regions want to talk about for the next two years. I have included the Power Point showing all the results from the vetting. The main thing I would like to stress is do you see anything in that material that your Area/Groups want to talk about other than the top four. Some of the people in the Facebook Participants Group are already beginning talk about these top 4 ideas.

Potential Issue Discussion Topics for 2018-2020 could possibly be "Carrying the Message and Making NA Attractive" and "Attracting Members to Service" I will let everyone if they get these IDT's workshop up if you would like more information.

Finally the way we are doing the elections of the RD and RDA is 18 months off. So Jeffery and I discussed asking for at least for this time an Alternate to the Alternate. We would then divide the money we get for our trips by three.

Rod D., RDA

NB Treasurer: *Send as separate attachment*

NB Treasury Oversight: May 20, 2018

Mid-America Region Family,

Since last RSC, I have gained online access to all Region bank accounts with the exception of Soul 2 Soul. The Soul 2 Soul bank account does not have online access and I will be receiving monthly statements from the Soul 2 Soul Treasurer.

I have had time to review all accounts with the exception of Soul 2 Soul and everything appears in order with not big red flags at this time. Today I am requesting minutes and/or treasurer reports from Campout, Convention, and Soul 2 Soul subcommittee meetings and interim meetings since last RSC. The most important thing that I understand my task to be is ensuring accountability for each Region account treasurer. That being said it will make auditing these accounts much easier if I have actual treasurer reports for each account. Subcommittee minutes will suffice if there is not a treasurer report that itemizes debits and credits to their respective account. The region bank account is easy to audit since there are motions and detailed minutes to account for transactions on the Region account and again this account looks great.

I have a system in place that is evolving each time I set down to review accounts and anticipate this evolution to be ongoing. I will be auditing all accounts regularly and digging deep into each account once annually following committee changes. These deep dives will occur as follows; Convention account between May and August RSC. Campout account between August and November RSC. Soul 2 Soul account between November and February RSC. Region account will be audited consistently but I intend to audit it with the treasurer between February and May RSC in preparation for the end of our "fiscal year".

One thing that I intend to review and provide a formal recommendation on in the future is our current system of debit cards being used all over the place. This promotes "lost" receipts so to speak in my opinion. I feel that debit cards should be used in a limited fashion for trusted servants that might not be in a position to pay themselves and be reimbursed by their respective body upon providing a receipt for their expenditures. This same issue goes for all expenditures and it really shouldn't be the treasurer's job to hound trusted servants for receipts on funds that are given in advance of expenditures. Again, this is only my opinion and my future recommendation will be based upon such.

Again, I am open to suggestions on the best practices to consider for this new position that I have been tasked with and welcome your experience, strength, and hope. More will be revealed!

In Loving Service,


Matt M

Treasury Oversight

Old Business:

Elections –

- a) **Facilitator** – Jeff R. nominated and qualified. Congratulations Jeff!
- b) **Co-Facilitator** – Tim P. nominated and qualified. Congratulations Tim!
- c) **Archivist** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*
- d) **PO Box** – Amber C. showed willingness and qualified. Congratulations Amber!
- e) **Co-Treasurer** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*
- f) **Co-Secretary** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*

 **MARCNA 2020 bids:** Ben T. brought a rough draft proposal for Emporia State University in Emporia, KS. It isn't a typical all inclusive site, as all lodging would be offsite at various hotels. Ben stated that the university had a bit

of a struggle in compiling this bid, as it is out of their norm as well. The pricing is based on per person at facility, or slightly higher for facility plus parking. After much discussion it was decided this is too vague to pursue at this meeting, the logistics and details need better defined. It was also asked if we have the ability to bring more bids, or just pursue this one. If you want to bring a bid at Aug. RSC please do.

New Business:

- Ⓝ **Motion 052018-001** – *Made by MARCNA Committee:* Approve updated MARCNA guidelines, as edited by MARCNA XXXV subcommittee, into MARSCNA policy. (See attached) This is more of a housekeeping motion, as the inserted policies are already in effect, just failed to make policy. Take back to groups.
- Ⓝ **Motion 052018-002** – *Made by Jon J. Unity RCM / 2nd by Tim S. Secretary:* To pay (reimburse) Ed B. \$660.00 for (annual) Malware protection for our website. **8/0/0 Passed**
- Ⓝ **Motion 052018-003** – *Made by Amber C. F.D.:* Purchase two (2) smokers poles. Financial impact \$100.00. Discussion on where these would be stored added further discussion about our new facility and what we have for permanent/private storage. Passed with no objections.
- Ⓝ **Motion 082018-004** – *Made by Treasurer:* Donate remaining May balance above prudent reserve to Plains States Zonal Forum, financial impact \$355.00. (*per policy all monies above prudent reserve at end of fiscal year get donated, it was pointed out that PSZF sends their monies over and above to NAWS*). Passed with no objections.
- Ⓝ **Motion 082018-005** – *Made by Campout Chair/2nd by Archivist:* To add to MARSCNA policy section VIII, letter C the word “tentative” in front of the word “schedule”. Intent: To be flexible. **Passed to go back to groups 8/0/0.** *During discussion Secretary passed out current region policies to all that needed one. There were five (5) left in stock after that.*
- Ⓝ **Meeting Lists:** Get all updates to Tracy C. for inclusion in the next printing!

- Ⓝ **Open Forum:** Tracy C., member of Wichita Metro Area, brought up a situation that escalated at their May 6th, 2018 ASC meeting. Schatzie T., Alt. RCM, had touched on it in her report as well. A motion to share a pavilion with the local AA group that also had a picnic planned at El Dorado Lake as well as share expenses, food, etc. went back to groups in April, at the May meeting it passed 3 for / 2 against / 1 abstention. One member had contacted NAWS and talked to members of this region during that time, and believes several Traditions are being violated because of this. Tracy C., who was RCM at this time, stepped down as she could not support an ASC doing this. The groups that did support this believe it is an act of unity and good will. Post ASC the Activities Chair went to El Dorado Lake and rented a different shelter, so the event will be only WMA NA now.

After much discussion it was decided to offer support in the way of a Traditions workshop or help facilitate an inventory. The following members volunteered to participate along with Ben T. of Fellowship Development: Elizabeth S., Ed B., Rod D., Tim S., Jeffry L., Jeff R., Tim P., Daniel C. (*hope I didn't miss or add names to this list accidentally, once the date is set a more refined list can be made.*)

Ⓝ Motion to close! Grateful to serve NA, Tim S., Sec.

MARCNA 36 Chair Report

May 20, 2018

MARCNA 35

Overall, MARCNA was a great success. We had many positive comments on program and facilities. We would like to thank all those that made that success possible.

We had a light turnout from the closeout portion of our committee meeting yesterday. I did not receive many of closing reports from last year's chair.

The final \$\$ numbers are in and overall we took in \$11,604.39 after expenses. Historically, the committee has withheld \$5000.39 for seed money for the next convention. This would provide a \$6604 donation to region. The committee would like to make an alternate proposal. Due to rising costs and a growing event, we would like to withhold an additional \$2000 for seed money for the event.

Please do not confuse this with an intent to 'spend' more. The committee will continue to be prudent with expenses. The additional seed monies will provide needed flexibility in making pre-payments. We are committed to review the funding on an ongoing basis. If finances allow, we can transfer additional monies later in the year.

If this proposal is accepted:

MARCNA 36 Seed - \$7000.39
Donation to region - \$4604.00

Convention Committee Guidelines Update -

One last final business from XXXV, the committee spent time this last year reviewing the convention committee guidelines and we would like to submit the attached for approval into MARCNA policy. (Changes are indicated with bold italics).

MARCNA 36

We kicked off the new year with voting in 4 trusted servants:

Secretary	Lori B.
Programming	Jeffrey L.
Co- Programming	Elizabeth S.
Entertainment	Chris H

While we have had a significant transition of longtime participants off the committee, we know we have some additional returning Co-chairs that will be stepping forward at the June meeting in Lawrence. With that said, we welcome any additional willing participants you can send our way.

We have set the meeting schedule for the next year. I will attach with my report. Most important date for this report is the next meeting on June 24th, at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

We received two submissions for theme and artwork. The committee agreed to table the selection process until the June meeting. If you know of someone with an additional submission, there is still time. New deadline for submission is June 22nd.

While we are strongly focused on Lawrence, there is concern for a lack of location for MARCNA 37.

Any questions, concerns, artwork can be sent to my attention.

ToeKnee K.

ToeKneeK@draguns.net or
convention@marscna.net

785-760-3214

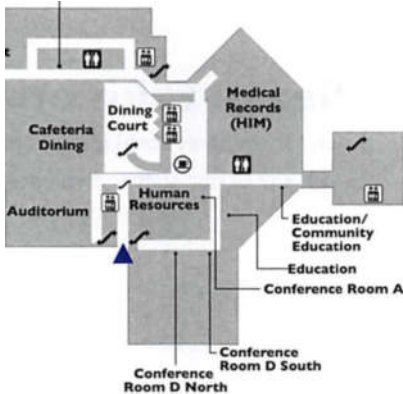
MARCNA 36 Chair

MARCNA XXXVI

Meeting Schedule

Date	Place	Time
June 24, 2018	Lawrence	1 PM
July 22	Lawrence	1 PM
August 18	Marquette (RSC)	9 AM
Sept 16	Lawrence	1 PM
October 28	Lawrence	1 PM
November 17	Marquette (RSC)	5 PM
December 16	Lawrence	1 PM
January 20, 2019	Lawrence	1 PM
February 16	Marquette (RSC)	5 PM
March 17	Lawrence	1 PM
Thurs, April 11	Convention Hotel	6 PM
April 12-14	Convention Hotel	All night long.....
April 14	Convention Hotel	1 PM

Lawrence Location



Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Meeting Room D
 325 Maine
 Lawrence, KS
 (Enter main entrance, walk straight to stairs to cafeteria, take stairs down, see map)

Regional Location

Marquette Elementary School
 310 Swedonia Street
 Marquette, Kansas
 (park on 4th or Walton, Enter through playground)

Convention Hotel

DoubleTree by Hilton Lawrence
 200 McDonald Drive
 Lawrence, Kansas

MOTION/ REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Name or Committee: MARINA Convention

Date: 5/20/18

Second by / Payable to : _____

Pro: _____

New Old Amendment

Con: _____

Abstain: _____

Financial Impact/
Amount Requested: \$ _____

Housekeeping Yes No

Escrow Yes No

BACK TO GROUPS: YES NO

Pro: _____ Con: _____ Abstain: _____

MOTION TABLED: YES NO

Pro: _____ Con: _____ Abstain: _____

Motion: (Please state motion/request clearly and accurately)

Approve updated MARINA guidelines, as edited by MARINA'S subcommittee, into MARINA policy.

Intent of Motion:

Provide updated guidance to future convention subcommittees

FOR SECRETARY USE ONLY

Comments from Discussion/Amendments:

Accepted by Motioner? Yes No

For Treasurer's Use Only

Check #:

Signature of Recipient:

MOTION/ REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Name or Committee: Jon J RCM Unity Date: 5/20/18

Second by / Payable to: Tim S. Pro: 8

New Old Amendment Con: 0

Financial Impact/ Amount Requested: \$ 660 Housekeeping Yes No Escrow Yes No Abstain: _____

BACK TO GROUPS: YES NO Pro: _____ Con: _____ Abstain: _____

MOTION TABLED: YES NO Pro: _____ Con: _____ Abstain: _____

Motion: (Please state motion/request clearly and accurately) To pay Ed \$660 for malware problem

Intent of Motion:

FOR SECRETARY USE ONLY

Comments from Discussion/Amendments: Accepted by Motioner? Yes No

For Treasurer's Use Only

Check #:

Signature of Recipient:

MOTION/ REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Name or Committee: F.I.D.

Date: 5-20-18-3

Second by / Payable to: Amber Crofingier

Pro: 8 (No objections)
Con: 0

New Old Amendment

Financial Impact/
Amount Requested: \$ 100⁰⁰

Housekeeping Yes No

Escrow Yes No

Abstain: _____

BACK TO GROUPS: YES NO

Pro: _____ Con: _____ Abstain: _____

MOTION TABLED: YES NO

Pro: _____ Con: _____ Abstain: _____

Motion: (Please state motion/request clearly and accurately)

To purchase 2 smokers poles

Intent of Motion:

FOR SECRETARY USE ONLY

Comments from Discussion/Amendments:

Accepted by Motioner? Yes No

For Treasurer's Use Only

Check #:

Signature of Recipient:

MOTION/ REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Name or Committee: Donation to PSZF

Date: 5/20/18

Second by / Payable to: Plains States Zonal Forum

Pro: No objection

New Old Amendment

Con: X

Financial Impact/
Amount Requested: \$ 355.00 ~~1000.00~~ ~~500~~ Housekeeping Yes No

Abstain: _____

Escrow Yes No

BACK TO GROUPS: YES NO Pro: _____ Con: _____ Abstain: _____

MOTION TABLED: YES NO Pro: _____ Con: _____ Abstain: _____

Motion: (Please state motion/request clearly and accurately)

Donate remaining May balance above prudent reserve to zonal

Intent of Motion: Zone donates all of their not budgeted \$\$ to NAWs each meeting. lets donate to PSZF & support them, knowing non used funds go to NAWs.

FOR SECRETARY USE ONLY

Comments from Discussion/Amendments: Accepted by Motions? Yes No

For Treasurer's Use Only

Check #:

Signature of Recipient:

MOTION/ REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Name or Committee: Jon J Camp-out Chair Date: 5/20/18

Second by / Payable to: Achivete Pro: _____

New Old Amendment Con: _____

Financial Impact/ Amount Requested: \$ _____ Housekeeping Yes No

Escrow Yes No

Abstain: _____

BACK TO GROUPS: YES NO Pro: 2 Con: 0 Abstain: 0

MOTION TABLED: YES NO Pro: _____ Con: _____ Abstain: _____

Motion: (Please state motion/request clearly and accurately) To add to Section 8
#C The word Tentative in front of Schedul
word

Intent of Motion: To Be flexible

FOR SECRETARY USE ONLY

Comments from Discussion/Amendments: Accepted by Motioner? Yes No

For Treasurer's Use Only

Check #:

Signature of Recipient:

*****All proposed changes are in bold italics*****

Mid America Region Convention of Narcotics Anonymous Guidelines and Duties

I. Purpose

Our primary purpose is to carry the message and bring members together in a celebration of recovery.

II. General guidelines for all committee members and participants

- a) General working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- b) Willingness to serve
- c) Willingness to give time and effort to tasks given

Guidelines & Duties for Committee Members

A. Chair

1. Five (5) years clean time.
2. Three (3) years of Convention subcommittee experience.
3. ***Makes agenda for and*** chairs the Convention Committee meetings.
4. Secure meeting dates at the hotel (if free of charge). ***If alternate location needs to be secured, talk to committee and secure alternate location.***
5. Present a ***verbal and written*** report at the Convention Committee meetings ***and turn in to the convention*** secretary ***for the minutes.***
6. Oversee each position to make sure they are doing their respective duties.
7. ***In charge of getting convention items out of storage at February RSC and giving each subcommittee chair their respective things to bring to the convention. At May RSC, collect all things from the subcommittee chairs that belongs in storage and return them to storage.***
8. Get menus and prices for the ***meal options*** and bring them to the Convention Committee meeting for a vote.
9. Turn in numbers to the hotel for ***the meal options chosen by the deadline.***
10. Set a meeting to go over all of the set-up for the Convention. This meeting needs to include the Chair, Co-Chair and ***all subcommittee chairs. Notes need to be taken by the secretary during this walk-through.***
11. Attends ***each quarterly RSC meeting during their term*** and gives a report. ***Gives a written copy or email copy of report to Regional Secretary for RSC minutes. Also turns in treasurer's log as stated in the regions guidelines.***
12. ***Acts as liaison to hotel during the convention on all issues that arise.***
13. ***Signs all contracts for entertainment, merchandise, etc. for that year's convention.***
14. Runs the Saturday night meeting.

B. Co-Chair

1. Four (4) years clean time.
2. Two (2) years of Convention subcommittee experience.
3. Chairs the Convention Committee meetings when the Chair is absent or is addressing an issue.
4. Helps the Chair with whatever needs done during the planning of the Convention and at the Convention.
5. ***Fulfills the duties of the Chair in their absence at the subcommittee level or RSC level.***
6. Runs the Sunday morning meeting.

C. Secretary

1. Two (2) years clean time.
2. One (1) year of Convention subcommittee experience.
3. Take accurate minutes at each Convention Committee meeting.
4. Types and mails (either by e-mail or postal service) the minutes within ***2 weeks*** after each meeting.
7. Keep all minutes in a log and has available at each meeting.
8. ***Is responsible for the Memory Board. Takes possession of it at Feb RSC, sets up at the convention, takes down at convention and returns to storage in May at RSC.***
9. Help out at the Convention in any form as designated by the Convention Chair or Co-Chair.

D. Assistant Secretary

1. *One (1) year clean time.*
2. *In the secretary's absence, takes accurate minutes at that Convention Committee meeting and mails out.*
3. *Help out at the Convention in any form as designated by the Convention Chair or Co-Chair at the meetings or at the convention itself.*

E. Treasurer

1. Five (5) years clean time.
2. Three (3) years of Convention subcommittee experience.
3. *Former treasurer's experience.*
4. Keep accurate records of *all monies received and checks written* in the form of a *register/spreadsheet*.
5. Have two (2) signatures on all checks written.
6. *Give receipts for all monies received – designating general fund or a subcommittee.*
7. Reconcile the monthly bank statements.
8. Pay bills and reimburse committee members for their expenses if any are incurred.
9. Turn in a financial statement monthly *to the secretary for the minutes* at all committee meetings.
10. Keep track of all funds at the Convention and if possible, make timely deposits.
11. *At convention: pick up monies from subcommittee's periodically to keep their cash on hand at a minimum.*
12. *At convention: be at auctions to collect monies and record auction prices.*
13. *At convention: pay entertainment and any other vendors as per contracts.*
14. *At convention: Collect donations Sunday morning from vendors as per contracts.*
15. *In May at regional subcommittee meeting, submit a complete log of financial activity to the Regional Service Committee for RSC minutes.*
16. Facilitate the signing of new signature cards in a **timely manner**.
17. Facilitate the transfer of the account to the next committee treasurer.

F. Assistant Treasurer

1. *Four (4) years clean time.*
2. *One (1) year of Convention subcommittee experience.*
3. *Former treasurer's experience.*
4. *In the treasurer's absence, collect monies and make deposit after that Convention Committee meeting. Give report.*
5. *At convention: shadow treasurer for help in any duties that are needed.*
6. *Help out at the Convention in any form as designated by the Convention Chair, Co-Chair or Treasurer at the meetings or at the convention itself.*

G. Arts & Graphics Chair

1. Two (2) years clean time.
2. One (1) year of Convention subcommittee experience.
3. Once a theme is decided upon by the committee, *prepare the artwork for all types of printing for merchandise, banner and flyers.*
4. Provide the *digital graphics* to the Merchandising Chair, Registration Chair, and Programming Chair, or anyone else that may need it on the committee.
5. Present a written report at each Convention Committee meeting and give to the Secretary for the minutes.
6. *Secure items from storage for banner hanging in February and return in May.*
7. Secure the *current years* banners for the convention.
8. *At convention: oversee and work with hotel to hang incoming banners in main meeting room.*
9. Help out with any other artwork needs for the convention (flyers, etc).
10. Help out at the Convention in any form as designated by the Chair or Co-Chair.

H. Arts & Graphics Co-Chair

1. *One (1) year clean time.*
2. *Help chair in preparing the artwork for all the year's needs.*
3. *In the A&G Chair's absence, fulfill their duties.*
4. *At convention: help with the hanging of the banners.*
5. *At convention: help in any way as designated by the A & G Chair, Convention Chair or Co-Chair.*

I. Entertainment

1. Two (2) years clean time.
2. One (1) year of Convention subcommittee experience.
3. Seek bids for entertainment and bring them before the committee *for approval*.
4. Present a written report at each Convention Committee meeting and give to the Secretary for the minutes.
5. Get signed contracts from the entertainment decided upon by the committee.
6. See to it that the "entertainment" has sufficient *set-up time, tear down time and their needs are met*.
7. Help out at the Convention in any form as designated by the Chair or Co-Chair.

J. Co-Entertainment

1. *One (1) year clean time.*
2. *In the entertainment chair's absence, fulfill their duties.*
3. *Help seek bids for entertainment.*
4. *Help get signed contracts from the entertainment decided upon by the committee.*
5. *Assist the entertainment Chair with all the needs that the "entertainment" has at the convention.*
6. *Help out at the Convention in any form as designated by the Entertainment Chair, Chair or Co-Chair.*

K. Fundraising

1. Five (5) years clean time.
2. Three (3) years of Convention subcommittee experience.
3. Set up fundraisers with Areas/Groups and attend them. *Sell fundraising items at those functions and work with the group/area at those functions.*
4. *Receive items from storage in February from Chair and return all items to Chair for storage in May.*
5. Secure items to raffle and auction at the fundraisers.
6. *Secure raffle and auction items for the convention.*
7. Present a written report at each Convention Committee meeting and give to the Secretary for the minutes.
8. Turn in all funds in to the Treasurer *from fundraising efforts* as soon as possible.
9. Run the raffles and auctions at the Convention. *Get an auctioneer for Friday and Saturday night.*
10. *Be available/ highly visible at the convention from the beginning of the convention Friday until after auction Saturday night.*
11. Help out at the Convention in any form as designated by the Chair or Co-Chair

L. Co-Fundraising

1. *Four (4) years clean time.*
2. *Two (2) years of Convention subcommittee experience.*
3. *In the fundraising chair's absence, fulfill their duties.*
4. *Help set up fundraisers with groups/areas and attend them. Sell fundraising items at those functions and work with the group/area at those functions.*
5. *Help secure items to raffle and auction at the fundraisers.*
6. *Help secure items to raffle and auction for the convention.*
7. *Turn in all funds to the Treasurer from fundraising efforts as soon as possible.*
8. *Help run the raffles and auctions at the Convention.*
9. *Help out at the Convention in any form as designated by the Chair or Co-Chair*

M. Hospitality

1. Two (2) years clean time.
2. One (1) year of Convention subcommittee experience.
3. Present a written report at each Convention Committee meeting and give to the Secretary.
4. Send out a request to all Areas (Nov & Feb RSC) to fill timeslots and *bring* food donations for the hospitality room.
5. *Receive items from storage in February from Chair and return all items to Chair for storage in May.*
6. Shop for food for the hospitality room.
7. Set up the hospitality room and schedule workers.
8. Make sure the hospitality room is stocked at all times. *Make sure there is coffee at all times.*
9. Clean up hospitality room *throughout the weekend and* upon completion of convention (leave it better than we found it if possible). *Throw away all trash, gather all food items that cannot be eaten and give to local shelter if they are perishable.*

N. Co-Hospitality

1. *One (1) year clean time.*
2. *In the Chair's absence, fulfill their duties.*
3. *Help shop for food for the hospitality room at the convention.*
4. *Help set up the hospitality room and schedule workers.*
5. *Make sure the hospitality room is stocked at all times and there is always coffee ready.*
6. *Help clean up hospitality room upon completion of convention. Leave it better than how we found it (if possible).*
7. *Help the Hospitality Chair, Chair or Co-Chair in any way designated during the convention.*

O. Merchandising

1. Two (2) years of clean time.
2. One (1) year of Convention subcommittee experience.
3. Get prices on pre-registration *merchandise* items and items to sell *in merchandise room*; bring to the committee to be decided on and order them *according to the timeline*.
4. Get prices on merchandise for the *registration* packets, bring them to the Committee to be decided on, and order them *according to the timeline*.
5. Present a written report at each Convention Committee meeting and give to the Secretary.
6. *Receive items from storage in February from chair and return in May to be put back in storage.*
7. *Inventory all items going into storage (May RSC). Inventory when you receive all items (Feb RSC).*
8. *Look for alternative vendors for the merchandise room for the convention and bring back to the committee for discussion and approval. Once approved, get contracts from vendors for the convention.*
9. Run the Merchandise room at the Convention. *Find some volunteers to help out at the convention.*
10. *Ensure that all the merchandise room vendors are taken care of during the convention.*
11. *Turn funds into the treasurer in a timely manner at the convention.*

P. Co-Merchandising

1. *One (1) year of clean time.*
2. *In the merchandise chairs absence, fulfill their duties.*
3. *Help get prices on pre-registration items and items to sell at the Convention.*
4. *Help get prices on merchandise for the registration packets.*
5. *Help look for alternative vendors for the merchandise room.*
6. *Help run the Merchandise room at the Convention.*
7. *Turn funds into the treasurer in a timely manner at the convention.*
8. *Help the Programming chair, Chair or Co-Chair in any way designated at the convention.*

Q. Programming

1. *Three (3) years clean time.*
2. *One (1) year of Convention subcommittee experience.*
3. Present a written report at each Convention Committee meeting and give to the Secretary
4. Send out a request to Region and World for speaker tapes. Placing the information in NAWs will give speakers an opportunity to send their tapes in.
5. Bring speaker recommendations to the committee for discussion and approval.
6. Work on workshop themes and find facilitators for those workshops.
7. Secure a taper. Get contract from the taper. Fulfill all needs for the taper prior to, during and concluding the convention.
8. Make room reservations for the speakers and taper, if needed.
9. *Make a rough draft of where everything should be so during walk-through with hotel, it can be discussed.*
10. *Create and present the program to the committee for input and review. Have the final draft printed.*
11. Secure transportation for the speakers.
12. *Ensure each meeting has a format and readings in them.*
13. *Oversee all the workshops and main meetings to ensure all goes well.*
14. Run the Friday night meeting.

R. Co-Programming

1. *Two (2) years clean time.*
2. *Help work on workshop themes and find facilitators for those workshops.*
3. *Help secure a taper. Help with any needs the taper has.*
4. *Help make room reservations for the speakers and taper if needed.*
5. *Help with the draft of the program and any changes that need to be done.*
6. *Help secure transportation for the speakers.*
7. *Help oversee the workshops and main meetings.*
8. *Help the Programming chair, Chair or Co-Chair in any way designated at the convention.*

S. Registration

1. Five (5) years of clean time.
2. Three (3) years of Convention subcommittee experience.
3. Present a written report at each Convention Committee meeting and give to the Secretary.
4. Secure a post office box.
5. *Contact the city's Tourism Office where the convention is being held and ask for welcome packets.*
6. Make a pre-registration flyer with all the information on it.
7. Mail out pre-registration flyers to all who attended the previous years' convention.
8. Keep an accurate account of all who pre-register and turn in final numbers *for pre-registration merchandise* to the Merchandise Chair to order items.
9. *Design badge and get approval from committee. Once approved, have printed. Then fill out, laminate and hole punch each badge.*
10. *Keep spreadsheet of all who pre-register with all their information on it. Update each month. Use at convention with original mailed in slips with you – just in case.*
11. *Thursday night at the convention, put group together to put registration bags together for convention.*
12. *Register people at the convention. Help answer questions they have. Welcome them – you are the first line of communication with the convention!*

T. Co-Registration

1. *Four (4) years of clean time.*
2. *Two (2) years of Convention subcommittee experience.*
3. *Help form a pre-registration flyer.*
4. *Help mail out pre-registration forms to all who attended the previous years' convention.*
5. *Help fill out name tags and laminate them.*
6. *Help put the registration packets together.*
7. *Help register members at the Convention.*
8. *Help the Registration Chair, Chair and Co-Chair in any way designated at the convention.*

U. General Member

1. *60 days clean time.*
2. Attendance at two (2) consecutive Convention subcommittee meetings. *If three consecutive meetings are missed, you must re-establish your membership.*
3. Help out with subcommittees during the year of planning in any way needed.
4. Help at the convention in any form as designated by the Chair and Co-chair.
5. *If you are to be a money handler, you must have at least one year clean time.*