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November 18th, 2018 Minutes

- Ⓝ Jeff opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at 9:00 am.
- Ⓝ *Quick pre-roll call showed only 5 of 10 ASCs present, after 12 and 12 read 2 more had showed up, making 7 of 10.*
- Ⓝ John G. read the 12 Traditions
- Ⓝ Chris Q. read the 12 Concepts
- Ⓝ **Roll call** – Dusty C.-CKA; Rich C.-JFT; Ed B.-Miracle; Jacob K.-NANA; Chris Q.-OZ; Jon J.-Unity; Schatzie T.-WMA; Ben T.-FD, MZSS FD, Convention ad-hoc; Jeffrey L.-RD, PR, NAWS Contact; Rod D.-RDA; Jeff R.-Facilitator, Tim P.-Co facilitator, Beth N.-Treasurer, Tim S.-Secretary, Matt M. Treasury Oversight; Ron B. - Campout; Tony K. - Convention; Shelly W. - Soul to Soul; Amber C. – PO Box; Ed B. - MZSS PR

Ⓝ **(7 of 10 ASCs represented)**

- Ⓝ August 2018 minutes were approved without objection, with mention of RDA report adjustment.

Ⓝ **Area reports:**

Ⓝ **Central Kansas Area:**

Hello from CKA. We have six groups in our area with a lot of groups seeing more addicts walking through the doors.

We voted yes on motion 081918-001

Our H&I efforts are still strong with Ellsworth Correctional Facility, also going to CKF and Valley Hope. Larned is hosting a PR event at their Chamber community coffee hour. Plus all groups are providing literature in their community.

There are some group functions in our area, Salina – hope they brought flyers.

The area is hosting Christmas Dreams at our next area Dec. 15th at 1 pm. Function to follow, flyers are available on website and I also provided some. The women's retreat will be hosting its 2nd annual retreat, more will be revealed.

CKA has a \$200 donation

Gratefully serving,
Dusty C.

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

Ⓜ Just For Today Area:

Hello regional family,

Meeting attendance is about the same at all of our groups in the JFT area.

Thank you to the PR professional's workgroup for bringing the presentation to Sedan.

Various members from JFT have been traveling around the country since last RSC. World Convention was a very gratifying experience to be a part of, and getting the opportunity to meet addicts from around the world. Thank you Miracle Area for hosting the Sponsorship Banquet. Several of us also went to the MZSS in Nebraska and were able to learn more about how we can be of better service.

We are having our area MARCNA fundraiser in Independence, KS on December 8th from 3-9 p.m. There will be a spaghetti dinner, 2 speakers, & raffle/auction. \$3 a person/\$5 couple at the door. Raffle items would be appreciated. MARCNA merchandise and pre-registrations will be available at the function. We will be holding our Area business meeting at 1 p.m. prior to the function and would like to invite everyone to that as well.

We have a \$200 donation to the region today.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Rich C. JFT RCM

Ⓜ Miracle Area: Good Morning NA Family!

The Miracle Area is doing very well, with all meetings very well attended. Seventh Tradition has been generous as well. I was unable to attend the Miracle Area Service Committee meeting this month, so I am somewhat in the blind. I did not hear of any issues that the Regional Service Committee needs to address. The Miracle Area has no new, or closed meetings. Participation at the Area Service Committee has been very strong, and participation in Area Hospitals and Institutions service has been good as well. The Leavenworth R.I.P. group has left the Miracle Area, and we do not know where or if they have joined another area. That's all I have to report, the Miracle Area is donating \$500.00 to the Mid-America Region. Thank you for allowing me to serve the Fellowship,

Ed B., Miracle Area Alt. R.C.M.

Ⓜ Never Alone, Never Again Area: No report turned in

Ⓜ Oz Area:

Hello region, my name is Chris and I'm an addict.

Greetings from the Oz area all is well in our part of the state. Meeting attendance in our area at all group's is steady and doing good. We are currently in the process of electing a new area chair our old chair step down due to personal reasons. I would also like to let everyone know that we have a nother new group in our area it is the day by day group from Saint Francis Kansas the meetings are Monday at 7:30 central time at First Methodist education center 104 West Webster Saint Francis Kansas 67756 that is an open meeting. I would also like to add let everyone know that the New Hope group of Colby's annual Christmas party will be the first Sunday of December at 2 p.m. at the community building in Colby Kansas we will have an auction raffle

speaker potluck dinner and our speaker is Cody K from Salina. The next area function that we have coming up will be March 2nd in Burlington Colorado it is the whole enchilada it will be at 340 South 14th Street at the Burlington Community Building it will start at 3 p.m. Central Standard Time please come for food fellowship and a good time there will be an auction raffle and prizes for best enchilada. Also in March the new hope group from Colby will be doing a Traditions Workshop we will be having Daniel C from Salina come out on Saturday March 16th to give a workshop on the traditions it will start at 10 a.m. and run most of the day with a lunch break at noon. Location to be determined. That is all I have for the oz area . Thank you for letting me be of service.

☎ Primary Purpose Area: *(absent, but sent report)*

Hello regional family,

Sorry to have missed our family Thanksgiving. Primary Purpose Area has been doing well, H&I is going on in Newton at Mirror (men 7:00 pm 1st Sunday and women 7:00 pm 3rd Sunday) and the jail (women 6:30 pm 1st Tuesday and men 6:30 3rd Tuesday). H&I is going on in Hutchinson also. Meetings are going well; we have our first set of meeting lists but will be adding some meetings to it.

McPherson Flying Free is up and running again and has shown an interest in joining Primary Purpose Area, woohoo!!! Meeting times for McPherson are as follows: Sunday 6pm; Tuesday 6pm; Wednesday 6:30pm; Friday 8pm; and Saturday 6pm. All meetings are at 216 S. Main in the SOS clubhouse. Jim W. is the GSR, his phone is 785-577-7569.

Newton HOW had their Turkey Feed and was well attended, Lyons had their Fish Fry and it was also well attended. Gift of Life had their Freaker's Ball and it went well.

Primary Purpose Area Blue Ball Ball is coming December 1st, 2018 at Lyons, the flyer is up on the regional web page. So things are happening in the area. Happy Thanksgiving to all,

Thanks for letting me serve.

In service, Becky B. PPA Chair

☎ Unity Area:

We had our area meeting in Hays; I have not got the minutes for said meeting and did not attend. We have a \$100 donation for the region today. The 4th of July campout will be in Beloit again next year, have passed out 5 flyers to all RCMs.

Jon J.
RCM

☎ Western Area: *(absent but sent report)*

Greetings from Western Area

Not too much to report on for this quarter. We are still having meetings. We had a couple of functions like group birthday nights and an area speaker jam. Each group is making sure the doors are opened and meeting information is correct. We still lack some area involvement from some of our groups but we do the best we can with what we have.

We'll be having our next area meeting in Liberal Kansas on December 8 at 6pm followed by a speaker meeting at 8pm.

I do apologize for not being able to be there in person. I look forward to seeing you next RSC.

In Service

Spencer J.

Ⓝ **Wichita Metro Area:**

Hello Regional family,

Two meetings have closed in Wichita Metro Area since we last met. Plain-O NA has closed its doors, they previously met once weekly on Wednesdays. Also, Just For Today in Augusta has closed their Saturday meeting. This leaves them with only 1 meeting, Tuesdays at 8 pm. A flyer drive was scheduled by PR, it did not happen but a few members did hang about 20 flyers around Augusta. A meeting has been added at Living Clean group at 5:30 pm Saturdays. It has been added to the Wichita Metro Area website and will be forwarded to the webmaster for region.

Wichita Metro Area is voting yes on 081918-001 concerning World Unity Day. Our area will be hosting a game night monthly. December 8th is first, on 2nd Saturdays going through April. Other activities announced: First Things First in Ark City, Dec. 15th at 2; Celebration of Recovery (COR) is Jan. 19th, 2019 at Living Clean. Doors open at 2, workshop on Social Media & the Guiding Principles by Tim S., chili cook off & potluck at 4:30, speaker at 6, and sell group merchandise.

Wichita Metro Area's Alt-RCM stepped down due to unavailability to attend region because of work schedule. An intent to fill has been issued for 30 days. We also have a co-activities position open. Our webmaster, Mike G. has done a phenomenal job on our website. If you haven't visited recently, please do at wmana.org. Mike is working on adding the literature form to this site to help streamline the process of ordering literature.

H&I efforts continue, and 1 commitment has been added – Preferred Family Healthcare in Winfield. As one of the ways to help promote unity, we have decided to have “banner wars” with each group having a banner (this is a loose term), which other groups can capture. We are hoping this, along with other things, will help draw our area together. Currently we have three or four groups not regularly represented at area. Discussions are ongoing for other ways to reach out to these members through attraction rather than promotion.

Thank you so much, family, for allowing me to serve NA in this manner.

Schatzie T., RCM

Ⓝ Subcommittee Reports:

Ⓝ **Archivist:** Open position,

Tim S. commented the flash drive is still being updated with minutes, etc that are emailed in. He is also scanning personal archives, Unity Area minutes dating 1991 - mid 2000s, to be added to the digital folder. Hard copies will also be donated when completed. MARCNA 2018 donated full CD speaker set.

Ⓝ **Campout:**

Hello Family. The 2019 Campout theme is "We R Family". We had our quarterly meeting Saturday. The Catering and Programming positions were filled. Only the Fundraising/Merchandise position is open. A check was issued to Region for the 2018 Campout \$2,262.77.

We are well on our way of having the best 4th of July campout ever. The next Intern meeting will be Jan 26, 2019 @ 2pm at the Penny Rose Ranch, 3362 KS 9 Hwy, Beloit, KS.

In loving service,

Ron B., Campout Chair

Jeff R. (Facilitator) brought up question about the 2018 campout final treasurer report, since at least 3 members (RCMs, etc.) asked why it wasn't included in campout report at August RSC. Tim S. (RSC Secretary) pointed out it was included, but in back of minutes as an addendum. Matt M. (Treasury Oversight) commented that he probably should come early and sit in on Saturday's committees meetings, just to keep better informed on treasurer activity.

Ⓝ **MARCNA:**

Planning is proceeding very well with the convention. We have filled most positions and seem to be on track to have a great event. Online registration is active at our regional website. Registration forms/flyers are posted. I have brought additional copies for you to take back to your areas.

Requests for Basic Texts

In years past, there has been a letter sent requesting donations of Basic Texts for the Saturday evening meeting of the convention. I am not sure why that has that has been a separate letter, but this year I am including that request in my report.

Please discuss a Basic Text donation at your next ASC. For those not familiar with the tradition, these texts will be given out to the newcomers after the Saturday night speaker meeting. Even if the decision is to not donate, please let us know so the committee can plan accordingly.

Registration Awareness Events

Several pre-convention events have been planned to raise awareness for the upcoming convention and encourage preregistration. The first was held in Lawrence on Nov 8. Two more are planned currently planned as follows:

Dec 1st - Topeka - Grace United Methodist Church, 2627 SW Western Ave. 2 - 8 PM

Dec 8th - Independence – TBA

Convention Co-Chair

Since a location for the convention has not been determined, we have refrained from electing a convention Co-Chair. One of the most important roles from my term as Co-Chair last year was to learn for the role as Chair. We are reaching a critical point for the second most important role (my opinion), help the Chair and everyone else put on a successful convention.

If the RSC wants this position to be one of transition, I am asking this body to appoint a Co-Chair that will be willing to commit to the 2020 convention regardless of location.

If the RSC chooses to not do this, the committee will elect a chair from the local area with a clear focus on helping with the 2019 event. Not knowing the 2020 path forward, that trusted servant may understandably not be committing to pursuing the chair for 2020.

Let me know if you have questions or concerns.

ToeKnee K.

ToeKneeK@draguns.net or convention@marscna.net 785-760-3214

MARCNA 36 Chair

☯ Fellowship Development:

Hello Region Family

How about that meal last night ...I know I am thankful for all that great food and not to mention all the wonderful cooks we have!

We do have some Groups closing meetings:

- Just For Today in Augusta closed their Saturday Meeting which means they are only meeting on Tuesday
- Plan O NA also has closed Meeting

Now there are Some NEW Groups/Meetings:

- Day By Day Recovery- Mon 7:30pm 104 W Webster St Francis KS@1st united Methodist Education Center
- Last Door Group NA - Monday and Wednesdays 8 pm 1033 S Washington, Junction City KS
- Flying Free has reopened meetings in McPherson @ 216 S Main

We do have open positions in Fellowship Development:

- Event Chair- Opened August 2018
- MAN- Posting for Next RSC
Please take back to Areas for any interest!

Events have most of the Next RSC already Planned Out:

- February - Sweetheart Banquet with Jon F. And Tracy C. guest Speakers
- May- Supporting a local Home Group
- August - Soul To Soul Fundraiser with speaker(s) to be Announced
- Fall 2019 MZSS/ Service Assembly

See folks, let your people know our out-going Event Chair had everything all lined up for almost a Year!

Thanks Amber for your service over this last year!

MAN- Has Report

Soul To Soul- Has Report (*posted separate*)

We will be requesting funds for:

1. MAN – Printing
2. Seed money for February RSC

In Loving Service

Ben T.

Jeff R. (Facilitator) asked if FD was going to increase the MAN printing to include in MARCNA pre-reg packages. The amount requested for the February printing was adjusted to reflect the additional newsletter printing.

Ⓝ **NAWS Contact:** *No report turned in.*

Questions were brought up about updates being done, both groups and RSC trusted servants. This was added to new business.

Ⓝ **PO Box:**

I last checked the PO Box on Friday. Here is what we received:

A few things for the Treasurer:

City Blue Print Invoice for Meeting Lists

- Insurance Information - Invoice and Policy Change information

- Oz Area Donation - \$500.00

Flyer for LACNA - Jan 4 - 6th 2019 - Louisville, KY

Speaker Submissions

- Holly H - Laguna Niguel, CA
- Melissa R - Ponchatoula, LA

I gave both of these to convention programming chair.

H&I Letters

- Inmate in El Dorado asking for a JFT Book
- Inmate looking for a pen pal

Our H&I Coordinator was not here, so our PR Coordinator has these letters currently.

Some Junk mail and that was it.

ILS,

Amber C.

Ⓝ **Public Relations:** *No report turned in*

Ⓝ **Soul to Soul 2018:**

Hello NA, S2S and regional family! I would like to thank all who attended fundraisers at Soul to Soul 2018 and made it the largest to date yet! With that all said here is the financial break down:

Starting balance \$1308.92

Fundraising income \$1,245.00 (Emporia \$776.00 and Wichita Metro \$469.00)

Fundraising T-shirts \$ 627.96 (39x\$15.00=585.00 3x14.32=42.96paypal)

Attendance 53 - \$3,855.24

4 free from Fundraisers

12 x \$72.52 (after Paypal Fees) = \$870.24

37 x 75.00 = \$2775.00

14 x 15.00 = \$ 210.00 Horseback ride

Fundraising expense \$577.15 (\$385.00 T-shirts \$150.00 WSC merchandise \$45.15 supplies)

Pre-registration gift \$931.50 (\$631.50 Towels \$300.00- Mug)

Event food, paper supplies and ice \$1,102.47 (\$3.47 Per Meal per Person)

Fees, operational, event payment and 2019 deposit \$1,311.00

(\$56.00 mail box fee \$5.00 statement reprint fee \$750 event rent \$ 500 2019 deposit)

Available closing balance \$ 3,017.22

Suggested starting balance \$ 1,017.22 (Plus \$150.00 - 3 x \$75.00 pre-registration)

In Loving Service

Ben T.

📌 **Soul to Soul 2019:**

Hello family;

A good time was had by all at Soul to Soul this year. I believe we had 53 total in attendance!! (We did Have two people who pre-registered but did not attend) but several who registered on-site. We have pre-reg mugs and towels left over for fundraising for next year. We did discuss with the camp about reserving another cabin, as our cabin only sleeps 52 and that is 26 males and 26 females. To rent the south cabin it would be a \$300.00 deposit and \$300.00 per night we used it. IF we reserved it and let it go 61 days or more in advance we would get a full refund on our deposit. If it was 31-60 days we would receive ½ of our deposit back if cancelled and if it was 30 days or less we would get none of our deposit back.

Our trail ride and wagon ride left a lot to be desired this year—it was explained to me due to the weather (the rain that happened) they could not do the usual trails or rack ride and they apologized and did not charge us for one of the rack rides—I believe it is typically 25.00 per ride. The final bill as sent on to the treasurer - **attached is his final report**

We discussed not having trail rides next year. That will be up to your new committee.

We have voted in committee for Soul to Soul 2019

Chair-Matt M—the camp has been provided with all of Matt's information.

Co-chair- Jan K

Treasurer- Ben T

Catering chair- Dorothee M

Catering Co-chair- Jenny R

Secretary- Flo H

Soul to Soul 2019 will be **September 27, 28 and 29** with the theme being—"Let the Healing begin at Soul to Soul". Flo H. will have artwork at November for this theme. The artwork is currently being looked at. Items for agenda for November RSC:

- 1.) Raise registration price to \$80.00 or keep it at \$75.00 voted to leave at \$75.00
- 2.) Newcomer or Scholarship donation - was much discussion on this and it was decided we have people now that help pay for others who can't afford it and it will remain that way.
- 3.) Talk to Regional Activity chair about having a fundraiser at Region. Soul to Soul will host a fundraiser at August RSC.
- 4.) Make this a pre-registration event only, much discussion on this as well. We have limited bed space but voted to go ahead and reserve the extra cabin for an additional 24 heads at a \$300.00 deposit.
- 5.) Camp Chipawa has sleeping cabins for over 100 people—will need a bid for 2020 if we change the location, Michelle to look into this.
- 6.) Discuss trail rides we discussed and decided not to do horseback trail rides next year.

- 7.) There was discussion on splitting up men's and women's meetings into smaller groups.
- 8.) Motion made to give \$1500.00 to RSC.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity

Shelley D. Wright—outgoing 2018 Soul to Soul chair

Ad-Hoc Committees/Representatives

☎ MZSS Fellowship Development:

Hello Region Family,

Can I just say OMG! MZSS was Amazing! I wasn't expecting to hear input from all the Zones In the United States!

I will say it was reassuring to hear that we as a whole NA are all experiencing the same problems; groups struggling, groups not putting in input to Area or Regional levels, relaying of information problems. So the struggle is real!

Now this sound like it is bad news, however, I believe this Multi Zonal Service Symposium addresses a lot of these issues with great discussion topics, interactive work groups and brain storming.

I did attend:

“How to Plan a PR Presentation”

“WSC Progress”

“Building Strong Home Groups”

“Serving NA in Rural and Isolated Communities”

“PR Presentation” - I might be a little biased however, I think our ladies did an awesome job (Sally R & Amber C.)

They made PR Presentation sound fun and made it sound not Scary.

“Building Strong Home Groups” - Like a lot of our Home Groups are struggling with: meeting etiquette, phones, group distension, lack of interest in being of service just at the group level.

*group inventories

*sponsors bring sponsee to GSM

*Ole timers splitting meeting

Serving NA in rural and isolated communities - this one really hit home for our region considering most of our Groups are in rural areas. This might sound kind of backwards for some of us, using technology to better serve the addict seeking recovery in these areas.

- * zoom meetings
- * Streaming speakers
- * Pay Pal for 7th tradition

I would like to Thank you all for allowing me to attend MZSS, I hope I was frugal enough with the funds I was allowed. I shared an Air b-n-b and transportation with fellow Mid America Members.

I will be returning \$341.51 out of the \$500.

In Closing I am excited for all the new technologies that is making it easier for us to reach and serve the still suffering addict today. However, I would like to remember and thank all our predecessors for all the long unpaid/unfunded hours, sweat and tears that went into developing the World Wide Fellowship of Narcotic Anonymous that saved my life.

In Loving Service

Ben T.

Jeff R. elaborated on the "Sponsorship Behind the Walls" project, what it is and who it involves.

MZSS Public Relations:

Hello, Family!

I attended the Multi-Zonal Service Symposium, along with many, many other members from Mid-America Region and associated Areas, on November 1-3. The Symposium was an incredible experience, and I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Public Relations Subcommittee for asking me to attend, and to the Mid-America Service Committee as well, for funding my trip. I attended several workshops as well as a recovery meeting, a speaker meeting, and a banquet! Fun times all around.

Most of the workshops I attended focused on web site issues, and ways to engage computer and internet technology to better carry the message of recovery. This report will be a general overview of what I learned, partly to save time and partly because I have misplaced my notebook and a detailed review will have to wait until the MZSS people post the detailed notes from the workshops.

The first workshop concerned an internet tool which has been particularly troublesome to the MARSCNA Web Service workgroup, that being the "Basic Meeting List Toolbox". Immediately on the heels of the BMLT workshop was the "Websites 101" workshop. Saturday morning workshop was euphemistically titled "Making S**t Happen Through Virtual Workgroup Communications." I have bundled these three into one report, as they all focus on the Web site and what can be done with it to further our primary function.

Though the Basic Meeting List Toolbox has been discussed many times in this forum, here is a brief summary. BMLT is an internet application which allows a user to search for N.A. meetings using a variety of criteria, e.g. day of the week, location or nearest, meeting or group name, etc. Searches can be done from pretty much any device with internet access. We have had the BMLT integrated into the MARSCNA web site for a while now, although we have had much trouble with it. The workshop detailed several new tools to expand the capabilities of the BMLT, and conversation with other attendees steered us toward viable solutions for our problems. See Web Servant Workgroup report for more details.

Another really exciting tool was discussed in all three "geek" workshops. This is "YAP", a software tool which manages a helpline. The tool is designed to answer a phone call and give information on meeting locations, time, etc. It can also manage Live Addict contacts. One of the advantages of YAP is it will read meeting list information from the BMLT, reducing the amount of hands-on maintenance, helping to eliminate errors, and getting us one step closer to the goal of having all information in one database.

Along that same line, the workgroup discussed a web site which can use the BMLT to generate a meeting list. Several RSCs ago, I used this tool, but the meeting list it produced was not acceptable. Demonstration by the workshop showed this tool has come a long way. Using all three of these tools will give us a "one-stop-shop" for meeting information, integrating the BMLT meeting finder, the Phone Line operation and updating, and the meeting list operation and update in one place. These tools are also much more automated than the procedures currently in place, and get information from a single database. This database must be current and accurate, of course, but meeting information need only be altered once for the BMLT, the Help Line, and the printed and online meeting lists. Virtual Workgroup Communication as discussed in the Saturday workshop focused on the use of web conferencing software to allow online meetings of service committees. This is being successfully used by several of the service bodies represented at the symposium; indeed, some of the presenters were attending online. The workshops showed how to integrate this tool into a web site, and how to apply it to a service committee meeting.

All of these tools are in service in N.A. in the zones represented at the symposium, and they come well recommended by the presenters and by many other attendees. There is a Facebook group focusing on support for the BMLT which I have joined. This will allow us to get information and guidance from N.A. Service entities who have experience integrating these tools. The Web Service Workgroup is currently scheming ways to use this technology in the Mid-America Region. More will be revealed.

Besides the aforementioned "geek" level workshops, I also attended a presentation on "The History of the Basic Text." I was personally moved by the spirituality involved in the writing of Narcotics Anonymous, by the amount of effort put into it, and by the evidence of the hand of a loving higher power in the writing. In an interesting footnote, when money for printing fell short, several members sold blood plasma to raise the funds. While we all know we have bought our recovery with our pain and tears, our Book was literally paid for in blood....

The last workshop I want to discuss was "Sponsorship Behind The Walls." This is a program aimed at providing anonymous sponsorship to addicts in long-term detention facilities. The workgroup discussed the purpose, which is specifically to provide sponsorship guidance to inmates who want to work the Twelve Steps. Presenters also went over the procedures to become a sponsor in this

capacity, the “do’s and don’ts”, and talked a little about their experiences. At some point, I would like to see us provide a link on our web site to members who want to become active in this program. In addition to a trip to Omaha for the MZSS, my understanding of my duties includes making recommendations for work shopping this information to the Fellowship. My vision for this is to take the information directly to the Area Service Committees by attending their Service Committee Meetings, and to take it to the membership by having “Learning Days” events in each area. This will allow us to raise interest in the web site as well as school the membership in the use of the tools. Thank you for your love and support, and thank you for allowing me to serve the Fellowship,

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

- Ⓝ **Convention 2020 Bid:** Four bids were presented for potential 2020 and 2021 conventions; this was moved to old business.

Officer Reports:

- Ⓝ **Regional Delegate:** *No report turned in*

- Ⓝ **Alt. Regional Delegate:**

Greetings

So, I’ve been active on the new discussion board and I started a thread on it. [How our regions thought on the future of the WSC project?](#) The question that arises is how we want the WSC to function. At the Zonal/MZSS meeting I attended was a workshop entitled WSC Progress. These were the points that was asked and that I believe need to be discussed.

1. **What method is best for the RD’s to bring meaningful input to the WSC that truly is the Voice of their members?**
2. **How do we continue the discussion on New Business topics/proposals after the WSC?**
3. **What tools do we need? What processes should we use?**
4. **Which technology and communication opportunities are there?**
5. **How can we collaborate?**

We (meaning your RD team) have tried to discuss this with our Region through a discussion board, on the Facebook pages and we haven’t had any success. So, I would like to schedule a function/presentation or at your Area meeting to start discussing this.

The second Conference participants web meeting for the 2018–2020 cycle was held Saturday, 6 October 2018, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm Pacific Time. The meeting focused on the WSC of the Future, with the discussion results to serve as input for the project workgroup. The discussion question was:

What steps can we take to better achieve these objectives and be more effect vet in this area?

After a brief introduction, members broke into six small groups, each of which focused on two of the four functions of the WSC.

- Vision & Purpose
- Oversight/Legal Responsibilities
- Community Building
- Global Coordination/Sharing Best Practices

(See Dropbox RSC Nov 2018 to Aug 2019 – Webinar Oct 2018 Doc)

NA World Services has put out a new Environmental Scan asking the Delegate Team to complete it. I believe that for us to do that we need your input. So here is some home work for you, take this paperwork back to your Area give us some feedback please.

Ongoing projects at NA World Services

- a. Daily Meditations Book Project <https://www.na.org/?ID=medibook&ID=medibook>
 - i. On Surrender https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/spad_surrender
 - ii. On Acceptance https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/spad_acceptance
 - iii. On Love https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/spad_love
 - iv. On Unity https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/spad_unity
- b. Mental Health/Mental Illness IP Project <https://www.na.org/?ID=mhmi&ID=mhmi>
- c. Local Service Toolbox Project <https://www.na.org/?ID=toolbox&ID=toolbox>
- d. Convention and Events Tools Project <https://www.na.org/?ID=convention-project&ID=convention-project>
 - i. Part of this is out for Review and Input 90 days starting Nov 7th is Money Management **Please send all input to the delegate team**
<https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/project/cande/Money%20Mgmt%20RD%20draft.pdf>
- e. Service System Project <https://www.na.org/?ID=servsys&ID=servsys> and yes this is not dead however it is left over from 2016 WSC. It was supposed to be included (I believe) in the Guide to Local Service to be used if you wanted to.
- f. The Future of the World Service Conference Project <https://www.na.org/?ID=pof-index&ID=pof-index> . We are waiting for this workgroup to get started and was work shopped at the last Multi Zonal Symposium.

Speaking of the Multi Zonal Service Symposium, it was a lot about carrying the message to addicts and the different tools we can use to do that.

Basic Meeting List Toolbox workshop was another one I attended and got some good information out of that has well. A lot went over my head nevertheless I did join a group that I can post questions and hopefully get answers to any questions I or we have. We also got an invite to a live stream event, workshop, labs and more in New York. No, I don't want to be sent to New York for this however I may join in via live stream. I would suggest we investigate sending someone with Tech savvy go.

The next workshop for me was a presentation about the History of Narcotics Anonymous presented by Chris and Boyd. It was very good, and I haven't found it on the internet except for one given to an outside group that covers 1804 to 1962 and is different.

Making Sh*t Happen through Virtual Workgroup Communications also gave out lots of app locations. I would think that your Area's can use some of this technology. From keeping everyone up to date, to holding meetings online so you don't have to leave your house, a lot of good information.

Attracting Members to Service didn't give me any new ideas nevertheless it did introduce me to the one of the new Issue Topic Discussion or ITD.

Carrying the NA Message and Making NA Attractive is one of the other IDT's workshopped at the symposium. I am looking forward to workshopping these in your Area's so get with me soon to do this.

The other IDT presented **Drug Replacement Therapy (DRT) and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) as it Relates to NA** I did not make. I wish I would have made that one however I am sure we can get through that workshop at your Area's also. I really would like to workshop any of these Issue Topic Discussions.

NAWS Update was good I managed to get each Area a copy of material handed out during the weekend. The World Board Members who presented this said there was 284 pages of material wrote during the World Convention in Florida. Those special days we talked about in August are starting with Sponsorship Day this December 1st. If you have any ideas related to this day, please forward them to the worldboard@na.org. It was said that it takes about \$105.66 per Group to fund NA World Services of which only about \$25.68 are brought in by the 7th Tradition. I believe they really mean the 70,065 meeting in the world that math works out closer than the groups. Taking the \$8,353,800 in total expenses reported and dividing that by the 70065 meetings per week it comes to \$117.79 per meeting.

The late-night meeting on Saturday night entitled Zonal Discussion "**What can we do together that we cannot do alone**" was requested by the Southern Zonal Forum. It was intended to be a discussion with the three Zones that put on the MZSS however there were people from most of the Zones in the United States. Someone said 7 of the 8 Zones. We started out discussing how each Zone functions, funding, travel, what we did well in each Zone and how well we commuted with our Regions. Then we were asked if we dreamed what could we envision what would we have here together. Some of the ideas

- A new Zone, each Zone still meeting separate however also come together one Multi Zone
- Better communication between delegates, zones, all of us
- Mentorship between Zones
- Multi Zonal Public Relations Presentations (much like we have done with the Governor's Conference in KC)
- Come together meeting Virtually, discuss issue, find solutions

European Delegates Meeting (Eastern Europe's Zone) meet twice a year once at a convention. Asia Pacific Forum does a lot of work and have a bigger land mass then the United States still meet once a year. They both manage to do a lot more work than we in the United States this by Virtual Meetings. I mean really the Asia Pacific Forum in less than two years' time got 5 motions into the Conference Agenda Report. Anyway, what finally came out of this is an invitation is forth coming for anyone interested in doing more brainstorming on these ideas. There will be a virtual meeting to discuss this idea. Look for more information to come.

I will be setting up a new file in Dropbox to put information in for this next WSC cycle. So, watch for the invite in your email.

Plains States Zonal Forum Nov 2018, we elected new officers and workgroup heads. SBTW Facilitator -

- Workgroup nominated Amanda M (Nebraska) - she qualified herself - she left the room and a vote was taken - Congrats Amanda
- Secretary - Pam T (Oklahoma) was nominated - she qualified herself - she left the room; a vote was taken. Congrats Pam
- Treasurer - Carol (South Dakota) willing to continue - she qualified herself - she left the room; a vote was taken - Congrats Carol
- PR Coordinator - Keith T (Oklahoma) was nominated - the duties were discussed - he qualified himself - a vote was taken - Congrats Keith
- Web Servant - Barry (Iowa) is willing to continue so he can follow through with the transition of the website -he qualified himself - he left the room - a vote was taken - Congrats Barry
- Facilitator - Cindi B (Oklahoma) was nominated - she qualified herself - she left the room; a vote was taken – Congrats Cindi

The workgroup formed to revise Zonal Policy is done and we will be submitting that for Regions Approval. Next Zonal will be Iowa, we are still waiting on a confirmed date however it looks like Feb 1-3, 2019.

On the Zonal Public Relations during their interim the biggest thing being discussed was that the PR week is the first week in June 2019. Theme most likely will be We are PR. Possibility of having some T-shirts that can be ordered from NAWS and can put own regional/area logo on it. Possible idea for discussion that week will be PR poster drive, cards w/800 # on pharmacy. Put magnets w/ 800 to put on trash cans or where ever can put a magnet. Various social media blasts. Maybe on the last day of the week have an event/activity of some kind. One of the themes, JFT - April 2nd reading. Maybe even have a streaming audio of speakers maybe from different zones or something. Big NA Way that quarter.

Web Servant says we are getting about 20 Zoom meeting a month however he had 75 last month.

Sponsorship Behind the Walls work has 3 inmates working steps with 2 others to join in soon. The workgroup is going to be sending out more letters to Prisons in the future. If you have been trained to be a sponsor for that you will need to be trained again. Also, our facilitator for that work group has been attending the NAWS Webinar on Inmate Step Writing.

Rod D. - RDA ****see attached addendums****

Ⓝ Treasurer Report:

- Check # 1542 was accidentally destroyed
 - Added that money back into account – August
 - Reimbursed actual expenses for Jeffry and Rod - November

- Please keep track of receipts! I can't do my job well if I don't have receipts.
- New signature card – Tim P. and Rod. D. are being added.
- Shut down online banking
 - I got a notice that someone I didn't know had arranged for online bill pay. I was worried we had an unauthorized user on the account with access to both the main account and campout. I shut off online banking so we would not have this issue in the future. It turns out the campout treasurer was added to their online banking, but the accounts are linked (same tax ID) and he had access to main account, too.
 - Online banking is off – too much possibility for misuse of funds. I'm keeping it simple and going back to paper statements. (Any user could set up bill pay and get money out without authorization.)
 - Tim J. (campout treasurer) and I will work to get the accounts separated.

See attached report for Treasurer accounting

📌 Treasury Oversight:

Mid-America Region Family,

Following last RSC I audited the Campout Committee bank account and found no discrepancies at this time. I was not able to establish contact with the past treasurer, but I obtained receipts and printed statements from the new treasurer, Tim J., following yesterday's Campout meeting. I do not anticipate any discrepancies from what I have reviewed from the statements already but I want to be diligent.

Following today's RSC I will begin auditing the Soul 2 Soul Committee account. I have received receipts and statements from Ben T to begin this audit and will report findings at February RSC.

I continue to have access to the Convention account, but I now have no access to the Region bank account nor campout account since they are linked and access was recently revoked on these accounts due to changes that were made by the Region Treasurer. I think we should review how these two accounts are linked and have a conversation to determine if this is the way they should be or if something different should be considered. I have received statements for the last year from Beth N. for the Region account and will work from these in the interim.

In Loving Service,

Matt M.

Treasury Oversight

📌 Open Forum:

- Daniel mentioned we need a new email address that can be forwarded for sending reports early, based off marscna.net, which would forward to all RCMs and officers. Please use this email for future mailings reports@marscna.net

- Jon brought up printing code at Office Max (Office Depot), Jeff elaborated on what the discount code entails. Code will be sent as a separate attachment to RSC mailing, but not included in minutes.
- Daniel suggested a change in Saturday time slots. A new schedule was established and will be attached to minutes. Keep in mind the schedule on the back page of the current MAN is now incorrect.
- Ben brought up taking collections each RSC to provide meals at RSC Sunday. Dietary restrictions prevent from removing a lunch break.

Ⓝ Old Business:

- **Motion 081918-001** – Passed 6-0-1
- **MARCNA Bids** – The ad-hoc chair, Ben T., submitted information on four bids for 2020 and 2021. Two of these are in cities that have never hosted a regional convention; the two year's locations were voted in.
- MARCNA 2020 – Emporia Avaste Hotel Suites & Conference Center 6-0-1 - **April 3rd-5th, 2020**
- MARCNA 2021 – Manhattan Hilton Garden Inn 7-0-0 – dates TBD

Ⓝ Insurance question response letter:

Jeff R. read letter containing our questions with Alliance Agency Inc.'s answers. Below is discussion on these answers.

- *Letter will be attached as separate file with RSC minutes mail out.*
- *Jeffry L. questioned number of meetings covered, 150 seems too high. Response letter listed the 150 as locations, not meetings. This includes function locations as well as group meeting halls.*
- *Shelly W. brought up an injury at 2018 Soul to Soul. A claim was submitted and is still being investigated.*
- *Jeff R. mentioned the procedure for handling injuries at our events; the insurance claims adjuster will determine who is at fault with any claim, not the agent or us.*
- *Officer liability questioned and at what cost?*
- *Jon J. asked about our officers during travel, like to California for WSC, etc. Or any member that has been authorized for travel with expenses?*
- *Jeff R. stated he has the form for officer coverage at home; do we want to find out how much it would add on to our policy cost?*
- *Jacob K. asked if certain members would be denied coverage, or subjected by age, health, etc?*
- *Shawn B. gave info as a licensed insurance person. Officers will have personal history taken into effect, financial, net worth, criminal history, etc.*
- *Daniel C. honed in on what Jon asked, are our people covered while being funded for travel?*
- *Beth N. stated, as an officer, she would not be interested in having her personal information submitted. She is a volunteer in an anonymous program and also wouldn't want the region expense raised.*

- *Rich C. asked if there was a way of reducing the cost of our policy, it was stated we have the best insurance for the cost, in order to reduce the cost; we would have to also reduce our coverage.*
- **Sally R. wrote questions to be presented to AAI; Jeff R. will type up and send to them.**

Ⓜ Elections –

- a) **Archivist** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*
- b) **Co-Treasurer** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*
- c) **Co-Secretary** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*
- d) **Soul to Soul** – Matt M. nominated out of committee and elected in, congratulations!

Ⓜ New Business:

- **Interim Committee Minutes:** Jon J. brought up committees failing to send their interim minutes to all RCMs, if possible also have copies available at RSC if needed. This procedure is listed in policy (*VIII-A-2 - pg 8*), just not followed. For email list, please use reports@marscna.net – otherwise hard copy mailing will be necessary.
- **Fundraisers at RSC:** It was questioned whether there should be fundraisers again? A few members reflected on how it used to be set up in our old structure, when each quarterly RSC had an event that Saturday evening and fundraisers for campout, convention, Soul to Soul, and RSC activities each had a quarter to raise funds for their committee. At this time all monies from each committee were turned in to RSC, and then an established “seed money” was budgeted. Subcommittees like Outreach, Steering, Activities, Public Information, H&I, and Literature all submitted an annual budget to work with. There were never enough member (group/ASC) donations to support the annual budget, and was ineffective. After campout, convention, and Soul to Soul became self supportive, quarterly fundraisers started going to sub-committees that were getting more involved, like Public Information. Another downfall in that system was the events themselves started failing, not enough attendance, too many other functions, etc. It was decided that the practice could start up again. **Any subcommittee can host a fundraiser, but it needs to be scheduled through the events coordinator.** Other questions came up, like should basket money go to RSC, auction/raffle goes to fundraiser? Those details can be determined through the events coordinator, or fellowship development committee.

Meeting list discussion, NAWS contact: There was much discussion that was carried over from NAWS Contact report pertaining to group updates and NAWS database. Questions were brought up about updates being done with both groups and RSC trusted servants. It was also discussed that there are many groups that are registered with NAWS, but don't participate with an area within our region, so area meeting lists do not cover all groups. The Basic Meeting List Toolbox (BMLT) is what our region and NAWS are going to for updates, to add, but removing meetings or

groups from NAWS database requires an authorized NAWS contact person. **Jeffry will get all ASCs lists from NAWS and present at Feb RSC.**

- **Banking accounts:** Beth (*RSC Treasurer*) wanted to shut down online banking, several concerns came up with not having immediate access to accounts. Daniel thought we need to separate accounts but keep online. Convention has own ID, Campout and RSC shares one. RSC Treasurer will investigate how to separate accounts, and keep online.
- **MARCNA Co-Chair:** Daniel brought up Convention Chair's request for this RSC to appoint a Co-Chair for MARCNA. Ben T. was already going to be stepping up, so discussion was limited. Shelly brought up issue with Convention Chair continually leaving early, not being here to address questions. RD will get with him and discuss expectations while at RSC.
- **Request for funds:** All non-escrowed requests were read by Treasurer than approved:

PR – extra meeting lists for MARCNA -	\$450.00
RD/RDA – PSZF trip to Iowa	\$600.00
Secretary – 47 chairs for RSC	\$40.00
Secretary – ext. cords, tape, power strips	\$100.00 (up to)
FD – extra newsletters (MAN) for MARCNA	<u>\$450.00</u>
	\$1,640.00

- Ⓝ **Open Positions:** Archivist; Treasurer; Co-Treasurer; Co-Secretary; Event Chair; MAN Editor

(Event and MAN are through Fellowship Development Committee)

- Ⓝ *Motion to close!*

Grateful to serve NA,

Tim S., Secretary

**Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous
Treasurer Report – August 2018 RSC**

	Beginning Balance			\$ 12,106.47
Income:				
5/20/18	Area/group donations	\$ 1,130.00		
	Subcommittee donations	\$ 4,604.00		
	returned monies/other	\$ 550.00		
	(PR Escrow & RDA Zonal Travel)			
				\$ 6,284.00
				\$ 18,390.47
Expenses:				
#1539 8/19/18	Insurance (Escrow)		\$1,412.00	
#1540 8/19/18	Rent & Storage		\$400.00	
#1545 8/19/18	<i>Ed B. MZSS Travel for PR Rep</i>		\$500.00	
#1546 8/19/18	<i>Ben T. MZSS Travel for FD Rep</i>		\$500.00	
DEBIT 7/24/18	<i>Phone.com</i>		\$480.91	
#1541 8/19/18	Amber C. - Nov RSC Supplies		\$100.00	
#1542 VOID	Jeffrey L. - RD/RDA MZSS Travel VOID**		\$0.00	
#1544 11/17/18	City Blue Print - MAN		\$48.38	
#1543 11/17/18	City Blue Print - Meeting List		\$223.60	
				\$ 3,664.89
	Bank Balance			\$ 14,725.58
	Less: Prudent Reserve			\$ 6,000.00
	Sub-total			\$ 8,725.58
	Less: Escrows - After Aug 18 Exp.			
	<i>Fellowship Development</i>		\$ 513.76	
	<i>Public Relations</i>		385.42	
	PR - Basic Text Project		756.00	
	Rent		400.00	
	Insurance (through Nov 18)		1,405.75	
	Phoneline (due Aug 18) (ACH)		128.20	
	P. O. Box (due Feb. 19)		52.50	
	Web Page (due Sept. 19)		271.20	
	RDA (due Feb. 20)		750.00	
	Memorial Fund		500.00	
	MZSS		-	
	Total Escrows			
				\$ 5,162.83
	Spendable Balance			
				\$ 3,562.75

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**MID-AMERICA
REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
2019 FEBRUARY QUARTERLY MEETING**

At the Marquette Elementary School
310 Swedonia St., Marquette, Kansas 67464

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Saturday, February 16th

<u>9:00 am -9:30 am</u>	Fellowship Development
<u>9:30 am – 11:00 am</u>	Fellowship Development Workgroups MAN, Soul to Soul, Events
<u>11:00 am - 11:30 am</u>	Fellowship Development Wrap-up
<u>11:30 am - 1:00 pm</u>	LUNCH BREAK
<u>1:00 pm - 3:00 pm</u>	Convention / Campout
<u>3:30 pm - 4:00 pm</u>	Public Relations
<u>4:00 pm – 5:30 pm</u>	Public Relations Workgroups H&I, Webpage, Phonenumber, Communications, Presentation
<u>5:30 pm - 6:00 pm</u>	Public Relations Wrap-up
<u>6:00 pm – 8:00 pm</u>	Sweetheart Speakers Event
<u>After Meeting</u>	Fellowship / Auction & Raffle

NO ADDICT TURNED AWAY
NA AUCTION / RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
Sunday, February 17th

At the Marquette Elementary School
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General business, motions, request for funds.

MEETING STARTS AT 9:00 a.m. and finishes when done.