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## February 17th, 2019 Minutes

- Ⓝ Jeff opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at 9:00 am.
- Ⓝ Ben T. read the 12 Traditions
- Ⓝ Daniel C. read the 12 Concepts
- Ⓝ **Roll call** – Amber C.-CKA, PO Box; Rich C.-JFT; Ed B.-Miracle; Jacob K.-NANA; Jon J.-Unity; Schatzie T.-WMA; Becky B. – Primary Purpose; Jacob K. – NANA; Spencer J. – Western; Ben T.-FD, Convention 2020; Jeffry L.-RD, PR, NAWs Contact; Rod D.-RDA; Jeff R.-Facilitator; Tim P.-Co facilitator; Beth N.-Treasurer; Tim S.-Secretary, MAN; Matt M. Treasury Oversight, Soul to Soul; Tony K. – Convention 2019 (1<sup>st</sup> roll call only); Ron B., Campout (came in during reports, left shortly after)

### Ⓝ ( 9 of 10 ASCs represented)

- Ⓝ November 2018 minutes were approved without objection.

### Ⓝ **Area reports:**

#### Ⓝ **Central Kansas Area:**

Hello Regional Family,

I am the newly elected RCM and am excited to serve in this capacity. Recovery is alive and well in the Central Kansas Area!! We met last Saturday in Great Bend and had a function for a struggling group which had a great turn out. Raised some funds to help a group get on their feet again. Here is what is going on around the area:

We are taking an H&I commitment to Ellsworth with 3-5 inmates attending that meeting. Phoenix group is also taking a meeting into CKF in Salina and Valley Hope in Moundridge once a month.

Our women's retreat is gearing up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual CKA Women's retreat. They are in the process of selecting artwork and a design. They are putting on a Spaghetti Feed in March to support this event. They are looking forward to this event. Hope you can all come support it! Registrations for the next retreat should be available by MARCNA.

Some upcoming events in our area:

- ⊗ March 9<sup>th</sup> – Spaghetti Feed – Salina – Women's retreat fundraiser
- ⊗ March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Phoenix Group Learning Day – Salina
- ⊗ June 21-23<sup>rd</sup> – Phoenix Group Campout – Kanopolis Lake
- ⊗ August 24<sup>th</sup> – Guided Painting & Sponsorship Tea – Location TBD – Women's retreat fundraiser
- ⊗ WeCovery is looking at having a Campout this summer as well.

Open Positions in our area: Secretary and RCM II. We have some newer members to service stepping up and that is exciting! Hopefully this will continue.

A group in the area had a Spiritual Principle a Day workshop and our area and hope to have more. We passed around the new mental health IP at area and discussed the new literature process. Nothing is planned currently for any literature workshops

We have an \$800 donation this quarter.

Grateful to Serve,

Amber C.

CKA RCM

### **Fellowship for Freedom Area:**

Hello family,

We had some exciting anniversaries in our Area recently. United Survivors celebrated 42 years and Work the Steps or Die, M.F. celebrated 30! Also, last weekend the activities committee held a sweetheart's dance that was well attended.

Our area conducted a spiritual inventory in January. I felt it was a great area meeting and am personally looking forward to hearing more ideas from GSRs at the end of this month on how we can improve on serving our groups and the community, as well as the region and the world. The area struggles to keep members with willingness in service positions and we are considering putting together a service workshop with the hopes of getting more members to participate.

Open positions in our area are asst. treasurer, asst. secretary, and activities treasurer. RCM and alternate RCM will be open next month too. I am sad to announce this will be my last Region as alternate RCM and I will be unable to volunteer for RCM at this time. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Our area has a \$500 donation this month.

ILS, Megan S.

### **Just For Today Area:**

Hello regional family,

JFT hosted a MARCNA fundraiser in December. Money was raised, HOPE was shared, spaghetti and fellowship was had by everyone. We were able to make a \$500 dollar donation to the convention, and we will be donating a case of basic texts also..

We are putting a PR presentation together to be given to the administrators at the Allen county jail in Iola. They approached one of our members about bringing meetings into the jail. We decided that

this needed to happen first, before we tried to fulfill a meeting commitment. The volunteers for this committee are going to meet and rehearse the presentation. Flo H. is the facilitator for this group.

Freebirds group in Independence will be having their annual Recovery Fest fundraiser on March 16th. Come and join us for "Corned Beef and Cabbage". Flyer is on the website.

The Recovery in Progress group in Chanute will be having their first fundraiser on March 30th. Flyer is on the website.

Our annual Mirror of Miracles free campout will be Sept. 13-15 at Big Hill Lake in Cherryvale. A save the date flyer is on the website. More will be revealed.

Several of our groups have been visiting each others meetings and stealing banners. Yet another way for our members to get to hear different messages of recovery and promote unity in our area.

We have a \$200 dollar donation today.

Thanks for letting me serve,  
Rich C., JFT RCM

#### **Miracle Area:**

Hello, N.A. Family!

Miracle Area of Narcotics Anonymous is doing well! Almost all of our meetings have excellent regular attendance, a good number of newcomers are attending as well. Literature sales are brisk, and newcomers are well supplied. The Basic Text, and the Step Working Guide are given free to newcomers by various groups in the Area. The women's recovery facility in Lawrence has also been making regular meetings with a van-load of clients. The message is being carried into the Douglas County Jail and into the First Step at Lakeview treatment facility, many, many thanks to the volunteers who carry the meetings inside, and to the too-often unsusung addicts who coordinate the effort and recruit volunteers!!

Activities are bustling in the Miracle Area, with fun stuff to do always on the calendar. We again offered bowling on Friday nights at the local lanes, that concluded a couple weeks ago. The Miracle Area Spring Clean Campout is scheduled for May 3 – 5, at Clinton Lake, more to be revealed. And if I don't get some sponsor face time scheduled, then for the third time in a row, I'll be sharing a step by campfire-light. Campouts Save Lives!!

The Miracle Area is offering a \$500.00 donation to the Regional Service Committee, and is also donating 2 cases of Basic Texts to be given to newcomers at the Regional Convention. Thank you for allowing me to serve the Fellowship,

Ed Burris, Regional Committee Member, Miracle Area of Narcotics Anonymous.

**NA Never Alone, Never Again Area:**

Good morning region from the NANA Area. Happy to be of service. Unfortunately this quarter we do not have much of a report. Due to holidays and weather we have not had area meetings. As far as I know everything is going good with meetings. Our H&I has 8 meetings a week going into facilities. The new group that started up in Junction City is going well. They have been having a steady attendance and have seen new faces show up. Had some people from Clay Center talk to me about having an interest in getting a NA meeting started there. Not sure yet how that will go or if they will join our area. But there's an interest there. Hopefully next quarter we will have more of a report.

In loving service

Ivan B

**NA Oz Area: *absent***

**NA Primary Purpose Area:**

Hello Regional Family

Hello from Primary Purpose Area. We are doing well. Hope all is well.

We seated 2 new groups in our area; Common Ground in Hillsboro and reseated McPherson Flying Free. Welcome Common Ground and welcome back Flying Free.

Our area voted to order some literature for the new group "Common Ground". They had their first meeting January 18th in Hillsboro and there were 20 people in attendance. It was a powerful meeting and lots showed up to support it. Common Ground meets at 7pm at 415 S Main in Hillsboro. McPherson Flying Free had a speaker meeting January 27th. It was really good. February 22 they will be having another speaker meeting. It will be held at the SOS hall in McPherson food and a raffle will be held. March 15th they are also having a poker tournament. Flying Free will be having a speaker meeting the last Friday of every month starting in February.

Lyons will be having their St. Patricks Day event on March 16th at their meeting hall. Their meeting is still going on. They could use some support. At this time they are only having one meeting on Sunday, however, there are numbers on the door should someone show up for a meeting.

Hutchinson had their Ballroom Blitz Dance on February 9th. May 4th G.O.L will be having their anniversary function in Rice Park. H&I is going on in Hutch and attendance at meetings is good.

Newton H.O.W is working on planning their 40th anniversary celebration. More will be revealed. We are also gearing up for the pre-campout campout Memorial Day weekend. Not sure where the spot is but looks like East Lake.

So as you can see Primary Purpose has been busy and we have been able to achieve one of our goals which was to get enough money to purchase literature to support our new group Common Grounds and to purchase white books for our Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) efforts.

We also discussed the banner issue and we decided to keep it with in our area. We will be adding Common Grounds to our area meeting list and also to the regional list. Welcome again to Common Grounds and welcome back Flying Free.

In loving service and grateful to be alive,

Becky B.

PPA Chair

**☎ Unity Area:**

We had our area meeting last week. We decided on our area yearly function, it will be for Halloween, on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. I have given all RCMs 5 copies of that function's flyer so save the date.

Jon J.  
RCM

**☎ Western Area:**

We are still alive and well in Western Kansas.

Meetings have been getting opened. Our area still meets every quarter after the RSC.

We did unfortunately have 1 group close in Lakin, Kansas.

We have been doing addicts on asphalt to help support meetings in our area. These have been very successful.

Exciting news from Dodge City, A Roundup committee has been formed and we may have a round up at the first of November. More will be revealed.

We will be having our area camp out at Meade Lake June 21st through the 23rd.

Our next area meeting will be March 9th at 5 pm in Liberal. We will be having a taco bar and a meeting to follow.

We are bringing \$100 donation.

In service

Spencer J

 **Wichita Metro Area:**

Hello Regional Family!

This is my last Region as RCM for Wichita Metro Area as my term expires in April; I anticipate that our newly elected Alt-RCM Lori B. will be elected as RCM.

The Just For Today group from Augusta has closed their doors.

A new group has opened in Wichita called Centered on Recovery (COR). They have a women's meeting on Tuesday evenings and a men's meeting on Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a mixed format. The first 45 minutes is a literature meeting (currently IWH&W) followed by a cross-talk meeting where members are encouraged to bring a topic to the table and get feedback from members. The address is 5828 S. Broadway.

Our Area's Celebration of Recovery (COR) was held January 19th for an estimated 80 people attended. We are calling this a huge success. Thank you to those who supported this event.

Our Area has agreed to donate a case of Basic Texts for the MARCNA Convention.

First Things First St. Patty's fundraiser March 16th in Ark City from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

WMANA Campout is 9/28/19 – 9/30/19 at Lake Afton Shelter 5. Flyers are available on the Regional website for FTF. I have followed up with our Area webmaster to request a flyer be sent to the Regional Webmaster, if it has not already happened.

Banner wars have been declared in order to promote unity in our Area.

Our Area has identified a need for an inventory. Several names were mentioned to facilitate. Ben T. with Fellowship Development is willing to coordinate this effort. A preliminary meeting was held informally with our Area RCM and Alt-RCM.

We also requested a finishing of the Traditions Workshop, concentrating on Traditions 7 – 12 and that effort is in the works as well.

We have an \$80.00 donation for Region today.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

In Humble Service,

Schatzie T.

## **Subcommittee Reports:**

### **Archivist:** Open position,

Tim S. commented the flash drive is still being updated with minutes, etc that are emailed in.

### **Campout:**

Hello Family. We had our quarterly meeting Saturday. The Catering Co-Chair position was filled. The Campout Committee is right on schedule according to the guidelines.

We're on our way to having the best campout ever. The next Interim meeting will be April 27, 2019 @ 2pm at the Penny Rose Ranch, 3362 KS 9 Hwy, Beloit, KS.

In loving service,

Ron B.,

2019 Campout Chair

### **MARCNA:**

MARCNA 36 Chair Report

February 17, 2019

Planning is proceeding very well with the convention. The program has been finalized. All trusted servant positions, save one, are filled. 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.

Remember that pre-registration ends on the day of RSC (2/17/19).

Flyer Mail out: We understand that there was concern with the delay in getting registration flyers mailed out. Our intent was to have them mailed earlier, but for several reasons it simply did not happen. Registration flyers and online information has been available since the end of October and were brought to the Nov RSC. With all that said, Registration will be focused on collecting an updated list so next year's mailing can happen in a more timely fashion.

Hotel Rooms: As many of you know, the convention hotel and the hotel immediately across the road (our back-up) are currently indicating they are full. There is a significant event at KU on the same weekend as the convention. We were aware of this event, and were regularly checking with the hotel on availability. The 'fill-up' occurred quickly without any warning provided to us by the hotel.

A recent search for rooms found a few still available in Lawrence, but they are filling up quickly as well. There is a potential for a small amount of rooms to become available at the convention hotel due to a couple small room block expiring with other groups. This may occur in mid March. We will be working with the hotel to secure what we can.

Donations of Basic Texts: Please let us know if your Area has decided to donate Basic Texts for the Saturday night meeting. This will help us in our planning.

Recommendation for Chair: We are very happy to be joined by Ben T. as Co-Chair for this year's MARCNA. We are equally happy to recommend him for Chair of MARCNA 37. Lastly, I have brought flyers calling for artwork & theme for MARCNA 37. 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 Regional Family

We have new groups meeting in the Region

Common Ground Group – 7pm 415 S Main Hillsboro

COR – 6:30 -8pm Tuesday Woman 6:30-8pm Friday Men's

JFT in Augusta has closed their Doors

Burlington Colorado has Chosen to leave Mid America Region.

I was also approached to help a struggling area and was asked to come and help with an inventory.

The RCM, Co RCM and I have are asking for any Volunteers that would like to help out with this.

If are interested in helping please contact Me. Thank You in advance!

MAN

We also voted in Tim S. as the New MAN editor, Tim is way qualified to Handle being the MAN Editor.

Welcome Tim!

Events

We had a small turn out last night due to the weather. However I feel that we might have Been Small we had a Mighty Auction raising \$201.

The Couple Speaker Jon and Tracy did an Amazing Job Sharing!



We did discuss that May RSC will support the Local Home groups in Salina, Saturday evening

We also discussed combining our Service Assembly for 2019 with the Plain States Zonal Form in July 26-28 in Salina, Ks

Flyer is up on Mid America Events Calendar So please Print and Share with All our Groups.

So this means we have an Extra Day that we won't need to use our facilities here in Marquette.

Fellowship Development is asking for volunteers to be Administrators of our Regional Facebook Group. Please Let Me Know if you have willingness.

Please take back to Area and groups we have Open Positions:

Fellowship Development Co-Chair

Events Chair and Co Chair

Thank You for allowing me to be of Service

Ben T.

 **NAWS Contact:** *No report*

 **PO Box:**

I checked the PO Box on Friday.

This is what was there:

- 3 H&I Letters – I have sent these to Alan.
- Newsletter from Kansas Children's League and an also letter from them asking for donations.
- Flyer announcing Post Office being opened on Sunday in the month of December 😊
- Speaker submission – Dewise A – Baltimore
- MARLCNA Flyers – Feb 8-10<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- An invoice from City Blue Print for Meeting Lists – gave this to the treasurer.

I think that was it.

ILS,  
Amber C.

**Public Relations:**

P.R. Workgroup February 2019 RSC  
Open at 3:30 with moment of silence.  
Traditions  
Concepts

**Elections—**

Phone line coordinator – read qualifications and duties – no willingness  
P.R. Presentation to Professionals Coordinator – read qualifications and duties – no willingness

**Reports—**

**Media** – no report, all meeting updates done. When meeting updates are requested, need contact information to verify!! Request for funds for meeting lists of \$400 was made.

**H&I** – *Not a lot to report feeling a little lost being sick last RSC.*

*Still working on and needing contact INFO for country jails, i do have some from people, really needing help with this.*

*Received a few letters they are from two women in the Topeka TCF. Like to pass them off to someone in that area, i will also forward request for basic text to P3, Amber should have the letters. I'm still willing to visit areas or groups to do workshops or orientation.*

*I like to know just how many real H&I meeting are going on in our region and the contacts for area H&I please e-mail alan\_bansemmer@yahoo.com.*

*I would really like two get this Basic text project done.*

*In Loving service*

*Alan B*

*316-680-39672-16*

**Phone Line:**

*Howdy - I'm not afraid of the snow, even though people apparently cannot drive on !-70! I will be working this weekend (Saturday and Sunday) and will not be at the PR meeting.*

*The phone-line is updated as of February 2019 and I have been getting the "change list" and other information as needed. Thank you! We have received a total of 103 calls since our last RSC in November. (as of 2/15/19). 11 - "live addict" calls , and 11- voice-mail that have been directly answered by me. We currently have 12 - "live-addict" volunteers with 3 hour shifts from 8am to 11pm daily.*

*I'm still waiting to implement changes to incorporate the BMLT to the phone-line. . I'm all for the plan to consolidate the phone-line facilitators position into the new Communications position. Moving the BMLT server and creating a WordPress website will take you all some time and I have been advised to wait until those things are approved and happen. I stand ready to do my part, just let me know.*

*If you have any comments or questions, let me know. We could use some more volunteers for the phone-line. Please take that information back to your members. You can contact me to be trained to answer the phone at 785-766-7850 or [phoneline@marscna.net](mailto:phoneline@marscna.net).*

*I hope you all drive carefully!*

*In Service,*

*Nate F.*

*Mid-America Phone-line Facilitator*

**P.R. Presentation to Professionals – Jeffry will coordinate**

Lawrence (Convention) Friday, March 12, 2019

Jeffry will e-mail invitations

Interim meeting will be Thursday, Feb 21, 2019 at 8:00

Volunteers are being contacted for presenters, registration, technology

Plains States Zonal Presentation – Amber C. will coordinate

Need a location for presentation

Library

Holiday Inn

BiCentennial Center

Daniel, Amber will coordinate finding a location

Interim meeting March 24, 2019 at 5:00

P.R. Online Toolbox (ad-hoc?) workgroup

Interim online meeting, date and time to be posted on Mid-America Region

Facebook Group page

Jeffrey L., PR

 **Soul to Soul 2019:**

Mid-America Region Family,

We are off and running in our planning for this year's Soul to Soul spiritual retreat. The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Soul to Soul Spiritual Retreat will be held at Camp Chippewa in Ottawa, KS on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. We have expanded our capacity for this year's event and can't wait for everyone to "Let the Healing Begin" at Soul to Soul 2019!

We have made decisions on merchandise for pre-registration and decided on artwork as well. We will be obtaining quotes for mugs and shirts leading up to May RSC. This year we will not be doing fundraising shirts and instead will be focusing our efforts on fundraising events where recovery and fellowship can be enjoyed!

Decisions have been made on a couple fundraising opportunities and we are asking that RSC's take back to Areas and Groups that we are looking for interest in hosting fundraisers for Soul to Soul. We will be giving free registrations to those Areas and Groups that would like to host Soul to Soul fundraising events. The committee will be hosting a fundraising event in the latter part of June in Emporia and more will be revealed on a date for this. We will be holding a raffle for a special item to be raffled off at the Soul to Soul event. Tickets will be \$1 each and will be sold up until 7pm on the opening night of Soul to Soul 2019. Again, stay tuned as more will be revealed on this exciting opportunity to own a one of a kind Narcotics Anonymous handmade item!

Thank you to the RSC Events committee for allowing us to hold a fundraising event at August RSC. We have a great evening planned for you and hope to see everyone hang around after Saturday's committee meetings for a great speaker, delicious meal, raffle of 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Basic Text and other special items as well as an auction.

In Loving Service,

Matt M

Soul to Soul 2019 Chair

## Officer Reports:

### **Co-Facilitator:**

I regret to inform you that I am stepping down as your Regional Co-Chair. Many of you know I've been in the hospital 3 times over the last year with heart issues, and because of this I am unable to fulfill my obligation.

In loving service,

Tim P.

### **Regional Delegate:**

Dear Mid-America Region,

On Jan 26<sup>th</sup> the Plains States Zonal Forum met online. A decision was made via email to forgo meeting at the Iowa Region because of the close time frame to MZSS. I will be returning the \$600 travel funds to the treasurer. The online Zoom meeting was well run and more effective than expected. The following are my report of the pertinent information:

- During the meeting the Southern Zone connected with us in Zoom for a short time in:
  - They read a letter they had drafted asking if our Zone would like to join in on a CAR/CAT workshop in Dallas, TX. This would not be until January 2020 nevertheless they wanted to get the invite out early. Our Zone is planning a CAR/CAT workshop somewhere in Oklahoma around the same time. If we decide to join the other Zones in Dallas, we would not have one in our Zone.
- Mid-America Region will hold the next Zonal meeting at the end of July in Salina. It was asked if Mid-America to do a PR Presentation to Professionals on Friday. There will be workshops held on the Issue Discussion Topics on Saturday.
  - The IDT's are as follows:
    - Carrying the NA message & making NA attractive
    - Attracting members to Service
    - DRT (drug replacement therapy) and MAT (medication assisted treatment) as it relates to NA
    - Any other workshop suggestions are great
  - On Sunday we will do a typical Business Meeting with the other Regions in our Zone.
- The Zonal Fellowship PR webinar was discussed:
  - PR week will be the first full week in June.
  - Ideas from other service bodies were discussed.
  - Power Point package about the progression of PR Week coming up
  - Other ideas for activities are
    - E-mail blasts
    - Learning Days
    - Getting involved with local PR efforts
    - Maybe a big finish for the last day with food, a PR Speaker
  - During the second session they discussed making Service fun such as
    - Functions featuring "how to do it wrong skit", pie in the eye auction (get it Pl....), 3k runs/walks (not sure how runs can be fun LOL), Addicts on Asphalt road trips, and so on.

- Keith also suggested that at upcoming RSC/ASC take a Saturday morning to do a Flyer Drive in our local towns. He also suggested that incase of bad weather to have a workshop planned as a backup plan.
- Technology
  - That the BMLT database is live on the Zones web server with Eastern Neb. Area and Iowa Region on there. Neb. and South Dakota Region are set up and ready for the meeting information to be submitted.
  - Zones zoom account was due for \$299.80. He did training “on how to host a Zoom meeting” for the Iowa Region that went well and would do one for people to be trained elsewhere.
  - Also started a Slack account (project management and communication for technology projects) for our Zone for communication between Regions. I have joined the committee to begin planning our future use of technology. Our hope is to create documentation, information and examples for use of technology at the member regions.
- Financial
  - Beginning balance at Novembers Meeting \$3209.68 she sent a check for \$209.68 to NAWs, check for our Domain \$2.55, Check for Iowa Zonal startup money \$300.00 which brought the account down to \$2895.40. Multi Zonal Service Symposium sent the Zone a check for \$935.04 (our share of the proceeds out of that). So that brought the Zones balance to \$3830.44.
- Sponsorship behind the walls:
  - Updated guidelines and a list of prisons in our Zone have been sent to the Zones IT person for uploading to our Zones Webpage
  - So far only one inmate is working with a Sponsor one this
  - Next batch of letters are being sent out so hopefully we will get more inmates involved
  - The Nebraska state prison has reached out to the Zone after they attended the MZSS PR Presentation to Professionals workshop. Meetings are being set up with deputy director of prisons to discuss H&I, Project Primary Purpose (P3) speaker streaming from conventions, and Sponsorship behind the Walls. PR Presentations do work
  - This work group meets via Zoom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 CST anyone welcome.
  - Jeff R is still our Mid America Regional Liaison need more information contact him.
- We are request decisions for the following:
  - Does this region think it was a good idea to have a combined CAT/CAR meeting with the Southern Zonal Forum?
  - Do we approve the changes to the PSZF policy/guidelines?
- The Mental Health IP is up on 90 day review. Please provide feedback. Below is the link:
- <https://www.na.org/?ID=mhmi&ID=mhmi>

Jeffrey L.

RD

 **Alt. Regional Delegate:**

Howdy folks:

On Dec 8<sup>th</sup> I was able to participate in Webinar put on by NAWA for Conference Participants on a SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats) workshop. We divided up into 8 groups and had everyone share on what they (Conference Participants) thought might be our Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and our Threats. Some of those are

- Strengths
  - continue improving CBDM
  - reinforcing Public Relations, done well with fellowship development need to pass down these skills
- Weakness
  - Considering the voices of all the Regions
  - Communication up to the Fellowship, Areas, and Groups
- Opportunities
  - More input/collections from the RD's between Conferences
  - Update Bulletin 29 to include DRT/MAT
- Threats
  - Media NA not seen as recovery
  - Lack of Fellowship input into decision making

I'm not sure how "considering all the voices of the Regions" can be a Weakness nevertheless that is what they said. At the end of this report you will find all the information World gathered at that workshop.

On Jan 26<sup>th</sup> the Zonal met via Zoom meeting instead of going to the Iowa Region which is where we were supposed to go. I thought that the meeting via Zoom was a good experience and it could be used for our (Region or Area) meetings also. The information that came out of the meeting is.

- Facilitator Cindi B. reports at the Zonal Fellowship PR webinar it was discussed that PR week will be the first full week in June.
  - Two of the themes submitted for the week is "WE are PR" or "We ALL are PR". Any other ideas can be forwarded on to the Service Office. Ideas were shared about t-shirts, and getting communications sent out to Groups, Areas, Regions, and Zones.
  - Brazil Region will be having presentations across their Region with 30 years in Brazil Museum touring each Group. The Groups are to invite local authorities to a PR Presentation.
  - Southern Zone is offering PR training at their Forums and maybe utilizing Zoom
  - Western State is sharing with sheriff/police departments about local NA. Local committees have given out 6000 cards in Spanish and English with their 800 number. They are also beginning to have discussions with the pharmacy company CVS.
- IT-Barry B
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  - Also started a Slack account for our Zone for communication between Regions. NAGS (NA Geek Squad) committee has started using it to plan their next Group Service function. They are hoping to get the other Regions Web Servant involved in planning this.
- PR- Keith T. more information about PR week
  - Power Point package about the progression of PR Week coming up

- T-shirt Basic Blue with the slogan “We ALL Are PR” on the back with the PR Handbook logo for a pocket design.
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- Southern Zone joined us in our Zoom meeting;
  - They read a letter they had drafted asking if our Zone would like to join in on a CAR/CAT workshop in Dallas, TX. This would not be until January 2020 nevertheless they wanted to get the invite out early. Our Zone is planning a CAR/CAT workshop somewhere in Oklahoma around the same time. If we decide to join the other Zones in Dallas, we would not have one in our Zone. I have included the letter and the round table discussion in this report for everyone to read.

Mid America Region will hold the next Zonal meeting around the end of July in Salina. We want to do a PR Presentation to Professionals on Friday, with workshops on the Issue Discussion Topics on Saturday, and then of course on Sunday we will do a Service Meeting with the other Regions in our Zone. We are also hoping for a workshop on some of our new Literature that is being written. If you have any ideas about a workshop you would like to please get with us. The IDT’s are as follows:

- Carrying the NA message & making NA attractive
- Attracting members to Service
- DRT (drug replacement therapy) and MAT (medication assisted treatment) as it relates to NA



Rod D.

RDA

 **Treasurer Report:** *Attached toward end*

 **Treasury Oversight:**

Mid-America Region Family,

Following last RSC I received receipts and statements from Ben T and audited the Soul to Soul Committee bank account finding no discrepancies. I have no recommendations or concerns with the Soul to Soul account at this time.

I continue to have access to the Convention bank account but I am waiting on resolution from the bank for access to the Campout and RSC accounts. The Campout and RSC accounts have been separated with regards to online banking but I have not been granted access to view these accounts yet. Separating these accounts was quite the undertaking I have been told by Sunflower Bank staff. I have asked them to provide us with a clear written procedure for granting this access in the future for the next Treasury Oversight person to prevent a year's long process of gaining such and have been told that this should not be a problem. More will be revealed.

Following today's RSC I will begin auditing the RSC bank account. Beth has provided me with statements from the bank account and I have compiled the needed Treasurer reports to conduct the audit. Findings will be reported at May RSC.

I am requesting Treasurer reports from the Convention Committee today from all RSC and interim meetings so that I have a jump on next quarter's audit of that account.

In Loving Service,

Matt M

Treasury Oversight

 **Open Forum:**

 **Facebook Page:**

An issue with a post being removed was carried over from Saturday's FD meeting. Shelley W. asked why a post that posed a question was removed. It had been mentioned in the FD meeting that it went against our policy. The post asked about the late arrival of convention pre-registrations that were physically mailed out, and was followed by multiple comments from members. The convention chair took it as a personal attack and asked that it be removed, saying that questions should have been privately sent to him, not publically displayed. It was mentioned that if there were comments that violated our policy then only those should have been deleted, not the entire post. It ultimately came down to the administrative decision to completely remove it.

There are currently two administration members, or admins, for this page. Ben T., FD Facilitator being one of them, explained the situation and the possible solution of adding more admin was brought up. Both Tim S. and Shelley W. showed interest in being added. Jon J. mentioned that however many get added, make sure it is an odd number, so there never can be a tie vote on making decisions. The Mid-America Region facebook page currently has around 460 members and is a "secret" group. That means other NA members (or public) cannot search this page or request to be added, any one of the current members can request someone be added, but an admin needs to approve them.

#### **Naranon Info:**

Jon J. brought up Naranon info being added to our regional meeting list. There are nine Naranon groups in six towns in Kansas, some are held same time as NA meetings. A former (*pulled from NAWS April 2004*) Board of Trustee Bulletin (#14) that gave a view on the relationship between NA and Naranon was offered as a material resource as well as NAWS IP #27 "For The Parents Or Guardians". While it became clear during discussion that adding actual meeting information intertwined with our meetings would break our Traditions, the concept of adding their website address on the back page with other addresses might be informational. Jeff R. asked if anyone knows about phone number 211, a universal number that gives any information in the geographic area you are at. Unity Area will add a motion to new business.

#### **Financial Planning:**

Jeffrey L. brought up the idea financial planning or budgeting. We currently escrow what is perceived to be necessary expenses, and then either spend or donate the remainder. This was added to new business.

#### **We broke for lunch 11:30 am – 1 pm**

#### **Old Business:**

Ⓜ **Request for funds:**

1. \$51.96 - four toner cartridges for the copier/printer.
2. Not to exceed \$300.00 for summer MAN printing (*Fellowship development*)
3. Not to exceed \$400 for Feb. and May meeting lists (*Public Relations*)

No objections for requests

Ⓜ **Motion 021719-001** – Motion to migrate current website, by recreating site in Wordpress and finding different host. The need for funds is securing host and transferring domain name. Financial impact is not to exceed \$350.00. This passed by roll call vote (*motion is attached near end of minutes*)

Ⓜ **Elections –**

- a) **Archivist** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*
- b) **Treasurer** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*
- c) **Co-Treasurer** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*
- d) **Co-Secretary** – *No willingness, take back to ASC*
- e) **MARCNA 2020 Chair** – Ben T. nominated out of committee, qualified and elected in.  
Congratulations Ben!

➤ **Attention: All RSC elected positions are expected to attend and be available during the entirety of the RSC business meeting on Sunday! MARSCNA Policy page 7, 6-C-2**  
This includes Convention, Campout, Soul to Soul, FD, PR, Ad-Hoc Chairs, Officers, and any other trusted servants elected on the RSC floor.

Ⓜ **MARCNA 2020:** Ben requested that convention 2020 needs a \$400 deposit. Normally the current Conv. Chair put in the request for funds; Tony has already left and wasn't submitted. After discussion it was pointed out that this should come out of the current convention account. Ben will get with Tony on this.

Ⓜ **MARCNA 2021 Bid:** There is not a contract signed for the Manhattan bid that was previously approved, nor has any returned communication came from that facility, no returned phone calls or emails. Daniel mentioned he has secured bids from the downtown Hyatt in Wichita that are very reasonable, for possibly three consecutive conventions. After discussion it was agreed to re-open the bid process and bring bids to May 2019 RSC. If Manhattan still has an interest in hosting they can present their bid again.

Ⓝ **PSZF Guidelines:** Guidelines were sent back to ASCs as a separate online attachment. There weren't any thoughts or discussion, so RD was given our vote of confidence to vote at zone. Jeffry responded that he would vote "yes" on them.

## Ⓝ **New Business:**

### Ⓝ **CAR Workshop 2020:**

Rod D. stated in his report that the Plains States and Southern Zones want to collaborate on a CAR workshop, to be held in Dallas, TX in January. The current rotation for PSZF would put the workshop in Oklahoma. Daniel pointed out that if this workshop gets moved out of our zone it would possibly eliminate any fundraising during the year, since one of the meetings would be at WSC.

Jeff R. asked each RCM for their input or choice, and the majority chose to keep it in our zone, or Oklahoma. Note that each region will be asking the same question, so it could still possibly be collaboration and held in Dallas.

Ⓝ **Motion 021719-002** – Unity area motions to add NarAnon website address to back of our meeting list. Intent was based on language used in former BOT Bulletin #14. This was discussed in open forum extensively. It will be sent back to groups for input per unanimous vote by RCMs.

Ⓝ **Financial Planning and Budget:** Daniel C. brought up the need for our region to look at how we plan, or don't plan for projects financially. After some explanation and discussion it was decided to form an Ad-Hoc committee. Matt M., *Treasury Oversight*, was appointed Chair. Other members appointed or volunteered are Daniel C., *member*; Beth N., *Treasurer*; Jeffry L., *RD*; Ed B., *RCM*; and Amber C., *RCM*

They will meet virtually through the interim and report back in May.

Ⓝ **Open Positions:** Regional Delegate; Regional Delegate Alt.; RSC Co-Facilitator; Archivist; Treasurer; Co-Treasurer; Co-Secretary; \*Events Chair; FD Co-Facilitator; Phonenumber Coordinator; PR Presentation to Professionals Coordinator

*\*(Events and FD Co. are through Fellowship Development Committee, Phonenumber and Pres to Pro are through Public Relations Committee)*

Ⓝ Motion to close @ 2:30 pm!

**Grateful to serve NA,**

**Tim S., Secretary**

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

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>			<b>\$ 14,725.58</b>
Income:				
5/20/18	Area/group donations	\$ 1,580.00		
	Subcommittee donations	\$ 334.00		
	returned monies/other (Access Self-Storage)	\$ 20.00		
				<b>\$ 1,934.00</b>
				<b>\$ 16,659.58</b>
Expenses:				
#1547 11/1818	<b>Insurance (Escrow)</b>		\$1,412.00	
#1548 11/1818	<b>Rent &amp; Storage - City of Marquette</b>		\$400.00	
#1549 11/1818	Rod D - RDA MZSS Reimbursement		\$249.71	
#1550 11/1818	Jeffrey L - RD MZSS Reimbursement		\$287.29	
#1551 11/18/18	RD/RDA Team - Jeffy L		\$600.00	
#1552 11/1818	Secretary - Tim S. - Chairs		\$40.00	
#1552 11/18/18	Secretary - Tim S. - Tape		\$100.00	
#1554 11/18/18	Mtg List - Tracy C (Office Depot)		\$187.00	
				<b>\$ 3,276.00</b>
	<b>Bank Balance</b>			<b>\$ 13,383.58</b>
	<b>Less: Prudent Reserve</b>			<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
	<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>\$ 7,383.58</b>
	<b>Less: Escrows - After Nov 18 Exp.</b>			
	<i>Fellowship Development</i>		\$ 513.76	
	<i>Public Relations</i>		385.42	
	PR - Basic Text Project		756.00	
	<b>Rent</b>		400.00	
	<b>Insurance (through Nov 18)</b>		1,405.75	
	<b>Phoneline (due Aug 19) (ACH)</b>		248.00	
	<b>P. O. Box (due Feb. 19)</b>		73.00	
	<b>Web Page (due Sept. 19)</b>		318.20	
	RDA (due Feb. 20)		1,000.00	
	Memorial Fund		500.00	
	<b>Total Escrows</b>			<b>\$ 5,600.13</b>
	<b>Spendable Balance</b>			<b>\$ 1,783.45</b>



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## World Services

### WORLD SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BULLETIN # 14

The relationship of Narcotics Anonymous to NarAnon and Families Anonymous

*This article was generated by the World Service Board of Trustees in August 1987 in response to the needs of the fellowship. It represents the views of the board at the time of writing.*

The World Service Board of Trustees has received many inquiries during the past few years which have asked specific questions about how to go about cooperating without affiliating when it comes to NarAnon and Families Anonymous. The need to address this issue arose from a confusion between the letter of our Twelve Traditions, and the spirit of love, understanding, and caring which we all feel as individuals.

It has become clear to us that the phrase “cooperation not affiliation” is no longer suitable for Narcotics Anonymous. Undoubtedly this attitude and these words have served us over many years, but it appears that the growth and development of our fellowship demands a revised expression. In consulting the dictionary, “cooperation” means “the act of working together to a common end or the association of a number of people together in an enterprise, the benefits of which are shared.” This definition can present a problem in addressing our relationship with any other organisation, including NarAnon and Families Anonymous. Strictly speaking, the object or goal of our fellowship is not the same as any other fellowship. In this respect, it is impossible to cooperate without also endorsing or affiliating.

The World Service Board of Trustees believes that a policy, or attitude, or phrase, which serves our purpose best and guides our fellowship well, is “a policy of non-affiliation.” This clearly conveys the fact that we do not associate with, connect with, or adopt any other organisation or purpose. Traditions Six and Ten refer to these issues, and there can never be any formal relationship between Narcotics Anonymous and any other fellowship or organisation.

As individuals, we have tremendous respect for these other fellowships and support the need for them. As grateful recovering addicts, we carry intense and genuine love and understanding in our hearts.

Adherence to our Twelve Traditions does not preclude or negate these feelings. We must remember, however, that Narcotics Anonymous, NarAnon, and Families Anonymous are separate fellowships, each with their own purpose. These organisations are not enmeshed with each other nor are they interdependent.

We believe that by reflecting back upon our own paths, we can find the way to convey this respect, love, and support, without endorsing or affiliating with other fellowships. Our family members and loved ones were often instrumental in allowing us to face the consequences of our addiction by not helping us! We now have the opportunity to support them by not interfering and also by simply pursuing our own purpose as guided by the spiritual principles of Narcotics Anonymous. While we all may have our own way of supporting our loved ones, NA can only remain true to our primary purpose

and the guidance provided in Traditions Six and Ten. Consistent fellowship action which is guided by these principles is the kindest and most loving path for us to follow, both for ourselves and our family members and loved ones. This helps these other fellowships to address their own needs in a sensible, appropriate, and non-dependent manner.

Our relationship as a fellowship with NarAnon and Families Anonymous, as with treatment centres, clubhouses, or any other organisation or enterprise, can then be simply and clearly defined as one of providing information. We provide and will continue to provide information about what we do, where we do it, where our meetings and conventions are held, etc., to anyone who asks for it. At the same time, we avoid any type of affiliation or special treatment for any people or organisation outside of Narcotics Anonymous.

The World Service Board of Trustees believes that many of the practices in which we have engaged as a fellowship run counter to our traditions. The intent of these actions was usually sound, and it has taken many years of experience and study to evaluate them with respect to our Twelve Traditions. These include listing Families Anonymous and NarAnon meetings in NA directories, on flyers for NA conventions, or in NA registration forms, and the practice of obtaining meeting places for these other fellowships at conventions or other NA activities. Additionally, utilising speakers from the NarAnon and Families Anonymous fellowships is a practice which does not adhere to our traditions. However, we encourage phonline workers to use common sense and good judgment in making known to family members that NA is for the drug addict and that family members may find family oriented recovery fellowships to be beneficial.

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# Proposal #3-03-13

## Cooperation vs Affiliation Workgroup

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### Florida Regional Link Guidelines (GTFRS p.43)

- The Florida Regional Website will link to the following:
  - NA World Services,
  - Florida RSO,
  - Member Areas of the Florida Region, and
  - Southeastern Zonal Forum Members
- The Florida Regional website does not endorse any references or external links, nor is it responsible for the contents of any subsequent links from those pages. It is our goal to link to web-pages that adhere to the Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous and the Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) policy.
- The Florida Region will not link to Area websites that publish or link to unauthorized copyrighted materials.
- Areas are encouraged to use the Fellowship Approved disclaimer, “Narcotics Anonymous is not affiliated with these organizations, nor do we recommend one program over another. We simply provide this information in a spirit of cooperation” (IP#27), for any references not specified above (e.g.2-1-1, Nar-Anon). Such references should be in a Community Resources section, not on the Front, Home, meeting list, etc pages.
- The RSC group conscience may remove direct links to an Area website that it determines does not present a “clear NA message.”

## Rationale

In January 2012, a controversy over area websites linking to Nar-Anon arose. Under existing Guidelines, the IT Coordinator was required to break links from the region's website to those area websites. Many people were unhappy about that, but we couldn't resolve the questions simply, so a workgroup, Cooperation vs Affiliation, was formed with the intent to revise the guidelines to clarify region website policy on this matter. This is the third time the Cooperation vs Affiliation Workgroup has brought a proposal to the RSC. The first time, it was sent to HRP for review. HRP reviewed the proposal and found it consistent with Traditions and Concepts. We have tweaked the proposal and attempted to make the rationale more clear. It is our hope that this can now go back to areas and groups for approval and comments.

- The first bulleted item is unchanged.
- The second bullet is new and incorporates the legal and spiritual principles governing the IT Guidelines.
- The third bullet restates the NAWS/FIPT website policy. Such links are illegal. It's not entirely necessary, but the workgroup believes that a restatement of the FIPT guideline referenced in bullet #2 would be a good idea, just to be perfectly clear. For instance, we can link to literature hosted on the NA.org website but not to NA literature hosted on another site. (Think 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Basic Text. Some Areas copied the PDF file to their own hosting site when the World took it down, which is illegal.)
- The fourth bullet adds a Fellowship Approved disclaimer from IP#27 for Areas to use to clarify the NA position on any non-NA resources linked to an Area website. For instance, 2-1-1 call centers exist in most areas [www.211.org](http://www.211.org).
- The 5<sup>th</sup> bullet adds the authority that the RSC should have to protect itself from any "rogue" Area. We have spiritual principles and believe that our members building and maintaining Area websites follow them to the best of their ability. Education is the best solution to mistakes, but it is possible, however unlikely, that an Area would flagrantly disregard NA principles, Guidelines, and policies, and publish misleading information. The third bullet states what the Region's website intends to do, and the RSC must have the authority to adhere to the guideline. To say that the IT Coordinator did or didn't do this or that is one thing, but to say that the consensus of the RSC is that a website does not carry a clear NA message carries considerable force without crossing a line into governance, and consequential actions should have the support of the RSC.

# MOTION/ REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Name or Committee: PR Committee

Date: 2-17-2019

Second by / Payable to: Ed B.

Pro: \_\_\_\_\_

New     Old     Amendment

Con: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Impact/  
Amount Requested: \$ \$350.00 <sup>NTE</sup>

*Pass*  
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)

Migrate website to Motion for Wordpress  
Implementation

Intent of Motion:

To extend the capabilities of the website for  
member development of additional BMCT related  
tools

**FOR SECRETARY USE ONLY**

Comments from Discussion/Amendments:

Accepted by Motioner? Yes No

**For Treasurer's Use Only**

Check #: Debit

Signature of Recipient:

# MOTION/ REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Name or Committee: Unity Area

Date: 2/17/19

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)

To list on the back of Mid-America meeting list the following:  
Naranon  
WWW.naranon mid-west.org  
913-568-8016

Intent of Motion: Refer to IP 27 (Support for Families) Many family members find the support they need in groups designed to help families and love ones of addicts (such as Nar-Anon and families Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous is not affiliated

~~with these organizations, nor do we recommend one program over another. We simply provide this information in a spirit of cooperation.~~

### For Treasurer's Use Only

Check #:

Signature of Recipient: