



Mid-America Service Committee of NA
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May 16, 1999

Clay W. welcomed us and we introduced ourselves to ourselves. We then had a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Don M. read the 12 Traditions and Ray G. read the 12 Concepts.

Roll call was taken (see attached sheet) and the minutes were then read.
Motion to accept the minutes with amendments. 2nd and passed.

Amendment: under Area represented Central should be listed as present.

Attendance:

NOTE: I have included a photocopy of the sign in sheet for a cross reference. I hope that the above information is correct, but if it isn't you can look on the original. KB.

Treasurer's report:

CK/Deposit	Amount	To/From whom	For what
Deposit \$977.29			
	\$ 18.46	Step X Step	Donation
	50.00	Central Area	Donation
	105.00	Miracle Area	Donation
	100.00	Just for Today	Donation
	300.00	Wichita Metro	Donation
	22.00	Kirk B. (Sec)	Ret. Exp.
	44.81	Don M. (Steering)	GSR Assembly Exp. not used
	174.00	John S.	Act. Funds not used
	162.83	Activities	Feb. RSC Net
Deposit 10.00		Dan E. void check #1353	Expense H&I returned
Deposit 465.00			
	175.00	Maria A.	Reimburse old newsletter
	50.00	Waterman	Donation
	200.00	Newton HOW	Donation
	40.00	Payment	Reimburse for bad check
Total	\$1452.29		

Expenses:

Ck # 1358	\$360.17	Barker Printing	PI Meeting list & Logo 13.27
Ck # 1359		Void	
Ck # 1360	12.18	Shelly W.	H&I sec. Expenses
Ck #1361	85.85	Alan B.	H&I mail outs
Ck #1362	1470.00	Carl K.	WSC expenses
Ck #1363	44.00	Postmaster	P .O. Box
Ck # 1364	60.00	Kirk B.	Sec. Expenses
Ck # 1265	120.81	Samuel L.	MAN expenses
Ck # 1266		Void	
Ck # 1367		Void	
Ck # 1368	200.00	McPherson 4H	Rent
Ck # 1369	10.15	Lois W.	Activities expenses/Sec. Exp.
Ck # 1370	300.00	Stacy W.	Soul to Soul T's (activities)
Ck # 1371	100.00	Plains States Zonal Forum	Start up donation
Ck # 1372	1951.05	WSO	Donation
TOTAL	\$4714.21		

ENDING BALANCE \$8154.31 Reconciled with May 10th Bank statement

Moines Received (today)	
Waterman 50.00 X 2	\$100.00
Unity NA (Wichita)	25.00
Wichita Metro Area	80.00
Western Area	25.00
Miracle Area	153.06
Kirk B. (Sec. Expenses not used)	43.06
Central Area	100.00
Activities Net (Soul to Soul 205.00)	317.37
Soul to Soul T's sales	156.00
Convention 99 (XVI)	10,173.63
Activities	30.00
	TOTAL \$11,203.12

Request for funds (expenses) today

Who	What (for)	How (much)
Barker printing	Sec. Exp. (copy minutes)	\$30.83
McPherson 4H	Rent August 99	200.00
Carl K.	CAR workshop (RD)	63.12
PI	Sec. Exp. (copies)	7.50
MARSCNA XVII	Convention seed money	1500.00
Jeanie Mc.	Steering comm. Guidelines (production paper)	19.19
Kirk B.	Sec. Exp. RSC minutes	40.00
Ray G.	Soul to Soul (activities) - Flyers	10.00
Lois W.	Activities Sec. Exp. (copies)	13.58
	Activities – August 99 – expenses	200.00
Tim S.	M.A.N. expenses	100.00
		TOTAL \$2,184.22

In Loving Service,
BeLinda C.
The Dolphin



AREA REPORTS:

CENTRAL KANSAS AREA:

Hi Everyone:

All's well in Central Kansas Area. We're looking forward to a great summer with a number of Area functions planned.

May 22 - Hays group will host a Munchie Boogie at Frontier City – Exit 157 across from YUASA – doors open at 5:00 p.m. – Amy O. from Chanute speaks at 6:00.

June 5 - Central Kansas Area H&I and PI fund-raiser / Birthday night at Camp Aldrich – Just off highway 4 west of Clafin – doors open at noon – swimming 2-5, dinner 5-6, Cheryl C. of Hoisington speaks at 7:00 p.m.

June 15- “Jay & Dy’s Wedding” – Lucas Group Area – Wilson lake. Reception, Pig Roast, Dance following a 2:00 p.m. ceremony. Free camping the 11th – 13th. There will be a Sunday Morning Worship Service by the C.M.A. (Christian Motorcycle Association).

June 26 - Ellinwood group hosts their 3rd annual Pinewood Fishing Derby. Located at Wolf Pond in Ellinwood @ 1:00 p.m.

On a sadder note, H&I received word from the Barton County Jail that due to over population they are unable to facilitate NA meetings at this time. (Even though the over population is due mostly to drug charges.)

Also to all of you who know Kurtis R. of Hays, he will be moving to Fort Collins, CO July 1st. His sick behavior will be missed by us all.

At this time Central Kansas Area would like to offer any help that may be needed for MARCNA 2000 in Great Bend.

We are making a \$100.00 donation to Region.

Grateful to Serve,
Jay F.
RCM, CKA
(a.k.a. SOB – Jay’s words, NOT mine!)

JUST FOR TODAY AREA:

Hey Family,

All is as it should be.

I have turned in our update for our Regional Meeting list. There were 3 groups in the Just For Today Area that folded:

- 1)Osawatomic – “Hugs Not Drugs”
- 2)Paola – “By Choice”
- 3)Louisburg – “NA of Louisburg”

We had one Group change their meeting schedule:

- 1)Ottawa – “Alive ‘N Kickin” has moved their Saturday 8 p.m. meeting to Sunday 8 p.m. starting May 23, 1999.

There are two (2) up-coming functions in the Just For Today Area. The Pioneer Group of Emporia is having their 12th annual “free” campout June 4-6 at the Double ‘E’ Campgrounds in Emporia KS. The Area will be sponsoring their 12th annual “free” campout July 30 – August 1 at Melvern Lake, Turkey Point.

In Service,
Ray G.

MIRACLE AREA:

Good morning Fellow Addicts;

Miracle Area has a new RCM, myself and Paul R. is the Alt. RCM. After a time of some meetings juggling and shuffling days and times, all of our meetings have settled into stability with the exception of one.

H&I and PI efforts are continuing with greater enthusiasm .

Since the February RSC we have hosted a “Learning Days” that was pretty successful. We also hosted a CAR workshop that was poorly attended. We did, however, give an Are Conscience on the 12 motions to Carl K.

We had brought a motion regarding Regional Meeting Lists to present to the floor, however after sharing it in PI subcommittee, the committee adopted the motion and they will bring it to the floor.

Miracle Area is hosting a campout Labor Day weekend at Clinton. The campsite our Activities chair wanted wasn’t available, so, as the saying goes, “more will be revealed”.

We are hosting a dance on June 15th at the 4H building in Lawrence.

Come share the Miracle
In Miracle Area!
Jerry D.

UNITY AREA RCM REPORT:

Hi family:

Unity Area put on a Service Workshop at the last Area Dance, April 17th. It went pretty well for just a 10 day notice. We had 8 attendees including 4 newcomers. They had many questions which some of us were able to answer. We covered several different types of literature referring mostly to “The Guide to Local Service”. We talked about getting into service and its rewards, how service helps the still suffering addict, reaching out to groups that are struggling, and various positions that recovering addicts can hold, from opening meetings up to the Regional and World levels. We focused mostly on Group and Area Service.

We have around 12 to 14 groups in attendance in our Area. With many activities going on in the next few months. From cookouts to campouts. We are having our 4th annual campout June 10 – 13th at Farnaum Creek at Milford Lake. We have some really neat T-shirts for this campout. Evidently our Area is the only one that mails our minutes to the other Area’s. we hope the activities in them are getting posted, and would like to receive other Area’s minutes or at least their Activities.

The Unity Area Service Committee has asked me to get some clarification from this body concerning the feasibility of continuing activities sponsored by the Region. This refers to whether or not the convention is self supporting and/or is it profitable. There have been concerns that the Convention fund-raisers are supporting the convention and not the Convention itself.

Also, our Area did not receive the M.A.N. after last Regional. This publication is a very connection tool to from the Region to the Groups and it’s members.

The Unity Area Service Committee has asked me to read this body a letter during old business.

In Grateful Service,
Tim C.

NOTE: a copy of the above referred to letter can be found later in the minutes. KB

WESTERN AREA:

Hello NA Family;

Things are going well in Western Area. Meetings are well attended.

PI panels are being set up in Garden City and Dodge City in both English and Spanish.

The fourth "Whole Enchilada" was a success with thirty addicts attending with the NOW Group of Cimeron (?) taking 1st and 2nd.

The "In Tents" #5 is coming up July 16,17, & 18th at Ford County Lake. Flyers on table, and last but not least, flyers for the "Dodge City Roundup" are on the table.

Will keep all updated on when the "Chile Bowl" is. We have a \$25.00 donation.

Still alive in Service,
Tom W.
AKA "Too Tall"

WICHITA METRO: May 16, 1999

TO THE MID-AMERICA REGION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WICHITA METRO AREA RCM REPORT:

Hello, family. Our Alternate RCM, Cherrie W. could not be here today, as she is out of town on family business. Please put her family in your prayers, as her father-in-law is deathly ill. At our WMA meeting on Sunday, May 9, I was elected to take her place at RSC.

The Wichita Metro Area is active in recovery. On a sad note, the Wichita Women's Group closed its doors in April due to lack of support. Riverside Candlelight did not close its doors, Unity NA group is planning a campout on June 11, 12 and 13 at Kings Camp, and are planning a street dance in August. Flyers for events will be available soon. Just for Today in Augusta has added a new meeting on Thursdays at 6:30pm.

Waterman Street NA is donating 30 Basic Texts for H & I in the Wichita Metro area, and has also donated \$100.00 to the Regional Campout Committee for the Sunday breakfast. Thank you to Waterman Street NA.

A donation of \$80.00 is made to the Region.

In loving service,
Pat B.
WMA Chair



Smoke break

9:00 – 9:10

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Point of Order – we didn't accept treasurers report.

- **Moved** to accept treasurers report 2nd and passed
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SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 15, 1999 Area Reports

JFT, FFF, Miracle, Unity and Western were present and gave reports of upcoming activities.

Central and Wichita Metro not present.

Lois made amends for procrastinating about getting the agreed DJ for tonight. Money allotted for DJ was \$150.00. Since the original DJ was not available at a late date and price was \$275, she made the decision to get Ed S to DJ and he agreed. Committee supported Lois's decision.

Discussion on Unity Day. Unity Area has volunteered to host the Unity Day activities on September 4, 1999.

Location will be one of two air conditioned facilities depending on the availability of the telephone hook-up.

Contact person will be Joyce Comfort.

Motion was made, 2d /P to accept Unity Area's offer to host Unity Day.

Motion to request \$10.00 for Soul to Soul \$10.00 for flyer expense. M/S/P

Motion to increase registration cost of soul to soul weekend to \$50. MIS/P Motion - Anyone coming to Soul to Soul after 12 PM Sat will be charged \$30 for Sat & Sun. M/S/P

Motion to give Soul to Soul committee vote of confidence to raise funds for Soul to Soul including purchase of more T-shirts with existing \$307.00. M/S/P

Motion to have Tim IL - D.J next RSC Dance. M/S/P (Arrangements have been made and confirmed.)
Motion to leave decision for next RSC speaker up to Chair and Co-Chair. M/S/P
Motion to Close M/S/P

Activities raised	\$40.00	Money raffle	
	222.73	Door income	
	262.37	Sub-total	
Less	150.00	Paid Ed S. DJ	
	112.37	Net profit for activities	
			Donations in the amount of \$17.31 were spent on the purchase of additional coffee and ice. Net monies for donation to coffee fund for next RSC \$.12

Soul to Soul	\$93.00	Item raffle	
	40.00	Money raffle	
	112.00	Auction	
	245.00	Sub-total	
Less	40.00	Money raffle	
	205.00	Net profit for Soul to Soul	

Donations of pop
 Net profit from pop **\$30.00** (\$5.00 was donation)

TOTAL AMOUNT TURNED OVER TO THE RSC TREASURER WAS \$317.37 AND ANOTHER \$30.00

CAMPOUT

Hi Family;

OK, here we go. First of f, I would like to ask all the RCM’s to please take note and read this report to your Areas. It is **very** important that everyone knows this information concerning the campout!!!

This will be a **“FREE CAMPOUT”**. When arriving at Wilson lake follow the signs. You will need to stop at the Ranger booth and tell them that you are with NA at the Lucus Group Area. Then follow the signs to us. You will **NOT** need park permits nor will you need to pay anything else. The gate will be open after noon on the 29th of June. The actual campout won’t start until July 2nd.

There are some rules that **MUST BE FOLLOWED!!** **THEY WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!!!!!!**

- 1)NO DOGS
- 2)NO FIREWORKS – the rangers will be writing tickets for discharging them. There will be a big fireworks show on the 2nd of July. (the rangers said that this date may change.)
- 3)NO OFFROAD VEHICLES
- 4)NO FIRES ON THE GRASS

This committee and the rangers are asking that you all be reasonable and follow the rules. **Please pick up your own trash as well!**

We will have a first aid tent, though we hope we don’t need it. Thanks Billy and Belinda C. for stocking our first aid box with all the proper stuff. Included in this stock is a first aid book.

Our speakers are Dorothy Mc. From Salina KS, John S. from Baldwin KS, and Andy S. from Dallas TX.

A hog roast supper and a pot-luck breakfast will be provided at the campout. Kids games include; sack races, an egg toss and a scavenger hunt. Two workshops will be available, one on the 12 Concepts and one on Outreach. In addition, we will have a sponsor/sponsee sack race. We will have a schedule of events posted at the campout. **Sport events are on hold until we find out about insurance.**

We will need plenty of help, so anyone who wishes to serve please see one of the committee members.

The campground has 11 hook-ups for electricity. The boxes have 1 – 3 pronged, 30 amp plug and 2 110 plugs so we should be able to double up. Please bring extra cards. (?)

We will be selling ice for \$1.00/bag.

The ranger station needs a copy of our insurance policy. I need to get that from someone before I can complete the special permit for our campout.

Everything is paid for at this point – the campground and our T-shirts. We have around 50 or 60 shirts left to sell. Anyone with shirt contracts please get your money or shirts in to us as soon as you can. Thanks.

We will be having a interim meeting on June 19 at Tim and Michelle's home (1938 E. 175 Rd., Lecompton KS Phone 785-887-8064) at 3:00 p.m.. This will be the last time we meet before the campout.

The Campout committee would like to thank the Waterman Street Group for the \$100.00 donation for the pot luck breakfast. Thanks Waterman Street Group! In addition, we would like to thank the HOW Group of Newton for allowing us to have an auction at their campout with all proceeds to go to the campout. Thank you HOW!

There has been some confusion as to the reason for the committee renting the campground for a week. This was done in order to allow us time to set up. We will have a BIG 40 X 60' tent and a smaller 12 X 12' tent to set up. We will be passing the hat from June 29 – July 1st to help cover the expenses.

We hope everyone will come have fun in Recovery with us.

Anyone that can spend a little time with me on the side that can tell me the proper way to bring in the next years chair to the RSC and how and what ever I may need to do, please do so.

Well thank you to all those who have given their support, Love you all

In Loving Service,
Cindy L.

PS Any questions concerning the campout, call me at 316-792-3512.

Notes from the floor:

- 1) There will be 12 fire rings at the hookups.
- 2) The committee has asked for more rings
- 3) You can bring your own fire rings for use in designated areas
- 4) There are new shower houses available – you will have to drive to them (or walk!)

CONVENTION REPORT:

M.A.R.C.N.A. XVI:

Hi family!

The convention was a great success! I would like to thank all of the addicts that showed up and participated at the convention committee meetings, the fund-raisers and the convention itself. I especially would like to thank the groups and areas who held fund-raisers for the convention. We had 6 fund-raisers this year: November RSC, High on Life Group, Just For Today Area, Pioneer Group, Miracle Area, and Fellowship For Freedom Area. This really helped to keep the funds available.

Our hotel bill this year was \$4,176.96. Of that, we spent \$2,029.82 on 211 gallons of coffee. We had 352 registrations and 31 newcomer registrations. We collected \$190.00 at the door for admission to the dance on both Friday and Saturday nights. The auction and raffle on Friday night brought in \$1,177.00. The auction and raffle on Saturday night brought in \$2,549.00.

The committee voted in Jon Mc. again, and this time I took it to the Steering Committee like it is stated in policy. He will need to be voted in at this RSC. He will also be requesting seed money.

I'm turning over a check from MARCNA XVI in the amount of \$10,173.63. This officially closes out MARCNA XVI. Thank you for letting me serve and I will miss you all as I will no longer be a part of this region.

See you the next time I'm in Kansas!

Hugs!
Melissa P.

The following is a letter drafted by Tim S. for the convention committee.

Dear members of the Mid-America Region,

The practice of giving gratuity to hotel staff at a convention began at M.A.R.C.N.A. X held in 1993. The reason this began was two staff practically lived at the hotel just to serve us, and serve us very well. We have heard that they were just doing their job, but with all the staff, we, and past committees, have worked with, have come to know the difference between "doing their job" and giving total devotion to us. A big part of the reason certain hotels keep asking for us back, is the way we treated their staff while using their facility.

Careful consideration always goes into, not only if any staff should receive gratuity, but whom and how many should receive it. We have also researched with N.A.W.S. about this practice and came up with these conclusions: There are no tradition violations and no miss-appropriation of funds. It is strictly considered Public Relations and like we touched on before, it leaves a good repertoire with an outside entity, which helps with acquiring better bids in the future.

In closing, the practice of giving gratuity solely lies with this body. If the members of M.A.R.C.N.A. would like the future Convention Committees not to continue this practice, we're sure it will be honored.

Gratefully Serving,
M.A.R.C.N.A. XVI Committee

Questions from the floor:

Jon J.

- 1) The clarity statement was read – who approved this reading? The Region or the convention committee?
- 2) Tips should be banned
- 3) Were there tips given to the hotel itself?

Clay – this should be taken up in new business.

M.A.R.C.N.A. XVII

Hi Family;

I would first like to thank everyone for their support and concerns, and for having faith in me during these trying times in my life. I will put my best effort into making the 2,000 convention a great success. There wasn't much business done yesterday other than filling positions and setting a meeting place and time.

Elections:

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1) co-chair | Pat B. |
| 2) Secretary | Joyce C. |
| 3) Treasurer | Tim C. |
| 4) Entertainment | “Too Tall” |
| 5) Arts and Graphics | Kirk B. and Adam W. |
| 6) Registration | Belinda C. |

Open Positions to be taken back to groups:

- 1) Hotels and Hospitality
- 2) Fundraising
- 3) Programming
- 4) Merchandising

The June meeting will be held on June 20th at Gift of Life, 300 E. 2nd, Hutchinson, KS at 2:00 p.m. Please support the regional convention. RCM's, please take back to your Areas the list of open positions and the meeting time.

In Loving Service,
Jon Mc.

Note: Tim C. commended Jon on his work at the M.A.R.C.N.A. XVI convention. This was echoed by the fellowship as a whole and those of us on the committee in particular.

H&I:

Hi;

We got a lot going on in H&I. 21 meetings going now.

H&I awareness is in November and we would like to make up 150 Frisbees for H&I awareness month.

We are asking for 120 Regional envelopes for mail outs.

We are taking bids (?) in August for a spring H&I workshop. We would like to see it out west.

We would like to do a workshop with a service assembly if we can for our fall workshop. (we do a workshop in the spring and in the fall.)

I got a letter last night from an addict that is in jail and needs literature and I couldn't take it to the H&I committee meeting as a result of timing. I will do so in August.

In Loving Service,
Dave R.

LITERATURE:

Hi Family;

There was no committee meeting held for literature yesterday due to lack of participation. Members present were myself (chair) and Tim S. (MAN co-editor). I did receive a letter from Samuel L. (see below – KB) including his resignation as literature co-chair. There were no Areas present for literature committee meeting. More will be revealed at the August RSC. RCM's, please pass on to your Areas that literature/newsletter needs warm bodies and ask your Area literature chairs to attend Regionals and represent your Area. This committee is in dire need of support and would be grateful for any and all involvement.

In Loving Service,
Jon Mc.

From: Samuel W. Lindsey <wolfy@southwind.net>
To: Tim and Debby Stewart <timandeb@midusa.net>
Date: Friday, May 14, 1999 11:06 PM
Subject: Literature co-chair

Tim,

Could you print this and take it to the literature sub-committee for me on Saturday?

To the addicts in the Mid-America Regional Literature Sub-committee:

I regret that the demands of college will keep me busy for every Saturday from now until I graduate, or in another word, eternity. Please accept my resignation as Literature co-chair.

I am still going to try and co-Editor the MAN with Tim, however I am having a hard time with this issue. It is my hope that Tim can begin the printing and mailing part of it next issue.

I am going to do the best that I can to bring this issue (all 150 copies) to the regional with me on Sunday. The individual mail-outs will just have to get out a little later than that. It is the best that I can do as finals kicked the living hell out of my schedule, along with extra commitments at my job. I am working today as you read this.

I'm sorry that I couldn't fulfill this position, but better to be honest than to let the addict down by holding an office in name only, and not in body.

I love you all and I hope to see you Sunday.
Wolfy A.K.A. Samuel W. Lindsey

Jim W. – is Tim S. now the MAN editor?

Tim S. – no, Samuel resigned from the co-chair position of the literature committee, but is still the editor of the MAN.

MAN:

Tim S. – waiting on Samuel L. for that report. They are in a transition period. Tim spent time with Samuel learning how to put together the MAN.

Tim C. – why didn't the MAN get out after the last RSC?

Tim S. – don't know why for sure, but Samuel's time is short with school. They are in a transition period.

OUTREACH:

Areas present: J.F.T., F.F.F., Miracle, Unity

Positions elected: Chair
Co-Chair

Denny C. – J.F.T. Area
Von P. – Unity Area

Miracle Area reported visiting Garnett NA, Clean & Serene (Olathe NA), and MoKan Learning days.

Unity Area reported on a workshop in Salina on the 12 Concepts that was held on March 20th.

Von P. attended an outreach workshop in the Show Me Region.

We discussed T-shirts and a calendar for outreach. We also discussed putting up starter kits for new meetings.

Meetings that we have identified that are struggling:

1)New Horizon – Abilene – Unity Area

2)Iola NA – J.F.T. Area

Meetings that are wanting to start:

1)Council Grove – between Unity, F.F.F and J.F.T. Area's

2)Waverly/Burlington – J.F.T. Area

We discussed working on a service assembly day.

We discussed having an agenda for the outreach committee.

We made no motions.

Please let us know about any groups that are struggling in your Area so that we can add them to the list. Some of us will try to attend and help these groups out.

Peace, Love and NA,
Denny
785-746-5403

PI:

Given by Jon J. for Shelly W.

Good morning Family;

I'm sorry to say that I am unable to be here this morning – I have other commitments for today. Jon was gracious enough to give this report to you.

In our PI sub-committee we had only 3 Areas present which is very disappointing to me. We did have a report written and hand given from Western Area.

A motion was made that we will now only be printing 500 copies of the Regional meeting list. 200 copies will go to H&I for stock, 200 will go to PI for stock and the rest will be divided up between the Areas. The Areas can the make copies for their own needs. Reasons were to help financially and eliminate all the waste.

John S. from the Miracle Area will be making these copies. A reminder that updated lists need to be handed in by the end of the RSC today.

We have a letter from the co-chair explaining resignation. (see below – KB) So, as of August RSC chair and co-chair positions will be open.

July 15th is the annual PI flier drive. Please let everyone know so that we can all participate in handing out and distributing fliers. Get the newcomer involved. There are no clean time requirements!

We are requesting that if you have had some experience, strength and hope in spreading the message through PI that you please send us a copy of how you did it or come and share with us.

That's all for now.
In Loving Service,
Just for Today,
Shelly W.

MEMO

To: RSC & PI Committees

From: Becky Bansemer

Date: May 15, 1999

To Whom It May Concern:

Due to uncontrollable circumstances in my life, I am forced to make a decision about my commitment to NA I am formally notifying the RSC and all persons concerned that I am resigning as of May15, 1999 from my commitment as PI co-chair. Although I will no longer have a title with PI, I still plan to be an active participant for the PI service as a whole...it is my hopes that I will be able to return when the time is right.

Best Wishes,
Becky Bansemer

Questions from the floor:

Jon J. – will the Regional Chair – chair the PI meeting at the next Region?

Clay W. – yes, or someone designated by him.

Jon J. – called WSO to get a update on Unity Area – information was way out of date – can Don update the world list when he updates the Regional list? Would it be O.K. with the Region? (if he want's to do this, that is)

Von P. – each group needs to do so for themselves.

Carl K. – has mailed them our meeting list (last year) – they have the information – it hasn't reached their data base yet.

Von P. – they will not update from our list – each group must do so – all meetings for a group can be updated on one form.

Clay W. – we need to provide this information to Groups – it's up to them then whether they update or not.

PO BOX:

Hello Family;

The box is still there and I deliver what I get.

Thank you,
John S.

STEERING:

Hello Family,

Steering is in another transition period, with several positions changing faces. We are presenting a nomination for Jerry D. as Chair, and introducing nominations for two new members, Burnalee and Sue W. Congratulations also go out to Jeanie M. for her election to co-chair. We are seeking the re-election for members: Jeanie M.; Jim W.; Don M.; and Billy C. to complete the Committee.

Our first discussion was on the continuation of finding better insurance. We have had two new quotes brought to us and ask this body to allow Steering to follow through with these in order to possibly acquire the best-suited coverage for us. The current policy, which was obtained in desperation, expires Aug. 17th and we feel that we can possibly get better coverage at a cheaper price. If not, we will simply renew the current policy after our interim meeting.

Two questions were brought to our attention concerning the Regional Campout and our current Ins. Policy. The first was concerning the use of "Not responsible for accidents" being placed on the flyer. It was mentioned that the agent should be called for any questions or advice before action takes place. The other question dealt with sports events sponsored by the region, and were we covered for accidents. The answer is "no", there is a clause in our current policy that excludes all accidents caused while playing sports.

We now have 20 more copies of the guidelines available. Our current order still has 60 more to print, which will become available at a later time. We are asking for reimbursement of \$19.19 for paper at this time. The actual cost of printing (\$.015 per page) will be tallied up at the end of production.

We discussed the upcoming Service Assembly and are happy to say we have found a location, Tomma Shinga St. Lutheran Church. It is a resort located around Junction City, and falls right into the price range we were looking for. Dates for the event are being checked into around this fall. An agenda will be worked on at the interim meeting.

At this time, the Steering Committee would like to extend an apology to this body and Jon M. for the way our recommendation was formulated last R.S.C. We were put on the spot and handled it very poorly. A thorough recommendation was obtained at yesterday's meeting and we will be nominating Jon M. for M.A.R.C.N.A. XVII Chair.

On a personal note, this is not only my last report as Chair, but also my last meeting as a Steering member. I think I can also speak for Carl K., who is also ending his term, by saying that it has been a privilege to have served with this committee. Thank you R.S.C. members and past and present Steering members for allowing us to serve.

The interim meeting has been scheduled for July 11th @ 1:00 P.M. Meet at McDonalds on I-70 in Junction City.

Gratefully Serving,
Tim Stewart, Steering Chair

Clay W. – after the smoke break, we will undertake elections. (a change in the order of the day.)



Smoke Break 11:05 – 11:15

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ELECTIONS:

*Note: all elections were preceded by a reading of requirements for the position (where there are requirements), qualifying of the candidates and questions for the candidates. The candidates were then sent out of the room and the floor discussed the candidate and his/her qualifications. None of this will be in the record; the outcome of the election will be given.

OUTREACH CHAIR:

Nominated – Denny C. (by committee) – Congratulations and thanks for serving!
We don't have any guidelines for outreach – Denny and the committee will work on some.

STEERING COMMITTEE:

Nominated – Burnalee S. – Congratulations and thanks for serving!
Sue W. – Congratulations and thanks for serving!

Steering Chair – Jerry D. – Congratulations and thanks for serving!

Re-elections – Jeanie M. – Congratulations and thanks for serving!
Jim M. – Congratulations and thanks for serving!
Don M. – Congratulations and thanks for serving!
Billy C. – Congratulations and thanks for serving!

CONVENION CHAIR:

Nominated – Jon Mc. (by committee and steering committee) – Congratulations Jon and thanks for serving!

RSC CHAIR:

Nominated – Billy C. – Congratulations and thanks for serving!

RSC CO-CHAIR

Nominated – many people – no one was seconded or had willingness.
This position remains open – take this back to Groups!



LUNCH!!!! 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Tim C. – point of appeal – wants to re-open the election for co-chair for the RSC.
Reasons – there was much confusion and cross talk
Vote: fails

REPORTS (AGAIN):

RD:

1999 WSC
Regional Delegate Report

Hello Family,
Wow! This WSC was a study in contrast to the two previous conferences I've attended. It is difficult to know where to start. Let me say at the outset, this report may be a bit longer than my previous reports, and for that I will extend my apologies now. There were just so many new things coming out of the conference it is difficult to cover them all succinctly. The logical place to start is with day one which included registration and a visit to WSO. There was a Development Forum Orientation for non-English speaking delegates. For the rest of us it was mostly just getting familiar with our surroundings and renewing friendships or making new ones. As you can see the first day is usually pretty light duty and is essentially the only pseudo free day participants have until the end of the conference.
Day two started with announcements. Unfortunately, one announcement was the ill health of 2 individuals who have contributed greatly to the NA fellowship, Greg P. and Floyd B.. Greg was terminally ill and left the hospital to spend his

remaining time with his family. He died the day after leaving the hospital. Floyd is a WB member and former Trustee. He is also one of the most respected members of World Services. He has cancer which has now spread to his brain and is not likely to recover.

After announcements headphones were handed out to all participants so we could hear translations from the Spanish speaking communities and they could receive translations from the English speaking participants. We used the headphones when needed through the first 2 business days of the conference. After that the headphones had to be turned in which meant some communication lines were no longer easily accessed. After the headphones were distributed there were brief presentations by three delegates on how to survive a conference followed by a skit about how to screw up a conference by getting bogged down in manipulating parliamentary procedures (i.e. parliamentary gymnastics). Basically the three delegates suggested: get as much rest as possible, take breaks from the floor, don't let proceedings overwhelm you, take walks to clear your head, call your sponsor, go to outside meetings, eat right, and don't drink too much coffee early in the morning (of course, being addicts, most of us ignored the last suggestion). These presentations were followed by a general orientation in which the conference entered into a committee of the whole or open forum in which anyone could approach the mike and ask questions concerning voting/election procedures, nominations, duties of the co-facilitators, or anything else we wanted to ask (see also a copy of election procedures).

At 2:00 PM we entered into our opening session in which introductions were made of all participants and their alternates, the rules of order were adopted, election procedures were adopted, 1998 WSC minutes were approved, and new regions were seated. There were a few motions introduced to change election procedures at this time. Motion #13 That no second be required for regional nominations and Motion #14 To delete the sentence "No introductions of question and answer period will be held" from the 1999 WSC Election Procedures. Both motions failed by voice vote. Incidentally, the election procedures adopted at this conference are now policy for WSC elections. As the conference evolved it became clear to all participants there are a few flaws in the election procedures which will be addressed later in this report. There are also a few flaws in the Rules of Order such as no way to break a tie vote in old or new business. You may notice in your copy of the Rules of Order that the conference does not follow Robert's Rules to the letter choosing instead to allow for some common sense decisions vs parliamentary gymnastics. As a result of these flaws, I can see several regional motions being submitted to next years CAR in an attempt to fix the flaws. More on this later.

Three new regions were seated at the conference. First was the ABCD Region from New York state. There was some debate over seating more regions from the US most of which appeared to be fear driven (the fear being NY and CA becoming region heavy compared to other states) however the formation of the ABCD Region was to better carry a message of recovery in their part of the state and received strong support from several non-NY State participants so it was seated despite opposition from a handful of delegates. Finland was seated as a region. When the Finish delegate was asked why he thought Finland should be seated as opposed to being part of another European region, he responded that his region speaks Finish and no other region does which immediately ended debate and Finland was seated unanimously. The NERF Region from India was also seated unanimously. Welcome!

The Human Resource Panel (HRP) gave their presentation after seating of new regions. Their list of accomplishments this past year included, but was not limited to:

1. The development of the World Pool. Some of barriers they have had to address with developing the WP are:
 - a. Creating new Resumes which are more thorough and detailed (they are on their 5th revision) and which are more personal. These revisions should help better inform voting participants about the people being nominated as potential World Board & HRP members, and for the Co-Facilitators positions. It will also help in the selection and assignment of world pool members to specific projects as they are needed.
 - b. Filling the pool has been difficult due to a lack of urgency on the part of the HRP and the NA fellowship. The goal is to have 1,000 pool members. There are only 207 members at present. If you have your resume in there is a need to update it using the newest form. "A data base is only as good as its information" to quote the HRP Chair.

(See Handout for additional details)

The HRP also drafted some internal guidelines, processes and procedures, guidelines for the Co-Facilitator positions, and 1999 election procedures. As previously stated the 1999 election procedures were adopted by the conference and are now WSC policy. There is a high probability of motions from our fellowship in the 2000 CAR which may amend those guidelines at the next conference. Again, see the HRP handout for additional details on the HRP presentation.

After the HRP presentation the conference adjourned for the day. That evening included an onsite NA meeting, a late coffeehouse gathering for those who cared to participate, and the infamous alternative merchandise store. Tim and Deb worked very hard to buy, sell, and trade for items that would help support our regions convention and camp-out. Thank you Tim and Deb. By the way, they picked up some neat stuff. Be there for the auctions or you may miss out. Could this be construed as manipulation on my part?

The following morning World Services (WS) gave their presentations. The goals for World Services can be found in the attached handouts. During this presentation it became apparent that developing a unified budget based on a 2 year conference cycle is more difficult than World Services had anticipated. Anthony E. and Becky from WSO emphasized that some of the objectives World Services has were developed to fit a 1 year budget plan and conference cycle and will need to be revised to fit into a 2 year budget plan. They also emphasized that, although objectives are identified and prioritized, that

does not necessarily mean they will be completed by the next conference. It means WS will be addressing them on an ongoing basis and will create plans for accomplishing those goals within given time lines if possible.

The World Board also made their presentation. This session was followed by a very productive question and answer session. Unfortunately, it appeared that a mood was set by a few conference participants for the presentation on Resolution A that was to follow. We'll get to that in a few.

The majority of the questions for WB concerned what they had done to promote and develop consensus based decision making. Their responses included, but were not limited to:

1. Don't rush to a vote. We tend to want to do 3 pro's, 3 con's, then vote. It works better by discussing through and listening to others opinions.

2. Prepare in advance by reading the pertinent material.

3. Share vision with each other before discussion so we are all heading in the same direction.

4. Have a sharing session at the end of each meeting so we don't leave the spiritual principles at the door. Etc.

During the course of the conference it became evident that the fellowship as a whole is moving away from motion driven decision making that tends to divide the meeting into separate camps and toward consensus based decision making which promotes a sense of unity, fairness, and equal participation for all.

The question of what to do about lawsuits was raised by a delegate as their region had been sued by a non-NA member who attended one of their functions. The response was to direct those concerns to WSO, preferably George H. for assistance.

The question of what to do about controversial issues such as: use of med.'s; disruptive people (adults and kids) at meetings; people pushing their own agenda; etc. The part about med.'s is, interestingly enough, one of the discussion topics for next years conference. What a group I used to attend did with disruptive people, especially small groups of disruptive people is sit between them at meetings so they couldn't talk to each other and/or talk with them after the meeting. The group can hold people in check who are pushing their own agendas if the group gets and remains involved in business meetings.

Following the presentation by WS on fellowship development, communication section, is when a delegate came to the mike and stated something to the effect that "That was one of the biggest crocks I've ever heard. I'm a scientist and I didn't understand a thing you said. If you are going to present things to us, say them in a way we can understand. Use simple terms we can all understand." He then made a comment such as "I'm not running for anything, so I guess I don't have to try to impress anyone." Although some of the terms the presenter had used may have been a bit difficult for some of us to understand, the message of what the presenter was giving seemed reasonably clear. This is the situation that appeared to set the stage for what was to come after the presentation on Resolution A.

The presenters of Resolution A discussion had broken Res. A down into 4 main small group panel discussion topics for this conference. They were A) Cost Equalization & New WSC Seating Limits and B) Zones & More Equitable WSC Representation. The plan by the WB was to split the participants into 4 panels, 2 of which would discuss A) topics and 2 were to discuss B) topics. Unfortunately that is not what some of the delegates came to the WSC to discuss. The first delegate to the mike stated her region had sent her to the conference to vote to adopt one of the four models which had been presented by the Transition Group over the past two conferences. She didn't particularly care which model, but that her region felt it was time to get moving on Res. A. A few other delegates accused the WB of trying to divert the fellowships attention away from Res. A in hopes that Res. A would just go away. Still other delegates stated they thought the WB was breaking Res. A. down into meaningless topics that didn't need to be addressed separately. In any event, the presenters of Res. A took a tremendous amount of criticism from a handful of delegates and the level of distrust toward the WB escalated very quickly resulting in a break down in communication and discussion. On the other hand, there were several of us who felt that the WB was simply trying to deal with parts of Res. A. one at a time which would keep discussion manageable and aid the fellowship in deciding more precisely how we want to proceed with Res. A.

The end result of this breakdown in communication was a meeting that started at 9 PM and went to 12:30 AM. This meeting started with the members of the WB discussing how they felt, blaming themselves for the breakdown in communication, and searching for consensus based solutions to the problem. Only one board member was not quick to blame the WB for the events on the conference floor. He made a very interesting observation and recounted a conversation he had with his wife some time back. The gist of the conversation was that people from the US often act like little children. They never become adults and look at what is best for all. They come to the conference with their own agenda and when things don't go their way, they throw temper tantrums on the floor of the conference. He stated the up side of this is that we get over the tantrum rather quickly, as do little children, and move on to the next thing. He also pointed out that is one of the problems with motion driven decision making and how it creates disunity. Having heard this observation, I observed the delegates from other countries more closely during the rest of the conference and the delegates from the US. It appears he may be right. A least, speaking for myself, GUILTY!

Those of us who attended the meeting also had a chance to share. Many of us attempted to analyze what had occurred without accepting any responsibility for our part in this recurring problem. This situation is by no means new to the conference. When we had standing committees, they often came under extensive fire from the participants. It seemed obvious to this RD that the WB has been applying consensus based decision making in their meetings which brings with it a higher level of communication and trust and that not all the delegates were familiar with that concept which creates conflict and distrust. When it came my turn to share I asked another gentleman to please not speak for me and I won't speak for him.

Also that I would treat him with dignity and respect but I expect the same in return. I also expressed my opinion that I believed the WB had acted in what they believed was the best interest of the fellowship and that I was ready to move on with the business at hand which would be much easier for myself and hopefully our region to deal with. That if I had come home having voted for adopting one of the models presented by the transition group I don't believe my region would be happy with me. I believe many of us are starting at different points and only through open communication will we get to the point where we are ready to adopt a Res. A model. I don't believe that model has been developed yet. I also believe many of us are not at the same point with developing consensus based decision making meetings but, at the same time, believe it is time we move in that direction. After the meeting several delegates indicated their regions are about in the same place as the Mid-America Region and that they too were ready to move on with the business of the conference.

The following morning started with another sharing session to clear up any left over debris from the previous day. Amends were made and we moved off into small panel discussion groups. The topics of the discussion groups were the same as had been presented by the WB in the first place. The results of those discussions are in, yes, another handout. Its easier to copy them than to type them all out. Ha!

Old business motions which were in the CAR were addressed that afternoon. First I would like to thank all of our fellowship for their active participation in helping take our regions conscience to the WSC on the CAR motions. We had a very good turnout at most of our CAR workshops with 6 out of 7 areas participating and some groups participating from the remaining area. Again, thank you. The only motion our region voted to adopt was motion 8. We voted to commit motion 6. E & J were the 2 topics for discussion at WSC 2000 that our region selected. We voted not to adopt the 9 remaining motions.

The conference voted to adopt motions 6 and 8, to commit motion 5, selected I & J for discussion topics at WSC 2000, and voted not to adopt the remaining 8 motions. This year there were only an additional 34 new motions in new business which is in stark contrast to previous years. Things are improving.

The evening concluded with a presentation on Fellowship Communication. As you can see by the HANDOUT communication breakdown is not particular to our region and it is no small wonder that we have so much difficulty with it. There are 2 copies of this handout. One has all my chicken scratching on it which lists the suggestions that were brought up in the discussion group I was assigned to. The other is blank just in case any of you would like to hold a similar discussion on improving communication in your own area. There is also a list of the most frequent suggestions from all the small groups. More later. After the communication presentation, there was a lengthy pause in the session due to a mix-up on the roll call count. A delegate had arrived late for the roll call and his/her vote was not considered in the count on motion #6 which passed by exactly two thirds majority. The change in the number of voting participants would have increased the number necessary to pass motion 6 to 61. It was decided to discuss reconsideration of motion 6 the following morning and this session adjourned for the night. Betty and I finally got to go to an outside meeting. Thank you HP.

The following morning brought discussion to reconsider motion 6. After an hour or so of debate, it was decided we had followed written policy and the motion to reconsider motion 6 was defeated. It should be note, as a matter of courtesy, previous WSCs had allowed individuals who missed the roll call to be included in roll call voting tallies and had adjusted the 2/3s and majority vote numbers accordingly.

The remainder of this morning was spent in small groups discussing ways to improve fellowship communication (See above mentioned handouts). It became readily apparent that many groups, areas, and regions have been using consensus based decision making for several years instead of motion driven decision making. The reps from these regions indicated their meetings go much smoother and communication has improved overall within their regions. They emphasized there has been an increase in participation by group members and an increase of involvement in service because individuals feel their opinions are important. The gaps between the RSCs and groups has been narrowed.

Surveys and/or regional inventories have also helped bring more people into service and have helped keep RSCs on track with what their fellowships want them to do. Don't suppose the Mid-America region might want to consider a region wide inventory by our groups and their impression of the RSC, do you? One addict shared, on the floor of the conference, how their regional assemblies are guided by the GSRs. The GSRs decide what topics to talk about at the assemblies. The facilitators facilitate but do not decide the topics for the participants. The assemblies are consensus and service delivery oriented instead of motion driven.

During the break a young man from Mexico City, Memo, described to me how the Spanish speaking delegates felt like they had been slapped in the face and excluded from full participation at the conference the minute the headphones were removed from the conference floor. He also talked about their not being enough translators for his delegates to be able to participate in discussion groups. Memo also described how difficult it is for addicts in his country to find recovery and that the rest of the NA fellowship is not aware of the barriers they have to overcome. He talked about the high cost of basic texts in Mexico and the distance between meetings. How some addicts have to walk several miles through very rough neighborhoods just to get to a meeting. How easy it is for us to take in H&I meetings or hold PI events. He described how he and his fellow recovering addicts and their families are threatened and sometimes beaten by prison guards who don't want inmates to find recovery because they sell drugs to the inmates. Makes you appreciate how good we do have it in the US doesn't it? Also makes one wonder what we can do to help addicts in other countries find recovery. Our logo for this years convention was the perfect symbol of our world wide fellowship. By the way, three non-US zonals got to take one of our pyramids home with them to remind them that they are not alone nor forgotten.

Other suggestions from the small group discussion emphasized keeping our fellowship, including service committees on a level playing field. After all we are all in this together. No matter if you serve on the world board or make coffee at your home group neither is more important or less important than the other. When an addict says "I don't care, as long as my home group meetings keep going." you might ask him about keeping that other man or woman's home group going too.

The afternoon was taken up by a 1998 financial report, Unified Budget Plan, and Project Plan Process (see handouts). The presenters emphasized, as previously mentioned, the difficulties in developing a 2 year plan vs a 1 year plan. That the new budget is designed for a full WB instead of 18 members and there would be one more WB meeting this year due to the timing of the creation of a WB last year. Last year there were 4 WB meetings and 2 executive meetings. This year there will be 5 WB meetings and 2 executive meetings.

There was also some house keeping from last year that needed to be done such as closing out the World Convention Committee which was dissolved into NAWS on 6-12-98. They had to complete the first half of the 1999 budget then develop their first full year Unified Budget. As Anthony E., co-executive director of WSO, put it, NAWS was in uncharted territory for them and they realize they will make mistakes along the way. They are working closely with each other and accountants to create a functional unified budget. A few years ago the fellowship instructed WSO to create an operating reserve somewhat like a groups prudent reserve. This has not yet become a reality, however, due to an increase in donations by the fellowship and sales of new literature such as the Step Working Guides, WSO in California and Canada are both operating in the black and WSO Europe is projected to be in the black within 2 years. As you can see from the handouts NAWS is committed to building the operating reserve by contributing toward it yearly. This years projected commitment \$485,000 total. This is proportional for the 3 WSOs world wide. Discussion of budgets can go on ad infinitum and is not my area of expertise so, rather than trying to cover all of the budget, please review it in your own time then we can direct questions to WSO as needed.

The evening of day four was taken up with Zonal Meetings. Betty has indicated she would like to address the zonal meeting in her report so I will defer to her. There is one thing that was expressed by Bob from Colorado at our zonal meeting that needs to be shared. He cautioned us about centrally locating the meetings. His regions experience has been a drop off in fellowship interest and communication when their region centralized their RSC. Sounds somewhat familiar. The drop off in fellowship interest and communication has been an increasing concern in our region for a long time although it is not discussed openly enough.

Don't worry folks we're getting close to the end.

Day 5 started with elections of WSC co-facilitators, the HRP, and vacancies on the WB. More about the elections in a bit. We'll just say there was some controversy with the results. Following elections were zonal presentations/reports. The highlight of these reports was by the European Delegate Meeting (EDM). Their main spokesman described all the barriers they have overcome as a group. They all speak different languages. Their fathers and grandfathers fought wars against each other. Who could forget the holocaust (Israel and Germany are both part of the EDM). They described how many countries such as Russia, Turkey, etc. are not seated regions yet and cannot afford to send delegates to the WSC but they are content knowing there is finally a way they can be represented in spirit through Zonal reports. Yes. There is a handout about the EDM in your packets.

Their presentation was so spiritual and interesting that several other Zonals donated part of their time so the EDM could continue. They indicated that they are not ready to adopt any particular model with regard to Res. A. either and that they hope there will be no rush by the fellowship to adopt one. They described how all their meetings are consensus based and that if there is anyone at the meeting that can't accept a decision, even if all the rest can, the item is off the table and is no longer considered. Time was set aside the next day for completion of Zonal reports.

We then moved off into a wrap up discussion of res. discussion results. There were 5 points of general consensus overall. The results of these discussions found in another handout are designed to provide direction to the WB. They can also provide direction to any region, area, or group who decides to apply them. The results should inspire some WB and Regional problem solving motions for next years CAR as well.

Election results were then announced. We elected one new HRP member, and a new co-facilitator. There were no new WB members elected. It requires a 60% majority for WB members and only 50% majority for the other positions. That evening it was discovered that some of the WB members left their ballots blank when voting for new WB members. This was one of the controversies with the election and is the second year in a row we could not fill the board. Next year there may be as many 12-13 vacancies. This is also the type of situation that breeds distrust which is something we were all working hard to prevent.

That evening was spent in a committee of the whole/open discussion about the new business motions that were to be presented the following day to determine how much support there was for each motion. As a result some of the new motions with little support were never presented.

The following morning started off with a bang. As expected there was a motion (#39) to re-open elections. There were also allegations made that the WB did not want any new members and purposely left their ballots blank. To add to the problem, 2 WB members were observed high-fiving after the election results were announced. When one of the members attempted to explain a few participants heckled him so he tossed his mike on a table and walked off the floor. It was evident that not all WB members had left their ballots blank and that WB members had taken the situation to the co-facilitator and

chair of the HRP. It was the Chair of the HRP who made the final decision which was not to inform the delegates that some WB members had left their ballots blank. By leaving the ballots blank is essentially raises the % of votes of remaining participants to elect people to the WB. It was also clear that the HRP, who made up the ballot forms had not followed their own guidelines to the letter. There were to be 3 separate ballot sheets. One for each type of position open. Instead all types of positions were on the same ballot sheet. The end result being voting participants who wanted to vote for HRP and co-facilitator positions were automatically included in the roll call tally for WB members as well, even though they felt uncomfortable voting on this position. Any input or motions to help fix this glitch in the voting procedures would be deeply appreciated. Motion 39 was defeated and election were not reopened. It should be noted that several WB members voted to reopen elections.

Other new business motions that were adopted were 15, 24, 46 (as a substitute for motion 28), 34, and 43. Motions that were committed to the WB which will presented in next years CAR were motions 30, 35, 37, 40, and 41. All remaining motions were either defeated or never presented for consideration.

Following conclusion of new business was a wrap up fellowship communication issues. Yes, you also have one last handout about this issue. Several areas of need were found by the participants for improving communication with World Services. Several areas of need were also found for improving communication within the fellowship as a whole. They are listed in order of frequency of being identified during small group discussions.

THATS IT. NO MORE HANDOUTS.

The Mike hog award was then presented by voice vote to a member of the WB and the conference was closed.

Not Yet.

There was a special sharing meeting for participants of non-English speaking regions the following morning. This was another spiritual highlight of the conference. I did not type out all that was shared but will list a few of the commonalties shared by these participants.

First, they do not understand why US delegates throw so many temper tantrums on the floor of the conference. One delegate likened this to All-star wrestling in which we line up at the mike waiting our turn to attack the last person at the mike or to vent our pet peeve.

Second, they all strongly supported the WB and emphasized the importance of face to face visits by World Service members. They report it is hard for them to go back to their countries and relay the importance of what we do at WSC and as a world wide fellowship.

Third, many live in fear that as soon as the conference is over they will be quickly forgotten by the remainder of the fellowship. One stated that it has taken a long time for recovery to get started in his country. That they were lost by the rest of the recovering community for many years. He is afraid his country will be lost again after the conference.

Lastly, they almost all employ consensus based decision making in their zonals and regions. They wonder why the leading recovery community in the NA fellowship, the US community, does not do the same.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve and represent our region at the WSC. There are many exciting times ahead for all of us.

In Loving Service,

Carl K., RD Mid-America Region





Smoke break 2:35 – 2:45 + or –

RD2

My report will be short.

The 1st couple of days were very hairy. It seemed to be us against the board. On Tuesday night there was a board meeting. Carl K. attended. Next morning amends were made on each side and our HP was back in the room.

Zonal forum on Wednesday night was Awesome. In attendance were: North Dakota, Manitoba, NW Minnesota, Carolina, Upper Rocky Mountain (Wyoming Panhandle), South Dakota, Texas (Michelle), Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado (Bob), Nebraska (Dale and Gilbert), Iowa (Charlotte)

Oklahoma representative gave a report on their GSR assembly. It was a two day event. 55 people attended. They were well pleased. It was held in a campground sort of like our Soul to Soul retreat.

The centralizing of the Zonal to McPherson was postponed till later as North Dakota and Upper Rocky Mountain may join us. Texas is still deciding. Next forum is tentatively scheduled for South Dakota convention; September 17,18 and 19th. We may have more information and flyers later.

I found the conference exhausting. It is like our Regional but with 90 Regions attending, and 107 voting. (I did vote once!) Lots of listening. All you want to do at days end is eat and sleep in order to do it again. I did get up early (7am) 3 days for a early meeting by the pool. Went to two outside meetings. (It was very cold there – NOT California weather!)

I don't know how to say this but to say it – I felt handicapped doing my job with a significant other participating in the room. I bring this up as the room is paid for the Delegate and Alt. Delegate. (there were extra dynamics.) I learned from this experience and may have other choices to make next year. This is a busy business trip, not a vacation.

In Loving Service to HP & NA,

Betty P.

Thanks for allowing me to represent Kansas

PS. I was awed with the Love of all the addicts world wide and met new friends. We are all alike!

PSS. I spent \$200 over my allowance.

Mid-America Newsletter Report

Sunday, May 16, 1999

00PS! Sorry folks, college got the better of me. I have fulfilled my term as Editor of the Mid-America Newsletter as of this RSC. My co-editor, Tim S., now receives all the glory, credit, and of course work, involved with this publication. I am turning over everything that the region gave to me when I took this position to Tim.

I just want to thank the regional committee for believing in me when I said I could do this and for letting me serve as "the MAN." It has made the last two years an extremely growing process in recovery for me and I will never forget it. I will still be available to help Tim out with any questions or concerns he may have and spent an entire afternoon with him earlier this year showing him the ropes. I will also still be writing a lot of the newsletter to help him out. My final financial Accountability is attached this report.

In unforgettable and loving service,

Samuel W. Lindsey

MAN Editor

*note: the financial "stuff" was dropped off with the treasurer and appears in her report. – KB

ELECTIONS:

THE M.A.N.:

Tim S. nominated Tim S. for Editor of M.A.N.
2nd and Elected – Congratulations (I think!) and thanks for serving!

Belinda – do you need a expense check? Yes.
Belinda will cut him a \$100.00 check.

RD:

Tim S. nominated Carl K. for a 2nd term.
2nd and elected – Congratulations and thanks for serving!

RD2:

Tim S. nominated Betty P. for a 2nd term.
2nd and Elected – Congratulations and thanks for serving!



Smoke Break 3:35 – 3:45 + or –

OLD BUSINESS

SMALL CLAIMS:

TERESA

Clay collected \$37.00 from Teresa B.(sp.?) in Topeka. (Two bad checks)

BOB B.

Clay spoke with Bob B. (Topeka) on Saturday, 5/8/99. (Clay filed with small claims court and went to court on the 1st of April. We won a judgment against him (Bob) for \$155.00. This action was taken on a check that is two years old and came back to us marked insufficient funds.) He said that the Region could _____ themselves that they had no right to sue him. He claims that he listed the bad checks to the Region in a bankruptcy claim. This sparked much discussion among the Fellowship concerning our legal rights and options. Nothing was resolved.
Clay needs \$19.50 for filing fees.

*** Jay F. moved that we write off this check.**

2nd by Tim S. Failed.

Excerpts from discussion:

Debbie S. – this is unfair to others that we have perused in small claims court.

Jon J. – we should follow through with the small claims process.

Don M. – we ought to have our former chair continue to pursue this issue.

Carl K. – we ought to contact a lawyer-I several in Topeka that would be happy to look into it for not cost.

Etc.

Clay will pursue this with the DA to see what steps need to be taken.

Tim C. – where are we on the check service?

Belinda C. – Insurance for the Region is in motion. It is not in place for the Region yet, although it is in place for the convention.

PONY BOY:

Stacy W. – what has happened with Pony Boy and his bad check? Haven’t heard anything about that for a long time.

Billy C. – he moved out of state and that is why we didn’t pursue him in small claims – then there was a problem with finding his contract, but I know where his contract is now – I talked with him about this and he said he still has some of the stuff – wants to know what he owes so he can make it right – what is his address and I will contact him (write him a letter) – it’s in the convention data base.

He still owes \$260.00

Billy C. will contact him and bring back a report to the next RSC.

DORIS:

Clay W. – Doris as of the last RSC has returned \$115.00 worth of merchandise and still owes us \$91.00 – Tim C. what do you have to report about this?

Tim C. – she has moved back to our Area – she is struggling now – she is aware of her debt and will try to make restitution.

Don M. – she still owes \$91.00?

MARIA:

Clay W.– Tim, is the court aware of what she has paid?

Tim C. – no, I need a receipt on that – what is the balance due?

Jeanie M. – you can go to the court and look up that file to find out balance due.

Don M. – she owes \$167.00 plus 12% interest

Clay W. – we are still in the process on both of those accounts

ADD-HOCK BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Clay W. – met twice since the last RSC

1st one on March 21st – present: Clay W., Darrin Y., and Belinda C.

2nd one on April 2nd – present: Belinda C., Clay W., John J., Pony Boy, and Dennis O.

TALKED ABOUT:

- Having information that can be taken back to the Areas so they would know what is going on.
- Focus more on actual funds and less on the budget itself.
* work on quarterly budget, not yearly i.e. we started with this much, brought this in, spent this and this is what is left.
- Sub-committee chairs submit a written financial report to this body. (it is currently in the Regional Guidelines but isn't being done.)
- Fixed expenses – planning around these
- Money that was sent to the World last RSC. (concerns that this money could have been effectively used in our Region.)
- Article 11 in the Regional Guidelines – #E. – states “Quarterly, all funds above prudent reserve not budgeted are forwarded to WSC.” – Darrin Y. – “I think that it would be better if it said, “quarterly all funds above prudent reserve not budgeted for use the next three months...”. This would make sub-committees plan better as far as expenses for the next three months. We would know if we have major expenses coming up.”
- Not change a “dam thing”

Clay W. – “Darrin, as an accountant with the problems there are right now, what do you see them to be?”

Darrin Y. – “You really don't have problems with the way you do it.” summery now – you have too much money in the account at a given time – temptations can arise and abuses can occur.

Jon J. – “There wasn't as much as a problem as I thought we had”

Clay W. – part of the problem was communication

Belinda C. – I just need to know what the service body wants me to do.

Ray G. – will the new RSC chair let each committee know that we expect a written financial report?

Billy C. – yes

Don M. – did the add-hock committee come back with a recommendation?

Clay W. – no

Don M. – addicts, when faced with many choices never get anything done – the add-hock committee needs to come back with a recommendation

FURTHER DISCUSSION

Lois W. – wants forms for the subcommittee chairs to fill out to request funds and account for funds

Tim S. – the budget is very unrealistic budget – I think that this Region needs to do an inventory – what are our goals, function, purpose? Just what do we need? We sit on over \$12,000.00 just because it's in our budget – that's not right. The problem that needs to be addressed is a unrealistic budget.

Jon J. – lets try this budget and see what happens – we have the money, lets do it

Darrin Y. – we sit on too much money

Jennifer J. – Groups and Areas need to know what funds are spent on

Belinda – the treasurers report is in the minutes and is available to RCM's and on up the line to the individual addict

Clay W. – summery

- each subcommittee needs to submit a written financial report
- the treasurer needs to submit a short and concise report
- the committee continue to meet – more involvement will be welcome

Letter to the Region from Unity Area:

Unity Area RCM Report May 15th, 1999

May 8, 1999

Dear Mid America Regional Service Committee:

This letter has been sent to you from all the GSR's and committee members represented at the Unity Area Service Committee. We all have great concerns regarding the budget, finances and expenditures of money from the RSC. We realize that the Region has recently evaluated their annual budget of all committees and expenses and that an ad-hoc committee has been formed to further evaluate the budget and the over spending.

The Unity Area was led to believe that the Region was over budget and in dire need of any donations that could be passed on. We understand this need for extra money and we are always willing to help. In the months of January and February the Unity Area sent donations totaling \$575.87 to the Mid America Region. In the month of March Unity Area was informed that at the February Regional. MARSC had made a donation of \$1,951.05 to WSO. This is of great concern to us at the Unity Area because the Mid American Region has implied that they are over budget and do not have enough money to pay for their expenses. We would not have sent the donations in January and February to the Mid America Region but directly to the WSO instead, had we known the true financial status of the Region.

The Unity Area feels mislead by the Mid America Region regarding the financial status of the Region. We find it very disappointing that the Region does not have a better understanding of the expenses they accrue. We have also found it unfair that the Region asked the Groups and Areas within our Region to donate "Basic Texts" to the Regional Convention when they obviously could have done this themselves. The donation that was made to the WSO from the Mid America Region in February could have paid for the "Basic Texts" for the newcomers-at the Convention.

The Unity Area Service Committee feels that the Mid America Regional Service Committee has been negligent in their handling of their budget and expenses. We feel that the Region has mislead the Areas and Groups within the Region in regards to their financial situation.

The Unity Area wishes to receive an honest explanation for the behavior of the Mid America Region Service Committee and its Treasurer. The Unity Area feels that the Region has mislead the Areas and Groups. We ask that the next time they ask for any type of donation, from Groups or Areas that they state the true nature of the Regions financial situation. The Unity Area realizes the Region is supported by donations from the Areas, but it is unsettling when those donations are made because of misleading information presented to the Areas. We ask that the Regional Service Committee get a better understanding of the budget and expenses, find and present the true nature of the financial status of the Region and discontinue unneeded pleas for donations (of monetary value or otherwise).

Sincerely,

The Unity area service committee of narcotics anonymous

Belinda C. – I just took over, but will be happy to come over and talk to Groups/Area if you wish

Jennifer J. – we feel that the Region misrepresented their financial situation

Von P. – seems that the situation has resolved itself

Jon J. – Melissa was crying at the RSC – I thought that we were in serious trouble

Carl K. – RCM's need to get the minutes to the GSR's who need to get them to the individual addicts who need to read them (communication needs to improve)

Jeanie M. – we need to make sure our service people are qualified and fit for the position we are electing them to (be responsible for your vote!)

Clay W. – CAN WE TABLE THIS AND GO ON?

The Floor – YES

ZONAL STUFF:

Tim S. – centralizing of the Zonal to McPherson has gone into dormancy – the boundaries of the Zonal are ever changing

TAPING OF MINUTES:

February 1995

Motion: The taping of RSCs is for the secretaries use only. All tapes will be destroyed or reused as soon as the RSC minutes are approved.

Jon J. – why were the last RSC tapes destroyed?

Kirk B. – I wasn't aware of the policy.

***I failed to mention this at the RSC but it should be noted that the tape recorder and tapes that I am using are my personal equipment. The above policy suggests that the Region has/had a tape recorder and tapes, but I haven't received them. When my term is up, this body may want to supply the next secretary with these items. They have helped me put these minutes out and although there are errors in them, they are not as prevalent as they would be without the wonders of modern technology. I will keep these tapes until the next RSC.

Thanks, KB

NEW BUSINESS:

INSURANCE POLICY:

Clay W. – we have an exclusion on our policy for coverage of participants involved in sporting activities. If you are playing softball at the campout and get hurt, you will not be covered under our policy. How will we handle this?

Debbie S. – this is an assumed risk – some things will happen due to the nature of the activity and insurance companies will not cover these things.

After much discussion it was decided that Jon J. will talk to his insurance agent to get answers concerning what we need to do to cover ourselves in case of an accident.

Tim S. – wants the steering committee to have a vote of confidence from this body to continue to research insurance companies for the next interim meeting, settle on an insurance company, contact the treasurer for a check and implement the best policy that they can find.

* RCM's gave it to them.



Smoke break 5:25 – 5:35 + or –

Belinda C. – has a total of 7 checks with her and needs to write 13 checks. Will write the 7 she has now and the remaining checks within a month.

M.A.N. – Tim S. – we need submissions from the fellowship. His home address and e-mail will be the new contact addresses for the M.A.N. They are as follows:

Tim Stewart

501 N. Ash

McPherson KS 67460

e-mail timandeb@midusa.net

MOTIONS (SUBCOMMITTEE):

*PI –

- **Motion: the Region will print 500 meeting list to be distributed as follows:**
 - 1) 200 – H&I
 - 2) 200 – PI
 - 3) 100 – Areas

The subcommittees and Areas can then make copies as they need them.

Intent: To better use Regional finances, fiscal responsibility.

Financial impact: \$500 - \$600 savings per year.

MOTION PASSES

H&I – requested 120 envelopes with the Regional Logo on them for a H&I mailing.

There was much discussion concerning this and the motion was withdrawn.

The upshot of the discussion was:

- 1) Clay W. will donate labels which will have the Logo printed on Don M.'s printer
- 2) Carl K. pointed out that we need to be careful about having lots of envelopes with our logo on them laying about – potential for abuse.

***STEERING –**

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Intent: to conform with Article VIB of “The Guidelines of the Mid-America Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous”.

Financial impact: None

MOTION PASSES – TAKE BACK TO GROUPS

Convention:

Jon J. – when we create a subcommittee, do we give them 100% right to do anything they want? Did we give them the right to read the Clarity Statement at a Regional Convention? This is not NA approved literature.

We had a long discussion concerning this. It was pointed out that this statement has been used at a World Convention (WCNA 26 in St. Louis), at other conventions and some Groups are using this statement. The convention committee gave our programming chair a vote of confidence concerning what readings to use at the convention. It was further reiterated that this is **NOT** NA approved literature – some members thought it was.

***Tim C. –**

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Tim S. – Seconded

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MOTION PASSES – TAKE THIS BACK TO GROUPS



Smoke Break

6:30 – 6:40 + or –

Jon J. – does the Region have Tax ID number?
Belinda C. – yes
Jon J. – do we file income tax?
No
Betty P. – we have filed as a non-profit

Jon J. – question concerning Kent R. and his sales at the convention.

Jon Mc. – we haven't written Kent. He was not personally licensed by WSO, but was using Clean Wear Inc. as his vendors license so we are going to contact them and let them know that he manipulated his way into our Convention and we don't appreciate it. We won't write Kent.

Don M. – some things that I am aware of – I saw a letter written by a group in FFF for Kent. This letter wasn't approved by the Area. Kent will not buy a vendors license. We need to be aware that he sells tapes that he records at conventions. All Groups and Areas in the state of Kansas need to realize that he makes a lot of money off of us.

Stacy W. – (merchandise chair for M.A.R.C.N.A. XVI) – expressed concern that unlicensed vendors and those not invited by and approved by the convention committee may violate our contracts with other licensed/invited vendors leaving us open to lawsuits.

***Clay W. directed the Steering committee to look into the legality of banning individuals from selling at any Regional events.**

QUESTIONS CONCERNING TIPS (at the convention):

Von – how a person does his job is a none of our business – cited 11th tradition and 11th concept.

* Von P. –

• **Moves that the practice of tipping certain employees by any subcommittee cease.**

Tim C. seconded

Much discussion followed. This practice has been in effect since the 93 convention.

MOTION PASSES –TAKE BACK TO GROUPS

Jon J. – why are there 2 convention seed money lines in the budget

Belinda C. – at one time we were going to run 2 conventions at one time – this didn't happen – don't know why there are 2 in there now.

Clay W. – something for the budget committee to look at

Don M. – pointed out that it used to be the policy of the Region to require all motions be written out and submitted before the RSC – this would help facilitate the effective running of the RSC.

Jon J. – expressed concern about the RD & RD2 and the policy of having more than just the 2 of them in a room paid for by the Region.

Carl K. – if the RSC decides that only the RD & RD2 can stay in the room paid for by the Region, then this policy should extend to the Zonal as well.

Darrin Y. – does it cost anymore to have more people in the motel room? Can you have multiple people in a room.

Answer – yes

Tim S. – explained that there is a matching service available and this service would put female with female and male with male. Further explained that every year the RD and RD2 end up having differences of opinion and come back with frayed nerves. This is due to the nature of the meetings and the length of time they are cooped up together.



Smoke Break 7:35 – 7:45 + or –

Clay W. – read a letter of resignation from Lois W. It follows:

May 16, 1999

To Mid American Region and Activities Committee;

As of this date I respectfully submit my resignation as Chairman of this Committee due to personal physical lack of ability to satisfactorily fill this position.

*Thank you,
Lois A. Wooten*

*Note: the position of Activities Chair is once again open. Take this back to your groups and see if you can't generate some interest in filling the position.

Clay W. – lets take half a minute to pray for guidance, for unity and fellowship.

Jon J. – there is policy in print concerning the RD and RD2 – read Article XI section F which states:

“MARSCNA shall make funds available to assist the Regional Delegate and the Alternate Regional Delegate with designated expenses incurred due to attendance at the World Service Conference each year.”

Is this policy a good one or does it need replacing?

Betty P. – I thought this was a firm policy. I do have other options.

Pat B. – this is a good policy and no it doesn't need replacing.

Don M. – the RD and RD2 need to stay in the same room to work together – we may need to refine the policy to say RD and RD2 only. Boils down to what do we expect of our RD and RD2.

Betty P. – I need guidance. What should I do?

Carl K. – much of the business of the conference is taken care of at the back of the room (conference room). You need to move around at these things – take care of yourself.

Don M. – everyone has his/her own style at a conference – the one thing I didn't here this year is complaints from the floor – it seems that you two did your job well – some years people bitch because we haven't gotten information back from the World Conference. (no bang for our buck. – KB) no matter what you did it worked!

Joyce Mc. – Carl did all the work for the report – they didn't work together

Jon J. – read the following from “**A Guide to Local Services**”

“Conventions and other regional activities should serve primarily as celebrations of recovery, not sources of RSC operating funds. Why? One reason is that, as the essay on our Eleventh Concept suggests, "we- find it easier to maintain a strong link between our groups and our other service units... when we make a commitment to fund the work of each level of the service structure exclusively through group contributions." The region that begins depending heavily on income from regional activities for its operating funds may find itself less focused on the needs of its NA community than a region depending primarily on group contributions.”

Tim C. –

Move that we close.

KB seconded

Motion Passed 8:05 p.m.

VOTING RECORD

ACCEPT FEB MIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
ACCEPT TREAS REPORT	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
APPEAL CLOSING NOM FOR CO-CHAIR	----- SHOW OF HANDS--- 5 NO -- 2 YES						
WRITE OFF \$155.00 BAD CHECK	Y	A	N	Y	N	N	N
P.I. PRINT REGIONAL MTG. 500 COPIES	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y
STEERING -- CHANGE OF POLICY	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
I.D. STATEMENT - BACK TO GROUPS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
CALLING OF PREVIOUS QUESTION	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
TIPPING TO GO BACK TO GROUPS	ABSENT	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

ATTENDANCE RECORD

UNITY	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	YES
WESTERN	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	YES
WICHITA METRO	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	YES
	SUB - COMMITTEES											
ACTIVITIES	O	H	H		H	O	H	H	O	O	O	YES
CAMPOUT	H	H	H		O	O	O	O	O	O	O	YES
CONVENTION	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	YES
H&I	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	YES
LIT.	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	YES
M.A.N.	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	YES
OUT REACH	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	YES
P.I.	O	O	O		O	O	SHELLY W. SENT REPORT			O	O	YES
PO BOX	H	H	H		O	O	O	O	O	O	O	YES
STEERING	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	YES
	TRUSTED SERVANTS											
SECRETARY	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	N/A
TREASURER	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	YES
R.D.	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	YES
R.D.2	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	YES
CHAIR	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	N/A
CO - CHAIR	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	N/A

Secretaries Note:

I have tried to give an accurate report of the business that was conducted at the last RSC (May 99). This is not a transcription, although there are some direct quotes. In putting these minutes together, I worked from 8 hours of tape, 10 pages of handwritten notes, multiple pages of written reports, some reports that were on disk (Thanks guys!) and my memory. In the process of juggling all this material, it is possible that I have omitted something. If so, I'm sorry. It wasn't done deliberately or maliciously. I have done the best that I can and hope that these minutes do in fact reflect the business of a long and sometimes contentious meeting.

Peace and Love
(Old Hippie Talk),
KB



PS – It's time for a **SMOKE BREAK!!!**
May 23, 1999 @ 6:15 am

ITEMS TO BE TAKEN BACK TO GROUPS

Convention:

Open Positions to be taken back to groups:

- 1) Hotels and Hospitality
- 2) Fundraising
- 3) Programming
- 4) Merchandising

The June meeting will be held on June 20th at Gift of Life, 300 E. 2nd, Hutchinson, KS at 2:00 p.m.

Literature:

RCM's, please pass on to your Areas that literature/newsletter needs warm bodies and ask your Area literature chairs to attend Regionals and represent your Area.

Outreach:

Meetings that we have identified that are struggling:

- 3) New Horizon – Abilene – Unity Area
- 4) Iola NA – J.F.T. Area

Please let us know about any groups that are struggling in your Area so that we can add them to the list. Some of us will try to attend and help these groups out. Take some time and visit these meetings if you can. They need our support.

PI:

Encourage groups to update with the world – the world meeting list is way out of date.

STEERING:

The interim meeting has been scheduled for July 11th @ 1:00 P.M. Meet at McDonalds on I-70 in Junction City.

ELECTIONS:

RSC co.-chair position is open and needs filling!

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