

**Mid-America Service Committee of NA**  
**PO Box 8732**  
**Wichita, Kansas 67202-8732**  
**August 17, 2003**



Tony K. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Bryan H. read the 12 Traditions and Brent K. read the 12 Concepts. Introductions were made all around followed by roll call.

**Area's represented by RCM's today:** Central KS, Fellowship for Freedom, Just for Today, Miracle, Primary Purpose, Unity, Western, Wichita Metro.

**Subcommittees present today:** Activities, Campout, Convention, H&I, Literature, Outreach, P.O. Box, Steering

**Officers present today:** RD, Alt. RD, Treasurer, Secretary, Regional Co-chair, Regional Chair

**Attendance:** This is located at the end of the minutes. Again, I have done the best I can to transcribe the data accurately. I have included scanned copies of the sign in sheets for you to cross reference with. KB

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*Area Reports*

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*Central Kansas*

Hello friends from Central Kansas Area,

There are a lot of things happening in the Central Kansas Area. Today the High on Life Group is celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Vets Park. Ellinwood Be Prepared Group is having their Annual Pinewood Fishing Derby, Sat. Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. The Larned Group is having their Annual Rib Feed on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Chili Bowl 14 is Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at the Russell 4-H Building. There should be fliers on the table for these functions.

Our Area voted "Yes" on all four motions and we have a \$400 donation.

We also have a new group in our Area in Alton, Kansas. The address is 600 Mill Street and meetings are Tues. @ 8pm.

We found a set of keys at the CKA Campout at Lucas Group Park in Wilson. They have an orange key tag with Allied Transmission on them.

Grateful to serve,  
Dusty C., RCM

*Fellowship for Freedom Area*

Hello family,

FFA is going really well. We've been working really hard to make sure we're carrying a positive N.A. message in the Topeka Area.

Our Convention Committee has been working really hard to raise funds for our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and it's going good.

We're still having problems filling service positions at the Area level. Positions open are: H&I, PI, and Outreach!!

All in all we're growing and carrying the message. That's the main thing.

In Loving Service,  
William H.

*Just For Today Aarea*

Greetings everyone

Our JFT area, mirror of mirror, campout held Aug. 8-10 was a great success. Denny C. fried up a mess of fish and pat p. Coordinated a wonderful BBQ dinner. Over 60 people were in attendance for the Saturday evening meal and speaker meeting.

We are pleased to report that three new groups have been seated in our area. Welcome to "against all odds" from Pittsburg, Lyndon N.A. Group, and "do or die" of cottonwood falls. This brings the number of active groups in our area to 14! There have been many picnics and campouts hosted by our groups over the past several months. Watch for flyers on the "Not for Sissy's" campout coming up this fall.

In June we accepted policy guidelines for our area. Thanks to all for the hard work involved with getting these adopted. The JFT area will be taking an inventory over the next several months. More will be revealed.

WITH N.A. LOVE,  
CARLADAVIS  
RCBC@CARROLLSWEB.COM

*Unity Area*

We are working on producing our own meeting lists. Hopefully this will be up and running within the next couple of weeks.

We are planning an Area flyer drive in early fall.

Our annual free Halloween Dance is October 25, 2003 at 6:00 pm at the Friendship Center, 746 Comanche, Salina.

In Service,  
Jeanie M.

*Miracle Area*

Hello Mid America Region,

I was elected Alt. RCM three months ago and am already filling in. Please bear with me. I found out yesterday I had to write a report so instead of dancing I am racking my brain and writing – don't worry I will recover.

Miracle Area is still alive. Since the last RSC, our Area has been active. We have had a day in the park, two dances, and a campout. Our flyer drives were a success and some members have gone to groups outside our Area to distribute meeting lists and group history books. Serving Leavenworth and Douglas Counties, H&I is strong and getting stronger.

We always need more willing bodies. However, with the bodies we do have we are carrying the message.

Miracle Area has established a convention committee. We are planning an area convention by the year 2005. We are in need of sub-committee chairs and other positions. In our area there are four members (that I am aware of) with convention experience. So we may be requesting informational assistance from some of the Regional convention member.

In service,  
April D.

*Western Area*

Hello Family,

Not much happening in Western Area. At our last Area meeting four out of sixteen groups were represented. We did send a "prudent reserve" motion back to groups (for what good that will do). We changed carriers for our 800 number – the number stayed the same. We are still wondering what to do with groups that don't send a representative or report to let us know if they are still meeting or what the hell is happening. Will let you know in Nov. what was decided. Western Area did send a donation this time.

In Service,  
Tom W. aka "Too Tall"

*Wichita Metro Area*

Hello family,

Recovery be happenin' in Doo – Dah! Our groups are taking group inventories and an Area inventory being taken to help promote unity and get us all to working together, focusing on solutions!

Activities coming up are: Day by Day Group is putting on a MARCNA fundraiser Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> at Harvey Co. East Park. Augusta Just for Today Group is putting an activity Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> and is asking the region for any donations for raffle & action items. Unity group is putting on their Annual St. Dance Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Flyers are out for all.

Elections for Area officers will be in Sept. Chair, Co-chair, Sec., Treas., & Sub-committee chairs.

New H&I meetings being taken into King's Camp youth & Options youth. We've also started a hot line for our Area.

Loving service & kisses,  
Brent K.

*Primary Purpose Area*

Hello Family,

I am happy to report that Primary Purpose Area is still going strong and as of today are celebrating three years as a seated area in Mid-America Region. This is my last RSC as PPARCM and am grateful to have had the chance to serve this area for the past three years of growth. We are sponsoring our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual spiritual retreat at Camp WaJaJo, Lyons, KS. September 5, 6, 7, 2003. There should be a pre-registration flyer available here. Deadline for pre-reg is August 24. Registrations will also be accepted at the retreat. We have also voted on all motions that came down from May RSC and notes will be given in old business. Ed S. of Hutchinson will be representing Primary Purpose Area for the next year and an alternate has yet to be elected. More will be revealed!

In Loving Service,  
Jon Mc.

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**End of Area Reports. Beginning subcommittee reports.**

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### ***Activities Report***

Hi,

Well we are here again. We did good last night but before that I talked to Jeremy last month and he gave me \$100 back to the RCM. I'm requesting \$400.00 for the GSR assembly that will be on September 20, 2003. Last night we did good. We had a special raffle for a Pre-registration for MARCNA XXI. We made \$92 and after we pay \$68 out of it we net \$24 off of it. We had fast cash and it made \$84 and we gave away \$40 out of it. We made \$44 off of it. The action made \$102 and the door made \$174 and I got \$192 in checks and in cash. We got to turn in is \$332. We spent \$200 on DJ and \$40 on Fast Cash. Spent Dillon's and Wal-Mart \$88.89.

We got 1 outstanding bill left, \$68 for the Registration pack we gave away last night. All together we spent \$396.89. We have \$629 to Ted for the region. So we did good. Next time fundraising will go to convention and I am asked 2-3 people to bring a turkey next time. I will be bringing one and for the best side dish will win a free pre-registration for the convention. Let's get together next time for thanksgiving with our brothers and sisters.

We need a co-chair and next time we will be looking for a new chair for activities.

Love and Service,  
Dave R.

### ***Questions from the floor to Dave***

Q: When will we have bids from motels in town to have the RSC held at them?

A: By the next (November) RSC.

Q: How do you determine who the DJ will be at the dances?

A: We go by price – the cheapest bid gets the bid.

Q: Can anyone place a bid?

A: Yes

### ***Campout Report***

Hello family,

Here we are again at the conclusion of one campout and the start of the next. As always our first and only goal is to carry the message of recovery to the addict who is still suffering no matter how many 24 hrs. they have or don't have.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Regional Campout was another great time in recovery. The weather was seasonal, the speaker meeting were inspirational, the games were a lot of fun, and the meal was a success – feeding about 230 people on Saturday.

The committee is pleased to turn over \$684.09 to the Region. With that said, we are asking for seed money of \$1500 for the 2004 campout.

The dates for the 2004 Campout are set from Wed., June 30<sup>th</sup> to Mon., July 5<sup>th</sup>. The campout will be held at the Lucas Park Group campsite at Wilson Lake.

The committee once again nominated Russ P. as the campout Chair. The theme for this campout is "Going 4<sup>th</sup> I n Recovery". Please bring any artwork to the November RSC.

The committee is asking for bids for a DJ for 3 nights (Fri., Sat., Sun.) and for catering of the Saturday evening meal.

If anyone is having fundraisers for the campout please contact any member of the committee for auction and/or raffle items.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service,  
Russ P.

### ***The following is a letter from Glen S.***

To Mid-America Regional Campout Committee:

I would personally like to thank you for allowing me to cook at the Mid-America Regional Campout 2003. The Cajun gumbo was a huge success and we had no complaints. The Saturday evening BBQ brought no complaints until Sunday when I was leaving. I took it upon myself to cook some things that I probably shouldn't have cooked. The ribs I brought on my own ran out fast. Some people thought they were part of the meal, but they were not. I said I would provide hamburgers, hot dogs, ham, turkey, and beef brisket. I provided cheese for the burgers and it turned out everyone wanted a cheeseburger. The brisket I bought was not the brisket I thought I was getting. It turned out to be a brisket in a bag and some of the bags broke open when we tried to heat it in water as stated on the container. There was plenty of meat to eat, just not the right amounts of what people wanted that day. Instead of buying 6 containers of potato salad, I bought 4 containers of potato salad and 2 containers of cole slaw. Usually cole slaw doesn't go over very well and wasn't in the food proposal. Another thing I decided to bring on my own. This year I ran out of both. Another mistake I made was when another addict that had made me a dinner bell, came up and gave it to me. Not thinking and wanting to try it out, I rang the bell and everyone came running and lined up to eat. The food at that time was near ready, but not ready. This coupled with the heat of the day provided for impatient people waiting to be served. But all the members that volunteered to help out, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I appreciate your service work.

After the campout was over, I asked some members what I could do to improve if I was asked to return in the coming year. I was told that maybe if I did it again next year, that I just provide my cooker. The, (the campout committee), would buy all the meat, plates, and fixins to go with it. All I would do is just cook it. Or maybe members could bring their personal barbecues and I could cook hamburgers and hotdogs only. I've thought about this very much and have decided that I cannot haul my cooker that far, cook out in the sun all day, for little or no pay. If you want me to cook for you again next year, tell me specifically what you want cooked and I'll throw out a proposal again to you. I cannot cook eat that you buy and be liable for it. I know where I buy my meat USDA approved and if anyone gets sick, which has never happened, I can fall back on that company. I do not make any money off of this, but if you think you can do it cheaper, then go for it. You will honestly get to see how much time, gas, and commitment goes into planning such a cookout. Call other caterers and get a

quote. I enjoy what I do, just like a disc jockey enjoys what they do. But I cannot do it for free. Thank you again for allowing me to serve the Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous. I will gladly and graciously serve you again if asked.

Sometimes struggling, but always growing, step-by-step forward, sometimes with ease, sometimes with two left feet.

Yours in service,  
Glenn Smith  
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nagrandpubah@yahoo.comFamily,

### ***Convention Report***

Greetings and salutations to all at the Mid America Region of N.A.

The convention committee has been seated, and the sub-committee chairs are as follows:

Chairperson-Greg K Co-Chairperson-Jeannie M, Secretary- Debbie S from Wichita

Treasurer-Debbie S from Lindsborg, Registration-Tim S, Merchandising-Dave R.

Fundraising-Brent K ,Programming-Pat B, Arts and Graphics-Jack S, Hotels and

Hospitality -John S, and Entertainment Michael S.

These positions were filled at our June interim meeting, and the committee also chose a theme for the MARCNA XXI: "I becomes We" from page 72 of the basic text!

All future interim meetings aside from the regional meetings will be held in Wichita! The location of these meetings will be at Day by Day N.A. 1145 Pattie on the third Sunday of the month! The time of the meetings to be 1:30 P.M.

All convention committee meetings will be tobacco free, as determined by committee vote!

The committee has decided to endorse a pre-registration cup rather than a shirt this year!

The committee has approved a logo and design for the convention, and a flyer for mailings!

All should be in production and visible in the near future!

Costs have increased as a result of larger facilities, and our registration and pre-registrations should reflect this increase!

Pre-registration will be \$20, and any registration after 3/06/04 will be \$25 so register early and save!

It has been suggested at the committee that we plan for one MARCNA XXI fund-raiser per area! One free registration will be provided for as an element of these fundraising efforts, and I would ask that all RCM's arrange for and communicate with Brent K, our fund-raising chair, about the planning for such events!

Some speaker tapes are being reviewed, and workshop themes are still being discussed, as well as ideas for entertainment! Any ideas or suggestions are welcome, so please bring any to the attention of the committee!

Our banquet meal, and breakfast buffet have been decided on, and that information is forthcoming!

The cost of the banquet will be \$25, and the breakfast will be \$13! The food selection was quite a task, but be assured these are quality meals, and the purchase of these meals is an important part of our success at the convention! The Convention will be at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Convention Center, 400 W. Waterman, Wichita Ks on Easter weekend 2004. Please remember the first tradition and support our region by attending the convention!

INLUVINSERVICE  
Greg K

### ***Convention merchandise report***

We sold \$1,034.00 at the world. When I got home I was robbed. A police report was filed, a warrant was issued. I ask that I be given time to pay it back in payments of \$50 a month until it is paid.

In loving service,

John

PS We received a check back from CES for \$45 which was paid for by merchandise before transporting it into the hall. I asked this money plus what was stole be taken off what the contractor owes region. Total \$1,079.00

***The convention treasurers report is on the next page.***

## M.A.R.C.N.A. XXI TREASURER'S LOG

**Beginning Balance Jun-03 \$1,500.00**

### Deposit

06-16-03 \$417.00

(merchandise sales--Brent Kidd--\$150.00;  
merchandise sales--Unity NA Dance--\$317.00  
less \$50.00 money order for World Conv.Alt Store)

06-16-03 \$61.82

Unity Group---donation from dance

**SUB-TOTAL \$478.82**

### Expense

06-10-03 (\$48.80)

deluxe checks for checking account

**SUB-TOTAL (\$48.80)**

**ENDING BALANCE --- JUNE 2003 \$1,930.02**

**BEGINNING BALANCE JULY 2003 \$1,930.02**

### EXPENSE

07-20-03 CK#1001 Tim S. (\$39.00)

post office box & key deposit

07-20-03 ck#1002 Debby S. (\$11.76)

treasurer supplies

07-20-03 ck#1003 S.O.S. (\$10.00)

rent for June meeting

07-20-03 ck#1004 Debbie S. (\$18.27)

secretary exp for June minutes

07-20-03 ck#1005 Day by Day (\$10.00)

rent for July meeting

07-31-03 ck#1006 Debbie S. (\$35.00)

secretary exp for July minutes

**SUB-TOTAL (\$124.03)**

**ENDING BALANCE---JULY 2003 \$1,805.99**

### ***H&I Report***

Still working on setting up a presentation to the Sheriff's Association of Kansas, ran into some problems with the sheriff I was working with, now looking at other options.

John S. prepared a letter to send to the Governor's offices so we can hopefully get a time slot to do a presentation to the Governor. Letter will be included in the minutes.

I'm turning in \$10 for T-shirt sales.

Lots of discussion on how to get people involved in H&I at all levels.

No willingness for H&I Co-chair position.

In Loving Service,  
Michael S.

### ***Literature Report***

Hello family,

Saturday's meeting was very productive with 5 of 8 Area's represented. Much of our discussion was centered on Literature stockpiles and ideas for getting more involvement in the newsletter. As you all know, no newsletter has been published since Dec. Lack of input is the #1 reason this has happened. Some of the ideas that were expressed included inviting members to stand up as an official group reporter or point of accountability to communicate with the newsletter staff on a regular basis, and groups/areas hosting a literature workshop where input could be gathered and a newsletter possibly even laid out. Jon Mc. – Editor and Michael S. – Co-Editor also plan on visiting with areas in hopes to also spread the word about the benefits of having the newsletter.

We also discussed re-issuing the "Focus on Mid-America Sub-Committees" where one sub-committee per quarter has the spotlight in a rotating fashion. This quarter Literature will submit a page on the features and highlights for the inclusion of the summer edition.

In 1998 at the World Service Conference, all sub-committees were disbanded so the "new" World Board could take its place. I was concerned for the Regional sub-committee's activity level at that time and my fears were confirmed when I received a letter from the World Board stating that most Literature sub-committees without having a stockpile disbanded and only use an ad-hoc committee for sporadic projects such as the Sponsorship Booklet. Our policy keeps us active even without the Review and Input from World procedure. The Sponsorship Booklet is completed in approval form and available through NAWS at a cost of \$5.00 plus S/H. I encourage everyone to purchase a copy and read it carefully; it will be in the Conference Agenda Report for your approval next spring. I am requesting funds from the newsletter for another purpose within our committee. It will be in new business.

Gratefully Serving, Tim S.  
Regional Literature Chair

### ***Newsletter Report***

Hi Family,

This is my first RSC as newsletter editor and during the literature sub-committee meeting yesterday there was much discussion on how to increase Newsletter involvement. As most of you know, this has been one of our main concerns for quite some time. Many great suggestions were given to help me accomplish this task. Primarily, it was suggested that a communication database be created. I hope to have an email sign-up that I would ask that everyone attending to please include your email address if you have one. I would like to state that all emails will be kept confidential and will not be solicited and all communication will be sent BBC (blank carbon copy). This database is being set up in the strong hope that it will increase input and involvement with the M.A.N. I would also like to ask all RCMs to furnish me with area contact information. As myself and my co-editor, Michael S, will in the near future be attending an area service meeting near you. Other helpful suggestions offered were to get individual group/area involvement and to possibly have newsletter "reporters" responsible to help gather fellowship news. My intent is to become more personal with the fellowship through individual communications as I feel previous announcements at the RSC for requests of input have become very "impersonal" and redundant. By helping the fellowship feel more "a part of" I hope to reach the goals set before me and create more interaction with the newsletter.

#### ***New contact info:***

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In Loving Service,  
Jon Mc, M.A.N. Editor

### ***Outreach Report***

Family,

As this will be my last report as the outreach chair, I would like to thank the outreach committee, the MARSCNA, and the fellowship for allowing me to serve. A special thanks to my co-chair, Sally R., for teaching me so much. That being said the outreach committee would like to nominate Sally R. for outreach chair. She is infinitely qualified.

Next I would like to apologize to the Central Kansas and Western areas for not attending their area business meetings in July. Things came up that made the trip impossible. Amends will be made. Even though I am no longer the chair I plan to make the trip in October. (Sorry guys - NO DINNER!).

The committee is in the beginning stages of planning a learning day with the steering committee (and maybe others) with the topics of Regional Policy, Robert's Rules of Order, and the 12 concepts, more will be revealed.

We have also agreed on our project for 2004/2005, the second edition of the group histories.

There was a World Wide Workshop in Pennsylvania "Our Vision and Hopes" there were many topics discussed in round table sessions. I will read 2 of the 12 pages.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve. It has been interesting, educational, and even fun.

Steve D.,  
outreach chair

*The following are the two pages read on the floor.*

Saturday, 15 March 2003

***Town Hall Session:***

The topics covered in this weekends workshops were- meeting lists, root/medications/total abstinence/methadone, getting new members involved with service, keeping the experience members involved in service and fulfilling their commitments, communications, Atmosphere of Recovery, Unity/Diversity, Reaching the newcomer, and miscellaneous topics not covered in the other sections.

The morning discussion included issues on ETHICS/PRINCIPLES in service; keeping the experienced members in service and fulfilling their commitments. The need to get the new member involved in service was brought up. We discussed this in depth; the need to keep people in service is very important to all that attended the workshop.

*The feedback that we received on the subject was as follows:*

1. Be responsive to the people you serve.
2. Be visible in your service commitment and communicate with the fellowship.
3. Maintain the Spirit of recovery in service meetings.
4. Apply anonymity/ refer to people by their service title or the group they serve.
5. Speak briefly and stay on topic. Refrain from repeating yourself or rambling on.
6. Avoid personal attacks. Do not throw insults at people.
7. Possibly giving people service medallions when they fulfill their commitment.
8. Reconsidering changing Roberts Rules of Orders as our meeting structure.
9. Consensus based process is a more friendly way of doing business.
10. Our experienced members need to open to change. Respect new and different ideas.
11. Create intimacy w/smaller groups, to relieve the intimidation of service meetings.
12. Plan enough time, share food, makes it a friendly environment. Lead by example.
13. Service and recovery not mutually exclusive: Service IS a part of recovery.
14. Actively recruit people, & be a good role model for fun and principles in service.
15. Introduce ourselves, welcome people, and hold orientations for our CSR's.
16. Gently cut people off when they begin to ramble on and get off topic.
17. AVOID the "Warm body" method of filling a service position Choose carefully.
18. Invite people to be of service, let them know they are needed and wanted, DO NOT guilt people into service. Invite them to even just sit in on meetings to learn the process.
19. Remember, "Because we have always done it this way" is not a good reason.
20. Resentments will keep people unwilling to be of service.
21. Network among the old timers and support each other. Share about service work.
22. Fit the personality with the service commitment.
23. Love your service work. Service is a part of recovery. Treat people in service with love, practice humility in your service work. ALWAYS respect the group conscience.
24. Try using breakouts or small groups in your area meetings.
25. Stay in touch with what use to be: our survival depends on our service; and "avoid the other guy will do it" syndrome.
26. Be cautious of "Reinventing the wheel". Learn from other people's experiences.

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**Report to California Mid-State Region**

**Brvan W-RD**

**1. Diversity/or the feeling of disunity**

\*Young people feel they are not treated the same as older members. (i.e. you are so young you don't understand.)

\*Communication with people with time is sometimes difficult.

\*The language barriers.

\*Children talking or making noise in meetings, people getting upset that a person \_ brought their child, therefore that person doesn't

feel they are welcome. Being a newcomer

\*Race is sometimes an issue

\*Age, old members feeling like they are not welcome or don't relate.

\*Religious beliefs/ people forgetting it is a spiritual program and bringing their religion into it and treat other people with disrespect because they don't believe the same thing.

\*Drug of choice. Some people think their drug is better or worse than what someone else did.

\*Rejection after relapse.

\*Wearing nice clothes to meetings/ people treat you like you think you are better than they are.

\*Cultural Differences.

\*Special interest Literature, or meetings.

\*Sexual Identity

\*People that are taking medication/ people that think we are not supposed to take any medications even if prescribed.

\*Power, Property, Money, and Prestige: "Park Avenue VS Park Bench" Syndrome.

\*Illiteracy. People not being accepted because of their lack of education.

\*Fear of the unknown sometimes causes people to keep others at a distance.

## **2. Unity**

\*Sponsorship

\*DO NOT Let anything run you out of a Meeting.

\*Celebrating Anniversaries

\*Working your steps

\*Home groups

\*Honesty in sharing.

\*Knowledge is the best defense against self-destruction.

\*Reaching out] keep coming back

\*Communication

\*Conventions, marathon meetings, dances, picnics

\*Promote anonymity

\*Avoid Gossip (Gossip destroys unity)

\*Talk openly about issues.

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## ***PI Subcommittee***

Hello family,

We had a good subcommittee yesterday. We had a lot of business to discuss.

Unity is planning/discussing an Area wide flyer drive and it appears all groups are in favor. CKA is planning a flyer drive also. CKA is also planning a P.S.A. There will also be a PI workshop at the Rib BBQ in Larned, Ks at Schnack Park on Sept 20, 2003. Also CKA has a new PO co-chair, Liz R. Miracle also had a flyer in July with good results and another one planned for August 17, 2003. Two planned presentations planned for the fall semester at KSU, one at Jaskeel's school by Welfore (a-d class).

Meeting lists and cards are here today. I am going to politely but strongly recommend that if there are any meeting lists changes that need to be done, need to be turned into me today. If they are not turned in today, the changes won't get on the list. Please submit changes on a meeting list change form and write legibly. Than you.

At this time I would like to read the website page report and then our solution. Our committee has decided to adhere with NAWS only until Sally can research this info more. Sally will give the web page.

In loving Service,  
Becky B.

Hello Family,

Things are going well with the webpage at this time. There are now 232 registered members and there have been over 36,000 hits on the page since September of 2002. August 1, 2003 has been the busiest day to date with 541 hits. I have brought printouts of some of the available pages on the site for those who have not seen it yet or have not been to visit in a while.

As directed by this committee in May, Bob and I have discussed and researched putting the RSC minutes on the site, possibly in a downloadable format. This will likely not be too difficult. If the minutes can be forwarded to Bob or myself in Microsoft Work or already in a PDF file, they could easily be added to the site. Something should be able to be put into place fairly quickly if that is what this fellowship wants done. We would request that we begin with just the RSC business meeting minutes first to allow us to work out any bugs before we try to add subcommittee minutes or regional guidelines.

We are needing some assistance in taking care of the email that is sent to the Regional email box. It would be extremely helpful if each area could provide us with one or two email contacts where requests for information could be sent according to the part of the state that is being asked about. There are many emails received each day, some of them junk and others addicts seeking recovery. We would like to be able to provide them with the fastest and most accurate answers possible.



Those of you who have been to the www.marscna.net site recently have probably noticed a survey asking what to do about weblinks. NAWS has asked that NA's copyrighted materials not be posted on the internet. The MARSCNA site complies with this request to the best of our knowledge. We have permission as a registered service committee to use the NA logo's on the site. The questions come in when we look at weblinks. NAWS has asked that sites such as ours not allow weblinks which do not follow the Fellowship's Intellectual Property Trust. These are the guidelines which protect NA's interest in regards to copyrighted material. We currently do not censor the links that are posted on the site for this type of material. In fact members can put their personal sites links in the member's list area of the site. There is a list of the current links which are available on the site attached to this report. Most who voted in the survey think that we should post a disclaimer that we do not endorse the links posted on our site, but by posting them, is that not what we are doing. (Yes I do have an opinion on this.) We are asking for this committee's guidance on how to proceed in this matter. I have checked other regional websites and did not see links on any of the sites other than registered NA areas, groups, or service committees.

Thanks for the opportunity to be 'part of'  
Sally R.

### ***PI Regional Subcommittee Minutes***

August 16, 2003

Becky B opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

John S read the Traditions

Alan B. read the Concepts

No minutes from last subcommittee due to they were not sent out.

Roll Call:

*Miracle John S.*

*PPA Becky B.*

*Unity Jeannie*

*Western Absent*

*Central Jann*

*FFF Absent*

*JFT Absent*

*Wichita Metro Absent*

*Web Report Sally R.*

Reports:

Miracle Area:

Meeting lists are updated- New leadership and more solid committee( congratulations Keri) a flyer drive 8-17-2003- Two planned PI presentations planned for the fall semester at KU and 1 at Haskell's school of welfare (a-d classes) In service, John S.

Primary Purpose Area

There is PI going on in PPA . We have been combining our two subcommittees because of lack of participation. Not much attendance. We will keep trying. That is all for now. In service to PPA.

Becky B PI Chair PPA Area.

Unity Area:

We are struggling with getting our meeting lists out. Awe obtained professional software to create our own lists. A have the means to make copies with minimum expenses. We just can't seem to find the time to figure out the software and get the meeting list made. Our phone line is up and running and we are receiving phone calls from addicts. We are discussing an Area-wide flyer drive and it appears all the groups would like to participate. In service, Jeanie M

Central Kansas Area:

Hey Region- Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve. Our area is working on a few projects. We are also planning a PSA project and are needing to consult with the listening areas will overlap with the surrounding areas. Another project we are planning is a workshop at the Rib BBQ in Larned, Ks at Schrack Park on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003. Liz R is our new PI chair Grateful to serve Jann T. CKA PI Chair

***OLD BUSINESS***

Foreign Language literature was discussed. Foreign Literature will Be ordered on a need basis. Also it would cost 300 dollars to do 50 Spanish meeting list the first time including setup. Miracle Area said they would handle their own. At this time the presentation for the Sherriffs Association is on hold due to the fact that Sheriff Trapp does not want to talk to us. We will continue to try. In the meantime we are going to try to contact the Govenors Association. John S. will contact Govenor Sebilus and also send a letter to her and see about doing a presentation. Thanks John

Discussion on the meeting list do the same as last time. Kelly P bought meeting list and cards today they will be available tomorrow . We will see how this round goes and there may have to be some cuts due to a lot left over. Charge this time around was \$409.00 dollars. This was for 2800 lists and 1600 cards.

Web Report: See attached Much discussion on the fact that anonymity would be broken by putting names on reports and on the web. Either do fullblown or edit or not at all. Sally will do more research and come back next region with some solutions. It is the responsibility of The RCM to take minutes back to area. There was a comment on using email to send minutes, again is there a need to edit and what

would if any guidelines. RCM needs to send copy of minutes to each group.

#### *NEW BUSINESS*

Request for help for literature from Bryan H. FFF Suggested going the PI literature and letting him have a few IP's to get him by. Passed.

John S will send a letter to governor and keep contact with her on the issue of doing a presentation. Thanks John. We also got to new meetings wanting to be put on our regional list. One group is the do or Die and the other is Burning Desire. Welcome to these new groups. Do or Die is in Cottonwood Falls and Burning Desire is in Garden City.

#### *MISCELLANEOUS:*

Get email contacts from each area. Weblinks should comply only with NAWS. What does the fellowship want on the webpage.

Motion #1 Only link is with NAWS John S. Jeanie seconded Is this an internal policy? No It is decided that Sally will do some research and anyone who will help her, and bring back to committee. Will need some guidelines to follow eventually.

Motion #2 To send copy of this subcommittee minutes to each RCM. It is not the job of this committee to do that. A representative from your group needs to be here to this. If your name is on the list you will get minute. End of discussion

SEE ATTACHED for discussion on input to Governor.

Closed at 4:00pm with my gratitude speaks and the Third step Prayer.

In loving service,  
Becky B.

#### ***PO Box Report***

Dear family,

We received new IPs from World, a survey IP, information about NA, A Resource In Your Community 2003 edition, 2 new group registrations from Garden City and Cottonwood Falls, NA Way and assorted flyers.

In loving service,  
John

#### ***Steering Committee Report***

Hello Everybody,

We, the Steering Committee is looking into many possibilities to help our Regional's problems. Looking into a budget seems to open up all kinds of problems but we, the committee, are trying to put something together to submit to the Regional floor. We, the committee, urge every one to look at their own part in this problem and let the Steering know about any ideas you might have. We came up with some things, everyone, every sub-committee needs to look at. Money problems start at the basket. Are we giving our part? Everybody is saying we need to cut things down in price. So let's look at getting back to the Basics. Do we need all these nice, things to keep us comfortable at conventions, campouts, and Soul to Soul? Are these things keeping us clean? And what about the newcomer? Where is this leading us? We need to be responsible for our part.

Ways to change the process:

- 1) Incorporate the Regional Committee
- 2) Limits on purchasing
- 3) Merchandise be paid for in full before receiving
- 4) We lost sight of our basics. Carrying the message to the addict who still suffers.
- 5) Use the resources we have within the RSC (zonal) for speakers
- 6) When has the Fellowship had enough?
- 7) We could rent armories or places like that – more responsible motel rates so everybody can join in on recovery
- 8) Helping each other (giving back)
- 9) Celebrate recovery as recovery, not as a business
- 10) Keep it Simple!
- 11) Submit a list of ideas/projects, including area amounts, to Area and groups to see what they see as a priority.
- 12) Redefine the fiscal year to begin in Nov. so we know what we actually have to spend – budget off of actual monies in hand

Brian received The SMRCNA Inc. guidelines as a guide if we want to look into incorporating our Region. Copies were given to committee members and this issue was tabled in order to give committee members time to look further into this.

#### **MOTIONS:**

2005 Convention to be hosted in Salina KS at the Holiday Inn

There is a request for funds spent for copies \$7.72 for steering payable to Bryan H.

The next steering committee interim meeting will be at 1145 S. Pattie at 1:30 pm on Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 2003 in Wichita, KS. For directions call Jon, Co-chair 316-312-9173.

Thank you for your support and everybody's help.  
Thank you,  
Bryan H.

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**End of Subcommittee Reports. Beginning Officer reports.**

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**RD Alt. Report**

Hello Family,

The trip to Des Moines, IA for the Plains States Zonal was very L-O-N-G—————but very interesting. Had a lot of discussion on same things: Delegate Assembly, Resolution A and representation at the Governors’ conference ( I was lost on that one since I had missed the previous Zonal Meeting). We still do not have much response from other regions concerning the delegate assembly----more to be revealed on what to do next. After our Zonal meeting, they had an H&I workshop that was very informative. They passed out detailed “suggested guidelines” on conduct for H&I meetings. Much discussion on the do’s and dont’s and even some solutions given for particular situations that have come up with various individuals. This is great information that will be passed on to H&I. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IN JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY, WE WILL BE HOSTING THE C.A.R. ZONAL FORUM HERE IN MCPHERSON. You will be able to order your copy of the CAR in mid to late November.

Our trip to Western Area and Central Kansas Area did not happen, but will be rescheduled hopefully in this next quarter. Please contact me if you have any concerns or need to discuss any issues in your area, etc. John are grateful to help in anyway possible. The solutions we are looking for for recouping the funds for this region is a very good topic to focus on and try to develop solutions.

Fourth of July weekend my homegroup Flying Free NA held a campout and it was well attended. We did have the World Unity Day speaker and it was awesome!!!! Believe it or not, the broadcast came thru via cell phone thru some stereo speakers. We did bring a donation to World of \$32.36 that was turned into Ted to send onto World. Another item of note——our group is donating \$100.00 to MARSCNA from part of the proceeds of the campout.

In grateful service,  
Debbly S.  
RDAlt, MAR

**RD Report**

Hello family,

With another quarter gone it’s good to be back in McPherson. We went to Des Moines for the Plain States Zonal in June – Tim S., Debbie S., and I.

Again there was a lot of discussion about the U.S. Delegate Assembly and again more will be revealed. Another part of our day was spent discussing over workshop/speaker project and I will pass around the sign up sheet for you all to sign today.

The Regional Delegate Alt. From Minnesota was there and presented a motion that will be submitted to the C.A.R. It is concerning Resolution A and I’ve provided the RCM’s with copies. This brought a lot of discussion. Another project was brought up by Trista from Iowa. The ongoing project focuses on being aware of trade symposiums about AD issue (ie – governors conferences, medical and therapeutic conferences, etc.). Our communication person (Gary D.) will process and send out this info. A good trip!!!

I received a packet from NAWS containing info from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. Phew – what a name! This packet concerns the National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery month which is Sept 2003.

Again the Human Resource Panel is calling for more World Pool info forms to be sent in. They are available on-line or WSO for a hard copy and can be emailed, faxed, or mailed to WSO. There aren’t yet half of the total number of old world pool forms submitted n the new format. Please send your new Info forms in.

I was looking forward to the GSR Assembly but a personal commitment I can’t get out of will prevent my attendance this year.

We will be attending a Zonal in Nebraska this coming Oct. We will not be requesting funds for our travel to this function.

We will be requesting NAWS participation for our Conference Agenda Report Workshop this January here in McPherson.

I also received the Sponsorship IP & Book and Approval Drafts. This is available from NAWS and will be attached to the C.A.R. and voted on at WSC 2004. Please be familiar with it. Debbie and I will be having C.A.R. workshops in Jan., Feb., and March. This will be part of it.

That’s it I think.

In Service,  
John S,

Receipts are at home so I can’t give you owe balance at this time. Jerry D. - Copier

**PLAINS STATE ZONAL FORUM  
TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 01/16/03**

Beginning Balance		694.35	09/29/02
Check #511	Keith Taylor (Seed Money OK Zonal)	200.00	10/05/02
Check #512	Souixland Amatuer Boxing Club (Rent)	100.00	10/05/02
Check #513	Gary DeBerg (Copies and Mailing)	100.00	10/05/02
Deposit	SD Zonal Function/Donations	948.00	11/16/02
Statement		1,242.24	01/16/03

*Note: John S. donated his copier to the Region. We are now responsible for the maintenance, toner and paper for it’s operation. Thank you John! Shelley W. has volunteered to donate and bring a case of paper to the next RSC. Thank you Shelley!*

Please note, this report is the one given on the Regional floor during the August RSC. This report reflects what our financial activity was for the last quarter. The report on the next page is the one that Ted will give on the Regional floor at the November RSC. It reflects what we did at the August RSC and tells us what we have in the bank at this time. Thank you Ted for getting this information to the Fellowship now.

KB

## Regional Treasurer's Report

May 18, 2003

**Beginning Balance** \$6,896.25

**Donation Income**

Central Kansas Area	\$100.00
Miracle Area	\$120.00
Wichita Metro Area	\$80.00
Newton HOW Group	\$25.00
Sub-total	\$325.00

**Other Income**

Activities - May RSC Dance (cash)	\$38.40
Activities - May RSC Dance (Jeanne M. Chk# 4996)	\$20.00
RSC Sec'y Expense - Returned Funds (cash)	\$66.15
Literature (M.A.N.) - Voided Chk# 1638 Kirk B.	\$350.00
H&I/PI/Outreach - (Michael S. Chk# 822)	\$115.88
H&I - T-shirts (cash)	\$50.00
Campout - T-shirts (Jeanne M. Chk# 4998)	\$500.00
Outreach - Group History Book (cash)	\$9.00
Sub-total	\$1,149.43

**TOTAL INCOME** \$1,474.43

**Expenses**

Check #1640 John S. (Zonal)	-\$400.00
Check #1641 Dave R. (Activities - Aug. RSC)	-\$100.00
Check #1642 NAWS (Activities - World Unity Day)	-\$50.00
Check #1643 MARCNA XXI (Convention - Seed)	-\$1,500.00
Check #1644 Becky B. (H&I Sec'y Expense)	-\$30.00
Check #1645 Kirk B. (Steering - Printing policy)	-\$110.00
Check #1646 John S. (General Fund - Copier rental)	-\$50.00
Check #1647 McPherson 4H (Activities - Rent)	-\$230.00
Check #1648 Hall Printing (PI - Mtg lists & cards)	-\$300.00
Check #1649 Becky B. (PI Sec'y Expense)	-\$30.00
Check #1650 Steve D. (General Fund - Storage lock)	-\$8.77
Check #1651 Kirk B. (General Fund - Sec'y expense)	-\$200.00
Check #1652 Allen Lee (Convention - Merchandise)	-\$2,344.41
Sub-total	-\$5,353.18

**EXPENSE TOTAL** -\$5,353.18

**ENDING BALANCE** \$3,017.50

At the end of this report, Tony K. pointed out that money is tight. We do not have enough money to do all that the Fellowship/we would like to do. Subcommittees need to watch their funds and control expenses. The question was raised "Can Area's donate more to the Region"? Money questions and methods for the Region to cut costs were discussed throughout the day.

# Regional Treasurer's Report

Aug. 17, 2003

**Beginning Balance** \$3,017.50

## **Donation Income**

Central Kansas Area	Chk# 1431	\$400.00
Miracle Area	Chk# 1600	\$120.00
Wichita Metro Area	Chk# 718	\$80.00
Western Area	Chk# 316	\$50.00
N.E. How Group	Chk# 137 & 145	\$50.00
N.E. How Group	Chk# 142	\$30.00
New Way Group	Chk# 2089 & 2125	\$20.00
United Survivors Group	Chk# 557	\$150.00
Sub-total		<u>\$900.00</u>

## **Other Income**

Activities - May RSC Dance (cash)	\$389.60
Activities - May RSC Dance (checks)	\$192.00
Activities - Returned Funds from Jeremy (cash)	\$100.00
Soul to Soul - Registration & T-shirts (checks)	\$276.00
RSC Sec'y Expense - Returned Funds (cash)	\$28.22
World Unity Day Donation (cash)	\$32.36
MARCNA XX - Merchandise (GES Chk# 798914)	\$45.00
MARCNA XX - Campout (Chk# 64)	\$684.09
Outreach - Group History Book (Steve D. Chk# 1126)	\$80.00
Outreach - Group History Book (cash)	\$24.00
H&I - T shirt sale (cash)	\$10.00
Money collected for John S. - Stolen money	\$93.00
Sub-total	<u>\$1,954.27</u>

**TOTAL INCOME** \$2,854.27

## **Expenses**

Check #1653 John S. (General Fund - copier rental)	-\$50.00
Check #1654 McPherson 4-h (Activities - Rent)	-\$230.00
Check #1655 NAWS (Activities - World Unity Day)	-\$32.36
Check #1656 MARCNA XXI (Activities - Raffle Item)	-\$68.00
Check #1657 MARCNA XXI (Activities - Sidedish prize)	-\$20.00
Check #1658 Dave R. (Activities - Nov. RSC)	-\$100.00
Check #1659 Bryan H. (Steering - Copies)	-\$7.72
Check #1660 DWCI Dave Christensen (Website)	-\$120.00
Check #1661 Carla Davis (Soul to Soul)	-\$676.00
Check #1662 Dave R. (Activities - GSR Assembly)	-\$250.00
Check #1663 Hall Commercial Printing (PI - Mtg lists)	-\$250.00
Check #1664 Unity Area Literature (Literature)	-\$188.42
Check #1665 Marco (Campout - Seed money)	-\$500.00
Check #1666 Elliot Ins. (General Fund - Liability Ins.)	-\$768.50
Sub-total	<u>-\$3,261.00</u>

**EXPENSE TOTAL** -\$3,261.00

**ENDING BALANCE** \$2,610.77

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## Old Business

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*Note: elections were to follow Area, subcommittee and officer reports. We changed the order of business and did old business first in order to establish the co treasurer and the outreach officer qualifications. KB*

***From the May minutes:***

**Stacy W.:** Stacy volunteered to do the minutes for the November 2000 RSC and was given \$100.00 to do them. She did not do the minutes nor has she returned the \$100.00. We have not heard from her since. *No resolution to the situation was made at this time.*

**Tony K.** reports that he has had indirect contact with Stacy at this time. He got her phone number from a third party and has tried to call her. She has not returned his calls. It was pointed out that we may not have legal recourse now because of the time lag between the time of the incident and now. (There may be a two year limit on filing in small claims court.) Tony will continue to try to reach Stacy.

***From the May minutes:***

**The Tree Incident:** This incident is leftover from the convention in 2002. The following is from the August minutes: "Through neglect of the Ramada Inn, Great Bend, KS. 150 "live" trees were miss-placed throughout the weekend which resulted in no sales during convention.

***Motions that went back to Groups in May.***

**1.) Motion: Made by the Miracle Area.** To form a U.S. delegate assembly.

*This motion passed and John S. will follow up and get this into the next C.A.R.*

***Vote: 8-0-0***

**2.) Motion: Made by steering committee. (Modified by Tim S. and accepted by steering. I am listing the modified version.)** Add "and co.-treasurer" to Article IX Section G title.

*This motion passed and will be placed in policy.*

***Vote: 8-0-0***

**3.) Motion: Made by steering.** To change the policy manual Article XI Sec. E. to read "yearly all funds above prudent reserve not budgeted are to be forwarded to N.A.W.S. at the end of the fiscal year"

*This motion passed and will be placed in policy.*

***Vote: 8-0-0***

**4.) Motion: Made by steering committee.** To accept proposed outreach policy and add it to the policy manual.

*This motion passed and will be placed in policy*

***Vote: 8-0-0***

***Elections:***

***Co. Treasurer***

Sally R. nominated Greg B.

John S. seconded

Greg qualified himself, left the room and was elected.

***Congratulations Greg!***

***Outreach Chair***

Sally R. was nominated out of committee

She qualified herself, left the room and was elected.

***Congratulations Sally!***

***Steering Chair***

John S. was nominated out of committee

He qualified himself, left the room and was elected.

***Congratulation John!***

***Campout Chair***

Russ P. was nominated out of committee

This created a lot of discussion concerning policy, which reads: "Vacant positions at the Regional level be taken back to Groups at least one RSC cycle prior to voting. (5/2000)". (ARTICLE IX pg. 10) There was some question as to whether this covered subcommittees or not because of where it is placed in the policy manual. It was decided that subcommittees are covered and campout chair will be open at the next RSC.

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## New Business

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The first item of business was a motion from the steering committee.

**Motion:** The 2005 convention be held in Salina, KS at the Holiday Inn.

*Passed 8-0-0 This does not go back to groups.*

This some questions and answers from the floor.

1. What are the criteria that are used by steering to pick the convention location?

(Steering committees answers)

- Price is one but only one.
- The Fellowship requested that the convention be moved around the Region. There are a limited number of hotels/motels in the Region that are large enough to hold the convention and in order to have it move, we sometimes have to pick a hotel/motel that is more expensive than we would like.

2. How did the committee miss the \$25.00 banner-hanging fee at the Wichita hotel?

(Steering committees answers)

- We didn't – it was in the small print – it's one of the conditions the hotel imposes on groups that have a convention there.
- All hotels/motels have there own unique conditions.

3. How much will the convention in 2005 cost?

- Unknown – there are many variables. Some of these are: coffee sales, banquet sales, brunch sales, number of rooms rented.

The Chair, Tony K. admonished the steering committee to take a close look at the small print in the contracts.

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*The next item of business was a letter from the Miracle Area. I have included the whole letter but please note that it is **not** a motion for the RSC to consider. Although it starts out with the term "motion" this was a motion from a Group to the Miracle Area to consider – they did and passed it so the Miracle Area RCM brought it to the RSC floor where it was read.*

Dear Area:

The New Way home group, following the results of a group conscience, would like to bring a motion to the area, raising several questions about the regional budget, and asking the area to pass this motion, officially sending the following questions and any others stemming from other home groups or further discussion on the floor of the Area Service Committee (ASC) to the Regional Service Committee (RSC).

**Motion:** To bring the following list of questions, plus any more deemed necessary by consensus within other home groups in the Area or discussion on the floor of the ASC, to the RSC, making this an Area motion, to be voted on by the RSC in the appropriate fashion.

1. If, as we are told, the Regional Budget is a collection of more or less imaginary numbers, not corresponding with real amounts that various groups within the Region expect to receive and spend, what is the value of having a Regional Budget? Obviously, we do not expect a Budget to perfectly project funds to be spent over the following year, but it seems reasonable to wonder what purpose a Budget serves that does not even claim to approximate those expectations. As a follow-up question, do we have records of what we've historically spent as a Region, in comparison with what we've budgeted to spend? If so, is that available? If not, why not?
2. Why do we not include expected revenue streams in our Budget?
3. Is it possible to attach a priority list to the Budget, indicating which items take precedence over others on the list, in the event that the Region does not bring in the funds to meet all the allocations in the Budget? Is this advisable? Why or why not?
4. Why do we as a region donate no funds to NA World Services, even in the aftermath of the World Services decision to fund travel for Regional Delegates (RDs) to the World Service Conference, especially considering that that decision was made, as we understand it, in part to encourage Regions to donate more funds directly to the World?
5. How much money is actually spent on travel, as opposed to what is budgeted? How much of that is spent on travel to the Zonal Forum?
6. What is the precise value of the Zonal Forum? What functions does it serve that were not addressed within the previously existing service structure?
7. How is our Regional Budget created?

**Intent:** Although realizing that the Miracle Area donates money to the Region only in the form of our escrow for the annual Mid-America Regional Convention of NA, we feel that as voting members, it is our duty to understand as fully as feasible the matters we are voting on. The Regional Budget has for some time been swept through Area votes with the assertion, "Oh, it's just a wish list." While accepting that assertion is certainly the path of least resistance, we feel it is an important part of our responsibility to support the Area and the Region by adding our voice to the group conscience in a meaningful way, rather than by simply rubber-stamping every issue that comes to a vote, eventually, on the home group level. By seeking more information about the nature of the Regional Budget, and asking questions we hope will be illuminating, it is our hope that the answers provided will give us ability to vote with clear and well-informed consciences on the next version of the Regional Budget.

We also bring this motion with reference to our Ninth Concept, which states that All **elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making process.** We do not feel that our viewpoint as a group was considered by the Area, and a part of this motion's intent is to fulfill the principles of the Ninth Concept, which explains the value of seeking a minority opinion: "We have been taught that, before making significant decisions, we should check our judgment against the ideas of others. Our experience has shown us that the ideas of those who disagree with us are often the ones we need most to hear" (p14, *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous*), and "Whenever a motion is approved by something less than unanimous consent, these service bodies often ask those who voted against the measure to state their reasons for doing so, either out loud or in writing ... If discussions are raised about a question already decided-the body is bound to hear those discussions ... However, if a past decision is questioned, discussion is well heard, and the decision still stands, the time comes for everyone to accept that decision and to cooperate wholeheartedly in its implementation." Following careful consideration of this motion, New Way is fully prepared to do just that, if necessary.

**Financial Impact:** Minimal - the price of the paper to print it out again, if necessary, with any emendations from other groups or the Area as a whole.

Thank you for considering this motion.  
In loving service,  
New Way

The Chair, Tony K. referred this to the steering committee. Other Area's & Groups are free to add to this letter and bring their concerns to the next RSC. It/they will be discussed at the next RSC.

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**Motion:** To allocate \$188.42 from Newsletter budget for the purpose of starting the service committee handbook on-site buying program. This would entail purchasing five each of the following handbooks and guides:

1. A Guide To Local Service
2. H&I Handbook w/tape
3. A Guide To Public Information
4. Literature Committee Handbook
5. Handbook For NA Newsletters
6. A Guide To Phone Line Service
7. Convention Guidelines
8. Treasurer's Handbook
9. Outreach Resource Information
10. Additional Needs Resource Information
11. Institutional Group Guide

Intent: To reinstate a program which allows Mid-America's Literature Committee to have available and sell all necessary handbooks and guidelines to members attending both Saturday and Sunday of R.S.C. Any member interested or committed to a particular subcommittee could have access to necessary information and better understanding.

The Literature Sub-Committee Cochair is the single point of accountability for holding, selling, and restocking handbooks as needed, reporting such actions each R.S.C. Literature Chair and Secretary would fall into that position respectively if lack of Cochair.

*Passed 8-0-0*

Comments from the floor:  
(Literature committee)

This is a program we used to have in place – the literature would be sold to anyone who wants to buy it – a one time investment – allows newcomers who are “railroaded into positions” to have the information they need – this is a reallocation of funds from a line item in the “budget” i.e. the M.A.N. to the general fund of literature and needs to be approved by the floor – there hasn't been a newsletter for two quarters and the funds are in the newsletter budget – why has there been no newsletter? – lack of participation by the Fellowship

There was concern expressed about the lack of funds for the RSC to operate with for the rest of this fiscal year – we do have the money in the checking account at this time – what are some of the upcoming expenses? – for the next three quarters we have rent, insurance, meeting lists, newsletter as well as other expenses – “we are going in the whole real fast”

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**Motion: Unity Area:** to change article XV(c) of the policy manual to read “An abstention vote means that you are accepting the majority vote whether it be you or nay. An abstention voted is counted on the side of the majority unless the abstentions are the majority. Then it will automatically go back to the Groups.

**Intent:** promote effective communication.

This motion goes back to Groups.

**Note:** the Unity Area RCM rewrote this motion on the floor – this is the new version of the motion.



Comments from the floor:

Why is this motion going to Groups and not the motion from Central Kansas Area made last quarter?

What is the policy concerning motions from Groups or Areas? We have handled it differently at different times – we don't have a written policy – we do discuss the motion on the floor before it goes back – there was an hours worth of discussion over this issue – the chair suggested that we do need to have a written policy

There was concern that we could have a vote that looks like this under the current policy:

1-2-5 Under the current policy this motion would fail. The motion from Unity Area would send the motion back to Groups for reconsideration.

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**Motion: from anonymous:** responsibility for cleaning the storage shed be turned over to the steering committee for a recommendation on who is responsible for cleaning it.

**Intent:** to create chaos and make use of the “pass the buck” syndrome and also just to be a \_\_\_\_ head and to waste valuable paper and time.

**Note:** I have included this motion to illustrate two things:

1. We can and do have fun at the RSC (in spite of ourselves)
2. We do get very tired by the end of the day.

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**John S.** announced on the floor that he went to the World Convention with a lot of merchandise to sell. He sold \$1,149.00 worth of merchandise, came home and was promptly robbed. He offered to reimburse the Region at the rate of \$50.00. Additionally, he wanted this amount to be deducted from the \$2,344.41 that the convention committee owes the Region. The Region accepted this proposal. Ted R. (Regional Treasurer) will draft a “contract” to be signed by himself and John S. (The Regional policy concerning debits was read)

A basket was passed and \$93.00 was collected to help defer the bill the theft incurred on John. This leaves the convention committee owing \$1102.41 to the Region.

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**Ted R.** announced that he had done some research and found an insurance company (the one that he uses) that will insure us for less than our current company does. He asked for and was granted permission to change to the new company. Insurance will cost us \$768.00 for the next year and was to be paid the following day. (The old insurance ran out then.)

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**Russ P.** announced that the campout committee needs \$500.00 at this time to pay for the campsite reservation. He will need another \$500.00 at the next RSC.

**Motion to close:** Dave R.

**Second:** “Too Tall”

**Time:** 5:10pm

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*This concludes the minutes for the August 17, 2003 RSC. Once again I have done my best to include pertinent information from the various discussions. This is not a transcript though, and does not include all the discussion. I do want to take a moment to thank Cheryl C. and Heather B. for their combined efforts in getting all of the Area and subcommittee reports typed and saved onto disk for me. I appreciate it very much and so should you – the minutes would not be out by now if it weren't for their help.*

## TO BE TAKEN BACK TO GROUPS

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*The next item of business was a letter from the Miracle Area. I have included the whole letter but please note that it is **not** a motion for the RSC to consider. Although it starts out with the term “motion” this was a motion from a Group to the Miracle Area to consider – they did and passed it so the Miracle Area RCM brought it to the RSC floor where it was read.*

Dear Area:

The New Way home group, following the results of a group conscience, would like to bring a motion to the area, raising several questions about the regional budget, and asking the area to pass this motion, officially sending the following questions and any others stemming from other home groups or further discussion on the floor of the Area Service Committee (ASC) to the Regional Service Committee (RSC).

**Motion:** To bring the following list of questions, plus any more deemed necessary by consensus within other home groups in the Area or discussion on the floor of the ASC, to the RSC, making this an Area motion, to be voted on by the RSC in the appropriate fashion.

1. If, as we are told, the Regional Budget is a collection of more or less imaginary numbers, not corresponding with real amounts that various groups within the Region expect to receive and spend, what is the value of having a Regional Budget? Obviously, we do not expect a Budget to perfectly project funds to be spent over the following year, but it seems reasonable to wonder what purpose a Budget serves that does not even claim to approximate those expectations. As a follow-up question, do we have records of what we've historically spent as a Region, in comparison with what we've budgeted to spend? If so, is that available? If not, why not?

2. Why do we not include expected revenue streams in our Budget?

3. Is it possible to attach a priority list to the Budget, indicating which items take precedence over others on the list, in the event that the Region does not bring in the funds to meet all the allocations in the Budget? Is this advisable? Why or why not?

4. Why do we as a region donate no funds to NA World Services, even in the aftermath of the World Services decision to fund travel for Regional Delegates (RDs) to the World Service Conference, especially considering that that decision was made, as we understand it, in part to encourage Regions to donate more funds directly to the World?

5. How much money is actually spent on travel, as opposed to what is budgeted? How much of that is spent on travel to the Zonal Forum?

6. What is the precise value of the Zonal Forum? What functions does it serve that were not addressed within the previously existing service structure? 7. How is our Regional Budget created?

**Intent:** Although realizing that the Miracle Area donates money to the Region only in the form of our escrow for the annual Mid-America Regional Convention of NA, we feel that as voting members, it is our duty to understand as fully as feasible the matters we are voting on. The Regional Budget has for some time been swept through Area votes with the assertion, “Oh, it’s just a wish list.” While accepting that assertion is certainly the path of least resistance, we feel it is an important part of our responsibility to support the Area and the Region by adding our voice to the group conscience in a meaningful way, rather than by simply rubber-stamping every issue that comes to a vote, eventually, on the home group level. By seeking more information about the nature of the Regional Budget, and asking questions we hope will be illuminating, it is our hope that the answers provided will give us ability to vote with clear and well-informed consciences on the next version of the Regional Budget.

We also bring this motion with reference to our Ninth Concept, which states that All **elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making process.** We do not feel that our viewpoint as a group was considered by the Area, and a part of this motion’s intent is to fulfill the principles of the Ninth Concept, which explains the value of seeking a minority opinion: “We have been taught that, before making significant decisions, we should check our judgment against the ideas of others. Our experience has shown us that the ideas of those who disagree with us are often the ones we need most to hear” (p14, *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous*), and “Whenever a motion is approved by something less than unanimous consent, these service bodies often ask those who voted against the measure to state their reasons for doing so, either out loud or in writing ... If discussions are raised about a question already decided-the body is bound to hear those discussions ... However, if a past decision is questioned, discussion is well heard, and the decision still stands, the time comes for everyone to accept that decision and to cooperate wholeheartedly in its implementation.” Following careful consideration of this motion, New Way is fully prepared to do just that, if necessary.

**Financial Impact:** Minimal - the price of the paper to print it out again, if necessary, with any emendations from other groups or the Area as a whole.

Thank you for considering this motion.

In loving service,

New Way

The Chair, Tony K. referred this to the steering committee. Other Area’s & Groups are free to add to this letter and bring their concerns to the next RSC OR the interim steering committee meeting. (See the steering committee report for time and place) It/they will be discussed at the next RSC.

**Motion: Unity Area:** to change article XV(c) of the policy manual to read “An abstention vote means that you are accepting the majority vote whether it be you or nay. An abstention voted is counted on the side of the majority unless the abstentions are the majority. Then it will automatically go back to the Groups.

**Intent:** promote effective communication.

This motion goes back to Groups.

**Note:** the Unity Area RCM rewrote this motion on the floor – this is the new version of the motion.

Comments from the floor:

Why is this motion going to Groups and not the motion from Central Kansas Area made last quarter?

What is the policy concerning motions from Groups or Areas? We have handled it differently at different times – we don’t have a written policy – we do discuss the motion on the floor before it goes back – there was an hours worth of discussion over this issue – the chair suggested that we do need to have a written policy

There was concern that we could have a vote that looks like this under the current policy:

1-2-5 Under the current policy this motion would fail. The motion from Unity Area would send the motion back to Groups for reconsideration.

### **Positions open at the Region:**

Regional Chair

Regional Co Chair

Activities Chair

Campout Chair

**100%NA 100%NA 100%NA**

**THE NEXT MID AMERICA REGIONAL MEETING IS ON**

**Saturday November 15, 2003**

**WE DARE YOU TO BRING YOUR SPONSEE**

**9:00AM-11:00AM**

**(UP) OUTREACH  
(DOWN) STEERING**

**11:00AM-1:00PM**

**(UP) LITERATURE  
(DOWN) H&I**

**1:00PM-2:00PM**

**THANKSGIVING LUNCH**

**Lunch Break Please Bring A Covered Dish**

**For The Best Dish**

**One Free M.A.R.C.N.A. Registration Will Be Given Away**

**2:00PM-4:00PM**

**(UP) CAMPOUT  
(DOWN) CONVENTION**

**(4:00PM-6:00PM**

**(UP) ACTIVITIES  
(DOWN) PI**

**7:00PM-8:00PM**

**SPEAKER MEETING**

**8:00PM-1200AM**

**D.J.DANCE-AUCTION-RAFFLE FUNDRAISER FOR CONVENTION  
\$3.00/PERSON - NO ADDICT TURNED AWAY**

**SUNDAY 11-16-01**

**8:30AM-9:00AM**

**RSC CHAIR/CO-CHAIR, SECRETARY & TREASURER  
RCM, ALT, RCM SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CO-CHAIR  
MOTIONS & REQUESTS**

**9:00AM - UNTIL DONE**

**REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**