



**Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous**  
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**Business Meeting Minutes**  
February 17, 2008

The business meeting of the Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous was opened by John S.III (chair) at 8:52 am.

**Housekeeping:** Requests for funds and motions. The chair called for all R.O.F. and any motions to be put on new business. The treasurer called for all donations at this time as well. Opening balance for start of business day \$2046.94

**Roll Call:** We took our first roll call at 8:53 am and the following chairs and trusted servants were present at the start of business on Sunday February 17, 2008.

**Trusted Servants Present:** Chair, Co-Chair, Reg. Delegate, Reg. Delegate 2, Treasurer, Co-treasurer, and Secretary.

**Area R.C.M.'s:**

Central KS Area, Fellowship For Freedom, Just For Today, Miracle Area, Primary Purpose, Unity Area, Western Area and Wichita Metro Area.

**Subcommittee Chairs:**

Activities, Campout, Convention, Archivist, Soul to Soul, Hospitals & Institutions, Literature, Outreach, Public- Information, P.O. Box, Steering.

**A. Approval of Minutes:**

November 2007 minutes (old and new business only) were read. There was a roll call vote to accept the minutes as read. The minutes were accepted as read.

**Area Reports**

***Central Kansas Area***

Hi Everybody,

We had a good turnout on our Carr Workshop with great participation, Thanks to Jeff R., for helping out. We have an Area Inventory coming up March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at our chili cook off and our campout on Memorial weekend.

Area participation is going up and positions are being filled. We have no current donation due to problems with our treasurer. Things are being straightened up and we will have a donation next Region. Osborne will be joining our area.

In Grateful Service,

Donny B.

### ***Fellowship For Freedom Area***

Hello Regional NA Family, Last month we had our inventory. We had a good turnout and it was very productive. I would like to thank those from the region who came out to ensure the outcome we had. A special thanks to John S. for an excellent job facilitating. Now we hope that the follow through will be just as good. We have several open positions on the area floor: Asst. Secretary, Outreach Chair, Activities Chair, Steering Members (3) and Literature Chair. More will be revealed. Our meetings seem to be in need of trusted servants. Out of the 15 groups we have, 7 do not have Alt. GSR's and 2 groups need a GSR. Also there is a new meeting that started and is in need of direction. Someone volunteered to help them out and pass on the info they require. MWBR.

As for the subcommittees...

Activities – The chair and co-chair are stepping down next month. The secretary is willing to continue, but we need more support. There are members who are interested; we will see how it goes at the next meeting.

H&I – is in desperate need of people to fill positions and help carry the message behind the walls.

Literature – There is only a co-chair for this committee and we are having problems. Since they were elected they have shown up to give direction to someone to fill in with them, but have not attended an area meeting. To add to this, they are not returning phone calls to any of the meetings that need literature, or those on the committee. Hopefully this will be resolved at area this month.

PI – They are in desperate need of support as well. The chair is a one man show and doing a great job! The phone line and web page are up to date as well as the meeting list. He is now working on the PSA's.

In December we passed a motion that states: To pay 10 payments of \$100.00 and 1 payment of \$130.00 to the region each month, if the funds are available. We hope this will end the bickering and get on with the solution. So far, so good. Our area sent a thank you letter to the Western area for their generous donation to our debt. We also have brought 5 t-shirts and 5 mugs from the convention merchandise as a gift for their area; also as a thank you.

That's all for now. ILS, Michelle C., Alt. RCM, FFF Area

### ***Just For Today Area R. C. M. Report,***

Hello everyone, Just to let you know – I was here at 7:45 am this morning. Yeah!- progress. Our Area is doing well, considering that we still have many chair positions open at the Area level. One old timer stepped up last month and took on a position, which was awesome. We continue to pray and ask people

to please get involved. Our Mirror of Miracles campout is a “go”. As some of you may know, it did not happen last year; therefore we will have the MOM campout this spring, April 25, 26, and 27 at Big Hill Lake, Cherryvale Park. I brought some fliers, which I will pass around to the RCM’s. Any support will be greatly appreciated. I also brought fliers for the Recovery Fest, which I put out on the table. There will be a fundraiser for that event on March 1<sup>st</sup> in Independence, KS.

Gratefully Serving, Dorothee M.

PS- JFT Area is changing phonenumber to Answer National. More will be revealed.

### ***Primary Purpose Area***

Hi everyone,

Primary Purpose Area is doing okay with moderate attendance and participation at our Area meetings. We currently have four co-chair positions open at our area. Since the last regional meeting, the Sterling RAGS group has discontinued having meetings due to lack of support. Lyons Night Flyers, McPherson Flying Free and Newton HOW are all struggling with meeting attendance and are considering closing some meetings. Any support for these groups to help meeting attendance would be greatly appreciated. Hutchinson Gift of Life is having continued strong meeting attendance and their Valentine Dance was a huge success. Thanks to all for your support. I made copies of the Conference Approval Track (CAT) and gave one to each of our GSR’s so they could take it to their groups and discuss. Hopefully we will have some votes and feedback on the CAR and the CAT before April 15<sup>th</sup>. There is only a couple of upcoming functions I’m aware of: Newton HOW Pre-Campout Campout Memorial Weekend; Blue Ball Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> McPherson, KS. Last, but not least, we have an area donation of \$360.00 to give to region and a case of basic texts for the newcomers at MARCNA XXV. I think that about covers it for now. In grateful service, Ted R.

***Miracle Area:*** Hello family,

Over the past three months a lot has occurred in the Miracle Area. From H & I having new meetings to a planned flyer drive, new meeting schedules being printed by Public Information. Workshops and fund raisers by our activities and not to mention the mounting anticipation of the upcoming Regional convention. Some events other than the convention include a day in the park June 7<sup>th</sup>, fund raising dance for the convention March 1<sup>st</sup>, campout August 29-31 all of these are tentative and may change. On a personal note I’d like to thank everyone for their concern and prayers for my recent health struggles. Thank you all in loving service, Frank B.-RCM, Miracle Area of Narcotics Anonymous

### ***Wichita Metro Area Report***

Hi Everyone,

I’ll start by saying it’s been very enlightening serving as Wichita Metro RCM. I say this as elections for some of the service positions in Wichita will be held April, mine included. I’ve learned a lot through this service, and my recovery has certainly been enhanced. Wichita’s votes on the CAR are as follows: #1 through #10 YES, #11 abstain, and #12 YES. We as an area in regards to Rod’s questions on the World Board think yes, we gave them too much power on matters of service material. We’re split on the matter of the Regional Literature Committee.

WMA RCM-Daryell A.

### ***Western Area: Report***

Greetings from Western Area. We filled a number of our open positions at the last couple of Area meetings. Tiffany – Burlington, CO as treasurer; Marveta – Dodge City as Co-chair; Marla – Syracuse as Outreach Co-chair; Hallie – Dodge City as Alt. RCM; and Justin – Goodland as Outreach Chair. Justin will cover the Northern portion of Area and Marlin. We created a new position of PO Box chair; Denice of Dodge City volunteered. The breaking the wind Chili contest was well attended, but chili entrants were rather scarce at only five. The Whole Enchilada contest is set for May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 4-H building at 126 N. Park in Norton, KS. We donated \$500 to Region. Also there is a new group in Scott City. No information as to time or place right now. H&I and P.I. are still open. New toll free information number; 1-888-303-0013, In Loving Service, Lin O., RCM

### **B. Subcommittee Reports**

#### ***Archivist: Archivist Report***

Hello Family: I found another 4 drawer file cabinet along the side of the road and had to get it here in January, on the CAR workshop weekend. This latest acquisition created a slight log jam at the storage building. Michelle, Scott K., and I went to the storage building yesterday and I reconfigured the floor space to a better layout. Thanks to Scott and Michelle and Medium Mike for the Help. Michelle and I have unloaded 1 ½ to 2 drawers of “stuff” to be sorted in the next quarter. We are actually getting started – I received a shirt from campout last night and several small paper items from RD and subcommittees to the “Stuff” pile. Hop to see you in Lawrence at our convention and I’m using this time for a reminder to the Convention Committee for “goodies” from our 25<sup>th</sup>! See Ya, John S. III

***Activities:*** Hi All. We have a lot going on. We had 6 out of 8 Areas at the meeting. There was some good stuff come up. We also talked about the Service Assembly. We are going to keep the same format as last year with the workshops and we would like you all to bring back Art Work and a Theme for it. Last night we made \$43.00 off Fast Cash and from the door we made \$201.00. All together we made 244.00. Thank you ALL for the help. With a heavy heart and great joy this is my last RSC as Activities Chair. The committee has nominated Michelle as new chair. With that all I got to say is Love and Service, Dave.

#### ***Campout:*** Hello NA Family,

First, I would like to apologize for any inconvenience due to the changes of the campout location. The campout will be held at Wilson Lake, Lucas Group Camp #104 on July, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of 2008. Gates will open at 2:00 pm, on July 3d. Electrical hookups will be \$16.00 a day and are limited; 15 sites available. There is a number you can call to make a reservation (1-877-444-6777) or log on to [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) to make a reservation. The RSC campout fund raiser went well last night. T-shirt sales were \$475.00, auction total was \$473.00 and raffle total was \$310.50; for a grand total of \$1258.50.

Thank you! New flyers with updated information are now available. A treasurer's report is attached. In Loving Service, Russ P.

**Convention Report:** Hi all,

Convention gang is doing great. Yesterday was cut-off day for pre-registration and we collected quite a few more. If you haven't pre-registered and would like to do so today, I'll let ya! Everybody on the committee is doing so great and we are still ahead of our timeline. Next month we will meet at the hotel and tour it, tie up any loose ends, and then we will be set. Only 46 more days – yeah. We are excited. Our MARCNA fundraiser in Emporia was a great success; many showed up and had lots of fun. As far as I know, there are no major catastrophes or disasters today. Thanking my Higher Power for another day clean!

Gratefully Serving,- Dorothee M.

**Hospitals & Institutions:** Hello Family,

There were about 15 people who attended our subcommittee meeting. It was wonderful to have both old timers and newcomers bring their fresh new positive attitudes and experience to the table. As most of you know H&I subcommittee has been under reconstruction. We held elections for both the chair and co-chair position. Shannon H. from Hutchinson was elected as our new H&I Chair. Darra K. from Wichita was elected as the co-chair. Both ladies have a mass of experience in the H&I field. There were seven out of eight areas that were represented in one form or another. We are learning that we host about 85-90 H&I meetings per month in our region. Now that's just awesome. We are still in hopes to collect important contact, times and places, etc., information to create a pamphlet with all the facilities we service listed. Most every person has been taking the suggestion to have a Learning Day workshop at least once a year. Good job to those areas and be sure to ask this Regional body for help because that is what we do. We did not have much old business to tend to, but we certainly had a lengthy discussion on the on going problem of the "lack of participation". Most every person brought new/old ideas by way of experience. Bottom line it is through attitude and communication. Do we "get" to do an H&I meeting or do we "have" to do H&I? As the outgoing H&I chair I want to thank you for allowing me to serve. Thank you. In Loving Service, Lorna S.

**Literature:** Hello Regional Family,

Well we had no chair or alternate member of Literature to run the meeting so I was asked to sit in. I called the meeting to order and asked for some help. We had 18 members in attendance and there were about 6 areas present to report that their areas had adequate literature or that there was nothing to report. The report from the MAN is attached and Tim turned in a check to me for \$32.67 which I gave to the treasurer who was also present. We decided to not print any extra spring issue for the MAN, instead we would put one in each registration packet at the convention and then give the area RCM's less than usual. Tim sold all his extra copies of the CD with the MAN archives on it and in doing so we won't be asking the region for funds to pay for the spring issue. There was no willingness from the committee to

step up in to the chair, co-chair or secretary position at this time there are no trusted servants on the Regional Literature Subcommittee. However we were given input from every member at the meeting yesterday as to what the subcommittee could be doing. The committee expressed that they would like to see the meeting restructured and become a working meeting every quarter, with most of the work being done to support the MAN. There was a consensus today that although we want to have this meeting restructured; we do not want to disband the literature committee at this time. The group would instead like to make it more of a working and teaching meeting so as to give the members more ownership of the MAN and it would help ease the burden on the editor to be able to delegate some of the work involved. We are going to work on setting the meetings up with an agenda tailored around the MAN and set some goals and deadlines for the members and maybe give assignments for future issues. We did ask a few members to be “Roving Reporters” at the convention and to bring their reports back in May to work on during the meeting. We are hopeful this will encourage more participation in the Literature subcommittee and become a wonderful way to teach each other how to do the work required for the positions that have not been rotated for so long. In closing we are advertising all subcommittee positions, they are all vacant at this time and we are not asking for funds to publish the MAN and the Literature tote will be returned to the region on Sunday. In Service- Suzie Q. Regional Secretary

**Outreach Report:** Scott W. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. An introduction was then made of all present. Three Areas represented with 2 Areas Outreach – 14 present. Julie A. read last quarters minutes. Reports were then given by Kim C. PPA, Western Area present with no report available. Scott W. gave Regional Outreach report. JFT Area present with no report available.

#### Old business

1. Clean convention discussion regarding volunteer list of names and numbers of those willing to take a fellow addict just released from jail, hospitals, treatment centers, etc. To their 1<sup>st</sup> NA meeting when released. Forms were handed out for people to take to their home group. A large number of those are hoped to be returned. Elections were held. Scott W. had the desire for chair, qualified, vote was taken and appointment was approved. No nominations or desires for co chair. To be taken back to Areas as well. Kim C. then nominated Julie A. for secretary. She qualified herself and vote was approved.

#### New business

1. Outreach concerns throughout the region. Which were openers for discussion with suggestions made.
2. PR Handbook – Kim PPA wanting to promote PR handbook. Opened for discussion.
3. Goals – opened for discussion.
  - a. Need for Areas to set goals and implement steps to reach goals.
  - b. Outreach committee to meet April 5, 2008 at MARCNA Convention to set up Interim meeting before RSC in May 2008
4. Clean Connection – Multiple concerns and suggestions \* Discussion Tabled until further information obtained” Rod D. & Kim C. to make a list of concerns. Scott W. to contact Charles King for further information.

Meeting closes with 3<sup>rd</sup> Step Prayer.

**P.O. Box:** Hey family I don't know about you guys but I'm about ready for spring and summer to come on in here. If it doesn't soon we might be looking like the North Pole pretty soon. Not much to report but we did have quite a bit of mail. First of all there was mail for the treasurer, which has been distributed. Second plenty of conventions around the country and those fliers are on the table. Third, a little mail for our literature rep., RD, and even some for Debby S., which has also been distributed. Guys and gals again sorry I'm not able to be there with you all today. Again I've got some church obligations in which I had to be there morning and evening. Believe me I'm in constant prayer with my higher power in regards to priorities in line with my obligations. Between school (I'll receive my Associates this summer), ministry obligations, family, and NA. Until I'm sure of what quiet, still voice of my Higher Power, I'll keep doing what I'm doing, because it do what it do. You guys continue to be blessed in your recovery.

In Loving Service, Kerry B. – P.O. Box Chair

**Public Information:** Hello Family,

Wow, what an awesome PI meeting. Our chair was unable to be here today. Six of the eight areas were represented. We covered a lot of territory and took care of some things that have been on our agenda for sometime. First off in elections the committee nominated me (Kim C.) to be the PI chair. I want to thank them for their vote of confidence. Tia G. was voted in as our secretary. Thanks Tia. No willingness for co-chair, that needs to be taken back to your groups and areas. We have turned in our proposed guidelines to the steering committee. YEAH!!!!!!! Kirk B., our web servant has written up a set of instructions for posting information on the website. A set of these instructions will be given to each one of the RCMs to be taken back to your areas. Please remember to send all function flyers to the website to avoid overlapping of functions. We had some discussion about the demographic study that was done two years ago. We decided not to do anything with that information at this time. More will be revealed. I have regional meeting lists for each of the areas. Am requesting permission to print next quarter's regional meeting lists. Please remind your area web contact to keep area schedules updated, and also to send changes to the website, as this is where we get the information to print the next quarters meeting lists. It is important that these meeting lists are kept up to date. At this time there are no firm dates for any learning days. Please let me know if you are having a learning day and if you need any help. Central area has sent a letter along with informational pamphlets to the Lakewood Mental Health Facility in Havilland KS. At this time Central does not have the manpower to take a meeting into that facility but will continue to provide them with literature. Wichita Metro's new phone line is up and running. The phone number is **316-524-7775**. They are working on getting their area schedules out to as many places as they can. This sounds like a really good idea. They are also sending their area schedules to other areas. Central area is back in the Barton Co. jail after a long absence and much work they are again taking in meetings. Central has 12 literature racks out in their area, 7 in Larned alone. Way to go Central, making literature available. Primary Purpose area, using the Area Planning tool out of the Public Relations handbook, are implementing a plan to get literature and meeting lists out to different focus areas. This is in the gathering information stage of the plan so more will be revealed. I encourage everybody to take a look at this area planning tool, the same plan could be used for groups and region. The PR handbook has lots of great information for all areas of service. I was negligent and sent the area reports with the secretary without copying them so if I forgot anything concerning your area in these minutes please let me know and I will add it to these minutes. We don't have any definite dates for any conferences at this time but do know approximately when they will be and will be listening for the dates.

I also need to remind everybody that we still need somebody to be in charge of the printing of the meeting lists. Rod has been doing this for along time and would like somebody else to take over this responsibility. We have decided to set goals for our subcommittee in May for the next year. Each area was asked to bring back ideas for goals for the next year. We want to be able to set goals for the next and at the end of the year see what of those goals we have accomplished. Thanks to all of you that were there and participated in this meeting, all of your input is highly valued and greatly appreciated. Thanks for allowing me to serve, Kim C.

***Steering Committee Report:*** Hi Family,

We had a very productive meeting yesterday. The first part of our discussion was based on new information brought to our attention by 2 addicts in Wichita. It seems that after some investigating, it was discovered that the Best Western Airport Hotel was not a good recommendation. The hotel cannot possibly meet the capacity we need. After totaling the square footage of usable available, they have 500 sq. feet less than this hotel (Red Coach) and say they have the capacity to hold 250 more people in less space. After lengthy discussion, we have decided to bring forth our second recommendation of the Airport Hilton. Since no contract has been signed for the Best Western, it is our opinion that in order to fit the needs of the convention, we should go with the Hilton. The contract with the Hilton states the dates as March 20-22, 2009. The other particulars are in the information brought to the floor last quarter as far as rates, comps, food and beverage minimums and coffee prices, etc. Steering would like to make a motion to revise our recommendation for the convention, based on the new information, to the Airport Hilton, Wichita, KS, March 20-22, 2009. Suzie and Wes have turned the bid for the Hilton over to me, and if decided to hold the convention there, I and/or another member of Steering will, contact the representative of the facility to set a contract in motion. If it is decided against, we will have to revisit the entire bid process anew. Now is the time I would like to ask everyone for their effort at patience and tolerance. Moving right along, the committee also discussed the ongoing revision of policy that is moving forward at a very steady pace. We should have a draft version ready for August RSC. (Keep your fingers crossed). There are three openings on Steering in May. Two members have fulfilled their commitment and are leaving us, the other member is up for reaffirming, but we are posting the position as open in case the member does not want to take another 2-year term, (or in John S's case, he pisses everyone off and we give him the boot) LOL!!! We will be voting on a chairperson at May RSC also. Our final discussion centered around getting the committee back on the normal May to May rotation as per our policy, so that all members be reaffirmed at the May RSC regardless of when they were elected to the committee. We will have an interim meeting in March to work on more policy revisions and formatting. That is all I have at this time. Peace and love to all my NA friends. In Loving Service, Jon Mc.

***Soul 2 Soul:*** The committee met at 9:00 on Saturday morning.

- A new checking account has been set up. The balance is \$1,766.55.
- Three submissions for artwork were reviewed and a design was chosen (Suzie E.). The shirts will be ash colored with blue ink. Carla will get the shirts done. Quantity to be purchased: 72.
- The committee is considering ordering 36 coffee cups as well.



**Break; The chair called for a break at 10:42 am. We reopened with a moment of Silence and roll call was taken at 11:00am**

### **C. Officers Reports**

#### ***Regional Delegate Report:*** Howdy Mid- America Region

Well here we are getting ready for World Service Conference 2008. The information from the C.A.R. and C.A.T. is important to your groups. I firmly believe the more information the better communication we will have going from groups to the World Service Office. Let's take the 12 motions that we will need our groups to approve or disapprove. The most important of course will be the Northern New Jersey motion on whether or not to give their region \$36,000.00. No seriously; the important one will be the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Basic Text which is motion #1 do you all want it or not? Now remember if you approve **Motion #1** then you will need to probably approve **motions 2 and 4** as they go hand in hand with that motion. **Motions 3,5 and 6** are support motions but would not have to be approved. **Motions 7 and 8** are to approve the new IP's "By young Addicts for Young Addicts" and "For the Parents or Guardians of Young People in NA". These are the motions put forth for us by the World Board. The next four are given to us from other Regions. **Motion 9** is to add English Roman Numeral medallions as a specialty item. **Motion 10** is to add into inventory Roman numeral medallions in all current finishes and languages produced by NAWS. Remember on these last two motions the World Service Office has asked members to fill out a survey online on what kind of coins you want bronze- plated with Roman or Arabic numeral or nickel-plated with Roman or Arabic numbers. **Motion 11** is asking the World Board to provide financial support to the Northern New Jersey Region in the amount of \$36,000 dollars. **Motion 12** is to require all NA service pamphlets intended for group and individual use be included in the Conference Agenda Report for Approval.

As for the Conference Approval Track Material the information I feel is important to know our conscience on is as follows:

- Pages 48-52; changes in our Guide to World Services and the approval processes for NA material. I did not include this in your packets but feel it is important that we look at them.
- Pages 57-71; show the Regions that are asking to be seated at this Conference. **Egypt, El Salvador, Nepal, Nicaragua, Poland, South Brazil and North Carolina.** (Southern Brazil and North Carolina are not being recommended to be seated by the World Board because they are regions that have split from existing regions.) I believe we should seat them all as they have been providing services to their Area's since 2005 and 2000. I did include this information in your packets.
- Pages 73-117; our Strategic Plans or how we move forward from our vision statement. A part of the statement is "every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language". The Plan has long term goals and we need to direct the World Board on what their priorities should be. Again I did not include this in your packets but think it is very important that our groups look at it.

Any addict can download from NA.org the whole conference approval track material. Just go to the World Service Conference link then click on 2008 Conference Approval Track link then enter **User CAT and password CAT2008**. See if you can have feedback for us to take to the Conference by the 15<sup>th</sup> of April you can call my cell phone **620-757-6205 and-or email [rcbc@carrollsworld.com](mailto:rcbc@carrollsworld.com) or [dor91@kitusa.com](mailto:dor91@kitusa.com)** . I will be leaving (I hope) on April 19<sup>th</sup> for California if you have anything else to talk to me about please call or email.

**Alt. Delegate Report:** Hello family,

My report consists of four items: the most recent Plains States' Zonal Forum meeting and CAR workshop (*see minutes in packet*), the Literature Distribution and Convention workshop held last November in Woodland Hills, CA. (*also in packet*), financial matters for the upcoming conference Rod has mentioned, and a visit to the OK region for their annual general service assembly. The back portion of the PSZF minutes (*CAR Workshop Input*) I've included list two acronyms you might not be familiar with, the first is BSHG (Building Strong Home Groups) and the second APT (Area Planning Tool). Both are very valuable tools but still seem to in the dark with most groups and area service committees. The gray highlighted areas show some of the priorities which were brought up during this workshop, but your group or area might see different results. I encourage you all to try and implement these in your meetings or inventories, both are available online at [www.na.org](http://www.na.org) and in the Public Relations Handbook. Overall the workshop was well attended with members from Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Arkansas, California, British Columbia Canada, and of course Kansas. Please read over the Literature/Convention summary carefully, there are many facts and findings important to our financial growth as well as public relations. Debby had offered a challenge to all groups a few years ago to donate \$52.00 per group, per year to NAWS which would make us completely self supporting through donations, one finding from last year showed the number of donations actually dropped from slightly over \$20.00 to \$19.00 per group, per year. This is no way near reaching that mark. The convention workshop summary might not be insightful information to everyone, but if you want to be more informed on what it takes to be successful with convention planning or your area has considered acquiring or has acquired a bid in the past for an area or regional convention use this information. That also goes for Steering members; this report can be downloaded and it contains modern practices and protocols for dealing with hotels and convention centers. Now for WSC 2008, I tracked airfare and was issued a check for \$300.00 to secure tickets. I settled with \$283.39 using Frontier Airlines. I will be asking for the remainder of monies escrowed out for expenses during this trip. This includes \$518.58 for ½ of the room for nine nights and \$500.00 for meal per diem for ten days. Some amounts I don't have are shuttle to and from LAX and fuel costs. I traveled to Tulsa, OK Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> for their annual general service assembly and also stayed for a portion of their regional business meeting. The assembly's main focus was on the CAR workshop including the issue discussion topics. The members fully participated in the questions and discussion so it was a successful workshop. Their business meeting was enlightening to me as I wasn't aware how much they were struggling. Their main focus as a region is a restructuring. A few members who I hadn't seen in a number of years brought up the idea of co-hosting a joint region service conference (Mid America and OK) with the focus solely on Public Relations, or PI, H&I, and Outreach. Personally I think it would be a great idea. Gratefully Serving NA, Tim S. – Alt. Delegate

**Secretary Report:** Hello Regional Family,

There was not a lot for me to report this month. The Soul to Soul report is not in the minutes, but I do have a copy of it here hopefully the copy machine is working and we can get everyone copies of that. My secretary expenses are as follows, printing costs were \$75.14 and postage for 28 sets of minutes at \$1.14 each came to 31.92. I did not have time to purchase a secretaries box this quarter due to personal issue, but will do so before next region. So my total request for reimbursement is \$32.06 plus the \$75.00 for secretary costs next time. I was going to go somewhere else for printing this time because I feel like the printer I chose overcharged me and I won't be taking my business there again. I will be sure to get those

minutes mailed out quicker this time around and I thank you all for your patience and support. It is an honor to serve.

***Suzie Q.- Regional Secretary***

***Treasurer Report:*** The check which I wrote to NAWS in August has never cleared the bank. I called the office and they have never received it. I told her that I would bring it up today to see if we want to reissue that check. I filled out the paperwork for the debit card/Visa and am awaiting it in the mail. Yesterday I received check duplicates and registers that go back to 2000. I received \$100.00 seed money from Plains State's Zonal Forum. Grateful to serve, Janet W., Treasurer: The rest of the treasurer's report is attached.

***Co-Treasurer Report:*** March 2, 2008

To: Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous

CO: John Stanley

Cc: Janet W., Suzie E.

Dear Family and Friends:

After much thought and consideration, and with much regret, I feel that for the good of the Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous, I must resign from my post as co-treasurer of the Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous. On November 24, 2007 my father suffered a small stroke. He is still able to function, though at a somewhat diminished capacity. We have consulted two neurologists and both have indicated that another stroke is not unlikely, one that could be much more severe and debilitating. My concern is that sometime during the next three years of my commitment, he will suffer this stroke and I will no longer be able to fulfill my duties as either the co-treasurer or treasurer, (the job that I am being groomed for) because of my duties to family and home. I feel that it would be better for the Region if I resign at this time and let someone else step in and get the training necessary to do the job of treasurer.

Again, it is with much regret that I take this action. I will continue to attend the Regional meetings as long as my duties at home permit. It has been an honor to serve the Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous, and I hope to continue to do so, though in a diminished capacity. Thank you all for your friendship and love. I treasure this more than you can know.

Sincerely,

Kirk Brown

Co-treasurer of the Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous (Resigned)

## **D. Old Business**

### **Elections:**

***PI Chair:*** Kim C was recommended out of committee. The duties and qualifications were read. Kim qualified herself and stepped out of the room for a vote, the chair called for any opposition from the floor to expedite the process. Seeing no opposition Kim C. was voted in, congratulations Kim and thank you for stepping up.

***H&I Chair:*** Shannon H. was recommended out of committee. The duties and qualifications were read. Shannon qualified herself and stepped out of the room for a vote, the chair called for any opposition from the floor to expedite the process. Seeing no opposition Shannon H. was voted in, congratulations Shannon and thank you for stepping up.

***Activities Chair:*** Michelle C. was recommended out of committee. The duties and qualifications were read. Michelle qualified herself and stepped out of the room for a vote, the chair called for any opposition from the floor to expedite the process. Seeing no opposition Michelle C. was voted in, congratulations Michelle and thank you for stepping up.

***Soul to Soul Chair:*** Linda M. was recommended out of committee. The duties and qualifications were read. Linda qualified herself and stepped out of the room for a vote, the chair called for any opposition from the floor to expedite the process. Seeing no opposition Linda was voted in, congratulations Linda and thank you for stepping up.

There was a lot of discussion about the dates when we have elections matching the fiscal year. We as a region want our fiscal year to match our elections which is May to May. The current practice is that we advertise positions for one quarter before voting on. So we need to advertise in November to vote on in February so that the chairs are in place in May. So when the policy goes through, we will need to either reaffirm or reconfirm these members then, otherwise it will have to go back to groups. As this was a very confusing conversation I will recommend you talk to John S. III for more information about this discussion. To add to your confusion as well as mine, the Outreach Chair was voted in November so this conversation would have to include that position for reaffirmation or confirmation in May as well, more will be revealed. I hope I didn't leave anyone out.

The following open positions to go back to groups are being voted on in May:

Literature Chair, Regional Chair, Regional Co-Chair, Regional Delegate, Alternate Delegate, NAWS Contact person for region, Co- Treasurer, P.O. Box Chair, P.O.Box Co-Chair, Convention Chair, 2 Steering Members, Steering Chair,

The following positions are either being reaffirmed or reconfirmed for their second term in May:

Secretary, Treasurer, one Steering Member.

FYI: There is nowhere in the current policy that states who is the single point of accountability for sending in the World Services Update forms to NAWS after elections. The chair person has been the one stepping up for that so it should be listed in the chair person's duties in the new policy. It was stated that this should be the NAWS contact persons responsibility. Policy issue was tabled.

**Regional logo vote:** There was no action taken by the maker of the motion so the discussion was tabled.

**Regional Audit:** There was a great discussion about performing the regional comprehensive audit. The treasurer produced all the documents necessary to perform the audit the question now is how to move forward. It was asked of the Regional Chair and Co-Chair to make the necessary arrangements to outsource the audit. They both agreed to find out the costs of outsourcing and bring back to May region. The timeline would have to be done by the company performing the audit.

**Break for lunch:** We took our lunch break at 12:49 with instructions to return by 2:pm. We reopened at 2:10pm with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. There was a roll call at 2:11 and on with more Old Business.

**Regional Audit Update:** Dorothee M. took the floor and as the RCM of the maker of the motion to have the region audited withdrew the request and would take it back to the person who made the motion. The regional chair stated that unless there is another motion brought to the regional floor there would be no audit performed and we moved on.

**Motion to Reconsider 2009 Convention Site:** It was brought to the attention of the Steering Committee that the bid from the Best Western in Wichita was misrepresented in their ability to host our event. Due to new information there was a motion brought to the floor by one of the RCM's that voted in favor of the Best Western that read:

“We make a motion to reconsider the 2009 convention site motion that was passed in November 2007-based on new information presented by Steering.

The intent of the motion read: “New information deems that current hotel selection doesn't meet our requirements of square footage to accommodate our large meetings.”

It was 2<sup>nd</sup> so the floor was open for discussion. The new information brought to the regional floor stated that the Best Western in Wichita, which has 3 Regency rooms for workshops at the convention very much like the Red Coach Inn in McPherson. However the Best Western in Wichita had 800 square feet less space in those rooms than the McPherson facility. Since there were two bids considered in November we were able to look at the 2<sup>nd</sup> choice recommended from the steering committee rather than having to wait 3 more months for new convention bids. The Airport Hilton was able to honor the same bid that they brought in November with the exception to the dates of availability. So there was a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by the same maker that read:

“To reconsider the motion for the 2009 Convention dates based on the previous motion for reconsideration.”

Intent of motion reads:

“To change dates that are available that pertain”

This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Primary Purpose RCM. There was a call the vote on the reconsideration which passed. Then we voted on the motions brought to the regional floor in November from the Steering committee and the 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, The Airport Hilton was the choice for the 2009 convention site. We voted on the reconsideration of the dates set for the 2009 convention which passed. Since there was now only one choice for the 2009 Convention dates we voted on March 20-22, 2009 and that vote passed.

**The Chair called for a break at 3: pm we reconvened at 3:12 pm.**

The treasurer brought to the floor an issue of a check written to NAWs in August not having cleared the bank. Janet contacted NAWs and they reported not to have seen a check from August, but they did receive a check from November. The issue now is weather or not to cancel the August check and reissue a new one to NAWs. This would cause a 20 to 30 dollar charge to region. The chair asked the floor if there was any objection to direct the treasurer to take action and report the results in May. Since there was no objection we moved on.

**Debit Card:** The treasurer collected the information necessary for the region to put forth a motion to go back to groups. The current policy reads that all bills be paid by check, so a motion was brought to the floor to change the policy which will need to go back to groups. The motion reads:

“To revise Article XI Funds, item B to read: All expenses shall be paid by check or with debit card by the regional treasurer or co- treasurer.”

Intent of motion: “To allow for use of debit card to “secure” some approved expenditures in a timely manner rather than having persons tying up their own funds.”

This will go back to groups to vote on.

The chair called to change the order of the day for one item brought to the floor by the Just for Today area. There was a request of funds for the following:

\$53.92 for reimbursement of secretary expenses incurred by the RCM on behalf of the request made by the RD to provide copies of the CAT to each group in the area. After a lengthy discussion it was determined that there was a miscommunication between the RD and the RCM in regards to printing costs. So there was a vote taken and the request was denied.

#### **Insurance Update:**

Debby S. compiled an extensive insurance packet for the RCM’s to look over and take back to groups. We were given copies of a proposal from the Philadelphia Insurance company and went over the proposals extensively. After a lengthy discussion about the pro’s and con’s of the proposal there was a motion made by the insurance adhoc and 2<sup>nd</sup> by the regional treasurer that was sent back to groups to vote on. This is time sensitive material so we need to prioritize this discussion and all areas need to have a vote on this issue back by the May 2008 RSC. The motion reads:

“In order to provide M.A.R. with broad form insurance coverage for its liability exposures, the insurance quote provided by the Philadelphia Insurance Company should be adopted by this region.”

Intent of motion reads:

“To provide broad form insurance coverage for liability for all groups and areas within the Mid- America Region, including the MARSCNA meetings and functions.”

Financial Impact: \$5,291.00 annual premium (subject to rate change)

Or \$55.00 per month per area (approximately)

This motion goes back to groups.

**The Chair called for a break at 4:50pm and we reconvened at 5:03pm.**

The Chair asked the treasurer to give an updated amount of useable funds who reported that we had \$1729.44 available.

**Insurance Update part 2: Directors and Officers Liability coverage**

The second part of the insurance policy, which was taken back to groups to discuss but not vote on, was the Directors and Officers Liability coverage. To add the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the policy would cost the region an additional \$800.00 annually. The questions about this second policy were who does the region have in their policy that they consider as “Directors and Officers”? Debby S. explained this policy in detail and asked that the groups look at it as well. The regional chair expressed the importance of the supplemental policy and the RCM’s would take it back to the groups. This would require more discussion about our policy and reworking it to add the specific list of “Directors and Officers” if we were to consider this portion of the insurance quote. It was stated that RCM’s and subcommittee chairs at the regional level should be considered as part of the “Directors and Officers” due to the fact that without the area RCM’s we wouldn’t have a RSC. This information was given to the RCM’s to collect input from the groups.

**E. New Business**

1. Signing of contracts: Jon S. III will get with Jon Mc. from steering and sign the contract for the Hilton bid.
2. Literature Box: The Literature tote was returned to region. It was decided to put the tote in the regional storage unit until the next RSC. There is no current literature chair, the question about who would restock the tote was tabled until next region.
3. The Alternate Delegate mentioned that there should be a discussion as stated in his report about a joint regional Learning Days.

Reminder that the May dance in McPherson is a soul to soul fund raiser and raffle and auction items are needed.

**Take back to Groups: Literature Chair, Steering Chair, Regional Chair, Regional Co- Chair, Regional Delegate, Alternate Regional Delegate, Co-Treasurer, P.O.Box Chair, P.O.Box Co- Chair, Convention Chair, 2 Steering Members**

**Reconfirm or Reaffirm the following: Secretary, Treasurer, 1 Steering Member**

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:39pm we closed in the usual manner. The next RSC will be held at the Red Coach Inn in McPherson, Ks. On May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2008.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Suzie Q.

[suzie.q.e@gmail.com](mailto:suzie.q.e@gmail.com)



**Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous  
Treasurer Report – February 2008 RSC**

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>			<b>\$ 8,892.78</b>
<b>Income:</b>				
11/18/07	Area & Group donations	\$1,320.00		
	Activities	276.00		
	H & I Escrow	33.00		
	Left over from MAN	20.00		
	Zonal monies returned by Tim	<u>207.00</u>		
	Total income			<b><u>1,856.00</u></b>
	Sub-total			<b>\$10,748.78</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
11/18/07 #1023	Scott Kessler - d.j. Nov. RSC		\$ 100.00	
11/18/07 #1024	Perkins Nov. RSC rent		190.00	
11/18/07 #1025	Suzie Estrada – minutes Aug.		113.88	
11/18/07 #1026	Suzie Estrada – minutes Nov.		75.00	
11/18/07 #1027	Tim Stewart-MAN postage		40.00	
11/18/07 #1028	Dave Rose-start up money (Feb)		100.00	
11/18/07 #1029	Scott Kessler – d.j. Feb. RSC		100.00	
11/18/07 #1030	Dave Rose–start up money (Jan)		100.00	
11/18/07 #1031	NAWS – donation		1,386.33	
11/18/07 #1033	HCF-MAN copies		190.34	
01/09/08 #1034	Tim Stewart-WSC airfare		<u>300.00</u>	
	Total Expenses			<b><u>2,695.55</u></b>
	<b>Bank Balance</b>			<b>\$ 8,053.23</b>
	<b>Less: Prudent Reserve</b>			<b><u>- 4,020.00</u></b>
	<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>\$ 4,033.23</b>
	<b>Less: Escrows</b>			
	H & I		\$ 292.57	
	Outreach		117.40	
	Rent		210.00	
	Insurance		500.00	
	Storage		540.00	
	P. O. Box		40.00	
	Web Page		25.00	
	RDA		<u>1,200.00</u>	
	Total Escrows			<b><u>2,924.97</u></b>
	<b>Spendable Balance</b>			<b>\$ 1,108.26</b>

**Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous  
Treasurer's Report for February 08 RSC  
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**Prudent Reserve  
6/07 – 5/08**

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Annually</b>	<b>Quarterly</b>	<b>Pay-out Month</b>
Rent	\$ 840.00	\$ 210.00	Quarterly
Insurance	\$1,000.00	\$ 250.00	August
Storage Unit	\$ 540.00	\$ 135.00	February
P. O. Box	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	February
Web Page	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	November
RDA	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 375.00</u>	February 08
Totals	\$4,020.00	\$ 1,005.00	

\*Webpage is renewable every 2 years-----We just paid \$166.80 on 11/3/07 for 2 years service

**Fellowship for Freedom Promissory Note**

Promissory Note	\$ 3,700.00
6/04/007 Payment	- <u>1,100.00</u>
Balance	\$ 2,600.00
9/10/07 Payment	- <u>800.00</u>
Balance	\$ 1,800.00
11/18/07 Payment	<u>400.00</u>
Balance	\$ 1,400.00
11/18/07 Dodge City Roundup	<u>270.00</u>
Balance	\$ 1,130.00

# MOTIONS

Name: Fellowship for Freedom area

Date: 2/17/2008

Motion     Old

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

Amendment  New

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

Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: (Please state motion clearly and accurately)

We make a motion to reconsider the 2009 convention site motion that was passed in November 2007 based on new information presented by Steering

Intent of Motion:

New information deems that the current hotel selection doesn't meet our requirements of square footage to accommodate our large meetings

### Secretary Use Only

Comments form Discussion (Limit 3 Pros and 3 Cons)

Amendments:

Accepted by Motitioner?

### Motion Results

	Tabled	Passed	Failed	Back to Groups
passed		passed	For:	Yes:
Against:		Against:	Against:	No:
Abstain:		Abstain:	Abstain:	

# MOTIONS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion     Old

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

Amendment     New

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

Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: (Please state motion clearly and accurately)

To reconsider the motion for 2009 convention dates

Intent of Motion:

based on the previous motion to reconsider to change dates that are available

### Secretary Use Only

Comments form Discussion (Limit 3 Pros and 3 Cons)

Amendments:

Accepted by Motitioner?

### Motion Results

	Tabled	Passed	Failed	Back to Groups
passed		passed	For:	Yes:
Against:		Against:	Against:	No:
Abstain:		Abstain:	Abstain:	

# MOTIONS

Name: Insurance Adhoc

Date: 2/17/2008

Motion     Old

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

Amendment     New

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

Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: (Please state motion clearly and accurately)

In order to provide M.A.R. with broad form insurance coverage for its liability exposures the insurance quote provided by the Philadelphia Insurance company should be adopted by this region

Intent of Motion:

To provide broad form insurance coverage for liability for all groups and areas within the Mid- American Region, including the MARSCNA meetings and functions.

### Secretary Use Only

Comments form Discussion (Limit 3 Pros and 3 Cons)

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

\$5,291.00 annual premium ( subject to rate change)  
or \$55.00 per area per month (approximately)

Amendments:

Accepted by Motitioner?

### Motion Results

	Tabled	Passed	Failed	Back to Groups
For:		For:	For:	Yes: X
Against:		Against:	Against:	No:
Abstain:		Abstain:	Abstain:	

# MOTIONS

Name: Kim C. PI Chair

Date: 2/17/2008

Motion     Old

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

Amendment     New

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

Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: (Please state motion clearly and accurately)

To revise article XI funds, item B to read: All expenses shall be paid by check or debit card by the regional treasurer or co- treasurer

Intent of Motion:

To allow for use of debit card to "secure" some approved expenditures in a timely manner rather than having persons tying up their own funds.

### Secretary Use Only

Comments form Discussion (Limit 3 Pros and 3 Cons)

Amendments:

Accepted by Motioner?

### Motion Results

Tabled	Passed	Failed	Back to Groups
For:	For:	For:	Yes: <b>X</b>
Against:	Against:	Against:	No:
Abstain:	Abstain:	Abstain:	



February 17, 2008	8:53am	10AM	11AM	12AM	1PM	2:11pm	3:12pm	5:03pm			
	9AM	10AM	11AM	12AM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM

### AREA RCM'S

CENTRAL	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
F.F.F.	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
J.F.T.	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
MIRACLE	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
PRIMARY PURPOSE	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
UNITY	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
WESTERN	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	A		
WICHITA METRO AREA	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		

### SUB COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
CAMPOUT	Y		Y			Y	Y	A	Y		
CONVENTION	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
ARCHIVIST	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
SOUL TO SOUL	Y		Y			A	A	A	A		
H&I	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	A		
LITERATURE	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
OUTREACH	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	A		
PI	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
PO BOX	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
STEERING	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		

### TRUSTED OFFICERS

SECRETARY	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
TREASURER	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
CO TREASURER	Y		Y			A	A	A	A		
RD	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
RD 2	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
CHAIR	Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		
CO CHAIR	Y		Y			Y	A	A	A		





**MID-AMERICA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
REGIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Saturday May 17, 2008**

**Red Coach Inn- 2111 E. Kansas Ave.  
McPherson, Ks**

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

**Regency I- Convention  
Regency II- Campout**

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

**Regency I- Public Information  
Regency II- Activities/Soul to Soul**

**1:00-2:00**

**Lunch**

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

**Regency II- Steering  
Regency I- Outreach**

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

**Regency I- Literature  
Regency II- Hospital & Institutions**

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

**Regency III- Speaker Meeting**

**8:00PM- 11:00 PM**

**DJ Dance- Auction, Raffle  
Soul to Soul Fundraiser**

**\$3.00 per person- no addict turned away**

**NA AUCTION/ RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED**

**REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Sunday May 18, 2008 - General business, motions,  
Request for funds. MEETING STARTS AT 8:00 AM-till done**