



Mid-America Service Committee of NA  
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 February 21, 1999

Clay W. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Cleve W. read the 12 Traditions and Ray G. read the 12 Concepts. Introductions were made all around followed by roll call.  
*(Roll Call was taken after each break-see roll call sheet.)*

**Area's represented by RCM's today:** Fellowship For Freedom, Just For Today, Miracle, Unity, Western and Wichita Metro.

**Subcommittees present today:** Activities, Campout, Convention, H&I, Literature, M.A.N., Outreach, PI, PO Box, Steering

**Officers present today:** Secretary, Treasurer, RD, RD2, Chair, Co-Chair

**Attendance:** See attached sheet.

**Shelly W. :** If you are an Area that is throwing Regional Meeting Lists out, please let us know. We have Areas that need more than they are getting.

**Clay W. :** Would like to change the order of business to elect a new Co-Chair. Nancy A. can't finish out her term due to medical problems. Too Tall is filling in for the moment. The following is a copy of Nancy's letter as read by Clay:

To: Dear RSC Family;

From: Nancy Arb

February 21, 1999

Due to recent medical problems I find myself having to resign from the RSC Co. Chair position. This is the first position I have ever resigned from in my five years of service to this program. I would like everyone to know that I will always appreciate the professional guidance that I have received through out the years at the region. You will never know the knowledge that I have gained in serving with each and everyone of you. Thank You.

With love,

Nancy A. AKA Nancy Arb

P.S. I shall return when god will allow...

**Dave R. :** Nominated "Too Tall" **Kirk B. :** Seconded

**Betty P. :** Nominated Billy C. **John S. :** Seconded

They qualified themselves and **Billy C.** was elected. Congratulations Billy!

Billy C. read the minutes from the November RSC.

**Motion** to accept the minutes as amended. Second and passed.

**SMOKE BREAK!!!** 9:50 – 10:00



**Treasurer's report:**

Mid-America Regional Service Committee			
Treasurer's Report			
February 1999			
Beginning Balance:			\$10,979.94
Deposits:	Returned check-20.00; Miracle-105.00;		
	Step x Step-18.43; FFF-150.00;		
	Not So Famous-18.00; WMA-380.00		
	Waterman-75.00- H & I I's-50.00		
	New Hope Lit sales-26.32		
	Sec.-27.82; Act.-467.72	1,338.29	
	Unity-575.87; Waterman-75.00		
	Returned Check-22.00	672.87	
Total:			\$2,011.16
Expenses:	#1343-McPherson 4-H	200.00	
	Feb '99 rent		
	#1344-Melissa Perser	13.50	
	treasurer copies		
	#1345-Barker Printing	39.23	
	Aug '98 RSC minutes		
	#1346-Carl Kobler	150.00	
	Zonal Forum		
	#1347-Lois Wooten	7.56	
	Act. copies		
	#1348-Samuel Lindsey	110.00	
	MAN Production		
	#1349-Shelley Wilmore	9.25	
	H&I sec. exp.		
	#1350-John Stanley	15.00	
	H&I flyers		
	#1351-Shelley Wilmore	12.54	
	PI sec. exp.		
	#1352-John Stanley	200.00	
	Feb '99 RSC supplies		
	#1353-Dan Engling	10.00	
	H&I travel exp. Learning Days		
	#1354-Barker Printing	67.79	
	Nov. RSC minutes		
	#1355-Kirk Brown	60.00	
	Nov. '98 RSC minutes		
	#1356-Carl Kobler	530.00	
	RD & RDJ airline tickets		
	#1357-Don Mason	150.00	
	GSR assembly-Steering New Projects		
Total:			\$1,574.87
Balance as of February 20, 1999:			\$11,416.23

**John J.** What did John S. need \$200.00 for if there was no activities? (paraphrased)

**John III.** Activities normally gets \$200.00 and a check was cut for that amount. I will be returning \$174.00 and have submitted a receipt for \$26.00 for the coffee that we used.

**Further discussion** concerning the money and what it went for, why the check was cut and what has been done in the past vs. what has happened this time.

**Jerry D.** How did the can passing that was done at all subcommittee meetings go? (for coffee)

**Belinda C.** We got \$36.22

**Tim S.** Why did the treasurer stuff get turned over at the beginning of this RSC rather than at the end of last RSC?

**Melissa P.** This is the way it was done for me and I thought that this was the way to do it.

**Carl K.** We changed that a year ago. This body voted to have all **Motions** take effect at the close of business at the end of the RSC. This was done to help the treasurer.

**Belinda C.** We need to address who will be on the signature card. We need a third person. I suggest the RD2.

**Clay W.** Does anyone have a problem with the RD2 being on the check signing card? (We don't have to vote on this). No objection raised – RD2 will be on the check signing card.

**Belinda C.** Donation received so far today:

Step X Step – Lawrence	\$ 18.46
Central Kansas Area	\$ 50.00
Miracle Area	\$105.00
Just for Today Area	\$100.00
Wichita Metro Area	<u>\$300.00</u>
Total	<u>\$573.46</u>

Also received:

Activities	\$120.86	
Clay	\$ 36.42	General donations
Don M.	\$ 44.89	Unused from service assembly
Kirk B.	\$ 22.11	Unused mailing money
PO Box	\$ 10.00	Mailed in

**Motion:** to accept the report. (Dave R.) Seconded (John S.) Passed

## **RCM REPORTS:**

### **Fellowship For Freedom:**

Good Morning Family in Service:

FFF is continuing to grow in unity. Several meetings have had to change locations after long periods in the same location, however support and recovery is still happening. Thank you addicts for supporting the FFF convention. It was a huge success in all aspects. We have the vote for the convention rotation.

This will be my last RSC as FFF RCM. Kelly P. will hopefully be representing our Area as RCM in the future. Thank you for your support and Love,

Jerry D.

### **JUST FOR TODAY AREA**

(21 Feb., 1999)

Hey Family:

All is well in the **Just For Today Area**. There were two (2) **MARCNA XVI** fund raisers; one in Williamsburg (sponsored by the Area), and one in Emporia (sponsored by the Pioneer Group). The Area's fund-raiser donated **\$716.90**, and the Pioneer Group's fund-raiser donated **\$541.00** to the **MARCNA XVI** committee. Thank you to everyone who showed up and participated.

As far as the Regional Meeting List goes, there are a few updates that need to be made:

- **One Day at a Time Group**  
1021 E 12 Ave.  
Emporia, KS  
Sunday 8 p.m. Open

- **Paola and Osawatomie**  
No current information

All the rest are the same.

I did have the privilege of going to the **Plains States Zonal Forum**, in Lincoln, NE, at the request of my Area. I do wish to thank the **RSC** for helping make the trip possible. As soon as my Area receives their report, I will submit one to the **RSC** (May, '99).

In Loving Service  
Ray G.

PS We also have a \$100.00 donation to the **RSC**

**Unity Area**  
Hi Family:

Well Dan J. decided to extend his vacation in Australia, so I get the job this RSC and will be taking over as RCM in April.

Unity Area continues to grow we have 14 groups in our Area and expecting one more PACC from Beloit to come aboard soon. Jan C. is our new PI chair and is doing a good Job. H/I is strong although we could use more group help. We have started a pen-pal sponsor system with some guys in the Hutchinson Correctional Facility.

We have a lot of upcoming Activities:

**Feb 27th - PACC Dance in Beloit, 10% of proceeds go to the MARCNA 4th of July Camp out.**

**Mar. 6th - Unity Area Camp out fund-raiser Free Dance in Salina,**

**Mar. 20th - Phoenix Group Fund-raiser in Salina,** This is an H&I/PI and Outreach Fund-raiser.

**April 17th - Unity Area Fund-raiser Dance in Salina**

Our Area decided to change the way we do our prudent reserve system and as such we have been mailing the Regional Donations at the end of the ASC instead of saving them and then sending them to the quarterly RSC with our RCM. It seemed as always needed the money right before the RSC, by restructuring our system Unity Area has sent donations totaling \$575.00 since the last RSC.

Although our Area is one that has one of the sights for the Rotation of MARCNA our Area voted NO to the 2 City Rotation. Our Area feels that the Convention should move around so as to stay in touch with other outlying Areas.

The Groups really Struggled with the Optimal Budget vote We did pass it, but some groups have concerns, They would like this body to contemplate restructuring the budget and to base it on the past years history as to give a true projected budget, Another Group expressed that we deal in thousands of dollars within our Region a year and that the Region does not help groups that are struggling they need support in outreach. P.I. and H&I. Well that about it from the Unity Area.

We also discussed a GSR assembly and the topic was very well received not only with GSR's but many others. From the Impute that was received I feel that such an activity would not only be well attended but is badly needed. It would help bridge the gap between the addict and service work on every level. Unity Area will be discussing hosting such an activity with in the next 6-8 months and would like to have Regional support. I will be reporting back on this matter at the next Steering committee and RSC.

In Grateful Service,  
Tim C., Unity Area Alt. RCM  
Dan J., Unity Area RCM

**Western Area:**

Hello Family,

Western Area is still hanging in there. We have some new Trusted Servants at Area now and have an Alt. RCM, Cleve W.

Liberal Carefree Drugfree is back at Area and this has been a tremendous help with the new people who want to get involved.

Although we are still having problems getting Committee Chairs to come to Region.

We updated our Area Meeting Lists in November and finally have some without a lot of corrections.

We also updated the Area 800 phone line and have all of the Western Area Meetings on it. The number is: 1-800-586-3680. It will be published in the North West and the South West Feist (First?) phone books when the new ones come out.

We had some controversy about the Ulysses phone line being listed on the Regional Meeting Lists as an Area Help Line. It's **NOT!!!** It is a Ulysses line only. It was suggested that maybe the Region could start a phone line because the Ulysses line is getting a lot of calls from addicts in other Areas of the Region.

We had a PI Workshop and made new PSA tapes for the radio stations and are in the process of getting these out.

The Area once again has a Policy Subcommittee and we are currently working on Area Policy.

The only Area Function coming up at this time is the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Whole Enchilada Feed in Liberal on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. There are flyers on the table.

We are getting ready to start planning our Area Camp Out and would like to get dates that other Areas or Groups have set for functions in June and July so we will not be in conflict with these dates.

In Loving Service,  
Tom W. "Too Tall" RCM  
Cleve W, Alt. RCM

**Wichita Metro Area:**

Hello Mid America Region of NA

The Area is continuing to grow. We did elect a new Activities Chair. Cherrie W. was placed in as a temp. RCM until April elections. The last RCM resigned.

Margret has done a great job on our updated group list as we did have another group join our Area. (Success on E. 9<sup>th</sup>).

All I can say is that I know H&I is active as meetings in the Area are growing.

Hope to have a great report for next Regional.

We are making a donation to the Region of \$300.00.

Loving Service,  
Cherrie W.

**Miracle Area RCM Report:**

Hello Family,

Our Area is still there. We haven't had any elections recently and participation has been great, without conflict or controversy. (We are getting better!) Due to the fact that we have an Activity Chair, our members have been dancing. This has also helped our recent financial problems. The groups in our Area are still adding and dropping meetings. (Drives Nate F. crazy!) Our info line is always current and we do have new meeting lists – outdated in two or three days from delivery. Most GSR's say the meeting attendance is growing and consistent.

With regards to the items to be voted upon for the region:

- 1) Do not rotate between Hutch and Great Bend
- 2) We agree that a Regional Assembly A.K.A. a GSR assembly would benefit our Region, Area and local Groups
- 3) We approved the Optimal Budget, but we realize that this budget is contingent with income and hope the expenditures are done with care, spiritual guidance and with restraint and accountability.

Our Area is hosting a Regional Learning Day March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1999 in Lawrence. See attached Flyer – hope to see you there.

Love you all,  
John III

PS Thanks to all who helped with setup, cleanup etc. this weekend and for those Miracle Area Road Dogs especially.

I'd also like to express my gratitude and love to you all and thank you for your concern regarding my recent Spiritual Experience.

Love you all,  
John III

**Central Kansas:**

Hello Everyone:

Central Kansas Area is still alive and kicking. We still consist of eight groups in a six county area. Larned, our newest Group is now holding two meetings a week, 12 noon Friday and 8:00pm Sunday at Larned State Hospital the Chapel Building in the Peach Room.

Our service committee has undergone a new face lift and for the first time in a long time all committee positions have been filled. Larry P. from Hays is the Chair.

H&I commitment to Ellsworth Correctional Facility has been picking up but still need some more volunteers.

Russell Group is hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary blowout and Area Birthday Night on February 27 at the National Guard Armory on Fairground Rd., doors open at 4:00pm. Come down and join the fun!

The CKA has a \$50.00 donation for the Region.

Happy to Serve,  
Jay F.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Campout:**

Hello Family,

We would like to thank everyone for the support of the Regional fund-raiser last night. The funds brought in were \$941.5. Big Smile and a Warm Thanks.

All our campout shirts paid for in full. We still have about 40 shirts left to sell with sales still going well.

We haven't got flyers out yet because we can't get reservations for Lake Wilson at Lucus Park until March 1<sup>st</sup>. We have two ways to contact them, a 800 number and through the web. On March 2, 1999 the committee will meet via the web and phone to confirm reservations and get the flyers going. (This campout committee is really **HI – TECH!**) We will be reserving the campground from June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 5<sup>th</sup>. The actual campout will start on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. We think we will be having a "Concepts" and a "Outreach" workshops.

**THIS WILL BE A NO DOGS CAMPOUT!! THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!**

We have a new co-chair now, Tim K. from Lecompton KS.! Congratulations and Welcome aboard!

We are very grateful for the PACC Group for the up-coming campout fund-raiser on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February in Beloit KS. There will be a dance, auction and raffle. Doors open at 7pm at the club of 86 in Beloit. Thanks PACC Group for your support!

We will happily accept the help of anyone willing to have a fund-raiser on our behalf.

In Loving Service,  
Cindy L.

### **Activities:**

Clay opened with a moment of silence for the still suffering addict and the serenity prayer. Ray read the 12 Traditions; Paul read the 12 Concepts. Roll call and reports.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Clay passed the hat for coffee expenses. He also read the list of duties to be delegated and to obtain and use volunteers willing to be responsible for these duties during this weekend.

We had committee discussion of problems, and possible solutions to the distribution and delegation of duties of the Activities Subcommittee. We discussed the annual schedule of events. Campout committee is going to be responsible for raffle, auction & pop sales this evening. The dance is a fund-raiser for the Regional Campout. The World Unity Day is Labor Day Weekend. We will need a host, place, phone number and contact person by the May RSC for this event.

Open Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary positions

Debby S. was asked to take the Chairperson position and declined. Dave R. was nominated. He indicated willingness to be the Chair, based on the belief that the Chairman's responsibility was to organize and delegate responsibility of duties to members and volunteers. Ultimate responsibility would be to the Regional Service Committee following the guidelines set forth in the minutes of the last meeting. A **Motion** was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to present Lois W. as a Chairperson to the Subcommittee floor. A **Motion** was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed that Carl K. be the Co-Chair. The position of secretary is still

open and persons with willingness or interest in filling that position need to be at the next meeting of the Activities Subcommittee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion**s were made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to have Betty P. speak & Bob Koors DJ for May RSC.

**Motion** was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to accept the Soul to Soul’s theme “Share your Soul, at Soul to Soul Spiritual Retreat”.

**Motion** was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to request advancement of funds in the amount of \$300.00 which will be used as a deposit on T-shirts. Shirts will be ready to sell at the Convention.

Start up money from donations	\$ 79.38
Receipts at Dance	<u>\$308.30</u>
Total income	\$387.68

Paid cash to DJ	<u>\$230.65</u>
Amount turned into treasurer	\$157.03

**CHECKS REQUESTED**

Lois W. – copies and stamps	\$ 10.15	2/3	Receipt attached
Stacy W. – deposit on T-shirts	\$300.00		
Dillons	\$ 4.00		No receipt

**Convention:**

Hi Family!

The convention committee has been very busy the last few months. Due to inclement weather in December, we are running behind on a few things. We will be having an interim meeting on Sunday, February 28, to catch up on any loose ends and finish ordering merchandise.

As for the convention, we will be having 2 bands. Friday night will be Exit Stage Left and Saturday night will be King Midas. Speakers are: Friday night, Dennis O. from Hutchinson; Saturday night is Marty E. from Florida; and Sunday morning, Ralph P. from Chicago.

We are asking for book donations for the newcomer to be handed out at the clean-time countdown. Please take this back to your areas to be taken back to your groups.

This year the committee will be acknowledging the “pre-registration” intent. The T-shirt and mug deal will only be available to those of you “pre-registering” before 3/1/99. After that date we will not accept any T-shirt and mug deals. These will be specialty items that will not be for sale in the merchandise room.

Flyers are going to be handed out today to RCM’s to redistribute to their GSR’s. Please help us get these out!!! This has been our only means of distribution this year. HELP!!!!

We still have not had any requests to sell literature at the convention. So, at this point in time, we will not have literature for sale at the convention. If any area is interested in selling literature please contact me.

The committee voted to nominate Jon Mc. as the chair of MARCNA XVII in the year 2000. We are requesting the 2000 seed money today for start-up. Which brings me to another point, we still haven’t voted in a location for the MARCNA XVII Convention.....

In loving service,

Melissa P.  
MARCNA XVI Chair

**H&I:**

Hi Family and I mean that!

We are doing a project which involves sending the Blue Information Pamphlet behind the walls to all county jails in our Region. The financial impact of this project will be \$85.85. We are asking the Region for envelopes or a stamp with the logo to send these pamphlets out with. We are also asking if our treasurer can donate Regional Meeting Lists to go out with these pamphlets (16 / jail).

Sponsorship by mail. See attached flyer.

Learning days – March 6th, at 311 E. 9th St. in Lawrence Ks. Starts at 9am.

Learning days – March 20th at Carver Center in Salina Ks. Starts at 1pm

Starting fall, learning days may be in Just for Today? More will be revealed.

We nominated Dave R. to be the Chair.

We nominated Doug P for Co-chair. He was elected. Congratulations and good luck you two!

This is my last time as Chair and I would like to thank the fellowship and this Region for the Privilege of serving you as H&I Chair. It's been a great and rewarding time. I'll continue to suit up and show up. I love you all and thank you!

In Service,  
Alan B.

PS

For those who will read this.

If you are not in service in one way or another, please get involved even if just making the coffee. It may help keep you clean not to mention what it can do for your recovery as a whole. There is a lot more to recovery than just meetings!!

In Loving Service,  
Alan B.

**SMOKE BREAK!!!!!!**

10:55

11:05



**Literature Committee:**

Hi Family,

Just a few things to report this month. Four Areas were present at the Lit. sub committee meeting. They were: **Wichita Metro Area, Unity Area, Western Area, and Central Kansas Area.** Chair and Co-chair were not present due to outside obligations. Tim S. was elected as coeditor of the newsletter. There was discussion on doing an inventory of the Regional Literature. Also there was much discussion about starting future projects for Literature Committee. Our committee needs involvement to get these projects off the ground and would welcome any members willing to participate.

In Loving Service,  
Jon Mc.

**Newsletter Report:**

Hello to all the addicts in the Mid-America Region:

Last issue went off rather well. I was able to include an extra page for the holidays and this only resulted in an expenditure of just a little more than I requested. I hope that everyone enjoyed the extra material. Since I've gotten no letters one way or the other, I can only assume that folks enjoyed it. *I did* get a question for Grateful Gus, so that column will continue until I stop receiving questions to fill it with.



My commitment regarding this position will be fulfilled with the next region. I will have been publishing the M&N for 2 full years at that time. If anyone were interested in getting involved with the editorship, I would appreciate some contact. I have everything necessary to publish, print, and distribute the newsletter on Microsoft Word. I would even be willing to include a step by step instruction disc to help someone who would like to assume this position to acclimate to it smoothly. That is in addition to an offer of co-editorship to the afflicted-that is blessed, party.

I have rather enjoyed this position and have tried very hard to make something for the service body that offers a legacy of NA history for this part of the planet. I have no interest in interrupting this. However, in order to adhere to everything that I have learned in the little over 3 years that God has blessed me with being clean, I need to remain honest and grab at least some semblance of humility. The truth of the matter is, I am way to blessed in my life between my children, working overtime, and maintaining 12 hours of college, to continue with this endeavor.

My sponsor supports my belief that service is should be based on rotation. I will spend the next quarter considering re-election, but, I would much rather be a co-editor, available for consultation and assistance.

As usual, please send all correspondence, letters, questions, cartoons, or hell even a hello to 150 N. Vine, Wichita, Kansas 67203-5839. This has, without a doubt, been God's journey. k

Truly in loving service,

Samuel W. Lindsey  
**MAN Editor**

**Newsletter Financial Report:**

I didn't go too far overboard with the extra page. Here are the numbers:

Printing:	\$86.04
Metered Mailing	\$14.02
Extra Copies	\$ 4.50
<u>50 Stamps:</u>	<u>\$16.25</u>
Total:	\$120.81

I received \$110.00. I will be asking for the difference in my request for doing the next issue.

Samuel W. Lindsey  
**MAN Editor**

**Outreach:**

Hi Folks,

Western Area and Miracle Area have an ongoing Addicts on Asphalt effort.

The Miracle Area is hosting a Outreach, H&I and PI workshop on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 311 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St. in Lawrence Ks.

Unity Area is hosting a workshop on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

We are discussing subcommittee guidelines.

Peace, Love and NA,  
Denny C. Outreach Co-chair

**PI:**

Good Morning Family!!

To start with, we have to distribute Regional Meeting lists and need volunteers to count and hand them out to Area RCM's. Congratulations Areas!! We had 6 Areas show up for the committee meeting.

We are having a PI workshop at the Learning Days in Lawrence in conjunction with H&I and Outreach March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please come and help give your Experience, Strength and Hope. Jerry, Kirk, Nate, Roz, and Norman will be putting on our workshop.

**Motion** that John S. do 5,560 meeting lists for \$140.00 at \$.03 a copy. 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed which will save the Region \$206.90.

I'm very happy to say that Unity and Western Areas now have PSA's up and running. I'm requesting that at next distribution of Regional Meeting Lists each Area please bring a count of what they need and that will be what they get. If you need more before next distribution, you can call me for them. I would like to submit a sample web page policy to the Steering Committee for development of a MARSCNA online policy.

In Loving Care,  
Shelly W.  
Me.

**PO Box:**

Hi folks!

The box is there, I go twice a week to it. The yearly box fee is due which is \$44.00. I have put a request for these budgeted funds.

In Loving Service,  
John S.

**Steering Committee**

Good Morning family,

Our first discussion was a continuation of Insurance. It was reported that our research is still on going and we possibly could have more information by May R.S.C. If anyone has any leads or information please forward them to the committee. Our current policy expires 8/17/99.

We believe the logo is finished and ready for use on meeting lists and guidelines, but it was decided to check into registering or issuing a trademark before using on letterheads. We do have copies of the letterhead for reference. This lightened, black version will be the official letterhead unless there is any objection by the RCM's. I have a bill for \$13.27 for manipulation of logo payable to Barker Printing Company. **Note: The regional logo is intended for all correspondence from Regional Sub-Committees and Officers. Please be cautious with who and why it is used.**

We have 20 copies of the guidelines available to sub-committee chairs and co-chairs. These copies were produced with a darker version of the logo and all future copies will have the much lighter, and easier to read, logo. These copies were produced as a donation, the remaining 80 copies will be produced after a cost can be established and hopefully be available at the next R.S.C.

Discussion turned to open access to funds from Regional Treasurer. It was brought to our attention that a Steering Member accessed funds without authorization from committee. Receipts were brought back and remaining funds were handed in but this is not a practice this committee cares to practice. I hope this incident doesn't happen again, on both parties.

During our late night meeting, we listened to Jim and Don's report from Oklahoma's 1<sup>st</sup> Service Assembly that we had voted to send to during our interim meeting. After I finish this I am going to ask Don to give an oral report.

Keep in mind that two positions will be vacant after the May R.S.C. Our next meeting will be March 21<sup>st</sup> at Don M.'s apartment in Topeka. The time is 1:00 P.M. Please refer to the minutes for his address.

Gratefully Serving,

Tim Stewart

**John S.** – do we need to vote on the changes made in the logo? We had voted one logo in and this is different.

**Tim S.** – we voted on a logo that needed to be modified and Sam and Jerry had permission to modify it to make it into something that would work for the Region. This did include color changes. (paraphrased)

**RD:**

Hello NA Family,

Well, its that time of year again. The CAR is out and ready for our input. Fortunately the CAR only has a very manageable 12 **Motions** in it this year. If you recall there were 51 **Motions** in last years CAR and 34 **Motions** the year before that. Attached is a copy of the abbreviated list and long form of **Motions** and a tally sheet for your areas conscience on each **Motion**. Betty P and I are looking forward to work shopping the CAR and carrying our regional conscience to the WSC. Please contact Betty or myself to arrange times and places to discuss the CAR in full. As you will see by reading the attached info, most of the **Motions** are reasonably simple and should be easily resolved. I believe we have scheduled a workshop on Service in NA and the CAR for March 27 in Emporia. There is still some debate over whether or not the CAR is to be part of this workshop.

Also attached are some of the discussion papers for this years WSC discussion topics. Your input on these topics is deeply appreciated.

Again, thank you Mid-America Region for helping us to attend the Zonal in Lincoln, Nebraska last week. There was a very good turn out for the workshop and the activities that followed. Ten addicts from our region made the trip to Lincoln. It appeared the consensus of Zonal participants felt that communication between world services and regions is improving and that Zonals play a major role in that improved communication. Other suggestions for improving communication within our fellowship were to conduct Service Work and Sponsorship workshops, utilize written forms of communication such as the NA Way magazine and the MAN, conduct GSR/Regional assemblies, etc.

Insurance was another topic of discussion and it appears our region is not alone in its concerns about liability coverage for our regional functions. The OK Region's policy is based on a cost per person for each regional event. That is their region estimates the number of people who will attend each event and the cost of insurance for that event is 50 cents per person. The World Board members who were present informed us that WSO has some information on an insurance company that several regions and the WSO are using to cover events. We will get that information tomorrow from WSO.

Although it has improved some what, fund flow continues to be a problem for our fellowship as a whole. The fellowship has responded quite well in getting more funds, directly to world services to cover the increasing financial costs of services. However, groups, areas, and regions are often under funded. It was suggested that we need to determine what it cost to finance our groups, areas, and regions per month and inform our members of those costs. It is believed the members of our fellowship tend to respond better when we know where our money is going. One problem that continues to cost our fellowship money is the loss of funds from putting people in positions as trusted servants who are not yet ready to fulfill those positions. Unfortunately, sometimes some of our money walks out the door with these folks when they go back out. Another problem is moneys that are lost to literature that is never paid for.

One of the major problems which impedes find flow is the rat-holing of money by some groups or areas. This often occurs when a few influential members of a group cop a resentment toward their area or region and decide to keep their group money in an account rather than passing it on to help fulfill NA's primary purpose. Other members of those groups are often not aware that the dollar they are putting in the basket is not being passed on or they allow themselves to be , manipulated by their more influential members into believing its OK to hoard large amounts of funds. In any event, hoarding of funds is rarely spiritual in nature and is often born out of resentment or lack of good information. Keeping our trusted servants accountable for how our funds arc used and focusing on our primary purpose can help resolve the problem of hoarding funds and crippling our fellowships ability to reach the still suffering addict in and outside the rooms of Narcotics Anonymous. All we have to do is ask at our business meetings for an accounting of our funds and why or why not they are being spent the way they are. Enough soap box stuff for now.

Again, Betty and I are looking forward to serving our region to the fullest at the WSC so please contact either of us as soon as possible to arrange workshops for the CAR. Hint, hint, CAR workshops are more fun when they are scheduled with another event like a dance or free food or something like that.

In Loving Service,  
Carl K. RD

**NOTE:** Attached to the end of these minutes are a lot of files including the paperwork that Carl brought back with him. I didn't feel like transcribing it all to insert it here, but please read it. (the paperwork that is)

**NOTE 2:** Carl is getting married May 22. Congratulations Carl, even if that is Old Business.

# Plains States Zonal Forum

Don M. – Report on

February 13th and 14th, 1999  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
“Think Globally - Act Locally”

## Service Assembly in Oklahoma

They had 55 pre-registered and there were at least that many when he left at 5pm.

The estimated cost of the assembly is \$750.00 and it is believed that \$300-400 will be recouped. We have budgeted \$350.00 for our assembly, thus we should be in the ballpark.

Many people with less than a year clean – most were officers.

The assembly was held in a church camp with lodging available. The meals on Saturday night were \$3.00 each – asked for \$5.00 donation for lodging.

Recommended to the Steering Committee that we proceed with this – the first task will be to find a location similar to what we do for Soul to Soul.

They did not have a dance – the last committee meeting was at 9:30 in the evening.

The four themes of the assembly were:

- 1) Strength in numbers
- 2) Communication – 8<sup>th</sup> concept
- 3) Learning from each other
- 4) We are doing things right in service work

At noon they had a Robert's rules workshop – Don learned a lot of things while attending (we're in trouble now!)

## RD2:

Report on Zonal Forum 2/13/99

We've been meeting and exchanging ideas for 4 years now.

In attendance were: **South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Iowa, North Carolina & Illinois**

We discussed the CAR – 2 representatives from the board.

Carl and I are willing to do C.A.R. workshops if needed before April 14.

Concerning Regional insurance, we can contact the WSO for information – they have researched it.

## Fund Flow:

Funds are up at world, but please keep it coming. Please explain how much it costs to run Groups, Areas, and Regional to your Groups - \$1.00 in the basket isn't enough anymore to cover expenses. If every registered Group gave just \$20.00 per year, WSC would be O.K. – there are 90,000 registered Groups in the world.

There were 35 participants at the Zonal on both day's.

Still learning,  
In Loving Service to NA HP,  
Betty P.  
RDII

## The minuets from the Plains States Zonal Forum as delivered by Tim S.

\* Saturday:

Gilbert W. (NE.) facilitated along with Cary S. (World Board) and Craig R. (World Board). Along with the Conference Agenda Report, the topics: Fellowship communication; Insurance; and Fund Flow were discussed. 35 members, spanning from six regions (Best-Little: OK; Mid-America; Nebraska; Iowa; South Dakota) attended and participated in discussion. The final topic on our list, G.S.R. Assemblies, was postponed until Sunday due to time restraints.

*Personal Note: My compliments go out to the local fellowship. We*

were served a fabulous lunch and ended the day with two great speakers (Cary S. - Illinois and Craig R. - N. Carolina). If that's not enough, the "We Love NA" dance kicked a\*\*.

\* Sunday:

Gilbert W. (NE.) opened the meeting at 9:25 A.M.  
The Traditions were read by Tony K. (Mid-America)  
The Concepts were read by Patrick D. (Iowa)

The Purpose Statement was read by Tim S. (Mid-America)

Once again, there were 35 members present spanning six regions.

Gil opened up the floor for discussion on G.S.R. Assemblies. Best Little reported that theirs are very productive despite having small attendance. OK reported their first assembly is scheduled for Feb. 20th and 21<sup>st</sup> Mid-America reported they are in the early planning stages and are sending members to OK to observe. South Dakota reported they are still struggling with basic services. It was later decided to keep this topic for the next meeting.

Tim S. (Sec./Treas.) read the minutes from the last meeting followed by the treasurer's report:

\$100.00	Nebraska region (opened account)
<u>\$15.75</u>	checks
\$84.25	
+\$100.00	Iowa region
<u>+\$100.00</u>	OK region
\$284.25	total

\* Tim S. (Mid-America) announced that Zonal forum meetings at W.S.C. are scheduled for Wed., April 28th and Zonal reports are to be given Fri. April 30th. Discussion then turned to who would be giving the report; it was quickly tabled until W.S.C. Tim S. said he would send the letter asking for meeting space at W.S.C. The deadline for doing so is March 15th

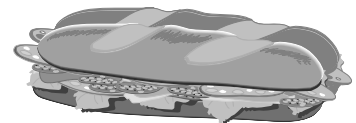
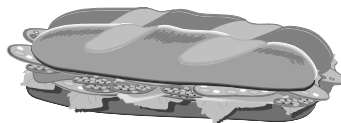
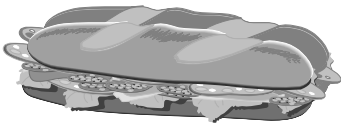
\* Charlotte S. (Iowa) presented the feasibility of centrally locating our meetings outside the W.S.C. Jenny T. (Nebraska) raised questions of financial aspects and burden on Mid-America as constant host, since Mid-America was chosen as a central location. Best Little made it known that their region hasn't committed to this Zonal and if they chose to go to Southern, Mid-America (Kansas) would no longer be central. **Take back to your** region the concept of centralizing and report back Wed. April 28th at the World Service Conference.

\* Topics for the upcoming Zonal are as follows

1. Funding and Accountability
2. G.S.R. Assemblies
3. Results from Motion #1 in 1999 C.A.R.

Secretary Note: I hope these minutes serve their intended purpose, if I left anything out please let me

Gratefully Serving,  
Tim Stewart  
**LUNCH!!!**



## OLD BUSINESS

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**Doris B.** – Tim C. talked to Doris and got shirts from her (those that she contracted to sell and didn't. This goes back to the Clean Dream convention). She now lives in Colorado and is willing to pay what she owes. Included in this recovered stock are:

**5 long sleeve shirts (3XL, 2L)**

**2 sweatshirts (1L, 1LLL)**

Debbie S. – the court records indicate that she owed us \$167 + \$91.5 + 12% APR = \$206  
There was question as to the value of the shirts that she returned. “When a shirt is contracted for sale for a convention, you contract for the re-sale value of the shirt”.  
Billy C. – the shirts sold for:

**Sweatshirts \$20**  
**Long sleeve “T’s” \$15**

**Total Value \$115**

**She owes: \$91**

**\*Motion - John III moves that the RSC chair make a receipt for goods received and make a copy that Tim C. can pass along to Doris and that somebody that the chair designates can pass along to the Saline County courts. 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed**

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**More Bad Checks.**

**Teresa (SP) B. (Topeka)** – Clay cannot locate her – Bank accounts are closed – The bank took a loss on the account – Doesn’t know this person and no one he knows, knows her.

**Bob B. (Topeka)** – Claims that he will take care of the \$155 that he owes on February 24<sup>th</sup>. (many chuckles at this!)

**\*Motion – Jerry D. moves that we handle Bob B. as we have with other bad check people – i.e. take him to small claims court on February 25<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed**

Clay W. – I can continue to look for Teresa B. or take her to court – what should I do?

Don M. – I think we need to swallow that one. There is a \$20 filing fee. Give it to the treasurer for the archives.

Deb. S. – I haven’t heard a word on the other small claims – nothing through the mail (Miria A.)

Clay W. – This is in Saline county court item – anyone willing to handle this?

Tim S. – Case # please and I will contact the court

Don M. – make a copy and we will keep the original.

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**Insurance-**

Don M. – talked to Oklahoma and although it seems that their insurance is cheaper at first glance, it really isn’t. They do riders on each individual at \$.50/person and when comparing coverage for coverage, we are paying the same amount of money. They only insure their six Regional sub committees and they do a rider for their campout. They do not insure their convention or anything else. We are not far out of the park price – wise.

Deb. S. – they only have liability, property and medical.

Someone(?) – if we can find a better insurance deal, can we bring it to the Steering committee?

Don M. – absolutely.

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**Logo –**

Carl K. – we are contacting world to find out whether having the NA symbol in our logo gives it copyright protection.

**Note: I (KB) have been contact with Carl since the Regional meeting and he tells me that World says that as long as the NA symbol and the ® symbol are legible, the logo is covered under their copyright licensee. Congratulations, we have a protected Logo! Thanks Samuel for the idea.**

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**\*Motion – To rotate future M.A.R.C.N.A.’s between Hutchinson and Great Bend Kansas. Passes 5 –2**

**Note: this sets policy**

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**Next years convention:**

Tim S. – we failed to vote on next years convention at the last RSC. It was in my report (from the Steering committee) but we (I) failed to get it to the floor. I am not even sure when it is, but I guarantee it *isn't* on Easter weekend. The contract is in the hands of Jim M. who isn't here. Do you want to accept the Steering committees recommendation?

**Note: I have gotten mail from Tim S. since the RSC and we do have a date now. The convention will be held on April 14-16, 2000. (Provided the Y2K problem doesn't eliminate the year 2,000 and just transport us to the year 2001 or some such nonsense!)**

**\*Motion – John III: We accept the Steering committees recommendation. Second and passed.**

Note: there was much discussion and confusion as to what the motion really was. We determined that the motion meant we would accept the contract that the Steering committee worked out. This will empower the Convention committee to go ahead with work on the 2000 convention The decision to have the convention in Great Bend had been made with the passage of the previous motion. We had a smoke break before voting on the motion.



Tim S. – will get a copy of the contract from the hotel and get it to the Convention committee.

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**Budget:**

**\*Motion – John III: We accept the budget as written. Second and passed. MUCH REJOICING AND CELEBRATION!!!**

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## NEW BUSINESS

**Elections:**

**\*Activities nominated Lois W. for chair. Second and passed. Congratulations!**

**\*Convention nominated Jon M. for chair. Second and failed. (no chair at this time)**

**Smoke Break!**



**\*H&I nominated Dave R. for chair. Seconded and passed. Congratulations!**

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**\*Motion – Carl K. (as RD): Our Region donate \$100.00 seed money to the Plains States Zonal. Second and passed.**

Note: Tim S. reported that the Zonal has made a provision for any funds it may have should it fold. Those funds and any merchandise would be turned over to World.

John III – the Zonal Forum is trying to become self-supporting – this is just *seed* money.



**\*Motion – Tim S.: The RSC secretary maintain a log of motions that the M.A.R.S.C.N.A. passes regarding the administrative function of its committees and officers. This listed should be chronologically and distributed quarterly with the M.A.R.S.C.N.A. minutes. A yearly updated log should be inserted into the Guidelines of the M.A.R.S.C.N.A.**

Intent: To provide current and consistently updated guidelines for the effective operation of the M.A.R.S.C.N.A..

Financial impact: Minimal – would require one additional page of M.A.R.S.C.N.A. minutes. Yearly, it would require the printing of 100 copies of updated motions to be inserted into current policy.

**Second and passed.**

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**\*Motion – From Western Area: To restructure the Steering committee to include a representative from each Area.**

Intent: To better represent the Region as a whole.

Financial impact: NONE

There was much discussion concerning the ramifications of such a move, the logistics of implementation and the purpose of the Steering committee. It was pointed out that anyone with the requirements (three years convention committee experience and five years clean) was eligible to be on the committee and that the Steering committee actively sought out people from *all* Areas to fill vacancies. They have tried to dismiss the requirements in the past and have been burned. There are two vacancies coming up and all are welcome to apply for the position. It was further pointed out that the Steering committee ~~has~~ no vote. Only the RCM's vote.

**Seconded and failed.**

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**\*Motion – Belinda C.: We send \$1,951.05 to the WSO.**

This motion sparked a lot of discussion concerning our financial state.

Someone (?) – how much did we send this last year?

Jon J – I would like to wait until May to send this money – wait until the fiscal year is over. I explained to my Area that the Region is in financial difficulty and they contributed to the Region generously – they will be wondering how we can be sending money to World now.

Melissa – we have received donations since last RSC. We will get funds again in May from the Convention and shortly after that we will be in the red again.

Cleve W. – is this the amount over our prudent reserve?

Melissa – this is over what is budgeted.

Jay G. – we need to make a system that doesn't have us in a surplus or major crisis all the time.



Lois W. – retired accountant – (summary) our accounting system sucks and we can't create a reliable budget the way we are doing things.

There was continued discussion along these lines. Jon J. – his Area will say that we are crazy.

**Seconded and passed 4/3**

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**\*Motion – Tim C.: We form a ad-hock committee to research the accounting process of this Region. This committee is to include Darrin Y. if he is willing. Second and passed. 5-1-1**

Clay W. – will delegate – figure out who he wants on the committee and get that going.

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**\*Motion – Carl K.: Should the Zonal Forum be centralized and located in McPherson 2 times a year?**

John III – what will the financial impact be?

Carl K. – “maybe not much”

**Seconded and passed.**

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**\*MOTION to close – Seconded and Passed. 5:35pm**



**To be taken back to Groups:**

The Convention Committee needs Books for the Newcomer giveaway.

DATE 2/8/99

	9AM	10AM	11AM	12PM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM
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**AREA RCM'S**

CENTRAL	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H
F.F.F.	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H
J.F.T.	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H
MIRACLE	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H
UNITY	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H
WESTERN	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H
WICHITA METRO	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H

**SUB COMMITTEE**

ACTIVITIES									
CAMPOUT	H	H	H						
CONVENTION	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	
H&I	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H
LITERATURE	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H
M.A.N.	H	H	H		H				
OUTREACH									
PI	H	H	H						
PO BOX	H	H	H		H				
STEERING		H	H		H	H	H	H	H

**TRUSTED SERVANTS**

SECRETARY	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H
TREASURER	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H
RD	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H
RD2	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H
CHAIR	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H
CO CHAIR		H	H		H	H	H	H	H

X = YES O = NO A = ABSTAIN

DATE 2/8/99							
MOTION	CENTRAL	FFF	JFT	UNITY	WESTERN	WICHITA METRO	MIRACLE
Accept minutes from Nov RSC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Accept Treasurers Report	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RE: Doris small claims court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RE: Bob B. File w / small claims after 2/24	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rotate M.A.R.C.N.A.	X	X	X	O	X	A	O
Accept bid from Great Bend	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Accept budget for next fiscal year	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Donate \$100 to Zonal Forum for seed \$	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sec. To create and maintain record of motions	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Western Area motion RE: Steering Committee	O	O	O	O	A	O	O
Donate \$1951.05 to WSO	O	X	X	O	X	X	O
Form a ad-hoc committee RE: accounting	A	O	X	X	X	X	X
Host the Zonal Forum in McPherson 2 times/yr	X	X	O	X	X	X	O
Close	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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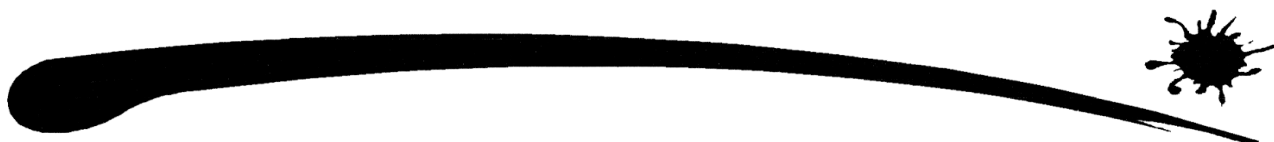
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MID AMERICA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
4-H BLDG McPHERSON, KS



**SATURDAY MAY 15, 1999**

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	(UP) (DOWN)	CAMPOUT CONVENTION
11:00 AM – 1:00 AM	(UP) (DOWN)	PI ACTIVITIES
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM		LUNCH
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	(UP) (DOWN)	OUTREACH STEERING
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	(UP) (DOWN)	LITERATURE H & I
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM		SPEAKER MEETING
8:00 PM – 12:00 PM		DJ DANCE – AUCTION – RAFFLE FUNDRAISER FOR SOUL TO SOUL \$3 Per Person – No Addict Turned Away

**SUNDAY MAY 16, 1999**

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	RSC CHAIR/CO-CHAIR, SECRETARY & TREASURER RCM'S, ALT RCM'S SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CO-CHAIRS MOTIONS & REQUESTS
9:00 AM UNTIL DONE	REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETS CHAIR/CO-CHAIRS MOTIONS & REQUESTS

Basic Text page 94 “In the past, we believed desperation would give us the strength to survive. Now we accept responsibility for our problems and see that we’re equally responsible for our solutions.”

ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY BEGINS WITH ME ☺