



**Mid America Regional Service Committee Narcotics Anonymous**

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**Business Meeting Minutes**

**August 15, 2010**

The business meeting of the Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous was opened with a moment of silence by the Chair at 8:21 am. The 12 Traditions were read by Suzanne and the 12 Concepts were read by Sally C.

**Housekeeping:** The Chair called for all requests for funds, donations and motions.

**Roll Call:** We took our first roll call at 8:23 am and the following chairs and trusted servants were present at the start of business on Sunday August 15, 2010. **Area R.C.M.'s:** Central KS Area, Just For Today, Miracle Area, Primary Purpose, Unity Area, Western Area, Wichita Metro. Fellowship for Freedom arrived late. **Subcommittee Chairs:** Activities, Archivist, Campout, Convention, Hospitals & Institutions, Literature, Outreach, P.O. Box, Public Information, Steering, Soul to Soul and Inventory Ad Hoc Chair. **Trusted Servants Present:** Chair, Co-Chair, Reg. Delegate, Co-Treasurer and Secretary. Alt. Reg. Delegate was not present. There is no Treasurer at this time.

**A. Approval of Minutes:**

The Chair asked if everyone received a copy of the minutes and asked if they needed to be read on the floor. There were no requests. He asked if everyone had any items that needed to be changed or added, there was none. There was then a motion made by Nate and seconded by Daniel to approve the May 2010 minutes. There was a roll call vote to accept the minutes. The vote passed.

**B. Area Reports:**

**Central Kansas Area:**

Hello Region,

CKA is doing well but is always looking for more area involvement. We have been improving outreach efforts to reach out more isolated meetings. Our H&I efforts are doing well at the Barton County Jail and Larned Juvenile Correctional facility. H&I is also in the planning phase of an H&I training session for new volunteers. Larned group will be hosting the Rib Feed on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Schnack Park in Larned. Doors open at 3 pm. All out meeting information has been updated on the website, also there is no longer a meeting in Ellis. CKA voted yes on the regional motion. We have a \$400.00 donation for the region.

In service,

Jake D.

**Fellowship For Freedom Area:**

Hello! My name is Lisa H and I am the Alternate RCM for FFFA. FFFA is doing well. Jerry C. has filled his term for our Area Chair and Scott K. with MOA has stepped up. Jerry C. is the new Steering Chair and steering continues to work on our policy. We are gradually making progress in getting new policy approved by our GSR's. H&I is still very strong continually taking meetings into jails and 2 treatment facilities in our Area. Activities just put on a successful fishing frenzy last month. We are now preparing for our Area campout which will be August 27-29 at Clinton Lake Bloomington West Group Camp. I look forward to my service here at region. Thank you.

In loving service,

Lisa H.

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

Hello family –

Well I feel right at home with no A/C. our area is also without. The Freebirds of Independence KS is celebrating its groups birthday on September 11 at noon in shelter house in the park. Also the area is planning a flier drive/Halloween party on October 23. Ghoul-ash will be served. On September 25<sup>th</sup> the Pittsburg group is having a Luau party. There is a contest for best Hawaiian dress. And finally Fort Scott and Council Grove have joined the JFT Area. Well that is all.

In loving service,

Rich A.

### ***Miracle Area:***

Hello from the Miracle Area. Our Area is doing well with new and old service workers in place. The Miracle Area has added it's 30<sup>th</sup> meeting per week and nine groups and five cities now that the new meeting "Brothers and Sisters" NA (A Men's and Women's simultaneous but separate meeting has started on Monday nights, 7:30pm 946 Vermont, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Lawrence.

- H&I has a new chair. Amy S. is gathering up new service workers to carry the Douglas County Jail meetings for men and women on Tuesday evenings. She has ambitions to expand our efforts to the minimum security pod and is creating an atmosphere of excitement about H&I possibilities in our Area. Leavenworth R.I.P. continues to carry the VA Domiciliary meeting.
- Outreach continues shepherd the "First Step House Treatment Center" meeting with 2 volunteers and Jeff L. at the helm.
- Activities - Dan S. is looking forward to our Miracle Area Campout, Sept 10, 11, 12<sup>th</sup> and we decided to postpone any dances until after that event. We will lend our support to the Fellowship For Freedom, "Clean and Serene Under The Stars" Campout Aug 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> at Clinton Lake, Bloomington West Campground. Our next Area Dance will be held on Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, more to be revealed....
- PI - Andy H. is working on the newest version of our Meeting List with expectations that he have them available by our next ASC.
- Literature – Jack S. continues to manage and grow our literature stockpile. He has expressed interest in having a "Living Clean" workshop on chapters 6, 7 and the Preface, sometime after the Oct 1<sup>st</sup> start date, possibly at the Miracle Area Halloween Dance.
- Secretary – Kayla F. continues to do outstanding work putting the ASC minutes together and keeping us organized. Jodi J. has stepped in this month to help and the Service Body greatly appreciates her help.
- Treasurer – Nate F. is keeping the books in a transparent manner by causing the Area Service Body to "do the math" at every ASC. We are back in the BLACK and above our Prudent Reserve for several months now.
- Chair – Nicholas M. continues to feel his way into the position and will have much help with the addition of John S. as Co-chair. Nicholas has taken on the responsibility of setting up the approaching AREA INVENTORY.
- The Miracle Area is donating \$200 to the RSC this quarter.

So we are all busy as bees in a hive, with our eye on the "still suffering addict".

In Service,

Nate F. – ALT RCM

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

Greetings Regional Family,

The Primary Purpose Area has several trusted servants positions open. We are doing well with the people that we have.

The 1-12 Group which is located at 706 S. Lorraine, Hutchinson, Ks. has added a Tuesday night 7 P.M. meeting in addition to their regular Friday 7 P.M. meeting. This is on a trial basis but I have attended a couple of them and they are good meetings.

Newton H.O.W. is alive and well. They continue to keep their doors open as well as doing some H & I work.

Lyon's Night Flyers last reported that their attendance was good at their meetings and that they were getting some newcomers. They are hosting their annual fish fry Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at 810 S. Bell, Lyons Ks. Eat at 5, Speaker at 7, Dance to follow. Bring your favorite side dish.

McPherson Flying Free is also doing the best they can with the support that they have in the service positions. They have their new Sunday 7:30 P.M. meeting.

The Gift of life group at 310 N. Stevens, Hutchinson, Ks. has a new web page. The web addresses that will direct you to the site are <http://golna.us> and <http://giftoflifehutch.com>. There are links to MARSCNA, World, Wichita Metro, and Literature in PDF as well as a link for finding a meeting, just to mention a few. It is new so there will be some glitches, but the opportunity for Public Information and information for their group members is very exciting!

They are also hosting their Back to Basics Campout Sept. 3, 4, 5, and 6 at Shelter 4 at Lake Afton. There will be activities for adults and children and a meal will be provided Sat. night. Again, bring your favorite side dish.

The Gift of life's New Years Eve Dance will be a campout fundraiser to help offset the lack of funds being raised by the region for this purpose.

Our area is planning a function to take place next year. We have some very exciting ideas! I can't wait to see it come to fruition!

Our Area Policy was revised.

We voted yes to the Regional motion 0516-005.

We are donating \$150 to the Region.

In grateful service,

Alan C. R.C.M.

### ***Unity Area Report:***

Hello family,

Greetings from the Unity Area. Really I don't have all that much to report about. We are like several other Areas form the sound of things and that is that we are struggling filling positions. We came to the conclusion to focus on the positive and not dwell on the negative, so do what we can to the best of our ability. I am sad to say that the Surrender Group has closed its doors. With their closing we currently have one group that is consistently involved in Area and another that is just getting their feet wet in Area service and seem to be willing to learn, which is great to see. We have reached out to other groups in the area and hope for their future involvement. It was suggested that we do an Area Inventory and we are preparing to get that ball rolling. We have planned a potluck picnic for Saturday, September 4, 2010 beginning at noon and you can also camp and are planning our Annual Halloween Dance for Saturday, October 30, 2010 there are fliers available for both. Our Area voted yes on the Regional Motion.

In Loving Service,

Aaron B.

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

Hello Regional Family,

Wichita Metro is alive and well, we now have 12 groups on our meeting schedule and those groups hold 69 meetings per week and that doesn't count the campfire meetings in Augusta every other Friday night, please check the websites for nights and times to check it out. We do have updated meeting schedules available finally and our groups have gotten involved in a lot of community PI work. The most recent event was National Night Out on August 3. We had 15 members all around town working at various community events in the 105 degree weather. This has generated a lot of excitement for service work in newer members and we even had a couple of young people working this venture. We have a new lead for another PI presentation at the SRS office and we are excited to be out in the community and carrying the message. Our phone lines and website are covered and H&I has a new chair, thank you to Jodi for stepping up she is a wonderful addition to the service structure. We have elections in the area next month and hopefully we generate some new faces to step up and get involved. Our area had a wonderful campout and thank you to all who participated from all around the region it was a great event. There are a couple of events coming up; Misery is Optional of El Dorado is coming up on their one year birthday they are celebrating that on September 11, 2010. Unity group has a save the date flier for their annual street dance on September 18, 2010 and Misery is Optional is hosting a Halloween dance on October 30, 2010 fliers are available. Wichita Metro voted on the regional motion that went back to groups last month, *Motion 0516-005 ... BACK TO GROUPS Motion: Extend RD and RDA*

elections 1 year. Both elected positions will be available May 2013 and will continue two year terms after that. Intent: To offset elections of RD and RDA to non-conference years we vote to pass this motion and finally Wichita Metro area has a regional donation to \$410.00 and a NAWs donation of \$100.00.

In loving service,  
Suzie E.- W.M.A.N.A. RCM

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

Hello Family,

We're still plugging along out in the Western Area. Our area campout was last weekend with a fair turnout. We are considering once again to have a spiritual retreat sometime in the fall. More will be revealed.

Some of our trusted servants have been busy with harvest and have had difficulty getting to some of our monthly meetings. But my hope is that as soon as summer is over we'll have everyone present and available to increase our efforts to reach the still suffering addict.

We actually had a few subcommittee members here yesterday to attend the meetings.

That's all for now. In loving service,  
Marvetta B.

## **C. Subcommittee Reports**

### ***Activities:***

Dear Regional Family,

There were 5 Areas represented in our subcommittee. Scott K. was recommended as chair for another term. Again, there was no willingness for the Co-Chair position, so this needs to go back to the Groups, although, there was some willingness to "think about" the position for the August R.S.C. Soul To Soul was not present during our meeting, but she sent a short report and flyer for us to review.

We talked about the Service Assembly, and came up with a theme; "Service Is Not A Dirty Word", a timeline, volunteers, and workshops, were also worked out. The Assembly will be tentively scheduled for October 16, 2010, a one day event, in Goodland, Kansas, at The Elks Lodge, starting at 10 am central time, with workshops, food, speaker, and dance in that order. A Save The Day flyer should be in the works this weekend, and a final flyer will be out before the next R.S.C. We spared no effort to try to make it more attractive..

We have reserved the Community Building for next quarter's R.S.C., and are trying to schedule the Friendship Center in Salina for the next three R.S.C.s. The consensus was to make a motion for the R.C.M.s to give Activities a vote of confidence to secure The Friendship Center in Salina for November, 2010, February, 2011, and May, 2011 R.S.C.s by early next week. This is due to the proximity of that venue not within the city limits of McPherson, Kansas, and to try to maintain some consistency.

Due to a conflict, we switched DJs last night, so we will swap the rotation sequence, so Tom M. DJ'd last night. We discussed having sandwiches and chips for August and side dishes would be appreciated.

Here's a summary of events around the region:

Central – CKA Campout, May 28-30, 2010, Wilson Lake, Lucas Group Camp

Day in the Park, July 17, 2010, Veterans Park, Great Bend

FFF – Annual Luau, June 12, 2010 at Gage Park Ampitheater, Topeka, Kansas 11am to 11pm, family fun, fellowship, food, speakers, and dance, \$5/adults.

Miracle – Dance, May 22, 2010, at the 4-H Fairgrounds, Lawrence, Kansas, Speaker 8pm, Dance to follow, raffle and auction items appreciated. Day in the Park, June 19, 2010, with "tag team" speakers, location and times TBA. Every last Friday, "Bowling Night" at 9:30, Royal Crest Lanes, Lawrence, Kansas

PPP – Newton HOW Campout, May 28-30, 2010, Harvey County Lake, West

Gift of Life Campout, June 11-13, 2010, Lake Afton, Shelter #5, \$7 tent, \$11 electric.

Unity – Elected new Activities chair and co-chair, getting ready for Halloween Dance the last Saturday in October, 2010, at the Friendship Center, Salina, Kansas.

Western – The Whole Enchilada was a success. Area Campout the first weekend in August at Cedar Bluffs, more will be revealed. Colby New Hope Campout, June 4-6, 2010, Lake Sheridan.

Wichita Metro – Area First Tradition Campout, July 16-18, 2010, Lake Afton Shelter #5, \$7 tent, \$11 electric.

Unity Group Spring Fling, May 22, 2010, 918 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Wichita, Kansas, starts at 2pm, craft sale, bake sale, White Elephant raffle, speaker at 7pm, DJ dance to follow, \$3/person, \$5/couple, Food and Drinks for sale.

The Public Information Fundraiser wasn't supported as much as in the past. They raised \$114 from the auction. We decided not to have a raffle, due to low attendance, and lack of items donated. The door took in \$41, with \$65.54 left from start-up funds. I am requesting \$200 startup funds and food for next R.S.C., \$150 for DJ for August, \$140 for the Community Building rent, and \$100 for the Elks Lodge/Service Assembly to reserve that for October 16, 2010.

Grateful to serve,  
Scott K. Activities Chair

***Archivist:***

Hello family,

This past quarter I have been finishing up projects with "borrowed" minutes and tapes. The tapes are the most time consuming, but have been well worth the investment. With area minutes from the early '90s I have been searching for information pertaining to the region, we had a year or two with no (or fill in) Secretaries and often ASR (RCM now) reports fill in what happened. Also, Since I had many of Central Kansas Area's minutes this summer I was able to get RSC officers and Subcommittee Chair listings. They were good about adding that information to their minutes.

I was asked to do a workshop at the regional campout with the topic of my choice, of course I picked Mid-America history. Oddly enough, I found out new information after that workshop where our 1<sup>st</sup> campout in 1979 also held the planning meeting for forming the region, the 1<sup>st</sup> official business meeting was held November of that year. Since there were no committees of any kind that had formed yet groups or eventually areas hosted these events. Newton hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> two campouts. That also included regional business meetings for several years. As a result of my constant education, the timeline I put together will need updating and enhanced. We have it posted on the web site so the more accurate the information the better.

I found out convention committee had retired a laminator so I informally requested to get it out of storage and put it to use. It might be slower but will work fine for my projects. I'll pick up laminating sheets in the near future. I also plan on printing all early copies of the MAN for another display notebook like the one on the table. For other stuff, I am still looking for display boxes with glass tops, items like early key tags and medallions, the name tag from WCNA 10 1980, literature from my personal collection, and other stuff could be displayed at functions, especially the convention.

In closing, I will once again ask you to search your groups or basements for boxes of old minutes and flyers, preferably from the 70's and 80's. whatever you can come up with will help put our history back together, at all levels.

Gratefully serving NA  
Tim S.

***Campout:***

Hi family,

First briefly I want to share with everyone that the 2010 campout at Lucas park was a big success, even though it rained a day and a half. I would like to thank everyone involved. I have heard all positive feedback stemming from the dinner and all activities. We have reserved Lucas Park for next year; yet we have explored other campout areas with big interest at East Side Group El Dorado Lake, rent is more expensive. I have included the yearly treasurer's report, which shows a need for campout fundraisers, contact Wayne S. 620-664-1860. Thank you to GOL for the first commitment, their New years Eve Dance is a campout fundraiser.

I am proud to say that we have a full crew on the campout committee. There is a lot of excitement going on in the meeting. Wayne S is nominated for chair and has accepted. Shannon H. is co-chair, Danita C. is treasurer, Debby S. is secretary, Grant L. is programming, Misty K. is merchandising and Catering is open. We are up to date on the timeline for the 2011 campout. Our theme will be The Key To Freedom with much discussion on shirt, coffee cups and towels. We are looking to have shirts ready by November. We also discussed menu, activities and entertainment briefly. The next interim meeting is scheduled for 9-18-10 at 10 am at Wichita Unity Group. We did pay 450.00 to reserve Lucas Park Reservation. Thank you for letting me serve this has been a very interesting and fun year.

Clean and Crazy,  
Wayne S.

## Campout Year End Financial Report

INCOME	AMOUNT	EXPENSES	CK #	AMT
09 SHIRT SALES	80.00	DANITA C. – TOWELS	721	329.72
WMASC	30.00	ALLEN LEE – SHIRTS	722	610.16
TOWEL SALES	260.00	ALLEN LEE – TOWEL IMPRINT	723	153.07
SHIRT SALES	384.00	ALLEN LEE – SHIRTS	724	675.64
10 SHIRTS, TOWELS & OLD SHIRTS	634.00	DANIT C. PINATA & ICE	725	83.98
10 SHIRT SALES	305.00	UHAUL RENTAL	726	108.29
UHAUL DEPOSIT	60.00	SAMS – FOOD	727	819.40
MONEY RAFFLE	105.05	TOM – DJ	728	400.00
ITEM RAFFLE	211.00	MENGES – TENT	729	400.00
ICE	54.00	SARA W – BREAD	730	90.00
DONATIONS	96.12	SHANNON – GAS & SUPPLIES	731	40.00
AUCTION	871.00			
SHIRTS	40.00			
TANK TOPS	400.00			
BALANCE ADJUSTED	1.05			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3531.22</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>3710.26</b>

### ***Convention Report:***

Hello region,

The convention committee has come together very nicely. Our open positions are fundraising and co-chairs. The theme will be “The Ties That Bind”. Our pre-registration fliers have been approved and will be printed and mailed very soon, start checking your mailbox. We are still looking for speakers and speaker tapes. If you have any tapes for consideration, please get them to a committee member. The convention committee meets at the Grand Prairie Hotel in hutch at 1 pm on the third Sunday of the month, except RSC months. Anybody wanting to get involved is encouraged to attend. Our meetings this next quarter will focus on merchandise, programming and fundraising. If you have input in any of these areas, please attend the monthly meetings. Remember to call the hotel directly when making reservations to receive the reduced rate. Convention contract has been given to steering. Also bids for 2013 need to be submitted at the November RSC.

The contract with the Highland hotel has been dissolved and the new contract with the Grand Prairie hotel has been signed. The letters pertaining to this information is at the back of the minutes titled Addendum A.

In service,

Jake D.

### ***Hospitals & Institutions***

Hello family,

We were able to disperse literature to 7 out of the 8 areas yesterday. Though there were only 4 area H&I Chairs/Co-Chairs representing their areas, we had volunteers from the unrepresented areas who were willing to ensure that the literature made it into the hands of the area H&I chairs who were unable to attend. Than you to those folks and to all who attended the H&I subcommittee meeting yesterday. We had 14 addicts in attendance.

Central area is taking women’s meetings in the Barton Co jail on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month with attendance averaging 4-9 inmates and men’s meetings averaging approximately the same. They are also taking meetings into the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility with attendance steadily rising. Central is planning a training session for new volunteers as their volunteer base needs help.

The Newton HOW Group of Primary Purpose area in the process of starting a meeting in Harvey Co Jail, but volunteers are still needed.

Yesterday we collected \$138.00 passing the basket during our subcommittee meeting. Also I believe we raised \$390.00 at the fundraiser last night. Thank you so much to all those who endured the heat ans opened your wallets to

such an incredibly worthy cause. Also I would like to thank those who willingly stepped forward to help out with the fundraiser. Your service is very much appreciated.

Please, please take back to your groups and areas that we are still in need of a co-chair and secretary. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.  
Hallie T.

### ***Literature:***

Four areas were represented and we got a lot accomplished. There was no willingness for chair, co-chair or secretary. Please take this back to your groups. Chapters 6 & 7 and the preface will be out October 1 and we have until December 31 to our input turned in. as soon as they are out, Suzie will send them to the printer (ROF 250.00) and let us know so that Areas can schedule workshops. Tim, Suzie and Wes are willing to facilitate the workshops.

There was a motion to give the Spanish public relations handbooks to those that need them.

There have been a few problems with Hutchinson Correctional Facility since the new takeover so we may start researching another option.

The "In Times of Illness" and NA Funds were passed around for members to see. Then reports were read.

We are in dire need of stories for the MAN. The deadline is August 31 so please put pen to paper and write.

October issue of the NA Way will be the last one sent out automatically. To receive further issues, you must re-subscribe (for hard copies) or re-e-scribe. There have been a lot of wasted funds on postage so they are trying to reorganize the process. Suzanne brought back the literature box and turned in the check from the excess of printing the chapters.

In service,  
Janet W.

### ***Outreach Report:***

Greetings Family,

We had a successfully brief subcommittee meeting this quarter with 5 areas represented. We still have no willingness for Co-Chair and Secretary of our committee. Please take this back to your areas and encourage our trusted servants to attend our subcommittee meetings. The support would be greatly appreciated.

Outreach is still kicking in our region with activity going on in all the areas represented. Trading a meeting was a new exciting way of getting some more outreach involvement. We have planned to do an "Ask-it Basket" panel meeting for the next RSC fundraiser in November. So bring your questions for our wonderful panel members. The Outreach workshop at our Regional Service Assembly will be "Reach out and touch someone."

A decision was made to make and sell t-shirts as an effort to gain more attraction and raise awareness for Mid-America Region Outreach. T-shirts will be on sale soon for the low price of \$10. We have submitted a request for funds out of Outreach escrow in an amount not to exceed \$450 to get the shirts printed.

With the time allotted much was covered, although we had no time to work on our current orientation project. After sitting through regional inventory and hearing the need for training and orientation of our newer members. I am going to make this the focus of our subcommittee meetings until completion of the project. More will be revealed....

It has been a very busy summer and we have been making marks on the map as we continue to reach out to groups and areas throughout the region. I will continue to make this effort personally and be coming soon to a function or meeting near you. If you know of group that is in need of support, or anywhere you think would be good to see a group of addicts show up and show some love, contact me at [hopeddealer@cox.net](mailto:hopeddealer@cox.net) or (785)819-6234. I will do my best to help organize and get support that way.

See you all at Regional Service Assembly in October in Goodland, Ks. Let's do what we can and make the haul to not only our Regional Assembly but also an area that is in need of support and guidance. This is Outreach.

In Loving Service,  
Daniel C.

### ***P.O. Box:***

Hello Mid America Region,

Checked the mail weekly during the last quarter. I have asked Suzie to distribute the mail. I did this because I may not be present.

In loving service, DeWayne K.

***Public Information:***

Hello Region,

Bob K. was elected web servant. Yeah Bob! Yesterday was short and sweet. We had some sort of report given by 7 out of the 8 Areas. Of our 8 Areas within the region, 3 do not have a PI Chair. Everyone seems to be maintaining efforts within their areas with the exception of Wichita Metro, who has been rockin'! They have put on multiple panel presentations in the last quarter to inform professionals of our existence.

Thanks to hutch crew who continue to bring our meeting schedules from the prison, ite definitely is appreciated by all.

We are requesting \$150 to secure our domain name MARSCNA for another 7 years.

We would like RCM's to talk with their areas about stepping up our phone line in the region. We want to hear who would be willing to take calls, trainings for those calls, etc. What does the member think? We will be discussing this at our next RSC. RCM's please encourage your Chairs to attend.

There are no learning days scheduled, lots of workshops and functions. Wichita Metro is going to work with the new web servant Bob to create a Spanish link on our website.

Grateful,

Whitney

***Steering Committee Report:***

Greetings,

The steering committee has met three times since the last RSC. We met July 24<sup>th</sup> in McPherson, yesterday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 during the normal meeting, and again last night, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:30 PM. We have been progressing on the policy and have both the intention and commitment of our members to be finished and ready to send to areas for approval at the November RSC. In order to finalize this, I have asked to placed on new business to discuss quantity and a request for funds.

As of this month, Debby S. has completed two terms on steering. I'd like to recognize her and thank Debby for four years of service in steering. DeWayne K will have completed a two-year term as of November. He has indicated that he will not be seeking a second term. I'd like to recognize DeWayne and thank him for his two years of service. With that said, steering now has two openings and a third opening in November. We are short a secretary and two general members. We have no nominees to for these three openings.

I would like to remind everyone that we will be making the recommendation for the 2013 MARCNA. I currently have bids for Lawrence and Wichita. Both these bids are dated 2009. They will both need to be made current. If anyone needs assistance in getting a bid, please talk to me and I'll help or direct you to someone that can help. It would be most beneficial for anyone that has a bid to attend the November steering committee meeting to help us make an informed decision.

The committee discussed the quarterly sub-committee fundraisers. It was pointed out that some quarters typically do better financially than others. There are currently four sub-committees in the rotation, so the sub-committees that have a fundraiser during the better quarter tends to benefit more than the other sub-committees. Adding another sub-committee to the rotation could help balance this out.

Thank you for letting me serve,

Wes S.

***Soul 2 Soul:***

Hello family,

All is going well with Soul to Soul. As you know from last region the artwork was decided and Suzie won. Congrats Suzie. We are planning a fundraiser September 11 at Emporia Pioneer group hall. More will be revealed. Our money stands at \$780.00. pre registrations are due by August 15<sup>th</sup>. You can still go, you just won't get a cup and shirt. We hope to see you all there on October 1-3, 2010. There are registrations on the table.

In loving service,

Suzanne S.



**D. Officers Reports:**

**Regional Delegate Report:**

Hello Region!

Now that the conference is over it is time to begin working on the topics presented to us.

An issue that has become glaringly apparent is anonymity and the internet. This topic generated a large amount of discussion as to what’s appropriate, personal boundaries and traditions. We are all aware of the extent to which social networking sites have created new opportunities and challenges in recent years. These sites pose concerns because they are so widely used by our members. Chapter 10 in the Public Relations handbook addresses Internet Technology (page 91, Oct 2006). I encourage everyone to read the info available and be respectful of each other.

I have updated the Regional Public Servant area of the NAWS website as of the elections last quarter. When you change servants in your areas, you are able to update online or send in a hard copy.

If you would still like to receive the NA Way magazine you need to renew your subscription before October. The current database is outdated and will be deleted. You will not receive the NA Way magazine if you have not renewed.

The Plain States Zonal Forum is meeting October 8-10 in Tulsa OK. I have turned in a request for funds for the RD team to attend. Anyone else who would like to go is welcome.

NAWS is holding Service System Workshops in five locations around the country. I have a request for funds to attend the workshop in Grapevine TX. Again, anyone who wants to attend is welcome. This workshop will be essential in becoming more familiar with the Service System Project and the ability to properly present and discuss the project with the fellowship. Tim S. and I will be holding a workshop on this topic at the Service Assembly in Goodland on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The supporting material is available at na.org/servicesystem.

In service,  
Misty K.

**Alt. Delegate Report:**

Hello Mid America Region.

I was happy to get out and attended the Car Bash out in Dodge City. It was way cool. The car got bashed, we ate BBQ, and they had a live band. Wow they really know how to party out west. I was told of the up coming zonal in October. I am making my plans to go. Misty said she will make all the requests to make it happen. We will be getting together on conference information. I need to be brought up to speed on many things. It is my hope we will change the election to the off year so the next Alt. R.D. will be better informed. I am available to help any Area that asks. I believe there will be multiple interim meetings for Steering. I will try to work around things to help where I can. I have informed the Steering Chair that I will not be seeking a second term on Steering. This means there will be one more spot open in November. I plan on helping at meetings still. We've put a lot of work into the policy and it should go back real soon. I believe in the spirit of rotation, and hope some more people will step up.

In loving service DeWayne Kitchen

**Secretary Report:** no report.

*We took a break here from 9:19 to 9:30 am.*

**Treasurer Report:**

**Mid America Region of Narcotics Anonymous  
Treasurer Report – August 2010 RSC**

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>			<b>\$16,113.65</b>
<b>Income:</b>	Donations & reimbursements	8,984.32		
	Add back ck. #1137	<u>150.00</u>		
	Total Income			<b><u>9,134.32</u></b>
	<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>\$25,247.97</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
05/15/10 #1144	Tom Medlin-May d.j.		\$ 150.00	
05/16/10 #1145	Scott Kessler-August start-up		200.00	
05/16/10 #1146	Ed Starlin-August d.j.		150.00	

05/16/10	#1147	Elks Lodge-Service Assembly		100.00	
05/16/10	#1148	Suzie Estrada – MAN		200.00	
05/16/10	#1149	Michelle Leverette - sect'y		25.00	
05/16/10	#1150	Alliance Agency, Inc.		1,307.50	
05/16/10	#1151	Wes Simon-PI address cards		50.00	
05/16/10	#1152	WMASC Literature-packets Wichita Conf.		250.00	
05/16/10	#1153	NAWS - H & I Escrow-lit. for facilities		800.00	
05/16/10	#1154	NAWS – Donation		819.83	
06/01/10	#1155	Hutch Correctional-mtg. lists		83.28	
06/01/10	#1156	Doug Kessler-rent Aug. RSC		140.00	
07/23/10	#1157	Hutch Correctional-Spanish handbooks		23.15	
07/26/10	Visa	Recreation Government-campout deposit		<u>450.00</u>	
		Total Expenses			<b>4,748.76</b>
		<b>Bank Balance</b>			<b>\$20,499.21</b>
		<b>Less: Prudent Reserve</b>			<b>7,924.00</b>
		<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>\$12,575.21</b>
		<b>Less: Escrows</b>			
		H & I		\$ 753.42	
		Literature		266.00	
		Outreach		649.40	
		P I		700.00	
		Rent		250.00	
		Insurance (due Aug. 10)		1,310.00	
		Storage (due Feb. 11)		270.00	
		P. O. Box (due Feb. 11)		22.00	
		Web Page (due Sept. 11)		50.00	
		RDA (due Feb. 12)		<u>750.00</u>	
		Total Escrows			<b>- 5,020.82</b>
		<b>Spendable Balance</b>			<b>\$ 7,554.39</b>

**Co-Treasurer Report:** no report

**Chair Report:** no report

**Co- Chair Report:** no report

**E. Old Business:**

**1. Motion 0516-005.** This motion went back to groups and there was no discussion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion PASSED.

**2. Projector.** The Archivist talked about what the region wanted him to do following last quarter and what he has done as a result of those items. He has put together a form for equipment checkout, not just the projector. It is being passed around so that all can see (Addendum B). He also said that he brought this item up in steering about the equipment and the process of use. There is more than one thing the region needs to decide upon. There need to be a place where it can be stored, the matter of others using it and the process that goes with checking it out and then finally the guidelines that need to be addressed in the use of the machines. There was a great deal of discussion and solutions and ideas brought to the floor about the use, the check out procedures and where it needs to be stored. There was even an issue of whether or not this equipment would be covered under the regional policy. Our insurance person said that it would be covered when stored outside of our storage unit. *(I would like to further my statement of yes it is covered, **BUT there is a \$500 deductible that applies to property losses.** The region does have coverage on property away from premises.)*

This discussion concluded with the Chair keeping this stored at his home until next quarter and that the form and discussion should be taken up in steering to put forth some guidelines for it.

**3. 2011 Convention.** As mentioned in the Convention Committee report the contract for the Highland Hotel has been dissolved and the new contract with the Grand Prairie Hotel in Hutchinson has been signed. Please see Addendum A for the cancellation of the old contract.

## **F. New Business:**

### **1. Funds**

Housekeeping 2135.89, Automatically paid

Escrow Accounts (Literature 100.00, Outreach 450.00), Passed

Request for funds: Passed

PI 150.00

Activities (Nov RSC & Service Assembly) total of 625.00

RD & RDA travel (Service Structure Workshop) 850.00

RD & RDA travel (Zonal Forum) 700.00

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the RD and RDA travel expenses and why we are spending all this money and don't know what we are getting as a result. The RD mentioned that the trips were to help them better understand and be able to bring the information back to the region from the world and zonal level. There were some questions as to how we as a region can obtain this information after they attend these workshops. The RD said that she would be more than happy to come to Area's and put on a workshop on the specific material that she learned about; all we have to do is ask. There were additional ideas and suggestions on how to approach this differently. There was a call to question and it was ruled out of order. There was finally a vote on the request for funds and it passed.

### **2. Elections**

Treasurer – WM RCM nominated Kathryn, CKA RCM seconded. Kathryn accepted the nomination and qualified herself. There was a brief question and answer period. She then left the room and a vote was taken. Congratulations Kathryn and thank you for your service. The Co-Treasurer position is now open, please take back to groups.

Literature Chair – no willingness, take back to groups.

Steering Members (2) – no willingness or nominations from the committee. There will be 3 open positions in November; please take back to groups.

NAWS Contact Person – CKA RCM nominated Sally R. and she declined. There was a question why we have this position and what they do. There was explanation from the floor what this position is and what the importance of the position was. The Steering Chair further explained the importance of this position and read from the policy what this person does. Please take back to your groups.

Campout Chair – There was a nomination out of committee of Wayne S. Since he was the current Campout Chair the chair asked if anyone needed him to qualify again, there was no need, and there were no questions. He stepped out of the room and a vote was taken. Congratulations Wayne and thank you for your service.

*We took a break here from 10:52 to 11:05 am.*

### **3. Internet Technology**

The RD talked extensively about what her report touched on regarding internet technology. She talked about the social networking sights and how certain activities could break yours and others anonymity. She mentioned that we need to be careful of what we post and the photos that we tag. She said that we need to be more careful with our wording and be aware of the items that we are posting to the sites. We have to be mindful of who others might have as friends and if our anonymity is going to be broken when we need it to be kept. We need to be mindful of the 11<sup>th</sup> Tradition. There was other discussion from the floor regarding the internet, cell phones and social networking. There is a chapter in the Public Relations handbook (Chapter 10) that touches on this issue specifically and that members should take the time to read it. There was mention that we need to be personally responsible to ourselves and to others.

### **4. Regional Policy**

The Steering Chair mentioned that the Policy document was ready for our vote and they have a 40 page document that they would like to print for the region and want to print the right amount due to the cost that could be incurred. Someone asked if we could put it on the internet and there was discussion that this is only a draft and that it could be construed as the approved policy. There was then a suggestion that the RCM's get copies and workshop it in their areas and then take it back to your groups for a vote. That is when the Steering chair mentioned that he hoped that all the groups would be able to look it over and discuss it and that there was a header and footer with DRAFT marked on it. A member then mentioned that if we watermark the document with DRAFT, the issue of confusion of it being our current policy would be taken away and posting on the web could be a viable solution. There was then a question of how many copies would need to be made for the Regional body and then how many groups there were. The answer was 120 copies would fulfill the needs of this count. Then there was additional information regarding the cost of copy this document and the best place to get this project done. There were a few examples and the information was taken by the Steering Chair and would consider all of it before copying the document.

There was then a motion submitted by PPA RCM, seconded by WMA RCM.

#### **MOTION 0815-001**

Vote: PASSED

Motion: Make copies of the "draft" of the Regional Policy for all groups and the Chairpersons and the officers of the Region.

Intent: To get the information to the addicts who need it to be able to make an informed decision.

Financial Impact: \$ 100.00 to \$ 150.00

There was a question to the amount and then the Secretary made a friendly amendment to change the amount to NTE \$200.00. This amendment was accepted.

These copies will be made available at the November RSC, and the deadline for ordering copies would be October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

After more discussion as to how many copies needed to be made another amendment was made by the Miracle Area Alt RCM. It was to insert after groups the following clarification:

Unless asked by RCM's for a lesser amount. This amendment was accepted.

There was a roll call vote and the motion passed.

There was a formal request to post the DRAFT online.

### **5. Regional Signature Card**

There was a new signature card that was obtained by the outgoing treasurer and mentioned that the signers on the account would be the Treasurer, the Regional Chair and the Regional RD. The Co-Chair will not be on the account due to her position as treasurer on the convention committee. The new signature card was signed by these three and returned to the bank.

## **6. Rotation of Subcommittee Fundraisers**

It was brought up by a member that the rotation of the subcommittee fundraisers might need to be looked at. It was mentioned that there was a trend for certain months raising funds and that maybe we need to do something different so the same subcommittee's wouldn't continue to get higher amounts and the ones that don't get higher amounts have a better opportunity. There were many questions about the rotation and a great deal of suggestions that were made as to how we could mix it up. Someone mentioned that this is something that Activities should be doing and we shouldn't really have to discuss this on the floor. There were then a couple of suggestions on how to change the rotation. At this point the WMA RCM made a motion that was seconded by PPA.

**MOTION 0815-002**

Vote: WITHDRAWN

Motion: Give Activities authority to decide rotation of Regional fundraisers quarterly.

Intent: Quit micromanaging Activities

There was then some discussion about whether this decision was to be done by Activities due to a motion that was passed about who the fundraisers would benefit. There was a question to this motion that was passed earlier and what it said exactly. A member of activities said that the Region directed the Activities what to do and that this is why it is being discussed on the floor. Another member felt that this motion was out of order. *A break was taken here for 10 minutes.* A secretary mentioned that she found the earlier motion about the rotation and read it from the November 2008 minutes. It stated who the fundraisers were for but nothing about how the rotation would be done. The Chair then concurred that this was out of order and the maker of the motion withdrew the motion.

## **7. Other Discussion**

A member mentioned how we were able to discuss and take care of business in a half a day.

Another member mentioned that the subcommittee's with stuff can share their things, but there should be some consideration of asking the subcommittee's first.

**Take back to groups ... open positions are: Co-Treasurer, Literature Chair, NAWS Contact Person, 3 Steering members, and Soul to Soul Chair.**

**There was then a motion to close made by the Campout Chair at 12:30 pm and seconded by the Miracle Area Alt RCM.**

**The next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 8 am at the Friendship Center in Salina.** (*Agenda on next page*)



**MID AMERICA  
REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
2010 NOVEMBER QUARTERLY MEETING**

**At the Friendship Center,  
746 Commanche Avenue, Salina, Kansas**

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Salina&state=KS&address=746+Commanche+Ave&zipcode=67401-4540&country=US&latitude=38.825419&longitude=-97.631753&geocode=ADDRESS>

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Saturday, November 20**

**9:00 am -11:00am**

**Outreach  
Steering**

**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Literature  
Hospital & Institutions**

**1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Campout  
Convention**

**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Public Information  
Activities & Soul to Soul**

**6:15 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Thanksgiving Potluck Meal**

**7:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Meeting**

**8:30 pm - 11:00 pm**

**Regional Outreach Fundraiser  
DJ Dance - \$3.00/ person ... \$5.00/any 2**

**9:45 pm**

**Auction & Raffle**

**NO ADDICT TURNED AWAY  
NA AUCTION / RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED**

**REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Sunday, November 21**

General business, motions, request for funds.

**MEETING STARTS AT 8:00 a.m. and finishes when done.**

**From:** "Janet Wood" <cajungirl54@cox.net>  
**To:** "Sandy Hiss-Highland" <shiss@highlandhotel-gb.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2010 11:23 AM  
**Subject:** MARCNA XXVIII

Addendum A

*Hi Sandy,*

*After reviewing your letter and the Revised 2011 Confirmation Agreement we have decided not to sign it. You have voided our signed contract which was dated August 28, 2008 so we will consider this matter closed. Please respond to my e-mail so we know it is a mutual agreement.*

*Sincerely,*

*Janet Wood*

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May 17, 2010

Dear Janet

I sent this revision to Jeff Brown but it was returned today's mail due to "moved left no forwarding address". I called the number which he had given me and it is no longer a working number.

I have amended the 2011 MARCNA confirmation agreement due to the issues Jeff & I spoke about that took place this past March at the Highland Hotel & Convention Center.

In our conversation Jeff mentioned that other Hotel where the MARCNA Convention has been held have not had the problems we incurred. We've had MARCNA with us in past years and we've not ever had the problems we did this past March. Knowing what we both know now both entities can surely take some precautions to insure these issues do not take place in 2011.

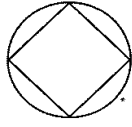
Please review the confirmation agreement and if you have any questions either call 620-792-2431 ext. 504 or email [shiss@highlandhotel-gb.com](mailto:shiss@highlandhotel-gb.com). I do hope the MARCNA committee understands that we would like to have the 2011 MARCNA Convention and future conventions but we felt it necessary to restructure the confirmation agreement. We do appreciate and value your business!



Sandy Hiss  
Director of Sales  
Highland Hotel & Convention Center  
Great Bend



Mid-America Region  
Equipment Check Out Sheet



Name: *(please print)*

Date:

Items Borrowed:

Check all that apply

Printer/Copier

Projector

Screen (projector)

\_\_\_\_\_

Event, Date and Location Item(s) will be used:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date to be Returned:

*Note: The person signing this is solely responsible for the care and return of item(s). Stolen, lost, or damaged items will be handled under Article XI - G of the Guidelines and Policy Manual of the Mid-America Regional Service Committee and could also result in provoked privilages for all.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: *(Mid-America Region Officer)* \_\_\_\_\_