

**UNAPPROVED WISCONSIN REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE MINUTES**

DATE: March 17, 18, 2012

PLACE: Inland Lakes Unity Area, Appleton, WI

**Area Round Table Discussions**

- A. Current Cycle – How do we get treatment centers to have faith in NA again?
- B. Next Cycle – ??

**OPENING:**

- A. Recovery Meeting @ 9:10 am
- B. Beginning of Conference Moment of Silence @ 10:15 am
- C. Reading of The Servant Worker's Prayer
- D. Introductions
- E. Roll Call: 13 of 16 active areas present at first roll call
- F. 7th Tradition was not passed.
- G. Reading of the 12th Concept
- H. Review – Adjust Agenda
- I. Special Business – Lynn D. informed this body that she has the printer and laptop that was donated to this Region. She will pass it onto our Vice-Facilitator, Nancy M. Patrick C. RCM for the UP had a family emergency this weekend he will not be at Region. Please keep his family in your thoughts.

**TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:**

**A. FACILITATOR: Marla M**

I have been derelict in my duties. I have not contacted the State of WI regarding the non stock corporation annual report. At this point, I suggest we elect a Registered Agent to dispose of this issue and research for next year. I believe we can use WRSO as the Registered Agent because their business office is identical to our address, but with a different name, we would need to verify this. Let's try to keep discussion going by not repeating what has already been said by another.

In loving service, Marla M

**B. VICE-FACILITATOR: Nancy M**

Addict named Nancy,

I contacted the webmasters through e-mail earlier this month about the questions/concerns that came up last Region. Becky E. called me and said that the issues were addressed; she has a report to give this information to this body.

I will be taking the minutes for this meeting, please make sure that I have your written report or you can e-mail me at [nancym71894@aol.com](mailto:nancym71894@aol.com) or I have a jump drive with me that you can download your report onto.

I will try my best to keep up with the minutes, but I may have to ask for clarification from time to time.

I also talked with Bill O., he will be giving the PR report when it gets to that in the agenda. Again I understand that we do not have a Secretary, PR Chair or Vice Treasurer, I am here to be of service, please let me know how I can help. Please take note to your Area's the open positions here at Region.

In loving service, Nancy M

**C. JANUARY SECRETARY: Linda gave her report on the floor, no report submitted, position is now OPEN.**

D. **TREASURER:** Becky E

**Report Attached.**

E. **VICE-TREASURER:** OPEN

F. **REGIONAL DELEGATE:** Chris K

A few CAR reviews are done, more are in the works. Still have room and time for a few more. We need your votes by the first week in April.

What do you want from the RD team at WSC?

Tools to work with? I understand that we have a laptop in the RSC but it would be a great help if we had a projector to do workshops with. We have been using a member's projectors up to this point and well sometimes they want to use their stuff and we can't play with it. (Last two items put on the topic board)

Projector later was taken off the board.

In loving service, Chris K

G. **REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE:** Bill O

Dear Family,

It has been many cycles since we last saw each other. There was the Midwest Zonal Forum last September, a severe cold and sinus infection in November, and lastly, my most recent health issue in January. I am extremely happy to once again be here with all of you. I thank you all for your prayers, calls, and concern. It's good to be back in the game.

On February 11-13, I attended the MZF/CAR-CAT Workshop in Ohio. The WB members present were Jimmy B. and Mukam. I was accompanied by Lynn D. The Friday session focused on the CAT. 4 primary topics were discussed;

1. Strategic plan
2. Project plans
3. NA W budget
4. WSC seating

Each of these was discussed at length. The strategic plans outlines in broad scope the long term goals and interim objectives moving toward the NA Vision Statement. It follows a process starting at the Vision and eventually becoming a project. There are 6 project plans this cycle. All of these will become formal motions in the new business session at the WSC. These projects are included in the NA WS budget. It is the project and the funding that will be decided.

1. Fellowship Issue Discussion Topics (IDT's)
2. Service System Project
3. Traditions Book (2 cycle project) the first 2 years will be to develop ideas and direction.
4. Public Relations
5. Introduction to NA Meetings (create new IP)
6. Trusted Servant support and development.

WCNA last year was financially successful. It netted over \$288,000 in excess revenue. Combined with other resources, NA WS posted \$322,806 as excess revenue. What this translates to is that NA WS now has 35 days of operating capital whereas it previously had 28 days. Many factors went into this and there was much discussion. As for WSC seating, there is much to be discussed at the WSC.

On Saturday we tackled the CAR. There are 2 types of formal binding decisions to be made in new business; the WB motions and the Resolutions. It is the Resolutions that seem to be causing the most confusion and discussion. The Resolutions are described as binding upon the WB as confirming the direction the Service System Project will take if it is approved. This is how they were explained:

- ⌚ Resolution 1 seeks to confirm that we agree to fulfill 4 elements of a Service System.
- ⌚ Resolution 2 attempts to empower the groups to take their rightful place in NA.
- ⌚ Resolution 3 reminds us of our responsibility to the future trusted servants of NA.
- ⌚ Resolution 4 speaks of our priorities as service bodies.

- ⌚ Resolution 5 seeks to confirm our willingness to collaborate with other service bodies in our planning.
- ⌚ Resolution 6 seeks to confirm that all groups and service bodies will use consensus based decision making.
- ⌚ Resolution 7 seeks to confirm our willingness to structure our service bodies according to state, national province, or other geographic boundaries.
- ⌚ Resolution 8 seeks our willingness and approval for the WB to move forward with using geographical boundaries as the primary seating criteria for the WSC

While some of these may be simple and self explanatory, Resolutions 6, 7, and 8 generated much discussion. Some of the questions concerned the 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Traditions, service bodies unable to agree on geography and boundaries, and groups/service bodies being unwilling to use consensus. Others focused on the phrase "not self determined" in Resolution 7 and its implications on the Traditions.

The straw polls are an information gathering tool which will help guide the WB into the next phase of the Service System Project. Each is related to a specific area of the project.

The first WB motion seeks to approve the book length piece "Living Clean". The next 3 motions seek to approve the WB plans to modify the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust to allow additional freedom to make non-substantive corrections, bundle existing literature, and create new enhanced digital and/or electronic versions of our existing literature. This was explained in detail and many questions were answered. The last WB motion seeks to change the existing 2 year cycle of the World Convention to a 3 year cycle beginning in 2018. There was much discussion as the reasoning of this plan and alternative plans were offered.

The Regional Proposals are new to this Conference. Designed to replace Regional motions, they allow discussions on the floor with no specific up or down vote. Some of them are already being implemented on some fashion. Others will be considered for future action, based on the outcome of the discussions.

The MZF met on Sunday. The Buckeye Region of eastern Ohio has asked to join the MZF. They were warmly welcomed. Wisconsin will be hosting the MZF in August. That will be the first meeting after the WSc. It will be the planning meeting for the upcoming WSC cycle. We are being asked to confer with the co-facilitator to set the agenda and work up a budget for this meeting. We are also being asked for specifics and to have the flier and info posted on the MZF website.

Contributions to the MZF have been consistently small. It barely covers expenses and funding of trusted servants. We have been asked to request that our Regions consider increasing its contribution. After expenses, there was less than \$100 left in the Treasury. Also, the expenses to the Ohio Region exceeded the amount the MZF could reimburse. We have all been asked if we could help Ohio to defray these expenses.

John F. from Upper Midwest Region was elected as a co-facilitator. The Treasurer has not received a bank statement since last September. After much discussion, it was decided to move to an online system for bank statements. The MZF website had been slow to respond to requests. Bob M. is the web contact. He is currently learning to operate the site and is now uploading fliers and other info. He also administers the discussion boards.

CAR Workshops: I went to Green Bay on February 25 to present a CAR workshop. There were 6-8 in attendance. The workshop went well and the chili afterward (14 different kinds) was great. The next day, Feb. 26, I repeated the workshop for Milwaukee/Inner City. There were 10-12 in attendance. This workshop also went well. Many questions were asked, and hopefully, answered. I am submitting expenses for the trip to Green Bay. I will still be available to any Area that would like a CAR or Service System workshop.

Chris has pretty much covered just about everything else. It is an honor and a privilege to serve.  
Thanks, Bill O.

H. **WRSO REP**; Gene J

**Financial Information:**

Literature inventory (at cost)	\$30,172.90
Merchandise inventory (at cost)	\$16,490.06
Accounts payable	(\$631.01)
Accounts receivable	\$5,798.73
In bank/WRSO	\$3,560.60
Deferred payments to Gene J.	<u>(\$22,159.93)</u>
	\$33,231.35

The WRSO Board met on March 4, 2012. Becky E. was elected as a Director-at-Large at that time. We will be contacting the WSO to see if they would be willing to give us the same discount if we started making our literature purchases through them. We will no longer be selling David J's jewelry, but we will be contacting other jewelers to gauge their interest in our selling their jewelry on consignment. The WRSO Board is looking at meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of even months (at 1:00pm), and elections will take place every April.

We will also be meeting on April 22, 2012, when new Board members will be elected and all BOD positions are open for election.

Ongoing items that the WRSO likes to remind people of include:

copies (on white or colored paper) are \$.04 for one-sided, and \$.07 for two-sided,

-orders that are brought to Regional's (or any event that the WRSO will be attending) cost less than those that are mailed, and We have H&I key tags (printed on heavy laminated cardstock) for \$.15 each.

Some statistics that I am able to give for 2011:

- literature sales totaled \$94,673.30
- merchandise sales totaled \$18, 514.20
- we brought in \$2,200.89, for the printing of 60,938 copies
- there were 275, with a per order size of \$344.27
- postage costs for all orders totaled 8.675%

In Service, Gene J.

I. **WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION ODD YEAR:** Tim S Absent No report submitted.

J. **WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION EVEN YEAR:** Larry A  
Read his report on the floor. WSNAC doesn't have a donation this cycle.

Broke for lunch at 11:40 am

Back from lunch at 1:15pm

**AREA REPORTS:**

**A. BADGERLAND:** Wes H RCM

Our RCMA has had to relinquish her position due to undergoing chemo therapy. We wish her a speedy recovery. We have a new RCMA that has stepped up to fill the position, which I feel is very important since I am in my second term which means I will be stepping down due to Badgerland's term limit at the end of this year. We have finished setting up this year's budgets. Our area has added 1 new group (that focuses on the dual diagnosed). We had an activity to raise awareness of Hosp. and Institutions and another of our Serenity Café activities. Our Ad Hoc committee completed formulating questions for group and the area inventories and started the process of groups doing their inventories and the area will do its inventory. Next area we will be looking at the group inventories and doing the area inventory along with sub-committee inventories. The information about the USFA has been given to the GSR's and discussion will begin as to whether Badgerland will seek to become a member and whether Badgerland will be willing to have the WRSC join, the groups were told that they may join as they see fit. We are beginning the process of changing to consensus based decision making. I will be contacting the RD team to do a CAR workshop for Badgerland since there has been interest expressed to have one sooner rather than later. In service, Wes H.

**B. BASIC: Kerry K RCM**

Hello Region, We are having a CAR workshop on Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at Chapel on the Hill, Lake Geneva Hwy 50. We are having a Host Comm. Mtg for 2013 WSNAC on April 7<sup>th</sup> also at Chapel on the Hill directly following the workshop. We are having a volleyball tournament on June 16<sup>th</sup>, and next weekend March 24<sup>th</sup> is our Snowflake Thaw and Chili cook off at Chapel on the Hill. Ok business out of the way we can get on here, we brought H & I schedules for ILUA. And our H & I thought it a good idea, and to also get H & I schedules for our jail mtgs. Our PI chair was inquiring if SEFA would be interested in working together on a joint venture. And the July WRS will be at Comfort Suites in Delavan on July 14, 15. Room rates are \$99.99 a night with tax it comes out to \$113.50. Now with these rates, I (WE) would like to ask Region to move the future Basic Area Hosting month to be changed. We can get cheaper rates after October and before May. With that said, BASIC is planning on having a function that WRSC weekend...more will be revealed. And on the 2013 WSNAC...It will be held in Delavan at Lake Lawn Resort. Anybody that has willingness to help with this convention please contact me, all my contact information is on the Regional contact list. I may not be here at the May Cycle due to my Son's boot camp graduation. In loving service, Kerry K

**C. BIG RIVERS: Jeff M RCM, Tammy S RCMA**

Hello Family from the Big Rivers Area, it's great to be at Region again and thanks to ILUA for hosting this weekend. The Big Rivers Area held a Valentine's Day dinner and dance last month and the attendance was down from previous years. The speakers were good and fun was had by those in attendance. Our Area's summer schedule will include 2 campouts – the 1<sup>st</sup> is I can't we can on June 1-3, 2012 at Wildcat Mountain State Park (Let Loose) in Ontario WI. The 2<sup>nd</sup> is Sept 14-16, 2012 at Wayalusing State Park in Prairie Du Chian, WI. There are flyers at the back table for both of these events. Hope to see you there. In loving service, Jeff M.

- D. CHIPPEWA VALLEY:** Jeff H RCM I apologize for my absence and our lack of actual participation at the last few regional service conferences. We have been allocating limited financial resources closer to home and can't afford the expense of providing for physical representation at this time. Also I am having scheduling conflicts and we have yet to appoint an RCM alternate. However; by continuing to fulfill the duties of RCM from our end until my two year term is completed in July we hope that submitting reports is sufficient to keep the Chippewa Valley Area classified as active. Thanks for your support. ILS: Jeff SH/RCM
- E. INLAND LAKES:** Rod D RCM ILUA has passed motion to support the USSC we will be donating 75% to Region and 25% to USCC (over our prudent reserve. H & I report submitted.
- F. INNER CITY:** Carl K. RCM It's good to be back at region. I will try to get up to speed with what's going on. Thank you all for your help and support. We do not have a contribution at this time however I will request that it be added on our agenda at our next ASC meeting. ICA just had their elections two week ago and filled most positions except vice chair, vice treasurer and RCMA. ICA's H&I

subcommittee just adopted new policies and procedures, however is still in need of more trusted servants to cover all the facilities. We are trying to deal with our GSR's not staying for the duration of the ASC meeting. Changes in our meetings are: I'm Free at Last, Sundays at 8:00 PM is now closed. Keep It Real has moved to Tuesdays, same time and place. ICACNA X will be held April 27-29 at the Crown Pointe Hotel on S 13<sup>th</sup> St at College just off I-94. Additional lodging available at the Radisson next door. Respectfully Submitted, Carl K, ICA RCM

**G. KETTLE MORAINE:** Steve M RCM, Troy P RCMA

Hello, K.M.A.

All is well all positions are currently filled with the exception of vice treasure. With all the functions we have we have formed a camp out committee that is separate from activities this seems to be working well. Currently we are working on a function that would be held during the September region to support project hope and also project hope is now a subcommittee of K.M.A. Our upcoming functions are as follows: April 21, 2012, NApril me in Sheboygan

May 5, 2012, Hippie eyed in recovery in Sheboygan

June 13, 2012 Pigs – B in the park in Manitowoc

July 6, 7, and 8, 2012 Never alone in the woods just south of Manitowoc

August 3, 4, and 5, 2012 Unity Jam in Sheboygan

We hope to have project on core in September. In loving service Steve M.

**H. MILWAUKEE:** Willie M RCM, Ned H RCMA

Hello family my name is Willie M. I am an addict. The Milwaukee Area is doing well. Our Area meeting is well attended. We had a CAR workshop on February 26. At the March 2012 Area meeting the Motions, Resolutions, and straw polls were sent back to the groups for their consensus. We asked the GSR's to bring those consensus back to our next Area if possible or to turn them in to Bill O. no later than April 26, 2012. Due to changes in our budgets, we do not have a donation at this time. We will make donations. Our upcoming activities are 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Mini Golf Outing Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> at Prairieville Park. Also the NA campout, picnic and volleyball tournament Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, flyers are on the table and are also available on the regional website. Thanks Willie M.

**I. NORTH CENTRAL:** Jay RCM

Area nominations and elections for the coming year have taken place and we have all positions filled except the Vice Chair. As previously stated we are co-hosting an event with Woods and Waters in April, our chair person is also working on 2 additional summer functions. PR is doing fantastic and we are very excited to announce that we will soon have our own NC website. When it is completed I will report the site name. Literature sales continue to soar. H & I is in the Portage County Jail, at Ministry Behavioral Health and in WI Unified Services in WI Rapids. Our chair person did not put in the Agenda a vote for a Regional donation. Our GSR's and voting members were contacted to vote via e-mail, only 5 of the possible 15 responded. This is a sore spot with me and will be a standing agenda item each month at Area to ensure a donation to this body. We also had Gene J. out and he informed our Area on the USFA, thank you Gene. In loving service, Jay S.

**J. NORTHEAST:** Trish C. RCM, Allyn S. RCMA

Hello family, letting region know that Allyn and myself are the new rcm and rcma for are NEW area we hope we can be of service and welcome growth in the process. Thanks in loving Trish c.

**K. ROCK RIVER:** George D RCM, Rich M RCM

George addict. Our convention planning is going well we have NA Idol Friday at the convention. Also a last chance dance April 14, 2012 where you can try out for NA Idol. Our last couple of functions did well, well attended. We have 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition of \$545.11 we will be hosting MZF August 17-18, 2012 at Clock Tower, more to be revealed. We have a Literature order of \$690.43. We had a CAR review it went well, well attended.

Thanks for letting me play. George D.

**L. SCENIC BLUFFS:** Curt P RCM

Hello region, not a lot going on in Scenic Bluffs. We now have an area chair, an activities chair, a policy chair, our vice treasurer is now our treasurer and we have a RCM, that would be me. There is rumors of an Easter function "Big Hare" more will be revealed. That's all for now, In service, Curt

**M. SOUTHEAST FAMILY:** Timmer W RCM

Hello Family,

I'm sorry for missing last cycles meeting in Jan. Somehow I doubled booked myself that weekend. Oops. I'll start on a positive note. At our past few Area meetings the GSR attendance has been up. For example last week we had 20 GSR's present out of our 22 meetings in our Area. Go S.E.F.A! Let's hope this trend continues.

Our Public Information and Phone lines chair person has a concern. Quite a few of the contacts he has made through our Pocaí Hot Line (800#), are inquiring about referrals to "Treatment Centers" & In-Patient Rehabs! Are we allowed to refer anyone to any particular Facility by name or not?

A question was brought up about how do we as an "Area" get more involved in the decision making process for the next CAR Report? I know this current CAR is basically finished. Just for future reference only. We were aware of a workshop that took place in Rockford on March 11, 2012 RE: the CAR.

As for upcoming events we are planning a "Speak-a-thon" April 21, 2012 Saturday from noon to 6 pm at Club Breakaway Kenosha, WI. Our H & I sub-committee is going strong. I'll defer to Becky C.H. on how that is going. That's all for now.

In loving service, Timmer W.

**N. UPPER PENINSALA:** Pat C RCM, Lynn D RCMA

It has been a few months since I have been able to attend this conference. I apologize for being unable to attend in January. Due to some changes in my life my schedule had changed and I was unable to take time off of work. I will explain more on this later in my report. Here is what is going on in my area. UPNA held its monthly ASC meeting on March 10, 2012. The meeting was originally scheduled for the prior Saturday, but due to weather we had postponed it. Here is your two minute analysis of what took place. We are currently in need of trusted servants for positions at area service. Currently we have open positions for activities, literature, outreach, and public relations subcommittee chairs. We are also without an RCMA, Vice-Chair, and Vice-treasurer. We are confident that we will be able to fill these positions. A round table discussion was held on the floor of area regarding the USFA III in Milwaukee, and on the broader topic of the formation of the USSC. Our groups and addicts representing our still interested in learning more about the formation of this committee and hopefully supporting its formation. We decided to appoint Lynn to register as our point of contact, until the groups are able to register themselves. We are excited to be hosting our regional delegate Kris on March 24, 2012 for a CAR workshop. We will be putting on a cribbage/euchre/fellowship/potluck prior to his workshop. The games will start at noon, and the workshop will be at 5:00. I am particularly excited about the workshop. Our previous activities chair resigned shortly before our last meeting. We have decided the UPASC will take it upon themselves with help from other addicts in the area to go forward with previous planned activities. We currently have our annual Spiritual retreat, and Halloween dance scheduled so far. We are waiting to hear from the office regarding insurance riders before we move forward with the Spiritual Retreat. We also discussed using this function as a con-junction function with the WRSC Activities Subcommittee. There was much interest in this, but again we are still working out the details. H & I is currently working on meetings in treatment centers and attempting to get more literature into institutions. As an area we are doing well. Month to month committed members of Narcotics Anonymous show up to support their fellow addicts in whatever way they can. On a more personal note I regret to inform this body that I will not be here for the entirety of this conference. I received a phone call at 3:00am informing me that my father had been taken to the hospital with heart problems. He is in stable condition, but will be transferred to belling hospital in Green Bay this morning for further tests and observation. I will be meeting him there. I have had some personal issues come up in my life which were unforeseen a few months ago. Due to this I found it best to pursue full time

work while I was going to school. Because of this I was unable to attend last month’s region, and I was also unable to fulfill my commitment to this body in reference to the literature subcommittee. I was charged, and volunteered to fulfill the duties of this position and failed to do so. For that I apologize. Going forward I will not be able to commit to completing any such tasks. I love Narcotics Anonymous and am forever grateful for what it along with the WRSC has taught me. It seems however though that sometimes my zeal and love for this program allow me to forget that my time and energy to not always coincide with that zeal and love. I will be attending WRSC in May. So I hope to see you all then. In your service, Patrick RCM – UPNA

**O. WASHINGTON OZAUKEE COUNTY:** Lee K RCM, Larry T RCMA

Good day to all from the WOCA area. Our area is continuing the growth of our groups, we started with 6 close to two years ago and there are now 12 in the area. Our groups average between 20 and 30 addicts attending. The Breaking Down The Bars H. & I. function that was held this month was a mild success. Speaking of H. & I. we have received the OK from the Washington County Jail to start a meeting inside. Our activities chair is working with a group to put a function together for April: more to be revealed our website is in the works and should be up soon. WOCA is now listed as an area on the Wisconsin N.A. website and our meetings are up to date. Our groups voted on the motions, resolutions, and straw polls from the C.A.R. and are as follows:

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| Motion 1: Yes     | Straw Polls A: NO |       |
| Motion 2: Yes     | B: NO             |       |
| Motion 3: Yes     | C: NO             |       |
| Motion 4: NO      | D: NO             | E: NO |
| Motion 5: Yes     | F: NO             |       |
| Resolution 1: Yes | G: NO             |       |
| Resolution 2: Yes | H: NO             |       |
| Resolution 3: Yes | I: NO             |       |
| Resolution 4: Yes | Proposal A: Yes   |       |
| Resolution 5: Yes | B: Yes            |       |
| Resolution 6: Yes | C: Yes            |       |
| Resolution 7: NO  | D: Yes            |       |
| Resolution 8: NO  | E: Yes            |       |

Grateful Service: Lee K. RCM WOCA

**P. WOODS & WATERS:** Rodney W RCM, Steven S RCMA

Hello Family,  
Thanks to ILUA for hosting WRSC. Happy St. Pats Day to all. We have had 3 meetings that have closed Monday night Minocqua, Wednesday night Minocqua and Saturday night Arbor Virtae due to no support. Our Saturday night in Rhinelander has moved to Koinonia Treatment Center from Old St. Joes Church. We have many open positions at Area level Chair, Vice Chair, Activities and Vice Treasurer. We have a joint function with North Central Area on April 21<sup>st</sup> in Wausau Spring Thing also will be WSNAC awareness. We have a Memorial Day campout at [\(couldn't read the city\)](#) MI on Lake Gogabic unfortunately we were not able to get Little Girls Point for Labor Day this year as it was already booked. Journeys is now 4 Days this year, know anyone who would like to be a speaker, please send tapes to our address WWASC P. O. Box 103 Minocqua, WI 54568. Also open mic will be Friday in main downstairs with prizes to be determined with top three. Doing Top of the Point on Saturday night. In loving service, Rodney W.

**Journeys Report WWASC**

Journeys will start on Thursdays this year. We are looking at some different activities and workshops for Thursday like Equestrian (horseback riding) workshop. Because of the huge success of the “Open Mic” last year it will be in the Main hall Friday night with prizes.



Our rack cards are here today. If you need more, just ask and we'll get them to you. You can get your registration form by going to [journeys.convention.com](http://journeys.convention.com). If you are told the Point is full make sure you ask to be put on the waiting list there will be cancellations. We also have a block at the Waters of Minocqua a 5 star hotel within walking distance. And there is camping available close by. If you are interested in being a speaker send a CD to Journeys Box 303 Minocqua, WI 54568.

## **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

We broke up into smaller groups and discussed the following Round Table Topic: How do we get treatment centers to have faith in NA again?

### **What's the Problems??**

Drugs into facility or meeting place  
 Commitment to H & I responsibility  
 Conjugal visits at meetings & activities  
 Communication between group/meeting and treatment centers  
 Predatory behavior (13 stepping)  
 Clear NA message  
 Meetings not open when treatment centers are there  
 Lack of NA resources in treatment facility  
 Incorrect meeting lists  
 Conduct of meetings at facility  
 No response from hot line/group  
 Lack of Sponsors  
 Not enough H & I members  
 Arguing with treatment staff  
 Negative response from clients  
 Location of meeting  
 No NA number on meeting lists

### **What are the Solutions??**

Communicate with the facility and panel leader @ least quarterly  
 When our member doesn't show up 3 times for a panel they are off the panel  
 H & I/PR continue communication with treatment center and Area  
 Don't let members over commit for H & I  
 No sex with the clients  
 Good initial PR presentations  
 We are not professionals we share our experience/strength/hope  
 Have available Sponsor list at each group in the Area  
 Active H & I chair  
 Have PR contact the courts, crisis centers, therapist, mental health facilities and public defenders  
 Contact list regional helpline list for all area (have on meeting list)  
 Better training & learning days for panel members  
 Have 3 silent H & I meetings to get on panel  
 Communicate with H & I chair at Region  
 Provide treatment center staff info at State and National conferences  
 Prioritize budget get literature in if treatment center along with the panel members  
 Offer to sell literature to facilities  
 Invite staff to open meetings  
 Make sure meetings are welcoming and safe

Have Statement of “hands off” at meetings/groups also no drugs/paraphernalia

## **SUBCOMMITTEE / ADHOC REPORTS:**

**A. ACTIVITIES** – Elaine E Report given later in the agenda (see attached guidelines also)

To family,

3-17-2012

I am grateful to be here and clean. I came to that this was a great area to meet with some activities chairs within the region. I had a chance to talk with a few chairs from areas and they could make it to Paper Valley Motel. So I put agenda together and had the meeting yesterday. The meeting was very productive and more understanding why Region is here and how we can assist in helping other Areas.

We had some discussions on fliers and how the office can supply them for their areas for a small price and Gene came in shared on that and when he would like the pdf format for the flier which was the latest 3 days prior to Region. Gene also came and share on insurance and some things that might be happening within this weekend about riders or insurance for events/fundraisers through maybe to my understanding through Regions.

I had reports for areas that showed up and they shared or represented their area chairs, we had a great turnout 6 area were presented.

Ryan was here to represent the Basic area and shared about their area hosting 2013 WSCNA and how that is their main focus and service bodies are at. So he is pretty much the Acidities committee with in his area and made a planned to schedule his meeting half hour prior to area meetings. Ryan is on his second year serving for the area and they like to bring back their Basic area birthday bash weekend they asked that Region help assist in this and we came to agreement with a security deposit given with 50/50 split. Ryan was going back to his area to look around for rates and secure a spot. Activities subcommittee meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 1:00pm Chapel on the Hill. Jason was representing his chair Frankie from ILUA who could not be there and let us know that their area is doing well. They went forward with their Spiritual Retreat for Easter weekend and paid their insurance for that event to happen asking that people bring their change to help pay for the cost. He sometimes states that he sees the same people serving and hopes to see others standing up more. But, overall they are doing well. Day of Area May 1<sup>st</sup>. Solution Club Oshkosh.

Charlie was here to represent his area KMA he asks for suggestion about some things going on his area in regards to merchandise and what or how other areas do their merchandise. He just recently came into this service position and didn't have merchandise to work with and took him a little bit to get some back. He states there area is doing well and a lot of willingness to help. Also, the subcommittee for project hope is a committee with in area. Activities subcommittee meeting 1<sup>st</sup> sat. f the month.

Peter the chair for Milwaukee area was present sharing that it is to get service people within his are to serve until the day of. He stated that their events were not going on the calendar to the Web as until recent. Peter brought some fliers of some upcoming golfing tournaments that have a good turn-out. Peter also states that he will be stepping down from this position as activities chair and we have an addict named Collin coming in the future. Activities subcommittee meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 2:30 St Joseph's Hospital, Sky light Room 5000 w. Chambers.

Jill from NEW was present sharing it was here first service position and shares the strong commitment she has for the area events. The committee came up with the new event called prom night and share that a lot of people missed that and would love to attend a function like that. They brought fliers and showed a lot of enthusiasm as another member of area activities committee was also present. Activities subcommittee meeting March 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Tuesday Harmony Café West side.

Kelly was here to represent for Megan from the North Central area and shared that they are co-hosting to events with Woods and Water. Kelly shared sometimes within their functions that the same people were doing service work she sounded really hopeful this will change will adding new surrounding groups to their area recently and

hopes to maybe see another. Please do not quote me on this but as RCM are in the room they can either say nay or yeah...If I was on the right track here. (REPORT FROM MEGAHN). We could not do the conjunction function with North Central and also Woods and Water.

We shared about conjunction function and what they thought about this. They thought it was a great idea and ILUA, KMA, AND NEW shared that they would love to see this happen. So I have dedicated Jeremy C. to look more into this so we didn't have bumping heads. Basic area and North Central shared that maybe they could do something for next region to help in hosting but I believe Kelly was going to take that back to the Activities committee.

I spoke on the behalf of UPNA. Recently our chair in our area resigned and we are currently looking for that service position to be filled. Upcoming Spiritual retreat and other functions are being discussed inside area. In August is the Spiritual Retreat that the area is asking that we may assist in helping them with. More will be revealed about this event.

I did get some guidelines within the committee had Harold look at them and also went around the table at the Activities meeting yesterday, so I turned them in here today they may yet need to be advised. I will put a copy in my report also.

In loving service,

Elaine E Regional Activities Chair

**B. HOSPITALS & INSTITUTION – Becky C.H.**

Hi Family – Happy Spring!

I apologize for missing last month – life got triple booked on me.

At this time, my communication with Area H & I committee is lacking. I don't even think most H & I chairs know who I am. This needs to change.

I got a list of H & I contacts that I'd like to pass around. Please verify if the contact is still current or correct it. Or please have your H & I committee contact me at 262-344-3814 or e-mail me at [hummingwaya@yahoo.com](mailto:hummingwaya@yahoo.com). Also please note I won't be here tomorrow due to a spiritual commitment. Can we please hopefully take care of any H & I business today? Or I can be reached by phone tomorrow after 11 a.m. Thanks for allowing me to be of service, Becky C.H.

P.S. Timmer said I'd report on SEFA H & I so I will. The sub-committee has been getting \$100.00 every month and putting it to good use at the Racine Correctional Institute, Kenosha County Jail, Kenosha County Detention Center, and Ellsworth prison, Chattham House, Racine. Chattham House is a halfway house for women getting out of jail or prison. We now have 2 members bring them a meeting every Friday. I'm unsure what's going on with Racine County Jail so cannot report on that. Thanks

**C. POLICY - Harold**

Policy Report 03/17/2012

I discovered an error in 3.02; Rotation schedule. BASIC Big Rivers were reversed in the current guidelines It has been corrected. All sub-committee chairs should have their respective guidelines updated and ready for approval by consensus today. This should have been done last cycle. This body has of yet not approved the subcommittee guidelines. I will be presenting a Power Point Presentation on consensus decision making today. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Harold L.

Proposal to close for the day, seconded at 5:10pm.

Opened meeting 3/19/12 with a moment of silence at 9:10am.

**D. OUTREACH – Jeremy C**

I am currently working on a region wide contact directory for all areas to include the contact info of area subcommittee chair and the area chair and vise chairs contact info to be a resource to connect with the areas.

Next region i will have the orientation booklet done and copies available.

Jeremy

#### E. PUBLIC RELATIONS – OPEN

Meeting List:

We received approximately 10 emails to update meetings around the region.

Website:

In the last two months we received approximately 60 emails. 27 of those emails were flyers that needed to be posted.

Ren was the only web servant that has been posting flyers on the website for awhile now. I decided in the last two months that I wanted to help out and learn how to post flyers. We had a training meeting on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. The meeting included another new recruit from Madison that is interested in helping out with the regional site. He has more experience than I, in web design. Since that initial meeting I have posted flyers on the site and have no problem helping out with that. We also set up another planning meeting for March 15<sup>th</sup> @7PM. During the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting we discussed using skype for our conference calls. Starting in April we will now be using skype. We also talked about how badly the website needs a facelift or a makeover. Instead of changing a few things we are going to work on a whole new site. Roger our new recruit has agreed to have a mockup finished by next region. In the meantime we will be making a couple changes so you can find the regional area WebPages easier. They will now be located on the main links page.

Flyers – Lately we have been receiving more emails that have been not from the RCM's. Currently we have been asking that only RCM's send flyers in for their areas. We know that sometimes that may be hard to accomplish, so what we are asking is that if your area needs a flyer posted, and let's say the activities chair sends the flyer in instead, we would like all persons sending in flyers to identify who you are, what your position is, and what area you are from? After the flyer has been posted please remember to check your listing for accuracy. We are not perfect and do make mistakes.

WOCA has been added to the links page with their information. They also have their own webpage which can be currently found by going to the meeting search and looking up a meeting. The link is the abbreviation for the area. If you have additional questions on how to get there contact the web servants. We also recently found out that the incorrect helpline number was posted. We now have the correct number and that will be addressed this weekend. If there is anything else that we may have missed please let us know with a link to where the problem is.

The web servants have a question for region. Currently the WRSC flyer is posted on the website in two places, on the calendar and on the WRSC page. We are trying to reduce the amount of times we post the same flyer. We would like to know where you would prefer it to be posted.

Just a reminder the web servants still need help to accomplish the tasks at hand. We are looking for people that have knowledge of how to write html code for the new website.

Our next scheduled web servant meeting is April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

ILS,Becky

Bill – Please give us the short version about helpline from the northern lights area. Discussed Northern Lights Phone line, it is up and being used.

Dear Family,

It's time to examine the state of Public Relations in the Wisconsin Region. When I arrived in 2003, there was virtually no Public Relations activity. The meeting list was a travesty, and the website was a

separate entity. Since then, we have made great strides. The website is now a work group within PR, and the site has been rebuilt twice. The meeting list has been resurrected and revitalized. We now attend several professional conferences, and have made many long term associations with various agencies throughout the Region. PR has prospered.

Sadly, today, PR is in dire straits. There has been a lack of leadership. When I accepted the position of RDA, I was no longer the PR Chair. Those responsibilities were no longer mine. The budgets, conferences, meeting lists, phone line, and everything else were left to flounder. I found myself in the position of feeling guilty if I left PR to fail. As a result, I have been taking care of the majority of the PR responsibilities. This is not fair to me, to you, or to the rest of the Region. This position is a full time trusted servant responsibility. The Vice-Facilitator is actually responsible for PR in the absence of a PR Chair. I have given what information I currently have to the Vice-Facilitator.

In my absence for the past 3 cycles, PR has nearly failed. It is in jeopardy of failing once again. The meeting list wouldn't be a reality were it not for Becky. Today, there are 5 professional conferences that are budgeted, but not actively pursued. W AAODA is in May. Funding should have been accessed in January. It is now March. The exhibit table must be funded this cycle, or we will not be able to participate. Literature must also be funded and ordered. NRIADA is in June. There won't be enough money in the working reserve to cover it because the budget hasn't been properly accessed. PR has been largely ignored.

We've had the discussion within this body. One of the things that sticks with me is that if you want someone to step up and serve, then sometimes you just have to let shit fail. Well, my friends, we're here. PR is about to fail. The meeting list is a prime example. It failed. People complained. Becky heard those complaints, stepped up, and accomplished a monumental task. Is that what you want? Do you want to see 8 years of progress just fall to the wayside? What does that say to the public when we don't show up because we can't get our act together and send in the paperwork and a check? Or because we didn't contact the local Fellowship and arrange to have members present? What image does that send? Do we need to fail in the eyes of the public before we fix this?

To the RCM's, I present a challenge. That challenge is to bring this to your Areas and actively pursue filing this need in our Region. For without a full time PR Chair, our initiatives and our reputation will surely suffer. Our future is in your hands. Thank you.

In Loving Service,

Bill O.

- F. **LITERATURE** – Patrick C. No report submitted
- G. **AD-HOC TELLECOMMUNICATIONS:** Gene J. will be the new chairperson for this committee.
- H. **AD-HOC INSURANCE:** They have communicated with an insurance co. need to have # of functions and # of people at the function from each Area. Please let Roxann D. at [RnRbiker@solarus.net](mailto:RnRbiker@solarus.net) or call at 715-213-7070 with this information it would be greatly appreciated. Campouts and Conventions are considered a function also.

## **BASIC SERVICES**

- A. Approval of last cycle minutes – Minutes were approved as presented.

B. ELECTIONS: Policy, Harold L. was nominated last cycle and voted in by acclimation.  
PR: Wes H. was nominated and voted in by ballot vote.

C. MOTIONS:

FINANCIAL MOTIONS: Proposal for \$1,496.13 payable to Bill O for travel and per diem to the World Service Conference in April was requested. Discussed, passed  
During this part of the meeting it was discussed that we were down to \$237.10 in the bank. There was a check for \$251.50 returned to bring the balance up to \$488.60. Discussed the low funds of the Region.

POLICY & BUSINESS MOTIONS: Proposal from Inland Lakes Area to as Wisconsin Region to recognize & support the newly formed USFA/USSC. This proposal was tabled until July’s cycle which will be after the USFA III will be in Milwaukee in June.

D. BUDGETS: None presented

**Prioritized list of Topics by RCM’s**

DISCUSSED IN ORDER CHOOSEN BY RCM’S

1. TOPIC 1: Budget prioritized

- ⌚ Discussion We should pay our bills first before money is donated to World or the MZF. An Ad-hoc committee was formed to look into the budget priority. Rich M. is the chair.
- ⌚ FINAL DECISION Proposal: To suspend donations to NAWS and the MZF effective this cycle and further cycles until the Ah-hoc committee comes back to this body with its recommendations. Passed

2. TOPIC 2 – World Service Conference

- ⌚ Discussion Any items to take to the conference??
- ⌚ FINAL DECISION RD Team will do their best to represent this Region at the Conference.

3. TOPIC 3 – Registered Agent

- ⌚ Discussion
- ⌚ FINAL DECISION Harold L. took the paperwork and is going to look into this issue

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SATURDAY 5:10 pm closed the meeting with a moment of silence  
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SUNDAY 9:10 am start reconvened the meeting with a moment of silence  
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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- ⌚ Read motions and other business to be sent back to areas.
- ⌚ Announce next meeting location; all other announcements.
- ⌚ Closed with a group hug.

**Tabled proposal until July’s Cycle:** Proposal from Inland Lakes Area to as Wisconsin Region to recognize &

support the newly formed USFA/USSC. This proposal was tabled until July's cycle which will be after the USFA III will be in Milwaukee in June.

The Topic Board had the MZF listed on it we will discuss this next cycle.

**NEXT WRSC IS TO HOSTED BY WSNAC Hosting Area**  
**IN OCONOMOWOC WISCONSIN AT OLYMPIA RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER**  
**RESERVATIONS: 800-558-9573 or 262-369-4999**  
**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**AREAS HOSTING WRSC SCHEDULE**

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|------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>SEP</b> | <b>2011</b> | <b>4A CHIPPEWA VALLEY</b>   |
| <b>NOV</b> | <b>2011</b> | <b>1B SOUTH EAST FAMILY</b> |
| <b>JAN</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>   |
| <b>MAR</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>2B INLAND LAKES</b>      |
| <b>MAY</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>   |
| <b>JUL</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>3B BASIC</b>             |
| <b>SEP</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>4B BIG RIVERS</b>        |
| <b>NOV</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>1C KETTLE MORAIN</b>     |