

WISCONSIN REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE MINUTES

DATE July 14-15th, 2007

PLACE Madison WI

I. OPENING.

- A. **Recovery Meeting @ 9:00 am**
- B. **Beginning of Conference Moment of Silence @ 10:20am**
- C. **Reading of The Servant Worker's Prayer**
- D. **Introductions**
- E. **Roll Call: 12 of 16 active areas present**
- F. **7th Tradition**
- G. **Reading of the 10th Concept**
- H. **Special Business and Agenda review**
- I. **Approval of Previous Months Minutes –**
 Missing from minutes predatory issues adhoc – Missing report in May – last initial of Melanii is K not H ---
 Response from acting Facilitator – Per the records there was never a adhoc created for predatory issues –
 Response from Secretary – changed initial from H to K going forward –
 Corrected Minutes Approved by RCM's

II. TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:

- A. **FACILITATOR:** John H
 Sent in to read on floor
 Howdy Family, Welcome to Madison!!! Sorry I can't be with you this weekend, as I said I am attending Lifest in Oshkosh. This is an event I have attended for over 9 years.
 I know you have been left in very capable hands (thanks Deb). This is my first absence during my term as Facilitator (Two is grounds for removal) it has come to my attention that I will have a conflict with the Nov RSC (my second). I am the facilitator for the MZF and it is meeting that same weekend. Deb W and Doc will be requested to attend also. SO... It is our hope that a member will be elected Vice Facilitator today.
 On another item of business... I did not finalize the draft for orientation I said I would for this meeting, I will restate my intention of completing this task for our meeting in the U.P. I will send it out when I have the wording changes suggested. Again Welcome to Madison enjoy yourselves an feel free to contact me with any questions.

(((hugs))) John
- B. **VICE-FACILITATOR:** OPEN
- C. **JANUARY SECRETARY:** Linda C
 Just a few things this month, Please Please Please if you do not get your minutes contact me. Don't wait till the Regional Cycle. If you email or call me right away I can check my address to make corrections and get you minutes. That said lets go right into corrections. I will print and send around the contact list for corrections. Please keep the list moving around the table. I will make corrections right away and resend it around the table because I also make lots of mistakes. If there are errors that you don't see, that is on you not me. I have taken a vacation day tomorrow from work to finish the minutes so they should be out to you fairly quickly.

Thanks for allowing me to serve, Linda C
- D. **JULY SECRETARY:** OPEN
- E. **TREASURER:** Ray W
 See attachment July 2007 Treasurer Report
- * **Secretary Note:**
 Change order of day to hear report from Service Office will appear in correct location of minutes.
- F. **VICE-TREASURER:** Debbie H

Hello family my name is Debbie and I am your Vice Treasurer. I have nothing to report Thank You for letting me serve this body.

Debbie H

G. REGIONAL DELEGATE: Deb W

No report

H. REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE: Doc T

Thanx to Badgerland for hosting WRSC at this beautiful site. Here is a brief summary of MZF e-mails. It has been suggested by some that is may be a prudent idea to meet less frequently (perhaps twice a year) and that in the last couple of years that some of the value in what we do has begun to erode. At the same time some of the Midwest’s most experienced & dedicated servants attend MZF and model “Congeniality & Respect” this is not to forget the fact, that the MZF is the chief point of contact for NA World Services. It has been increasingly apparent to some (in their opinion) that little is being done to realize our potential and there seems to be little collective will to do any more than have MZF be a networking and sharing opportunity. The majority (certainly not all) have not been successful. Project Hope came to MZF at Unity Jam last year and did a presentation and pointed out that PH was having great success at mailing literature to incarcerated addicts. Mailing literature to addicts outside of the Wisconsin Region is straining the budget of PH. MZF was tasked to provide funds to offset the cost of providing lit to addicts in other Regions. MZF offered to provide oversight of budget. The main thing MZF was to send or coordinate requests for lit & funding support from MZF was “Pretty Much” ignored. A lot of discussion has come up on a lack of action at the Zonal Level. It was suggest the we hope to “Transform MZF into a resource regions can use to address problem areas”. Structure, time-table, & agenda programming has also been addressed. It has also been reiterated the need for workshops to train servants and address region concerns, issues & needs. In my opinion it may behoove us to send us to send present regions bills for literature sent to addicts in their regions with a list of lit sent to addicts & maybe who those addicts were. I plan on attending the 3rd annual Mental Health and Substance Abuse Service & Training Conference. As a member of PR that may prove to be a strain and not allow us to attend WSNAC and withdraw from region track adhoc. Note: this adhoc committee is in need of participation, servants, direction, a purpose

In Love of Service

I. WRSO RADIFIED TRUSTED SERVANT; Gene J

I am currently battling an infection of unknown origin, and an allergic reaction to a medication that I was put on. The one thing that I remember is that after August 1 the tri-plated medallions will also be available in purple/black.

Financial status:

Literature inventory (at cost)	19,900.51
Merchandise Inventory (at cost)	18,382.52
Status with CSO	(8,805.69)
Accounts Receivable	5,433.78
Accounts Payable	(192.35)
Funds in WRSO/bank	<u>8,874.92</u>

TOTAL 43,593.63

I would like to repeat the fact that any group/Area orders that are picked up at Regionals, or at any other function/Convention that I am attending, are 6% Shipping & Handling regardless of the size. I brought more orders to this Regional meeting than ever before, but there were still three Service bodies who chose to have it mailed.

Additional information regarding copy service

1. This is available to groups and Areas of the Wisconsin Region, as well as Region itself.
2. Our printer is capable of making color copies, but we will not offer this until we can establish costs.
3. Copies can be on white or (pastel) colored paper.
4. We need to receive a computer copy of the item, sent as an attachment, to gjurczyk@yahoo.com, at

least one week before they are needed (two weeks if they are to be mailed).

- 5. Our printer is capable of making copies up to 8½ x 14 but we will not have these prices until we can check on paper and postage costs.
- 6. Costs, as of 4/1/2007, will be:

8½ x 11	\$.04 per copy
8½ x 11, if mailed	\$.05 per copy
8½ x 11, both sides	\$.06 per copy
8½ x 11, both sides, if mailed	\$.07 per copy

In Service, Gene J., WRSO

J. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION REP: Cindy W

Hi Family, been working hard on finding a hotel for WSNAC 25. The Hilton & Hyatt will NOT budge on costs if they decrease in one place they increase in another. We also looked at a hotel in Waukesha they were very happy to work with us, but were even more expensive. We were excited about this site because of a large water park outdoor music venue miles of walking trails. We thought it might attract locals to sleep there. However the costs were way to high. Wanted us to spend \$10,000 in food on Friday \$15,000 on Saturday and would not budge. Looking at a site in Brookfield & of course there is always 4 points.

2 WSNAC meetings back a motion was made to provide a service track to WSNAC that any area or group or the Region could use to do service workshops. This motion allowed for the programming chair to be the planning person of the service track, motion carried. Last meeting a motion was made to have Region be the planning body that now groups & areas go through Region to do a workshop. I opposed this change because the intent was to get groups and areas involved & if we let Region plan, areas & groups would just let Region do it. It would be Regions job not to let that happen. I also talked about this would be a way to live the upside down pyramid – walk the walk not just talk the talk. But motion carried & now I am committed to work with new parameters.

Jessie H has stepped down due to an increase in obligations. He will be missed. He brought new ideas to committee a breath of fresh air.

- ?? WSNAC 24 is on track
- ?? Reports will be out soon
- ?? Will call treasurer to send last 2 donations. WRSC has not received them yet.
- ?? Web Page up & running bid package is available there.

Your Friend in Service, Cindy W

K. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION REP. Jessie H

Sent in to read on floor

To my WSNAC and WRSC Families, It is with great sadness that after much prayer and meditation, I have decided to step down from my position as a WRSC delegate to the WSNAC BOD.

At this time in my life I have many obligations to fulfill to my Americorp Volunteer position at the Boys and Girls Club, which includes going around my area and outreaching to youth and getting ready for a new job come September. This creates conflict with WRSC meetings that I would have to travel out of town for, as I realize that I was absent for the last Regionals. I have allot on my plates (as I 'm sure many of you also do), however I have chosen not to be a victim of my choices and rather own them and have courage to change what I can.

The short time I have experienced within both service bodies has truly been a time of learning and growing in several ways for me. I would also like to add that upon my stepping into this position, I was walking around with many judgments and expectations of how these things (ya know, how area's should be bidding for WSNAC) should go. I am grateful to say that today, through understanding and getting the hell outta the way, that I no longer carry this. I know that all of you are gifts to the service that needs to be conducted for the greater good of our fellowship, and have faith that the work you ALL do will continue to help save and change lives of many addicts.

PEACE, Jesse H

Break 11:30-11:47

AREA REPORTS:

A. **BADGERLAND:** Greg R, RCM

Welcome to Badgerland. Our area is having a picnic today at Token Creek Park with the intension of feeding you all. I have placed flyers on the table for our Showdown At The NA Corral Campout Aug 31st thru Sept 3rd at Blue Mounds WI. Thanks to the WRSC for allowing us to host this cycle. Our sub committees have reached their limit as far as manpower is concerned. We request a round table on how to prioritize service structure as far as money and manpower are concerned. Thanx

PS we are all for exploring writing steps in recovery and we would like Region to explore this further.

ILS Greg R

B. **BASIC:** Kerry K, RCM

Hello Regional Family, I am here to report that our area is going through some changes. Our treasure stepped down, due to health problems. There are a lot of new members to our ASC that have little experience in service. We are definitely up for the challenge. Our area has set tentative dates for upcoming functions: October 20th for Halloween Bash, December 15th for Christmas Party and February 9th for our SnowFlake Ball and Chili Cookout. We also have been working on our area campout in the spring. We are trying to have these functions yearly so as they will be better attended. Some of our members were confused with the Regional Webpage being too confusing with the zip code thing and our other issue was out area meeting list on world web page. We did want to be involved with "the writing letters to inmates" thing. So again we are doing well. Our area has a \$127.65 Lit order this month, and due to our functions we are unable to give a donation this cycle. We are changing our Thursday Lit meeting time day and name it will be called a literature workshop, day is still up in the air.

In Loving Service, Kerry K

C. **BIG RIVERS:** Gregg B, RCM

We currently have nineteen (19) groups and twenty-seven (27) meetings. Although a couple of groups have recently left the area, we continue to keep them on our meeting list. Our purpose is to carry the message to the addict who still suffers in the most efficient and spiritual manner possible. We continue to seek new and creative ways to provide every addict with as much identification as he or she needs to believe that he or she can recover also. In keeping with this idea and goal we are seeking to provide several events and workshops that will help us identify ways to increase our presence in the communities in which we live. Our Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee is seeking as much help as possible to carry the message into the New Lisbon Facility, Black River Falls Facility, Prairie Du Chein Facility, and all local centers of incarceration. Our Activities Subcommittee is planning several events including: 1. Letting Loose II at Wyalusing State Park Sept 21-23 2. Frolic In Disguise in Winona Oct 20

Our groups also have several events coming up including: 1. End of Summer Campout at Fort McCoy Aug 10-12, 2. New Beginnings Group Home Group Picnic Myrick Park in La Crosse Oct 14

We would like everyone to visit our Web-Site: www.bigriversna.org

We have recently approved our new financial guidelines with a budgeting tool included. We hope this will allow us to make funds available to the WRSC in the next cycle.

PS Thanks to the Badgerland for hosting us.

In Living Service, Gregg B

D. **CHIPPEWA VALLEY:** Steve H, Chair

Absent

E. **INLAND LAKES:** Tony H, RCM

ILUA is doing well. We have finished our area inventory and now in the process of working towards improving the area's in which we rated ourselves low.

Our area service committee meetings are going strong, lots of participation from the group's GSRs.

\$750.00 Donation given to region

Received no feedback from May's area about Writing Steps to Recovery, as presented last cycle. Did have a suggestion to create a flyer, in which would provide more input and maybe some interest.

Question asked to the region for discussion:

The IRS has changed the law in which donations given can be used as a tax deduction.

They now require proof of the amount donated.

Question is; Is their way a group could provide proof, of a particular person donations' without violating any of our traditions? That's all I have, Thank-You

In loving service, RCM ILUA, Tony H

F. **INNER CITY:** Melanii K, RCM

We at ICANA are doing great-n-growing in so many ways. Our H&I chair reports that the H&I work was great-n-lots of learning for all. Our H&I is looking to expand into other facilities in the outlying areas, Tony will also report.

Our area is looking forward to more info on the step writing behind the walls, there is an interest.

We now have our G.S.R. sub-committee work time before each area so that G.S.R.-n-fellowship remember-n-learn the pyramid. Our convention of ICANA is going good and lots of fellowship is turning out in support. Our area donation is \$25.00.

Melanii K

G. **KETTLE MORAINE:** Lee K, RCM

Good day to all and I appreciate that we have all come together this day to further advance our primary purpose. KMA's Camp Sinawa was a success even with the heat. Unity Jam is coming up in August 3-5 @ Camp y-Koda near Sheboygan. Project Hope in September @ Wilson Town Hall in Sheboygan the 29th. KMA is having an internal audit done on the treasury to facilitate the proper management of funds ie: proper documentation between subcommittees etc.

In Humble Loving Service, Lee K

H. **MILWAUKEE:** Bill O, RCM, Bits P, RCMA

Hello, Family; Our thanks to Badgerland for hosting the RSC. Milwaukee Area held its semi-annual elections last week. Jim W. is our new Area Activities Chair. Curt B. is our new Area Chair. Bits P is our new RCMA, and I am the new RCM. We'd like to thank Debbie H. for her dedicated service to the Area as Area Chair, and also thank Curt B. for his service as RCM. We have vacancies at vice chair, vice secretary, and Public Relations. Our new and improved guidelines should be ready to present to the GSR's for approval next month. Despite an active Outreach Subcommittee, our Area functions have not been very well attended of late, and we would appreciate ideas for improving on an apparent general apathy and lethargy among our members. Our H&I Subcommittee continues to carry the message into facilities, and is adequately funded. Our groups actively support H&I.

As Milwaukee Area is hosting WSNAC next year, the WRSC will be held in Milwaukee in both January and May. The Area needs to know what its responsibilities are, as these are both held in conjunction with WSNAC. Specifically, who sets up the conference, who arranges for the evening function, who arranges for a speaker and entertainment, who handles the money, and who gets the proceeds. We also need to know who is responsible for generating and distributing the conference fliers to the members and the website. It is important that we know these things, so as to plan ahead for successful conferences. This is new for us, and we wish to avoid any confusion. Your experience in this area will be appreciated.

And finally, Milwaukee Area is making a donation of \$125 to the Region. It is an honor and a privilege to serve. Thank you.

In Service, Bill O

I. **NORTH CENTRAL:** Kurt, RCM

Absent

J. **NORTHEAST:** Trish C, RCM

Hello family I would like to mention a new NA meeting that started in Hermansville on Monday's at 7:00pm. Some members are planning on attending this meeting to see how its going. NEW Area had a consensus poll on the topic of the Correctional Conference coming up. The area was in favor in persuing it. Area would like more information on "writing the steps of recovery" project. A issue of respect of clean-time come up and the respect of the old-timers. Also getting people with clean-time to keep coming back, sharing and getting involved. Also to address the Youth in Recovery, how to get them involved and into recovery, sharing at meetings. Thanks for letting me serve.

In Love and Peace Trish C

K. NORTHERN LIGHTS: Tim H, RCM, Pam, RCMA

Re: Step Writing Guide to inmates, area agreed – good idea.

Northern Lites Area continues to grow – stay strong – we continue to work on unity issues. And working with addicts & making them responsible for their roles in area. Last area was poor attendance we incorporated it into an area function. The 7th annual “Campin thaing” there was few people that attended the function at all. But the people that showed were full of spirit & fun. Which is a huge part of recovery as far as I’m concerned. At area we discussed what we had talked about here last region and having region come in and do a function splitting the proceeds Kamp Kenwood was brought up as an option by Chippewa Falls. We would be able to rent camp for the weekend for a minimum cost. Due to it being owned by a friend of Larry from Ch. Falls. Further discussions avail. Chippewa also gave a \$25.00 donation to region. Our area is also taking on the same forum as region conducts at the area level to eliminate cross talk and controversy.

Topic for board – Drug court appt addicts how to get them going.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Pam

L. ROCK RIVER: Chris K, RCMA, Marla M, RCMA

Hello from the new RRAGS dream team, Chris and Marla. We have no 7th tradition this cycle. RRCNA has been moved back to the Ramada Jan in South Beloit. It will still be held April 11-13th 2008. Our website is being continually improved. We would like to have our website linked to the WI region website. We have no upcoming functions planned, as there is no function chairperson. H&I is going well and PR is very active.

In Loving Service, Chris K

M. SCENIC BLUFFS: Mike F, RCM

Hello family, thanks to Badgerland for hosting this cycle. Scenic Bluffs has recently been dubbed the Jamacia of the WI Region NO WORRIES MAN!!!. The last ASC had no quorum so business did not get conducted.

Subcommittees continue to function with out chairs. H&I meeting in Portage Prison is supported. St Clare treatment centers has addicts doing presentation every other Monday. PI - Infoline has been updated. Flyers with phone # on them have been distributed. We also have new meeting list. Ten meetings plus an open speaker meeting the 3rd Sat every month are well supported. There are a handful of addicts willing to assist with the corrections conference in Sept. No Worries Man

Humor is a spiritual principle. We do have an apathy issue in Scenic Bluffs getting addicts involved has been a challenge. The age-old problem of 10% of the people doing 90% of the work. God is in Charge.

Of Grateful Service Mike F

N. SOUTHEAST FAMILY: Victor H, RCM, Jeff P, RCMA

Verbal report only by RCMA

O. WOODS & WATERS: Frank W, RCM, Victor R, RCMA

Good morning family, not much to report this cycle, we held our last area meeting in Lac Du Flambeau on the 16th of June. We elected a new area vice chairperson Rand W we elected a new lit chairperson Paul F.

The rest of elections were held over to Aug meeting in Washburn at our campout held there on Aug 10th-12th at Memorial Park. Next weekend we have a campout at Broken-Bow Campground 12 miles west of Minocqua off of Hwy 70 on Old Prairie Rd July 20-22.

As a point of discussion I would like to bring up the possibility of changing Region Meetings to either quarterly or continuing with 6 times a year with 2 of the 6 in a central location which in our Region would be Wausau WI. I have comparison maps/mileage so you can see.

Thanks in Loving Service Frank W

P. UPPER PENINSALA: Lynn D, RCM

Absent

Break for Lunch – 12:25pm

Reconvene at 1:35pm

Q. Open forum

Round table to prioritize manpower and finance in the service structure, Badgerland is hosting this discussion.

End open forum discussion 2:15

***Question to RCM's –**

Is anyone opposed to closing at 4:30pm to attend the areas picnic – RCMs were not opposed

SUBCOMMITTEE / ADHOC REPORTS:

A. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – 2:30pm

Dear Family, The new Regional Directory is here. You'll notice a few changes. The excel file system of meeting list updates is working. Most of the Areas have responded well. We will continue to use this system. There was a modest increase in the production cost of the directory of about .8 cents per copy. We increased the quantity to 3500 copies. The total cost including tax was \$439.56. I was issued a check for \$349.01. I am submitting a request for a reimbursement of \$90.55. The Region has also experienced modest growth. There are 19 more meetings on the July edition than last January's directory. Specific details are included in the report with your allotment of directories. (See distribution list)

The search for a NAWS Web Contact is progressing. We have one person interested in the position who is capable of handling the responsibilities. If there are any other persons interested in filling this position, please contact us through the webservant link on the WRSC website. Please include a letter of intent, technical background, and service history. The meeting directory on the NAWS database is badly in need of updating. It is very important that we have accurate meeting data available on the NAWS website. RCM's, please take this back to your Areas. (See NAWS Web Contact Job Description)

Our website domain is due to expire in September. It is the consensus of the Web Group that we change carriers from Network Solutions to iPowerWeb. iPowerWeb currently hosts the site, and offers free domain with the hosting. This year we have adequate time to accomplish this, and there should be no interruption of service during the changeover. It will also save the Region some money.

Our Helpline Administrator Larry D. will give us a Helpline report.

The 41st annual WAAODA Conference was held on May 14-16. We thank the Badgerland PI Subcommittee for doing an outstanding job. Brenda M. has a report for us.

The Public Relations group attended the 23rd Annual National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Conference June 3-7 in Menomonie, WI. (See separate report) The original motion approved \$504 for the conference. We had an advance of \$350. Our total expenses were \$443.19 we are submitting receipts and a request for reimbursement in the amount of \$93.19. We were approximately \$60 under budget for the conference.

The 22nd annual Women & Poverty Conference will be held in Madison on September 5-6. This is a budgeted conference. The Badgerland PR Subcommittee is prepared to attend and man the exhibit. We are requesting an advance of \$75 for an exhibit table and a literature purchase in the amount of \$75 from the working reserve. The costs are the same as last year.

The 3rd annual Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Training Conference will be held on October 23-24 in Stevens Point. We have the exhibit application and will request funding for the registration in September. The literature order will be placed this cycle.

NAWS has asked our Region to partner with them again and attend the Wisconsin Correction Dept. Conference in the Dells on Sept. 17-18. There are several options to consider that will require discussion. (Put on board)

That's all for now. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Bill O

2007 WAAODA Conference Report

I. Training sessions: Two training sessions were held prior to the WAAODA conference. Half of the volunteers attended one session, and the other half attended the second session. This was helpful in providing an intimate atmosphere for covering all of the information for the conference, and also discussion about the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) from the PR Handbook. I would be happy to provide the WAAODA training agenda upon request.

II. Participation in WAAODA: Overall, our participation was a success. Everyone was present for their scheduled time, and John S2, Carole C., Jana B., Susan B., Rica B., and Brenda M. all received positive

feedback from our participation in the event. We received many comments, and some of the comments, requests, and questions we received are summarized here.

-In general, many people commented on the helpfulness of having our books and IPs in Spanish. The Spanish literature and the WI Regional Meeting Directories were very popular. A couple of people asked about Spanish speaking meetings in NA.

-Many people asked about getting support for or starting meetings in rural areas like Oak County, or small towns in rural Wisconsin like Dodgeville. Many of these people acknowledge a desperate need for NA meetings in these areas, and they either peter out because of a lack of support, or they haven't been started. These people were referred to the WI Regional Service Office and the Outreach subcommittees. There were many comments about addressing the needs of the suffering addict in rural areas.

-Many people said that they take the Regional Meeting or local meeting lists and make photocopies for their work environments.

-Many people stopped by our booth to ask us the difference between NA and AA.

-Lots of people requested Milwaukee area meetings

-A couple of people asked about predators in the rooms and the general safety of people from predators.

-A few people asked about young people's groups and meetings. Several people expressed gratitude for making available the Youth and Recovery IP.

-A few people asked about the strength of the NA community in different areas, including Madison.

-Many professionals tried to take the keytags we had for display only. They said they wanted them for display and use at their offices. Several others asked for free literature to be made available to them.

-An AODA counselor from Racine said that the NA community was small there, and that he wished that it was larger.

-Our booth was busiest on Monday, less so on Tuesday, and very slow on Wednesday.

III. Literature at WAAODA: The Badgerland Area Public Information subcommittee would like to extend its gratitude to the WI Regional Service Committee for providing the majority of the literature. BASC provided local meeting lists and phonenumber flyers, a sample of all of the keytags, and the following books in English and in Spanish: the white book, Basic Text, Just For Today, It Works: How & Why, and Step Working Guide. All of the books that the BASC provided were for demonstration purposes only, and not for the taking.

The WI Regional Service Committee provided the Meeting Directory, NA: A Resource in Your Community, Information about NA, the white booklets in English, and the following IPs in English and in Spanish: #1 Who, What, How, and Why, #7 Am I An Addict?, #11 Sponsorship, #22 Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous, #23 Staying Clean on the Outside, and #13 Youth and Recovery.

The following chart shows what we were provided with, and what we had remaining after the WAAODA conference. All remaining literature that was provided to the region was returned to PR Chair Bill O.

Literature Item	Original #	Remaining #
White booklet	50	9
NA: A Resource in Your Community	100	53
Information About NA	100	61
#1 Who, What, How, and Why – English	100	56
#1 Who, What, How, and Why – Spanish	50	39
#7 Am I An Addict? – English	100	51
#7 Am I An Addict? – Spanish	50	40
#11 Sponsorship – English	70	48
#11 Sponsorship – Spanish	30	25
#13 Youth and Recovery – English	100	50
#13 Youth and Recovery – Spanish	50	37
#22 Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous – English	100	50
#22 Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous – Spanish	50	39
#23 Staying Clean on the Outside - English	100	50
#23 Staying Clean on the Outside – Spanish	50	42
WI Regional Meeting Directory	300	87
Badgerland Area Phonenumber Flyer	100	66

Badgerland Area Literature Order Forms	30	6
Badgerland Area Meeting Lists	150	45

IV. PowerPoint Presentation: The Badgerland PI subcommittee chose not to have the PowerPoint presentation displayed during the WAAODA conference. This was in part because of some concerns about the appropriateness of the PowerPoint presentation for a booth display and also because of my personal laptop security, and lastly because of the additional training of our WAAODA conference volunteers, especially our special needs volunteers. At the WAAODA conference, no other PowerPoint presentations were part of booth displays. The Badgerland PI subcommittee's critiques of the PowerPoint presentation have been added below and are specifically tailored to using the PowerPoint presentation in a booth setting.

Add in our subcommittee's comments here.

1) The NA logo that's used is not commonly known, and no one is going to recognize it. People wanted to know why the regular NA logo wasn't used, especially since we want these professionals to identify our logo in the future, and NA doesn't regularly use Jimmy K's logo. Plus, it's very similar to an important Native American symbol and people are afraid that it could be construed as offensive. Plus, it's unclear what the colorful, garbled words in the background are. I'm not sure that the symbol is appropriate for a professional.

2) Presenters who are not familiar with PowerPoint will be unable to stop the presentation and get it started again easily (especially for our special needs members). What if someone wants to read over the Vision statement (really too long for a PowerPoint presentation), and they have to wait until it's cycled through to finish it? Will it seem unprofessional to not be able to get the PowerPoint up and running again? Plus, some people felt that slide 16 had a negative spin to it.

3) Some of the information on the presentation is already outdated and the each slide has a different format from the former, which is a PowerPoint presentation no-no.

4) In general, the bullet points do not bring about questions because without context, people are not going to know what they even mean and there is not enough information on those slides for someone to infer what is meant. This would be fine during an oral presentation, but just left running by itself, it is problematic.

5) Overall, it was generally felt that the PowerPoint presentation was inappropriate to be running by itself, even with a person at the booth to address any questions that come up. Without being able to orally present this, the presentation doesn't tell enough of what it seems to want to tell and then it seems to repeat itself. After the slide that says "What is NA?", it doesn't tell what NA is. It doesn't tell about the different services that may be provided like phonelines, H&I panels, presentations to staff, social events, meeting schedules, literature, etc. It doesn't go into anything about Home Group, the principle of self-support (we no longer take, we give), or how to contact NA. There isn't anything about regional/local information.

However, after speaking with an Addiction Professional who is also an NA member, his comments largely contrasted our subcommittee's. This professional liked the colorful graphics and NA logo, felt more graphics could be added and that the NA title above the Jimmy K. symbol should be colored. This professional felt that the "recovery through the 12 Steps" should be added to slide 10 with the Therapeutic Value of One Addict Helping Another title. Finally, this professional felt that slide 16 about what NA is not is great for clarification.

V. Personal Note: I did not have the opportunity to attend workshops and talks during the conference. I was not able to get any other days besides Wednesday off, and I staffed the booth on that day. I also tried to find sufficient volunteers to have two people at the booth, but because the conference is during most people's work days, we only had 1 person at the booth at all times.

My work situation has changed, and I will likely be moving out of state by July of 2008. Therefore, I will not be able to participate in the Badgerland Area PI subcommittee. I have started "recruiting" potential PI Chairs to continue the Badgerland Area's PI work, and I will be happy to leave my future contact information with the Regional PR Chair to be able to assist and inform any person in the future as soon as I have it.

NRIADA Conference Report

Dear Family, The Wisconsin Regional Public Relations Group, in partnership with NAWS, attended the 23rd Annual National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Conference June 3-7 in Menomonie, WI. The conference was both well organized and well attended. There were 8 exhibitors in the main hall. Most of the registrants were involved in either treatment or drug court or both in their home states. Several registrants were also members of NA. 9 of us went to a meeting in Eau Claire on Monday night.

The items of most interest were the multi-language key tags and the mini-texts. We gave away about half the key tags and Gene sold several mini-texts as well as other literature items. There was also interest in the "In Times of Illness" booklet. During one of the plenary, there were questions from the floor concerning Methadone and other drug replacement treatments. While we were not asked any specific questions, there was much discussion of medication in treatment. It was noted in the opening plenary that among the most abused drugs in rural communities are alcohol and meth imported from Mexico.

I must note that NA was not given the same respect as AA. When NA was mentioned, it seemed almost as an afterthought. The drug problem in Iran was discussed in one plenary, and only mentioned AA. Considering NA's development in Iran in recent years, that seemed unknowledgeable at best and disrespectful at worst. The words "drug problem" and "AA" were often used in the same sentence. It was obvious to us that more Public Relations work needs to be done in this area. We have some specific ideas that could more effectively illustrate the broad scope and appeal of NA at these conferences:

1. Equip future PR Teams with a current full color map of the world showing the number of meetings by country and a growth rate chart for display.
2. Create a handout or display of the current language translation projects in progress and translated pieces currently in circulation.
3. When listing Narcotics Anonymous in the program as exhibitors, include a brief statement describing the program. (The only statement in the NRIADA program was that literature would be available.)

In addition to the multi-language key tags, we would like to bring the multi-language IP #1 packet to future conferences. In all, the conference was a success. We spoke to numerous people and put literature into the hands of people who both wanted it and would use it. We look forward to attending this conference again next year. Thank you for allowing us to serve.

In Service, Bill O

B. POLICY REPORT – 2:50pm

Policy updates, Larry Dutton

7-14-07

Item # 1.) Article 3.03 WRSC shall rotate among the areas as follows: Sept. a. St Croix valley is replaced with Chippewa valley.

Item # 2.) Article 3.03 last sentence (page 3.) the January and May RSC will meet at the host site of WSNAC for that year as determined by the WSNAC BOD. Will change to; the January and May RSC will meet with the WSNAC BOD at a site determined by the WSNAC BOD.

Item # 3.) Article 5.01 change "Ratified trusted servants" to "representative".

Item # 4.) Article 7.06 (page 8.) "All motions and amendments, except those dealing with immediate procedure, must be submitted to the WRCS Co-secretaries by 10:00am the Sunday of WRSC using the approved form. All motions shall include estimated financial impact whenever appropriate." Will be replaced with "All motions and amendments are submitted as they arise."

Item # 5) Article 8.10 (page 9.) July elections; delete Unity/Outreach Chair.

Item # 6) Article 10 sub Article G. outreach/unity subcommittee guidelines, we will delete the entire Article G.

Item # 7.) Article 11 sub Article F5.02 line 5 "place \$515.71 in the Delegate reserves" change \$515.71 to \$372.25.

Item # 8.) Article 12.01 line 2. "WRSC pool members must have a minimum of 5 years clean." Change to 2 years clean.

C. WSNAC RSC PRESENTAION – 2:55pm

Hello family, WSNAC is drawing near. Only 1 RSC left before the convention. I have been in contact with the WSNAC programming chair. We are working together to ensure workshops do not get redundant. WSNAC has scheduled a pioneering workshop to address regional history. Youth in recovery is another topic being covered by WSNAC. If areas would like to do a presentation they need to step up now!! I need to let the programming chair know how many workshops and roundtables we will be having so we can be placed on the program. RCMs this is your areas forum let me know if your area is doing a presentation.

The adhoc met 6/23 in Baraboo. There were 5 addicts in attendance. We discussed the fellowship discussion issues as a roundtable for WSNAC presentation *building strong home groups *who is missing from the meetings & why our service system which Deb W and Cindy W are willing to coordinate.

Project Hope has also stepped up to do a presentation. Andrea is in the process of contacting addicts who were

carried the message through Project Hope literature and are clean today. I also contacts John H to enquire about the MZF being present that weekend. More will be reveled. Other topics that came up were an “Ask It Basket” a basket will be placed at registration for addicts to ask questions of the WI Region.

Since I was appointed chair of this adhoc there has been a lot of confusion (which is good because that’s when I look for answers) Is this presentation to be service based? Is this adhoc a vehicle for areas to do presentations? In short what does the Region want from this adhoc? What fdoes WSNAC want from this adhoc? I believe it will help future adhocs if there is a clear intent designed for this committee. We need direction.

In Grateful Service Mike F

D. **ACTIVITIES** – 3:00pm

Hi Family thanks for letting me serve, I would like to know how many Area’s would be interested in a bowling function and I need ideas. Next I would like to know how many Areas would like to have a Regional Picnic, with frisbee golf, softball and bocce ball. Would any area be interested in hosting this function? Please contact me about any functions we could possibly host together. Frank’s contact info in contact list.

Frank

E. **HOSPITALS & INSTITUTION** – 3:07pm

Hi family Tony an addict, Still having problems with communicating with other H&I chairpersons from the different areas. Please provide me with an updated listing of the H&I Chairperson in your Area.

Have gotten a list of all of the DOC facilities in the Wisconsin Region and working of matching them to the different areas, In case someone asks for H&I/PR services, will provide list to all areas when done.

Looking for H&I members to volunteer to for the Correctional Conference that is coming up soon.

During my vacation I was able to talk with the H&I chairperson of the Inner-City, they have a request for them to do H&I in some facilities located in Racine County. I suggested that they should hold off committing to any facility until they have contacted the H&I Subcommittee in that area. I was asked to get the contact information for them and forward to the chair of the Inner-City Area H&I.

I am also waiting on contact for Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility located in the downtown area of Milwaukee.

I also was able to attend an H&I subcommittee in ILUA area and they now have a new H&I chairperson named Mike.

Here’s each area’s report.

Badgerland Area: H&I Chair Rica B tober@rocketmail.com

Need more men and women to cover facilities that they are serving.

Big Rivers Area: H&I is doing well. Currently serving 11 facilities.

Need volunteers for all Jails, Winona Jails are being served most successfully, with two meetings per week.

RRAGS H&I Facility List: No H&I Chair , currently have a Vice chair and working sub-committee – panels presenting in all facilities. Eight meetings currently being served.

ILUA H&I Chairperson: Mike New chairperson express need for Guidelines to be followed and will work on getting everyone on board. H&I function coming up in September, more details to follow. 7 facilities currently serving, in need of volunteers.

INCA H&I Chairperson: Angie Y Have gotten the volunteers through learning day and spreading the word for the need for help. Looking to serve more facilities.

I would like thank you for the response for I have received from the Writing Steps to Recovery question, as presented last cycle.

Most areas have agreed for the region to continue on pursuing this program so here are the basics of this program.

To be taken back to each RCMs’ area.

The following page is a basic outline of the Writing Steps to Recovery, Guidelines. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact Tony H at phone/email below.

Areas should also decide if this will be a separate sub committee or a work group inside H&I subcommittee.

Writing Steps to Recovery

The primary purpose of this committee is to provide written Narcotics Anonymous step guidance to any incarcerated addict who desires recovery within Narcotics Anonymous.

Basic Guidelines

1. All letters will be sent via the WSR RSC P.O. Box, with no personal last names, addresses or phone numbers of step guides, committee members, or anyone else given to the step writer. Step guides will use pen names or first names only, as decided by the step guide. "Correspondence Only" agreements (attached) with these signatures will be filed with the WSR committee.
2. Step guides for the WSR committee will have an individual addict assigned in the order that the step guides have qualified and that addicts of the same sex become available. The coordinating secretary will notify the new step guide if they are not present at the meeting when their "turn" comes up. **THE STEP GUIDES AGREE TO HAVE NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR ASSIGNED ADDICT.**
3. After the initial letter is read by the coordinating secretary or to the committee, all correspondence between the step guide and the step writer is confidential.
4. The coordinating secretary logs all incoming and outgoing letters by date, with name and facility of the inmate, step writer and name, pen name, and phone number of the step guide.
5. **NO ARRANGEMENTS FOR RIDES, VISITS, LOANS, PHONE CALLS, MATERIALS FOR CORRESPONDING, PHOTOS, BOOK, DRAWINGS, TAPES, CONTACTING FAMILY MEMBERS OF FRIEND WILL BE MADE BETWEEN THE STEP GUIDE AND THE STEP WRITER.**
6. The Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous will be strictly upheld.
7. All rules and regulations of the facility will be strictly upheld.
8. Only women will write to women, and only men will write to men.
9. The committee meets quarterly at the regional committee meeting at 1:00 pm.
10. Informational cards will be available for the prison addiction and volunteer services staff for the inmates.
11. Any offender, who thinks they may have a problem with addiction, may write the WSR committee with any recovery related questions or concerns at any time.
12. Presentations to the Fellowship and to the facilities will include the WSR statement of purpose, as well as the above 11 guidelines for function. WSR will be offered at institutions only after the institution has received our information, accepted this information, has agreed to allow this type of correspondence, and has confirmed this agreement in writing.

Most RCM's area have agreed to pursue the writing steps to recovery program, next there is a plan of action needed.

The following is the list of trusted servants needed in order for this subcommittee to start functioning.

LIST OF TRUSTED SERVANTS NEEDED:

A. Chairperson	3 years Clean
B. Vice Chairperson	2 years Clean
C. Recording Secretary	1 year Clean
D. Coordinating Secretary	3 years Clean
E. Assistant Coordinating Secretary	2 years Clean
F. Orientation Person	2 years Clean
G. Step Guide	2 years Clean
H. Committee Member	1 day Clean

Last cycle, the subcommittee was approved to receive 500 more meeting list for this cycle. I have 1000 meeting list to be disturbed between 16 areas.

If any area needs more meeting list please contact me at the number below.

RCMs, Please have your H&I chairpersons contact me before next cycle is they would like their report included in the minutes. They should know that by including their report, that it may help another area that might be struggling with their H&I efforts, or may get some help if they or struggling with something in their H&I efforts. We share information in order to improve on our primary purpose, **“Carrying the message to the still suffering addict”**.

I will not be attending the next Region however I will forward my report.

Tony H

F. MINUTES POLICY ADHOC – 3:18pm

Since I seem to have a problem getting this Adhoc started I would like to have a short/small kick off meeting during lunch on Sunday. I am not sure where this Adhoc was to go at this point it has been sitting so long. And

getting this kick started tomorrow while everyone is here I think would be great idea. It worked for the Purpose Inventory Adhoc so lets go with what works if this is okay with the floor?

G. MEETING LISTS ADHOC – 3:22pm

Greetings All; Over the past months, many people have contributed ideas and concerns as to how to best serve non-Area affiliated meetings. I will try to summarize them here.

Public Relations:

1. The Web Group can add non-Area affiliated meetings directly to the meeting list in their appropriate city, day, and time slots with a disclaimer that the meeting is not affiliated with the Area where it is listed. This measure would need to be approved as policy by the WRSC, as we cannot dictate to the Areas the content of their meeting list.
2. The Web Group can add an additional city listing for each non-Area affiliated meeting, also including a notice that the meeting is not affiliated with the Area that serves that city.
3. The creation of a separate page or listing for non-Area affiliated meetings would separate them from the mainstream of listings, and few, if any, would know to look beyond the city listing for a separate listing. From a user standpoint, this would not be practical.
4. There would be no impact on the printed meeting directory as all the meeting information comes directly from the Web Group database and Area affiliation is not specified.

Application for inclusion to the meeting list:

1. Application for inclusion can be done by way of the Webservant link on the WRSC website. The application would need to include all pertinent information which would then be passed on to the WRSC at the next conference for approval.
2. Application for inclusion can be done in person by the Group at any WRSC.
3. Application for inclusion can be done by mail to the WRSC. The application would then be forwarded to the next WRSC for approval.
4. An additional requirement should be added to those outlined in the Guide to Local Service. That requirement would be that the Group is registered with NAWS. This requirement would interface with the NAWS Web Contact to facilitate entry into and management within our database, as all WRSC Groups will eventually be registered. It is important that all Groups be registered regardless of Area affiliation.

The primary responsibility for all of this begins with the individual Group. Some Areas are already carrying non-Area affiliated groups on their meeting lists as a courtesy. This solution is the simplest and most efficient. The Areas posts their meeting lists and may or may not specify Area affiliation. Some questions remain unaddressed.

1. Does the RSC want all such applications to come to the floor for approval?
2. Where on the RSC agenda would such applications be addressed?
3. Can applications be addressed through Public Relations?
4. How must the guidelines be amended?

As RCM's and trusted servants, it is up to you to decide what procedures are to be followed for a non Area-affiliated meeting to be included on the meeting list and web page. Thank you all for your participation and input.

Bill O.

Break 3:30pm

V. OLD BUSINESS: 3:40pm

A. ELECTIONS:

Additional needs chair - None

Literature chair – None

WSNAC Pool – Lee voted in

WRSC Pool – None

B. OLD MOTIONS:

MOTION MISSED FROM MARCH

Mileage discussion

Motion 03-07.P2: To raise mileage reimbursement to \$0.25 per mile.

Intent: To reimburse servants at a more realistic level of cost of operating transportation

DISPOSITION – TWO AREAS NOT PREPARED TO VOTE ARE STANDING ASIDE – FLOOR ASKED IF ANY OBJECTIONS – discussion about consensus based decision

FAILS

FROM THE MAY MINUTES

Step writing guide for incarcerated inmates – 10:15am

Discussion held by floor members

DISPOSITION: We have a need, RCM’s need to take to the groups need to see if they want to give the time and resources to do this.

Website to get information www.ctna.org go to step writings link on side of page

DIRECTION FROM FLOOR - - PROCEED WITH IDEA

C. BUDGETS: RD & RDA BUDGET WILL BE PRESENTED NEXT CYCLE

NEW BUSINESS:

FUND DISBURSEMENTS:

- 1. **MOTION 07-07.F1:** To reimburse Mike F \$33.86 for flyer copies distributed @ Journeys Convention.

RSC @ WSNAC Adhoc Presentation

INTENT: Allow WRSC to be financially responsible and permitting trusted servant to fulfill his position.

MOTION - passed

NEW ELECTIONS:

Vice facilitator – Kelly declined, Rand declined, Bob C accept- VOTED IN

Co secretary July – Trish decline,

Public Relations – nomination from last cycle Bill O accepts – VOTED IN

WSNAC Rep 2 – Lee accept – hold till next cycle, Bits P decline,

4:25pm – RCMs to prioritize topic list

List will appear in minutes for Sunday morning.

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**Time 4:30 pm – motion to close for day – done**

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SUNDAY 9:15AM start
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**FUND DISBURSEMENTS:**

**MOTION 07-07.F2:** To reimburse Gene J \$93.19 for expenses incurred in the participation in the NRIADA conference for gas.

**INTENT:** To compensate for the inadequacy of the current mileage

**MOTION - passed**

**NEW MOTIONS:**

- 1. **MOTION 07-07.P1:** PR Guidelines

**INTENT:**

**MOTION - passed**

**Original list of Topics on board from reports**

|                                               |         |                                                      |         |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| MZF –charter/reason/ purpose/ \$ donated/cost | 2 Votes | IRS – report individual donations vs traditions      | 1 Votes |
| Old timers at meetings                        | 2 Votes | Webpage                                              | 0 Votes |
| WI Corrections Dept                           | 1 Votes | Youth’s court ordered to meetings                    | 7 Votes |
| NIRADA                                        | 1 Votes | Memorials to NA                                      | 7 Votes |
| PR Guidelines & web servant                   | 0 Votes | Meeting list adhoc options                           | 1 Votes |
| NAWS meeting list confusion on use            | 0 Votes | Reduce WRSC meeting to 4 a yr- 2 in central location | 8 Votes |
| Involve newcomers in share time               | 0 Votes | WSNAC adhoc intent                                   | 9 Votes |
| Prevention Conference                         | 1 Votes |                                                      |         |

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

**DISCUSSED IN ORDER CHOSEN BY RCM’S**

1. WSNAC adhoc intent – 9:30am
  - ⌌ Adhoc committee was given direction during discussion
  - ⌌ Consensus for only a 3 hour time slot

**BREAK TO CHECK OUT OF ROOMS – 10:00AM**

2. Reduce WRSC meeting to 4 cycles a yr – 10:35am
  - ⌌ ½ hour time limit placed on this topic
  - ⌌ **TAKE BACK TO AREAS**
3. Youth’s court ordered to meetings – 11:15AM
  - ⌌ Question can this be round table or discussion on floor
  - ⌌ **WILL BE A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION AFTER LUNCH ON SAT IN SEPT**
4. Memorials to NA – TIME
  - ⌌ **WILL BE A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION AFTER LUNCH TODAY**
5. MZF –charter/reason/ purpose/\$ donated/cost – 11:20PM
  - ⌌ Discussion on floor
6. WI Corrections Dept – 11:32pm
  - ⌌ \$360.00 consensus to fund this conference, \$60 Perdiem, \$150 room, \$75 literature, \$75 Gas 2 people
7. Prevention Conference – 11:45pm
  - ⌌ PR will be directed to get info for next year
8. NIRADA – 11:48
  - ⌌ Need to continue this conference
9. Meeting list adhoc options – 11:50pm
  - ⌌ On table till next cycle

**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.

**CLOSE @ 11:52am (DUE TO LACK OF RCM'S REMAINING)**

NEXT WRSC IS TO HOSTED BY UPPER PENINSALA AREA  
 IN MARQUETTE, MI AT THE HOLIDAY INN  
 RESERVATIONS: 906-225-1351  
 PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION

**AREAS HOSTING WRSC SCHEDULE**

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|-----------|------|----------------------|
| SEPTEMBER | 2007 | 4A UPPER PENINSALA   |
| NOVEMBER  | 2007 | 1B SOUTH EAST FAMILY |
| JANUARY   | 2008 | WSNAC Hosting Area   |
| MARCH     | 2008 | 2B INLAND LAKES      |
| MAY       | 2008 | WSNAC Hosting Area   |
| JULY      | 2008 | 3B BASIC             |
| SEPTEMBER | 2008 | 4B BIG RIVERS        |
| NOVEMBER  | 2008 | 1C KETTLE MORAINE    |
| JANUARY   | 2009 | WSNAC Hosting Area   |
| MARCH     | 2009 | 2C NORTHEAST         |
| MAY       | 2009 | WSNAC Hosting Area   |
| JULY      | 2009 | 3C SENIC BLUFFS      |
| SEPTEMBER | 2009 | 4C WOODS & WATERS    |
| NOVEMBER  | 2009 | 1D INNER CITY        |
| JANUARY   | 2010 | WSNAC Hosting Area   |