

# WISCONSIN REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE MINUTES

DATE Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 PLACE LaCrosse, WI

## I. OPENING.

- A. Moment of Silence at 10:25
- B. Reading of The Servant Worker's Prayer
- C. Reading of the 5th Concept
- D. Roll Call: 11 of 15 active areas present
- E. Introductions
- F. 7th Tradition
- G. Special Business –

Larry read letter to floor (see end of minutes)

Dawn read letter to floor (see end of minutes)

Tom gave report of piping in WSNAC Speaker to prison facilities

### PIPING IN WSNAC SPEAKER TO PRISON FACILITIES REPORT

CheguaMigan Communications will charge \$5.00 per line to set up a conference call between the Telemark Resort and any institution choosing to hear the Saturday Night main speaker meeting @ WSNAC XXIII. An additional \$.11 per minute per line will also be charged. Laura @ Telemark Resort, who is the banquet manager there, said that they would have a speakerphone available @ the podium in the main speaker to use. The convention is fast approaching we will need to decide whether or not we want to make this happen or not. Per Facility \$11.00 per facility.

Some questions to answer include:

- 1- Who will pay for this?
- 2- Which facilities will we try to bring “on-line” for the meetings?
- 3- With out a Regional H&I subcommittee who will organize this?

- H. Approval of Previous Months Minutes – correction page 7 motion 07-06.N1: recall happened before 10<sup>th</sup> concept redress & correction page 9 removal of Patti's name & correction before redress Patti pulled her nomination for RD & correction Chris has 14 instead of 15 yrs clean & correction PI report not in minutes & correction page 11 purpose of inventory report not in minutes can't to end of round table discussion now & correction treasure report not in minutes

**Motion to postpone till morning, giving people more time to read minutes –**

**\*Secretary Note: see more corrections and approval of corrected minutes – located after lunch during Sunday business.**

## II. TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:

- A. FACILITATOR: Chris B

Good morning everyone, so far the new system is not working. Hopefully we will be able to straighten all that out this morning. Lets please try to concentrate and remain on task. It is difficult to get things done when we beat dead horses and go off on tangents. Hope everyone has a great weekend.

Chris B

- B. VICE-FACILITATOR: Deb W

Hi family – Thank you Big Rivers for hosting. Let's all remember why we are here and whom we serve – the Area's and addicts at home. Elections in November for Facilitator, Vice Facilitator, Treasure, Vice Treasure and both WSNAC reps. Please take this back to your areas suggest people attend WRSC in Nov in Milwaukee. We need people – people interested in serving. Please read your 4<sup>th</sup> Concept. Both Chris and I have advised we will not be taking any position. Thank you all for the last 8 years of service – I have enjoyed and learned much!

WRSO will be meeting at same time as subcommittees. If necessary WRSO may switch regular meeting to off months of WRSC and meet in Oshkosh.

I will still be present at future WRSC's – see you all! Love & Hugs!

Deb W

**C. JANUARY SECRETARY: Linda C**

Good Morning Family, please let's focus on why we are here. Please during the meeting if you have a message for me please write me a note or see me at break, it is very hard for me follow what is going on and keep records.

I have been a secretary at regional and area level for a majority of my recovery years and have never been so upset. How many times have you actually read the minutes? Here we have to postpone approval and corrections to minutes because so many people did not read them, but so many people know that a controversy did not make it into the minutes.

I need to give a huge apology for last cycle minutes that were awful and full of my personal notes. This is with out a doubt the worst set of minutes I have ever given out.

I will pass around the sign in sheet very soon please verify your info and make corrections on the last page. Goal to be able to print a set of minutes for carry out on Sunday

In Loving Service, Linda C

**D. JULY SECRETARY: OPEN**

**E. TREASURER: Ray W**

See Attachment

**F. VICE-TREASURER: OPEN**

**G. REGIONAL DELEGATE: Patti B**

Report given half – 2<sup>nd</sup> half after lunch and video

WILL EMAIL REPORT – Did not receive email

**H. REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE: Doc T**

Good Morning Family! I wish to extend a special Thanx to the Big Rivers Area Service Committee for hosting us at this fine, Spiritual Surrounding. I attended the MZF in Sheboygan, WI. It was the time of Unity Jam I believe a good time was had by most. The mileage was 400 miles round trip. I'll be asking for mileage reimbursement.

After a recovery meeting, the forum started with roll-call, trusted servants reports, agenda adjustments, a Project Hope (We do books for crooks) info presentation, PI Elections - Regional reports, discussed leadership workshops, post WSC items, web page, and where the next 2 meeting are to be held (Chicago & ?). Right now (or, at that time) the MZF monetary balance was \$442.79. The WSC check was returned for lack of signature. It was mentioned that anyone attending is a participant on a consensus basis.

The secretary reported that her computer crashed and the minutes were lost. Web servant said that there was nothing that happened that we can post to. We lost a few archives because if ISP servers change. This included a few years of archives & lots of e-mails.

INDIANA – All new chairs & new RDA (Wendy)

OHIO – New RD/RDA will be hosting an H&I workshop. For more info log onto NAOHIO.ORG

DETROIT (MICH) – DACNA contributed over \$8,000.00 each, to four areas in the locale.

MINNESOTA – Needs trusted servants and is considering combining MNRSC w/MNNAC. Also wishes to eliminate their listing in the yellow pages. The MN Service Office has gone all-volunteer. It was also reported that a speaker @ PIG was handling out Bibles @ the campout.

MICHIGAN – Reports that their convention lost money.

CRC (Chicago Regional Convention) donated over \$20,000 to the area.

PROJECT HOPE – did a small presentation & gave out the Project Hope address. A print of the monetary report was submitted and is included in this report. Bluntly stated, Project Hope is running out of recourses.

It was suggested that Project Hope types of efforts on an individual area basis (Region basis). If Project Hope becomes responsible to MZF, then, how would their responsibilities to WRSC, our Region, and areas be considered? It was considered, "What if there was a multi-regional Project Hope?"

The webmaster will be stepping down & will not seek another term. If nominated, he will not run. If elected, he will not serve. MZF will meet Easter Weekend in Detroit @ DACNA. A two-hour round table will be done. Elections will be held in December & co facilitators & others will be elected. Also the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of December, a leadership workshop will be held in Chicagoland Region. Bob was elected web master to replace the outgoing web master. Mark has just finished his 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

CONSENSUS REACHED: Chicagoland Region is hosting the leadership seminar on the first Saturday of December. Each Region will pay \$30.00 per person for 3 spots at the seminar. A waiting list will be made for all other interested parties and Chicagoland will make us aware of openings. WRS is being asked for funding in order that its servants be more effective in their roles.

CONSENSUS: That all contacts on the contact page be deleted from the MZF page. All personal contact info will be deleted until nest quarter.

NAWS sent RD's & RDA's a powerpoint presentation with explicit instructions not to forward this CD or lose custody of this CD. Copies of this CD of this CD were NOT to be made or to be transmitted on the web. Use is to be only with or for NA members. John J of WRSC will contact NAWS for further direction on this matter. MZF expressed a willingness to help with a Multi-Regional or Regional H&I / PI Learning Day. John H (WRSC) address the fact that as we know the rotation of the MZF, that as we prepare to go to any given locale, we inquire upon that locale as to any issues that might be needed to be addressed. (Pertaining to that locale).

SIDE NOTE: As a member of the PI subcommittee with enough time to do it, I planned on attending the workshop in Stevens Point in Oct as long as PI subcommittee will be able to cover the cost of registration & demonstration costs, along with the literature needed to be distributed.

In Love of Service, Doc T

**I. WRSO RADIFIED TRUSTED SERVANT; Gene J**

The WRSO is now moved into its permanent location. The new address is 300 E. Custer, Oshkosh, WI, 54901. A couple members from the WSNAC BOD were at the office taking an inventory of their property. They seemed to be happy with the location, and the fact that they have their own room and that it can be locked. I have created a display of all the merchandise that we have at the front of the office, and I would like to send a Christmas card to all group members in the Region with a message that has our new address and an invitation to consider the WRSO when they are looking at buying presents. The owner of the building was here on the 1st. After he saw the way that the office looked he gave us a free month's rent. We discussed getting a UPC scanner for literature & merchandise. This would give us a clearer picture of what sells, and when.

When looking at the following please remember that the \$9,000.00 literature order is still out there.

Financial status:

Literature inventory (at cost)	23,929.43
Merchandise Inventory (at cost)	17,526.81
Status with CSO	(6,182.78)
Accounts Receivable	6,664.21
Accounts Payable	(209.81)
Funds in WRSO/bank	6,667.50
TOTAL	48,395.36

Literature sales through 5/16/2006	66,429.90	81,290.62 (1995 sales for the year)
Merchandise sales through 5/16/2006	19,051.40	18,901.05 (1995 sales for the year)
Total sales	85,481.30	100,191.67

Due to the number of calls that we get it is important that the WRSO is notified about the status of Area phone lines. At the present time it appears that Scenic Bluffs is the only non-working line.

I was bothered by the fact that WSNAC was not on the Regional Function List. I found out about this when I told an out-of-state caller that they could get a copy of the WSNAC flyer at that location. When they called back to say that it was not there I had to send them to the World site.

I would like to repeat the fact that any group/Area orders that are picked up at Regionals or at any other

function that I am attending are 6% Shipping & Handling, regardless of the size.

Finally, I need to repeat the warning that absolutely no one, other than the WRSO, are to call the insurance company directly. They are to go through the WRSO with all questions or comments. Also, the insurance company has changed the rules related to campouts, retreats & conventions. The WRSO now needs to fill out a four-page form and submit it to the insurance company. They then decide if they wish to cover the event and how much it will cost.

In Service, Gene J., WRSO

## BREAK FOR LUNCH – 1:00 PM

### J. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION REP ODD YEAR: Cindy W

Hotel	# of Rooms	Distance from WSNAC Hotel	Cost	Phone Number – [715]
Pilot Fish	8 hotel rooms	Walking distance	\$59	798-3474
Lakewoods	<b>25 lodge rooms;</b> <b>Condos:</b> More will be revealed on the number of those and the price.	3 miles	?	794-2561
Von Nuit	50? rooms	3-4 miles	?	798-3792
Val Hulla Townhouses	8-12 Condos	On Telemark Campus	?	?

- Hotel:
  - o There are 190 rooms. All the hotel rooms are booked. The following hotels have rooms available
  - o There may be a total of approximately 90-95 available rooms right now.
  - o The hotel currently asks to put you on a list. We are working on, at the very least, getting staff to give the names and numbers of alternative hotels. However, WSNAC will negotiate with hotel to put together a plan for staff to actually make the reservations.
- Web Page:
  - o WSNAC are not working with an active web servant now. There has been discussion about designating one of the positions as a web servant position. It will not happen until a motion is passed by the regional body to do so. WSNAC is not ready to bring that motion forward
  - o Because WSNAC has never had a position that had a specific duty like web master, I personally had a lot of questions. Is it ok to recruit? Can we offer special circumstance like not having to attend the WSNAC meeting? Could the position participate by conferencing: video, audio, and computer? It has been the source of many discussions around campfires this summer. How can we utilize all of NAs resources by change policies to accommodate certain situations?
- Credit Card & Credit Card Machine:
  - o WSNAC has applied for and received a credit card to facilitate reduced rates on merchandising by purchasing on the Internet. The problem? No net 30, 60, or 90-cash up front. Which is fine if there is a big account balance? WSNAC hopes that in addition to the costly merchandise, we will now be able to offer several lower priced items too.
  - o WSNAC has also applied for and received a credit card machine. We hope to be using it at WSNAC XXIII. In the future WSNAC would like to take registrations on the web site, as well as past merchandise, pre-convention merchandise and any thing else we can think of.
- Change in Meeting:
  - o Next weekend is the 2nd to last WSNAC meeting up in Telemark. Besides wanting to invite everyone to attend, we also wanted everyone to know we are trying a new meeting schedule. The meeting will be held from Saturday at noon and end on Sunday at noon. It doesn't reduce costs because most of the cost is in mileage, but it will allow busy people to participate without using up a

weekend. We are not sure the reduced time will be sufficient, but we are gonna give a try.

- Just a few more things.....
  - o WSNAC Secretary; Vice Treasurer, and hopefully WSNAC Treasurer and I will meet to work on improving the tracking systems for better accountability to the fellowship. For example, the WSNAC treasurer and the Registration liaison will compare numbers at each WSNAC meeting. The amount purchased according to the registration forms should match the deposits.
  - o WSNAC's 25th anniversary will be held in 2008. It is at this convention, WSNAC XXIII, in which the bids will be voted on by the fellowship. WSNAC would like to invite all areas to submit a bid.

**K. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION REP EVEN YEAR:** Dean H

Hello all, and welcome to my home area!! I hope that your stay here is enjoyable. I ask myself what I want to report to the WRSC from the WSNAC BOD? I can report this; the upcoming convention next month is going to be an awesome one. Business is getting done. The resort is full, but overflow facilities are available pre-registrations are still coming in. we need to show support for our fellowship if we would like others to do the same.

The BOD is looking into getting a credit card machine to use the convention, and then possibly letting the WRSO use it when WSNAC BOD doesn't need it.

Does anyone know of women that are going to the convention that would be good workshop leaders or chairpersons? You do not have to necessarily be an RCM, but have a strong NA message. Also, the minimum clean time requirement is three years. They can be from any area inside or outside of the state. If you know of anyone, let Cindy or myself know. We have contact info for you.

I was again not able to attend the last BOD meeting, nor will I be able to be in attendance next weekend. However, we have done some business via e-mail. My life has been in a state of flux in the last few months, with many changes that have and area occurring. One of those changes is moving back to LaCrosse. Due to that move, my ability to travel has become quite limited. I still have the willingness to serve in this capacity, but not the means. Elections are next cycle for this position. At this time, I don't think I will seek another term. I will be in attendance at WSNAC and will help with the convention. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

In Loving Service, Dean

**\*Secretary note:** After lunch saw the 4 world videos and RD completed report, report in correct location of minutes

**AREA REPORTS: started at 3:10pm**

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

Good morning fellow addicts. It is a pleasure to be amongst you in service. I'm new here and I hope to be helpful in this interim term as Badgerland RCM. Badgerland Area is growing. Since August we have gained 3 new groups. The number of addicts involved in service has increased greatly. Our ASC has experienced a welcomed influx of service minded addicts. We are very excited about the Unity & Hope shared at our recovery and service meetings throughout the area.

While making great strides at fulfilling our primary purpose there is still much room for improvement. We have faith that with a loving Higher Power we will continue to grow. Our subcommittees are functioning Activities hosted 3 successful picnics over the summer. Over Labor Day weekend our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Lei Over Luau and Campout" was a big success. Fellowship & Recovery was had by all that desired it. We treated about 20-treatment center and newcomer addicts to the joys of camping clean.

Nominations for Badgerland ASC are in Oct with elections to be held in Nov. Being as we have not been properly represented lately at WRSC. We ask your indulgence while we acclimate PS Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Harvest Dance moved to 7<sup>th</sup> all other info on flyer schedule correct.

In Service addict, Greg R

**B. BASIC:** Valerie F, RCM

Dear NA Family, There has been a lot of activity in the BASIC Area since last cycle. We have had two

successful fundraisers; one was a part two of the Birthday Bash held at Bong Recreational Area in Kansasville, and the other an H&I Learning Day at Chapel on the Hill, Lake Geneva. BASIC Area would like to put out a thank you to the KMA Area for showing up and helping with the H&I Learning Day- your support was and is truly appreciated.

We also have two more fundraisers planned for October 14th, our Halloclean Bash, and December 16th, our Holiday party. The Area wishes to again extend our invite to attend and support these events. We also have been discussion our future plans for next years activities and some very interesting ideas are coming out...more will be revealed!

We have a donation for the Region again of \$100 which was voted on a one time basis as just last week; the Policy Pack was voted on and passed. Therefore, the amount of donation will change per policy. The passing of policy comes as a true blessing for the Area.

There has also been some "not so good" news as we have removed 4 meetings from the meeting list for lack of attendance and support. Some of our meetings are still struggling while others are continuing to grow.

We have seen many newcomers starting to come around which is awesome and we wish to continue to see more. We have a few new GSRs from the newcomers that have stuck around- which is wonderful too.

Our Area has put out the question of possibly approaching another Area to form a new Area in an effort to combine resources. We will hopefully have this feedback next month. We are faced with many positions at the Area level not being filled, which need to be filled, and the other Area is facing the same issues. Being that we are next-door neighbors, the question was posed to take back to the groups...again, more will be revealed.

I am very grateful to be here today as this past month or so has not been easy for me. I am struggling with myself lately in where I really belong in service in Wisconsin NA. I ask for your prayers for God's guidance in my life with respect to this. I love you all.

In Respectful and Humble Service, Valerie F. RCM

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

First of all we would like to welcome WRSC to the LaCrosse Area. We hope that your stay will be enjoyable. I would like to introduce our new RCMA to the WRSC BobC.

Our area is doing very well. We recently had our treasurer resign. So we had to hold off on making a donation until we complete an audit. Our area has elected several new trusted servants RCMA – Bob C & Treasurer – Brent H.

Our area is growing there is currently moves to establish new services & women's issues meetings in LaCrosse. We are discussing issues of Unity, atmosphere of recovery and carrying the NA message. We are seeking information on bus placeads.

We hosted the first annual letting loose we want to invite everyone to the Frolic in Disguise Oct. 28

New Beginnings Group picnic at Myrick Park in LaCrosse WI.

New Years Eve dance, speaker meeting.

In Loving Service, Gregg B

D. **INLAND LAKES:** Tim B., RCM

Hello from the ILUA, hope all is well. I would like to thank the Big Rivers Area for hosting the Regional weekend. On a personal note I've been looking forward to this weekend for some time. I started my journey here some time ago and have come to realize I have an emotional if not spiritual connection to this place.

But enough about me at area we were able to fill some of our vacant positions. What remains open is Vice Chair, RCMA, Outreach, and Literature, Merchandise and finally there is a nomination for PI chair for an addict that has relocated to our area from the Inner City area. We are still as an area working on contacting North Central Area to work out concerns for PI & H&I efforts in Wisconsin Rapids.

The campout at Wisconsin Rapids was a success 30-40 addicts attended but unfortunately only 2 of them were not from Rapids and those were the speaker and his wife. Hopefully by getting the word out sooner next year we can improve on this situation. Upcoming activities area Kronic Cup an H&I volleyball tournament fundraiser at Washington Park in Neenah at noon on 9/23. Teams of teams of 6 coed at least 2 of each. Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$30 per team. If you don't have a team come early there will be teams forming on the fly. Questions call Cindy (920) 475-9369 or Jesse at (920) 205-5869. "Need Not Be Organized" campout 9/29 – 10/1 you need a National Park sticker \$10.00 it's near Mountain WI go to Bear

Paw Lake boat landing and follow NA signs. Directions can be found on flyer on the web or call Cindy or Scott at (920) 721-6555. Last but not least Halloween Dance 10/28 at Sacred Heart Church 678 Western Ave Fond DuLac WI doors open at 6:30 speaker at 7:00 dance to follow, 50/50 raffle, best costume contest dance runs till midnight.

In Loving Service, Tim B

E. **INNER CITY:** Johnnie T, RCM

Hi my name is Johnnie T this is my second visit and I am looking forward to a better future for the two area in the city of Milwaukee. The groups have started to discuss the possibility of unifying the two areas. There is a new light that is shining over our areas. "And it's called HOPE" **H**aving **O**nly **P**ositive **E**xpectations" I have no bad news to report.

In Loving Service Jonnie T

F. **KETTLE MORaine:** Chrissy H, RCM: Lee K, RCMA

Good day, first off let me introduce myself: I am Lee K the new RCMA for KMA. Unfortunately Chrissy H our RCM could not attend, KMA donates \$170.80 to WRSC. The Unity Jam was a huge success and thanks to all who supported and attended. Project Hope continues to grow and with the continued support will keep on that path. H&I is working with Manitowoc & Washington County facilities and other to reach out to addicts behind the walls.

At our last area service a motion was made and passed to remove the Friday Night New Beginnings Spiritual Connections Group from KMA's meeting list due to an atmosphere that does not promote recovery. The area is working with this meeting to get it back on the list by helping to rectify these issues it is having.

Upcoming events in the KMA are Project Hope Encore III 9/23/06 @ Wilson Town Hall Sheboygan (1:00 pm Moc Panel) Nerd Dance 10/11/06 @ St Paul's Church Manitowoc. Merry Krismosh 12/16/06 @ Wilson Town Hall; Sheboygan. Live the Steps or Freeze 2/10/07 @ Holy Angels; West Bend & Project Hope XII 3/3/07 @ Wilson Town Hall Sheboygan.

PS Project Hope received a donation from an individual who recently got out of prison in gratitude for the literature he received while incarcerated. My daughter has brought up the idea for kids in NA to share at conventions etc.

Thank You for Allowing to Serve, In Humble Loving Service, Lee K

G. **MILWAUKEE:** Curt B, RCM: Bill O, RCMA

Curt's report

Hi Family, the Milwaukee Area is doing well all our subcommittee chair positions are filled. Our new activities chair is Alice she has been working hard with other members to put together the next regional sight in Milwaukee and also on a Thanksgiving function there are fliers for both these functions.

We have a new RCMA Bill O who brings with him a wealth of knowledge in fact it's a weird position for me because the RCMA is teaching me and helping me learn my job. So thanks Bill for being so gracious and helpful. We also have a new out reach chair Louie who is going to a lot of meetings and really trying to reach struggling groups.

I'm sorry if I missed anyone else that might be a new chair. As you know I have been reporting that the Milwaukee Area and the Inner City areas have been working together ... at last Region the RCM from Inner City area, myself and a few other addicts from our areas sat down and came up with a question to take back to the groups. "Does this group want the Inner City and Milwaukee Area to join together to make a new unified area?" the vote that came back to Milwaukee area is as follows: 16 – yes, 1 – no, 4 – no vote was taken. So the Milwaukee area has overwhelmingly voted to join the areas. Inner-City will be bringing back their votes at their next area meeting. This is a very exciting time for us all and if this goes through as every one feels it will, we will be asking for help from the region to facilitate the merging of the two areas into one. I also asked the question of what do we feel we need from region as an area. I received back these comments: 1-We would like further explanation of what Region can do for the group 2-We would like Region to see about establishing a clubhouse on a bus line as a central office. These were from the Hope Shot Meeting. Also the Steps of Life meeting made this comment "we would like in writing, letting us know what can, and is available to us from region. What Region does ex....?"

Thanks in advance for all the help and support we are going to be asking for and receiving from Region.

In Loving Service Curt B

Bill's report

Hello Family, I'm Bill, and I'm an addict. I'm also the new RCMA for Milwaukee Area. As Curt stated, exciting things are happening in Milwaukee. At the last ASC, we introduced the Area Planning tool from the 2006 CAT so that our trusted servants may become familiar with it. We also suggested to the groups that showing up at the November RSC, observing and participating may well answer their questions concerning just what Region actually does. The Greater Milwaukee Unity Convention will, for the 12th time in mans history, be held on February 23-25 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel. The Greater Milwaukee Unity Convention is hosting a Halloween Bash/fundraiser on October 28 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel. Flyers are available. Convention planning is proceeding on schedule. Convention flyers are available. Jailhouse Rock will be on December 9 at Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church, 2366 N. 80th St. in Milwaukee. Flyers are available. We will be hosting our annual free Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 23, 2006 at Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church, 2366 N. 80th St. all are welcome. Bring your family. Flyers are available. The November WRSC will be held in Milwaukee. We have a hotel and a meeting facility 3 blocks from the hotel. The plan is to have a catered buffet lunch. The cost of the lunch will be \$6.50. You may send a check or pay for it today if you like. Flyers for the WRSC are available, and will be posted on the website with maps. And lastly, Milwaukee Area is making a donation to the RSC of \$250. That's all for now.

In Loving Service, Bill O

**H. NORTH CENTRAL:** Bill R, RCM

Absent

**I. NORTHEAST:** Larry D, RCM

Good Morning NA Family. We have 10 representatives serving 20 of 29 groups at area service. Northeast Wisconsin Area is financially stable and has a donation to WRSC of \$106.15 and \$53.08 to NAWs.

Subcommittee Health: All subcommittees are active except PI.

Executive Committee: All positions are full.

Topics for Discussion: If I were a new comer to NA would I be able to find an area helpline at the WRSC website?

((HUGS)) Larry D

**J. NORTHERN LIGHTS:** Patti Br, RCM

I am the newly elected RCM for Northern Lights. Of the nine areas in Northern Lights seven were Present for area service meeting on 8-12-2006. Hayward, Siren, Centuria, and Rice Lake all were able to make donations. Recovery is happening in all other and rent is being paid. Centuria has closed down their meetings at present time. Made final donation, keeping literature for possible women's group. Place, date and time pending. Money has been sent with me for purchase of literature for Northern Lights area. Also key tags, medallions and books. P.I. report – The newly revised meeting lists will now be in color. Mailing list is being updated for approximately 90 treatment facilities. Old Business – Campout was a success. Camping was paid for and money was made. Good recovery and a good time was had by all. Also a recovery dance was held at the Alano Club in Shell Lake. Club was donated, DJ was paid for and money was made to buy literature. New Business – Mini Conf, Workshops, Gathering addicts for brainstorming to put together an activities community. WSNAC Report – Slow but steady. Help is needed Oct 7<sup>th</sup> is training day 8am at Telemark. Recovery is good and Northern Lights is looking forward to hosting WSNAC.

In Loving Service, Patti Br

**K. ROCK RIVER:** Sterling M., RCM: Steve, RCMA

Sterling's report

Hello to everyone at WRSC. Thank you everyone for your participation at the Rockford cycle of WRSC. I had a wonderful time as well as the addicts who attended. Special thanks to Gene J and Patti B for speaking. I believe the introduction of the new WRSC format went well and I am looking forward to ironing out the details. I also believe that this is a positive change for our region. Gave checks to Gene J for this month and last month's literature order as last month's mail was returned. The acting treasurer possibly sent the mail to the wrong address. I apologize for any inconvenience. RRAGS 7<sup>th</sup> tradition was in the amount of \$915.71 and was given to the regional treasurer. Upcoming events are RRCNA 19 Convention Committee is having a function called "Pizza and a Message" on September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2006 and flyers are available. RRCNA 16 "Living



the Miracle” has registration forms now available. Please note the change of the convention to February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> 2007. Contact information will be that of the chairperson (Gary T) @ (815) 626-7210. Also Room rates are \$69 plus tax, which is designed to lower the cost to all addicts, which is the reason for the date change of the convention. There have been meeting directory changes regarding the Rock River Area, which are as follows: Clean Group now has a relationship meeting on Thursday’s from 7:30-8:30pm, Home Group has changed their evening meetings to 7:00pm-8:00pm instead of 90 minute meeting, We Do Recover is the new group name for the meeting in Rochelle, and Monday Night Prime Time will be moving to a new location on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2006 and the new address will be 7507 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in the Foundations Center and the time/format will be the same. In closing, I would also like to give special thanks to the Kettle Moraine Area and especially Deb, Ray, Shaw and Justin for allowing me to privilege to share my experience at the Unity Jam function. While there I attended the Midwest Zonal Forum and it was nice to see the various regions working together for the betterment of N.A. I would also like to welcome Steven Y as the new Rock River Area Regional Committee Member Alternate.

In Loving NA Service, Sterling M

Steve gave an oral report only

L. **ST. CROIX VALLEY:** Inactive  
Absent

M. **SCENIC BLUFFS:** John M, RCM  
Absent

N. **SOUTHEAST FAMILY:** Victor H, RCMA

Hey Family I’m an addict named Victor acting as RCM for South East Family. I brought and put out some flyers for some upcoming events in our Area. We would greatly appreciate your support, preferable in the form of your presence. I gave 2 checks totaling \$200.00 to Ray as a regional donation.

Side Line – Our area positions are up for elections – nominations were this month and elections are next month. We have not had a committed secretary for along time. And the same can be said for H&I, P&I, RCMA and Policy chairs.

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

Dear NA Family from Woods & Waters Area service committee we wish to say HI!

Woods & Waters area is going along well and is functioning well. Oct 28 Clean & Freaky at Lake Tomahawk. Resolutions Dec 31<sup>st</sup> at St Joes in Rhine Lander. Flyers available at Woods & Waters web site. Clean & Freaky flyers available here. As part of my area report I have a report from our area. We wish this report to be part of regional minutes.

PS I have an area donation of \$170.00

Thank you NA Family, Frank W

Woods and Waters Area Report to the Region, September 2006:

“The Tenth Concept is our fellowship’s guarantee of respect for the individual trusted servant.” As written by an anonymous member of the Woods and Waters Area: “A redress is not to be used as a weapon, a means to win, to negate, or to get even, it is used only as a tool to set the record straight when someone has been unfairly represented. Unfortunately, as you will see by the questions and talking points below, there are those who think the redresser may have had ulterior motives in presenting the redress at the particular Region.

At the last Woods and Waters Area, this list of questions and talking/thinking points was asked to be written and presented to the region. The basic premise was #1. Woods and Waters Area is disappointed that the Region allowed a redress without the person present that the redress would have required an apology from; and, #2 the Woods and Waters Area is appalled the after reading the redress the maker requested the document be dept out of the minutes, essentially forcing the fellowship to rely on hearsay instead of the specifics; and, #3 the area was further shocked that the regional body approved this transgression. Because the redress was not in the minutes and the information received was hearsay, the impression is that the

information given was one-sided and possibly designed, by way of an emotional statement, to sway the election. Therefore, we have some Questions to help clarify the hearsay and some thinking and/or talking points for the future:

\*These questions can be answered in another venue, however the area wanted them read on the floor of Region.

Questions regarding the redress:

1. Shouldn't a redress require all persons involved to be present?
2. Was the body allowed to discuss information that might affect the election immediately following the discussion?
3. How long did the discussion go on?
4. Did the election take place immediately following the discussion of the redress?
5. After the redress, did the body make a decision on who was right and who should issue an apology?
6. How many redresses has the current maker petitioned?
7. One fact, two assumptions: 1. At the May 2006 Regional the RDA could not raise enough votes to continue as the RD. Another person was nominated and elections would occur in July 2006, 2. An emotional redress was read and discussed and, 3. The accused was not present to give a different point of view.

\*At last Woods and Waters area meeting there was apprehension about whether the redress was real or simply a step on the road to becoming the RD. Principals before personality's means we do not vote someone into a position because we feel sorry for them; we vote someone into a position because they meet the qualifications.

Questions regarding the minutes:

1. Was the redress written and read on the floor of Region?
2. Why wasn't the redress included in the minutes?
3. When the redressed person is not present, shouldn't the statement of redress be included in the minutes for the subject of the redress and the fellowship to read rather than rely on hearsay?
4. What rules of order or policy and procedures are currently applied to the minutes?
5. Aren't all documents in the fellowship open to any addict to read?

General Questions:

1. Why was the last RDA allowed to submit a report as the Regional Delegate Alternate when that position ended immediately following the May meeting?
2. Don't we have a new RDA?

Thinking and/or talking points: Open honest communication is the key to a strong group, area, region, and world relationship.

1. Does the body think that the addict the redress involved may have his own redress against the July 2006 redress maker for petitioning redress in his absence?
2. Does the body think that the subject of the redress may have a redress against the region for how it handled the redress in his absence?
3. Shouldn't addicts be allowed to request by mail any document that is open to the fellowship to read?
4. Does the body agree that the fellowship has a right to see whatever work is taking up time on the floor of Region?
5. Recently there was a rift between WSNAC and WRSC, is it true that the rift was primarily a communication problem and that the WRSC felt that information was withheld from the region?
6. Does the body see a correlation between this issue and the WSNAC problems?
7. Based on the fact that the Group is at the top of the triangle and World is at the bottom, further based on the fact that the fellowship supports term limits which implies a commitment to reeducate over and over and over again, do we really need highly experienced people at world or might a newcomer to service have some ideas that we may have overlooked?
8. May the Region want to consider the number of redresses a person has given in allowing such a request? It could be equivalent to the hypochondriac complaining to the doctor on a weekly basis rather than every couple years. I would wager that 99% of the addicts out there have not required a

need for redress.

\*Finally and maybe most importantly, do any of our areas now feel the need to revisit the entire issue of RD elections?

In Closing, the Woods and Waters Area finds the lengthy discussion of our last RD's inventory to be extremely inappropriate for the floor of region and based on hearsay it may possibly be bad enough to call it a character assassination.

To the Basic Area, as recent events have played out, we are now convinced that our vote at the May 2006 Regional elections was well thought out. The requirements we would envision for our Wisconsin Regional Delegate would certainly include they be unifying, professional, fair, balanced, kind and able to accurately carry our conscience. One of the reasons for our May opposition was that the RDA for 4 consecutive WRSC's began her report with an apology for her behavior at the previous RSC. Can we expect another apology now to deflect from what could be deemed as inappropriate behavior at the next RSC? The WWASC requests that this report, in its entirety, be included in the 9/06 WRSC minutes!

DONE AT 4:10 PM

10-MINUTE BREAK

## SUBCOMMITTEES – 4:20pm

### PI – 4:25pm

Report by Bill

Dear Family, The web page continues to operate smoothly. Meeting list updates and event flyers are coming in regularly, and are being processed within 48 hours. We have created 2 new pages on the site. The first is a page listing all the Helpline numbers. This is accessible from the Home page. The second is a page devoted to listings for conventions. This is accessible from a link on the Regional Function page. This was created as a means to make convention information easier to locate. Each convention listed has a link to the convention flyer. Work on the new site has progressed. We are prepared to demonstrate the new site to the Conference today in the hope that it will be approved.

Last cycle, we discussed the web site domain. It is due to expire on September 22. We wanted to transfer the domain to another provider in order to save on the cost of the domain. With the new provider the domain would be free. This required certain logon information needed to “unlock” the domain. We were unable to get that information. Therefore, we were unable to transfer the account to the new provider. As a result, we have renewed the domain with the current provider on a 5 year plan at \$19.99 per year. The domain is now secure. Our thanks go out to Gene J. for his cooperation and assistance in making the arrangements and payment.

PI would like funding for a new conference. This is the Second Annual Mental Health & Substance Abuse Training Conference to be held on October 25-26 in Stevens Point, WI. The costs should not exceed the working reserve, but there are other options that would bear additional costs. One of our members has already registered for the conference, and is willing to set up a table and carry our message to these professionals. I have the brochure and registration information for your inspection. This conference has an extensive and diverse program of workshops that should attract a wide variety of professionals. This conference is an ideal opportunity for our Fellowship to carry the message of NA to the professional community.

The new meeting directory is due to be published in January. There is still room for growth before any significant changes to the format will be needed. We are requesting an increase in the quantity of the directories from 2500 to 3000 copies. This is due to the growth of both the number of meetings in the Region and the increase in PI's need of them for distribution at professional conferences. Were it not for Rock River Area's generosity in not taking their entire allotment of directories, PI would have none. The additional cost will be about \$40-\$45 per printing cycle.

Once again, I thank you all for your trust, patience, confidence, acceptance, assistance, and perseverance in helping to make Public Information the vital, working subcommittee it has become. And thank you, again, for allowing me the opportunity to serve. That's all for now.

## In Loving Service, Bill O

- Presentation of web page new look
  - Printable list
  - Want to post for people to play with to give back functionality
  - Link will be sent to area trusted servants only
- Help line
  - Rockriver – are they hooked up with service, answer is yes
  - Senic Bluffs absence – are they still active phone number not set up – will find out if area is still active
  - Area having trouble navigating helpline menus
- Meeting lists – want to increase quantity of printed meeting lists – determined that it is part of budgeted amount don't need motion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> mental services training confer October 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Want funding for conference in Stevens Point
  - Put on agenda list
- Women in poverty report
- End @ 5:20

**POLICY – 5:20pm**

No issues from policy

**Discussions held**

- We no longer do open forum
- Question old business will it become priority one this cycle – no it will go in the list to be prioritized
- Question who to leave questions with when have to leave – can leave with anyone
- Lets ask first what issues need to be in agenda

**Stopped at 5:35 till morning****Started at 9am Sunday****POLICY – 9:00AM**

1. Tradition Violations
  - None
2. Area Policy Concerns
  - Badgerland question how to seat a GSR at area
    - Use page 26 or 25 use the Guide to Local Services
    - Another area group needed to be present at area 3 months in row to be on list
    - Jefferson county group being investigated by area to see if it is a legitimate group
    - Group should have no affiliation with an outside group
    - Group should register with world
    - Approached by group not open to general population of NA area tried to verify meeting is happening – facility says group not happening there NA addicts not allowed at meeting
    - Should not be allowed
    - Question 4 – outside affiliations should not come into the rooms
    - Anyone should be allowed at meeting
    - Need clarification
    - We should have Vice Chair will join RDA get all information together being outside of area person to be impartial not he said she said, everyone should be allowed at meeting
  - SEFA individual asked about change Policy administration to executive committee and who does open position – area wants chair not vice chair to man the open position
    - At region it is the responsibility of vice chair
    - Another area vice chair covers open positions

- Another area all executive committee members cover open subcommittees
  - Another area policy is before area all people are required to attend if vacant chair the vice chair covers follow guide
  - Me motive behind move
  - Is predetermined subcommittee and is part of executive committee – chair can also appoint a adhoc chair
  - Are we looking at title instead of job – are we looking at time instead of desire to serve – should be at area level not brought here
  - Why is this a motion made – this is the place to ask for input and information
  - Follow up – last region issue with meeting trusted servant – area decided has removed meeting from meeting list core of area people will be attending meeting regularly to help group get back onto track
3. Subcommittee Concerns
- None
4. Old Business
- None
5. New Business
- Policy for minutes - keeping information out of minutes
  - What are we doing – discussion on new format clarification
    - Intent of procedure to just put stuff on the agenda and then do agenda at end of reports then do agenda items
    - We should be discussing stuff and dealing with it once not again later we should only discuss and handle once
    - We should have time limits on how long people talk and not ramble – we should not have been discussing only reporting
  - We should be creating the agenda list not discussing at time of reports – RCM’s are not making decisions at this time reports only

### **PURPOSE INVENTORY ADHOC – 9:55am**

How this new format works – critical mass idea for functions – we don’t have agenda evaluation form ready yet – housing issue for service weekends

Lets make the list

### **10 minute break – 10am – 10:10am**

A new format will be made and handed out at each region

### **LITERATURE – TIME**

No chair – No projects

### **H&I – TIME**

No chair – No projects

### **ACTIVITIES – TIME**

No chair – No projects

### **ADDITIONAL NEEDS – TIME**

No chair – No projects

### **OUTREACH-UNITY – TIME**

No chair – No projects

### **WRSC-WSNAC PRESENTATION ADHOC COMMITTEE -GREG CHAIR – 10:13am**

We need people to do this and step up and do the job here is the list of the set up agenda for the WSNAC

## Presentations

Here are the issues that need to be dealt with for the WRSC at WSNAC

We need to make a motion to get money for the video equipment.

We Need an opening speaker to speak on “Directly Responsible to those they serve

We need speakers for the subcommittees. The RCM asked for this...so we need their support in order to make this portion of the program a success.

We need activities, additional needs, PI, H&I

Handouts during the static and historical display.

### FORMAT FOR PRESENTATIONS:

9:00 to 10:15 Directly Responsible to those they Serve (Speaker)

10:30 to 11:45 WRSO in action (Speaker) \*\*\*\*\*

12:00 to 1:00 Static Display and Audio Visual Presentation

1:00 to 3:00 WSC Strategic Plan Round Table Workshop

3:00 to 5:00 Regional Subcommittee Presentation

### WHO WILL PRESENT:

Opening Speaker: TBD

WRSO in Action: Gene J.

Static Display and Audio Visuals: Team

WSC Round Table: Patti B. to coordinate

Regional Subcommittees: (We have not asked some of these members yet)

Activities: Barbara C. ( can't Do it)

Hospitals & Institutions: Doc T. (can't do it)

Literature: Jeff B. (can't do it)

Outreach- Unity: Dez

Public Information: Bill O. (can't do It)

Policy: Larry D.

## V. OLD BUSINESS: started 10:20am

### B. ELECTIONS:

Additional needs – None

Literature – None

Outreach – None

H&I – None

Service office pool – Melody K - accept – voted in; Steve – accept – voted in

WSNAC pool – None

Activities – None

Vice treasure – None

PI – Bill O – accept and wait to get area blessing because is now RCMA: Valerie F – not present to accept

### C. OLD MOTIONS: None

### D. BUDGETS: None

## NEW BUSINESS: started 10:40am

### E. ELECTIONS:

**NOMINATIONS ONLY voted in next cycle**

Facilitator – John H – need to talk to sponsor; Tom D – not present to accept;

Vice Facilitator – Frank – decline; Michael C – not present to accept; Lee – will consider it; Dawn I - accept

WSNAC even year – Doc – decline; Sterling – decline talk to sponsor

Treasurer – Steve – decline; Ray – accept

Vice Treasurer – Melanie – accept; Dawn – decline

## TO TOPIC LIST – 11:00am

LIST PRIORITIES SET AT 11:13

**\*Secretary Note:** Motion to suspend order of day move back to vice facilitator nominations, will appear in correct location of minutes.

### F. FINANCIAL MOTIONS:

#### 1. WSNAC PRESENTATION – 11:25am (back to order of day)

- Patti filling in for Gregg
- Need volunteer for presentations
- Round table discussions
- What do you need money for? Projector for audio visual presentations – can RD rent equipment and ask for reimbursement later –

**Motion** (verbal motion done on floor during business by RCMs)

To give Patti vote of confidence to get needed equipment AMENDMET with a cap of \$200.00– 2<sup>nd</sup> done – AMENDMENT IS ACCEPTED BY 2<sup>ND</sup>

The highest amount on list is \$150.00 – we need microphone maybe and projector – WSNAC rep question what do you think we need?

How long is presentation – will run all day

#### MOTION PASSES

- Need handouts – delegate team will ask selected people to help
- History – John H to create

#### 2. MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING CONFERENCE – 11:45am

- **Motion** 09-06.F1 (motion form filled out and handed in before discussion started)
  - Why need electricity – laptop presentation
  - What presentation – created by PO chair with help of world represented
  - Is this the PowerPoint used in Watoma – yes
  - Is this money include registration – yes one person and table
  - Are we not going to have a 2nd person – we pay for the one person only and have people manning

#### MOTION PASSES

#### 3. PIPING IN WSNAC SPEAKER TO PRISON FACILITIES – 11:55

- See full report at beginning of minutes during special business at start of day Saturday
- **Motion** (verbal motion done on floor during business by RCMs)
- To allow up to \$200.00 to set up the phone lines to pipe WSNAC main speaker into facilities –2<sup>nd</sup> done

#### MOTION PASSES

### BREAK FOR LUNCH – 12:00 PM

### BACK INTO BUSINESS – 1:00PM

Approval of Previous Months Minutes – **correction** – page 1 read 4<sup>th</sup> concept instead of ? (question mark where number should be) – **correction** page 7 title of redress incorrect was statement not redress

Insert motions from last cycle that were not present in Sept 06 minutes:

**MOTION 07-06.P1:** That no addict will be elected as RD if they have not held and completed the position as RDA for one full term of two years.

**INTENT:** Fiscal accountability and sending experienced delegates to the conference – The whole idea of having an alternate position is so the person can learn it and be on the conference floor at least one time

before having to be the RD.

**MOTION IS BLOCKED**

**MOTION 07-06.P2:** Any addict nominated for RDA must have served and completed a term of being an RCM for an area.

**INTENT:** To develop qualified leadership with experience for this region is the capacity of RDA and RD.

**MOTION PASSES**

**MOTION 07-06.P3:** That any addict elected as RDA that completes their two year term responsibly and has not relapsed on drugs will be elected as the RD.

**INTENT:** If there is a problem with the RDA it should be brought to this region long before the end of their two year term and we have spent N.A.s money to send them to the conference, the MZF ect. We have policy in place to remove addicts from positions anyway. Its called accountability to this region and any problems with an RDA should be discussed on the floor of this region so everyone has the same information and the person in the position can hear what the problems are and speak to them also and have an opportunity to correct the problems and continue to serve or not.

**MOTION IS BLOCKED**

Motion to approve minutes *as corrected* - passes

**G. TOPICS ON FLOOR FROM REPORTS:**

4. HOW DOES THIS NEW FORMAT WORK – 1:18pm

- John H made some tools that could help us understand new format – explains the way it should work
- Idea how to prioritize the list given
- Change the report forms to have place for list ideas and report for minutes at end
- Have list ready for RCMs to on own sheet of paper to prioritize
- List will be part of the minutes
- Will have the paper print out of the new format
- Use sand timer for rambling of ideas
- Keep anger levels down by using timers
- Being aware of my short comings about babbling – needs to keep it moving
- Point of order, call to vote can keep things moving
- We all need to move this on not just the facilitator job – limit on how many times someone can say same thing
- We will pray that John sponsor will allow him to facilitate
- When Chris asked whether a comment pertains to current topic
- Facilitators do have the empowerment to move the meeting along
- Lots of discussion about difference between chair and facilitator

5. KIDS BEING SPEAKERS AT MEETINGS – 1:50pm

- Kids that have grown up in recovery have a message to share – a members daughter presented an idea about sharing what is it like for them and how is affected the children
- Dolores was invited to the Woods and Waters convention to speak
- Proud to see child speaking up the message is simple and to the point – kids affected by our addiction
- Would we looking at an outside issue as a non addict speaking at open meetings
- Who is responsible for child
- We are a fellowship borrowed from AA and they successfully had alateen and children groups – no traditions violations
- Children that have been brought up in the rooms but went the other way than in recovery – are we talking of a main speaker or many children as in a workshop – not sure of direction
- Not all kids will be comfortable speaking is not for all kids
- RCM is going to ask the area what they think – kids will not understand the anonymity of the people that they see in meetings could be problems



- One area has been looking for a Naranon group in the area – kids speakers are full of possible problems but is worth looking at
- Children have been sharing at closed meetings in couple of areas – create some type of format – it is a perspective we could all learn from
- Convention - half good idea half bad idea – one is we are at convention to hear other recovering addicts – have message but need to hear how to be in recovery not how it affected others around us
- What a blessing we have this problem of having kids growing up in recovery we now have this new issue – I have a child that goes off into addiction how to deal with it
- Naranon we have cooperation not affiliation – hears of joy from watching parent changing from addict to person in recovery – everyone needs that message – we should incorporate it
- Awesome idea – addicts kids lived the horror of addiction now living the recovering addicts – inspirational for a newcomer parent
- There are valid reasons for or against ideas – we cant be all things to all people and to what our primary purpose and vision – not appropriate for children to be speakers unless they decide if they have the disease of addiction
- This is a family disease not just our own
- Who are we to decide who brings the message – we need to create something new
- Individual members that are worried about anonymity if you are worried about it don't bring your kids to functions either
- We are not thinking also about the addicts that come into the room that are not ready to hear about how the kids and family are hurt
- The hurt and guilt will help addicts not go out again
- Recap – it would be okay for a child to be speaker but not at convention and or a separate workshop or meeting
  - a. Is this something that we need to suggest to the different conventions that it could be an idea for a message of recovery
  - b. We should bring back to groups in the respective areas – MOTION 2<sup>ND</sup> DONE -
  - c. RD asked to get info from world on this issue
  - d. We need the fellowship to have a voice
  - e. Areas need to decide if is a tradition violation

Break at 2:50pm

Start at 3:00pm

#### 6. POLICY FOR MINUTES – 3:00pm

- What is to be included into minutes or not – you don't include what is said only what is written -
- Agree in theory concern – we will cut out the chain of events
- Minutes are a synopsis of meeting – RCM's should have notes – discussion not necessary
- This body asked for the discussion line
- What has been traditionally done – we might need this detail notes of whole discussions
- We can go back to the way it was done or talk about the discussion notes
- This is secretary interoperation of discussion
- What format of minutes do we discuss
- Adhoc question about what should go into minutes – no discuss now
- We want to know only the outcome not the details – to much politic information
- Discussion should not be in minutes – but we need to know what RCMs are doing
- Trust issues of things left out of minutes – no hearsay we need details
- What is the purpose of the minutes – what is intent they can induce discussion – doesn't matter what is discussed – who will see them MZF minutes are on web discussion is useful
- Like the new format – Roberts rules can bog down a meeting to get nothing done
- We don't use Roberts rules precisely – a written report was left out – don't so much mind the notes but trouble understanding focus of discussion

- ➔ Can we see the full version of new minutes
- ➔ Discussion about reports being read that we not in minutes
- ➔ It was a statement that was read it was not a redress or report – at the world conference they were told about legal issues of written words – people should be able say what they need to say with out repercussion
- ➔ We need to decide on a

**Motion** (verbal motion done on floor during business by RCMs)

Anything that is read on the floor will be added to the minutes – 2<sup>nd</sup> – IT IS A POLICY MOTION WILL BE DISCUSSED NEXT CYCLE IN POLICY

- Question – when RCM votes is there accountably – answer no
- Should we include everything in the minutes that was read today
- Will it be better served to wait until we decide what to do
- The RCM's should be the decision makers not a person making a statement
- **Motion** Auxiliary motion to policy motion made (verbal motion done on floor during business by RCMs) –
- Table the two statements read until it is decided what the format of the minutes will be – 2<sup>nd</sup> done-
  - We are responsible to areas and groups they should know
  - This is the RCM's minutes but they are responsible to the areas they serve
  - We should not be changing what has been done lets move forward
  - Is yesterday the past or a correction – it will be a problem and a mess no matter what is decided – lets decide one way or another
  - Legal ramifications – will it leave the body in legal trouble with slander
  - No one here qualified to answer this question – facilitator will check into
  - No matter what is in print it will not alter feelings
  - Tradition 1 talks about our common welfare – don't want it in the minutes to have to explain to group
    - Call to vote – not ready discussion continues
    - We had same problems with WSNAC about keeping info out of the minutes
    - The people we serve need to know – we did not decide yesterday but the way we do it, the statements we be in minutes
    - **Motion is blocked**

MOTION TO CLOSE @ 4:00pm– 2<sup>ND</sup>

Topics on list no time to discuss

7. PREDATORY BEHAVIOR -
8. HOUSEING ISSUES
9. NATIVE AMERICAN CONTACT
10. SUBCOMMITTEE ELECTIONS
11. CRITICAL MASS

**Larry's letter to floor**

Dear Member of NA family

I have no intention of holding this conference hostage with a two-hour monologue debating my service to the fellowship and allegations of wrongdoing. Had this body found me negligent in my duties I would not have had the opportunity to serve the WRSC for the past 8+ years in several different capacities. My service and dedication to the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous and the members of the Wisconsin Region speaks for itself. I have only

this to say.

The end of the 10<sup>th</sup> Concept reads, “The Tenth Concept is our fellowship’s guarantee of respect for the individual trusted servant. If you think you’ve been wronged in the course of your participation in an NA service body and wish to apply the Tenth Concept, talk to your sponsor, inventory your own involvement in the matter, pray, and meditate. If, upon reflection, you still believe you have been personally aggrieved and that you should petition for redress, write a letter explaining the situation to your service body, or share your problem in the body’s sharing session. The service body then needs to address the matter and, if it agrees that you have been wronged, how to make amends. Hopefully, the Tenth Concept will need to be applied only rarely in NA service. Should the need arise, however, it is here, ready to put our spiritual fellowship’s ideals into action.

Over the past 10 or so years that I have been involved in NA service, I have witnessed 5 10<sup>th</sup> Concept redress grievances read, 4 of them in the past 2 years. Three of these were from the same trusted servant. Two, including this one, against members of this body and/or WSNAC and the third against members that same member’s area, none of whom were in attendance at the time.

I am thoroughly shocked that members of the body would allow a piece of business such as a 10<sup>th</sup> Concept redress in which one trusted servant makes allegations and accusations toward another to be read without that person in attendance and to just be quietly hidden away in the WRSC archives I have over the last two months heard nothing but speculation, opinions, secondhand information, and rumors about what was said. That seems like old behavior to me. What do we have to hide?

From my experiences here at the RSC, I have always believed that in the interest of those we serve, the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous, any business that is discussed here on the floor of this conference is reported to the fellowship. Are we not accountable to them?

I have nothing to hide. I make no amends and owe none for what I have done as a trusted servant of this region or NA as a whole. I have said nothing to others here about you Patti, that I have not said to you previously.

I would also like to respond to the letter from the Basic Area RCM. You and I have met twice previously. Once at your home area in March when I was their for Patti’s redress and to do an impromptu CAR review. From my understanding it was your first time at the ASC because you had just moved from Ohio. We then met again in May at Telemark. You are making some fairly strong allegations with little experience or knowledge to back them up.

Thank you to all of you who I have served with for the past several years and the rest of whom I have served. Serving here for the past years have been a major part of my recovery.

Please make this a part of the regional archives but also part of the minutes. I am not ashamed of what I have done here or fearful of what I have said. It is only the truth.

### **Dawn’s letter to floor**

Wisconsin Region:

At the last Region I was nominated for a position and I declined the nomination as I said because I now have serious trust issues with this Region. I feel at this time I need to elaborate and explain my feelings. I will try to be brief as not to bore anyone.

I have been an active participant at this Region for many years, always looking forward to being here to serve anyway I could and to enjoy the friends I had here that I didn’t get to see except for at Region. Always willing to serve and continue in the process of recovery, keeping in mind at all times what the primary purpose of being at Region was really about, because after all the participants of Region are to be looking out for the addicts that they represent and mostly for the still suffering addicts, to protect them and to nurture them.

I guess it is my problem that I thought you all knew this and was hearing the same message I was hearing. While being at Region I have learned from enormous amount of people at Region and was grateful to be in these rooms year after year with you all. Unfortunately that has all changed for me since last cycle.

It was at the last cycle I saw for the first time with wide open eyes the conning and manipulation and just plain deceit from these same so called friends. I was ashamed for the first time in 21 years to be a recovering addict who has only wanted to serve this fellowship. Seeing the people who could do this to fellow addicts, who only wanted to serve in this fellowship.

At last cycle an addict was granted the time they needed to express the hurt they felt that was so freely handed out to them at this table, by who – by the friends here at Region that’s who. After that person said what they

truly needed to be said, many who are here today admitted their part, which as far as I was concerned was amazing to see that amount of people who were involved in the deceit of one of their friends. I was speechless for the first time in my recovery.

My biological family are well known in the political realm and also involved in another dishonest organization. These people only have one goal, to inflict as much pain as possible, to con and manipulate and hurt as many people as possible even if this is a family member or good friend. Total Insanity. Which is exactly the same kind of behavior that was in this same room last cycle, the only difference this one was called Wisconsin Region of Narcotics Anonymous.

When the elections were manipulated for the positions of the RD and the RDA and the voting members went along with the plan to skew the votes with the cold intention to get Patti and myself out of those position it was in the second the so called friends here at Region were no different that my biological family, that I have worked so hard to get away from. So when that addict at last Region was allowed to say their piece and one by one of those participating members in the corruption apologized to that addict, then business went on as usual and nothing more was said. I was up for the election of the RDA and was set up as well as that addict but not one person here at Region even took into consideration what this blatant act of betrayal could have or has done to me, nor has anyone even had the courtesy to apologize to me for the same betrayal and hurt that I now feel.

So this is where the trust issues come into play. I don't know if I will ever trust anyone again with the exception of Patti or my husband or kids. I came into recovery to get away from criminals who live to hurt people and once again feel like I am surrounded by those same kinds of spiteful, hurtful people. This has truly hurt me to the point I am unsure if I ever want to be of service again and was seriously contemplating getting out of NA altogether. I have worked to hard in my recovery to be a part of a society that is just plain deceitful. We are told that we are to be open-minded, willing and honest. The only thing that has been visible to me here of those three things, is the willingness to hurt a fellow addict, to con and manipulate other fellow addicts and to lie about the people you call your friends all for self gratification. All of those things I was told so very long ago I couldn't be if I wanted to be a recovering addict.

So here it is. I am hurt and I don't believe too many people anymore and I indeed have some very serious trust issues, all of which I am entitled to have after what this Region has done. I have those rights. Those of you who truly know me know I live by this philosophy – If it walks like a duck and quakes like a duck chances are it's a duck. Don't try to convince me it is something else and expect me to believe it just because you say so.

I am positive that those of you who are sitting here couldn't care less about all that I have just said. Let me assure you, all that I have just said was not for you it was for me, I have my own brain and a very long fuse that is becoming very very short. I needed to say all of this if I am going to continue to be a recovering addict or not. I have never been anything but truthful with you all and see no reason to change that part of me. You see before you one of those still suffering addicts that instead of being protected and nurtured has been devastated in recovery.

You see when we talk about the still suffering addict there is no clean time limit, nor dose it refer to the newcomer solely. So when this kind of corruption is going on and you make a choice to become a participant of that corruption think about the person you are willing to go out of your way to hurt next time.

I don't doubt for one minute that any of what I have said is going to make a difference in any of your lives but it has in mine and it's not pretty or politically correct but it is the truth. I have never gone out of my way to hurt any one in recovery and find it hard to believe how easy it was for you to hurt me that way that you did.

Today I sit in meeting, not really participating just going through the motions, not believing anyone. I sit in the rooms with my back to the wall so I can see whatever or who ever is coming my way – protecting myself at all cost making sure I can see everyone at all times – the same thing I had to do with my biological family. Unsure of everything but still refusing to hide.

So where do I go with this and where do I go from here. I'm not sure and don't really know if I care anymore. At least I am being honest to myself and to another human being about everything I am feeling. I am also known as a past cutter and although I never thought of using over this I did think about cutting again so that the hurt from all of this would be relived by self inflicted pain, to numb the betrayal I felt from so called friends.

I think the last thing I am going to say is this; "Have you yourself ever wondered where all the people are with 20 and more years of clean time are and why you don't see them except at maybe a convention or fundraiser, maybe just maybe it could be because of this kind of thing. I'm not sure what I am going to do after today and guess my higher power will give me some direction to take. The only thing I am certain of today is when I am wrong I

promptly admit it and make amends for my behavior can you say the same thing. I am 54 years old with 21 years clean rarely if ever do I think before I speak and that gets me into trouble, I have not ever, nor intended to walk on egg shells for anyone and I am certainly not intimidated by anyone. If someone asks for my opinion I am always the first to ask if they are sure, because you will indeed get it. I am not now or ever have been someone's pawn and have the ability to think for myself and act for myself. The one thing I don't do is blame the disease of addiction for my behavior just so I can hurt someone. I never have and never will play games at another person's expense. So there you have it. That is who I am and you all now have the same information.

I want to thank you for allowing me to share with you all today and allowing me the time to do this.

An Addict named Dawn

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<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>1A MILWAUKEE</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2A NORTHERN LIGHTS</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>3A BADGERLAND</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>4A ST.CROIX</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>1B SOUTH EAST FAMILY</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2B INLAND LAKES</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>3B BASIC</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>4B BIG RIVERS</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>1C KETTLE MORaine</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2C NORTHEAST</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>3C SENIC BLUFFS</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>4C WOODS &amp; WATERS</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>1D INNER CITY</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>