

# UNAPPROVED WISCONSIN REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE MINUTES

DATE: July 17 & 18, 2010 PLACE: Rockford IL

## **Area Round Table Discussions**

- A. Current Cycle – What’s working and what’s not working in the way format business
- B. Next Cycle – Social Networking Sites

## **OPENING:**

- A. Recovery Meeting @ 9:00 am
- B. Beginning of Conference Moment of Silence @ 10:15
- C. Reading of The Servant Worker's Prayer
- D. Introductions
- E. Roll Call: 12 of 15 active areas present at first roll call
- F. 7th Tradition
- G. Reading of the 12<sup>th</sup> Concept
- H. Review – Adjust Agenda
- I. Special Business – none

## **TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:**

- A. **FACILITATOR:** Bob C  
Present – No report

- B. **VICE-FACILITATOR:** OPEN

- C. **JANUARY SECRETARY:** Linda C

Not much to report, I cannot print anything till later. I needed to purchase a new printer and do not have it setup yet on my laptop. Now for my same old, same old spiel that I say every cycle. I will print and send around the contact list it is on you to verify the information. If your area’s and your personal info is wrong and you don’t see it that is not on me.

In Loving service Linda

- D. **JULY SECRETARY:** OPEN

- E. **TREASURER:** Rich M

I have prepared the formal report showing a reconciled Bank Statements, Subcommittee Budgets/Expenditures, and Expense & Income Sheet. I am attempting to provide the required financial information in a short and simple structure.

I expressed that the issues raised several cycles back related to “who should be signers for the checkbook” and “where Area Donations made outside cycle and Bank Statements should be mailed” were never settled. My recommendations were that we continue to include the Treasure and Alt Treasure as signers and they would only sign checks where 2 members of the Executive Committee are not available. I also recommended that all treasure’s correspondence (out of cycle donations and bank statements) get mailed directly to treasurer. The body was asked if anyone objected to the recommendations of the Treasurer and no objections were expressed.

In Loving Service Rich M

\*\* See Treasurer Report attachment for financials

Treasurer was asked to contact previous Activities chair to give report about previous events. The following is the report submitted:

Hi family, Grateful addict named Ashley. I apologize for my absence again. But I am struggling with life on life’s terms. I was in the hospital, as well as baby Myron due to him being premature. I do have a report for you, although it is a little late. First to report on the winter ball. I have attached a breakdown of expenses. It

did not make as much money as anticipated unfortunately. If anything, other addicts and myself ended up contributing personal money. The paintball function had not made as much money as anticipated as well. I would like to offer some suggestions. I would encourage more people from region to support regional functions. If we want these functions to succeed, the subcommittee being at them would offer substantial help. Another suggestion is no chef again. Although the food was wonderful, it took a huge chunk of money. Although many people liked the idea of bigger, different, fancier functions, the show was not what was expected. I did pour my heart into this position to get it rolling, and I am sorry if did reach expectation. I would also suggest getting flyers out extremely early. This was an error on my part, and I did not realize how crucial this was. On a high note, the unity was fantastic. Maybe the functions need to have a higher cost? I am not sure what can get the ball rolling where region can break even. Anyways, because of being in the hospital, I gave a very trusted addict the \$692 donation from the winter ball to deposit in the bank. It goes against what I believe in (handing off money to another addict), but I did not have a choice at this point. It would have been in earlier, but due to some confusion with which bank account to put it in, I had only received the information recently. I gave the addict a pre-stamped envelope to send the receipt to Rich. I am assuming that it was deposited safely. If anybody has tried to call or text me this weekend, I have not had my phone. I currently unable to find it, and cannot leave the house due to bed rest to get a new one. Thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity, and I wish region the best.

P.S. There has been question about the Dinosaur Hunt. Hopefully I can explain this better. The package that was offered was normally \$65. I was able to talk the man down to \$45, which was a steal for everything that was offered. The five hundred was divided by 18 people. This comes to \$22. The \$23 that was charged was put towards the \$45.  $22+23=45$ . Because there were only 18 people there, we received \$100 back from the paintball place. ILS, Ashley S

**F. VICE-TREASURER:** Debbie H

I have changed the mailing address for bank statements to go to Rich the new treasurer.

Rich as done all the work for the cycle and I did not have to do anything! He is taking care of it all now. I am more an advisor and helper for now. He is doing a great job! \$41.67 was collected in our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition today, Thank you. Confirmation of resolved issues under treasurer's report:

- No change in region positions who signs checks
- Treasurer and vice treasurer will only sign checks when no one else is available
- It is recommended that regional donations, when not turned in at the regional meeting be mailed to the treasurer for prompt reconciliation
- Bank statements will still be mailed to the treasurer
- Since the treasurer and vice treasurer will remain as signers on the checking account Rich or myself will bring the paperwork so he can be added to the bank.

Note – not mentioned verbally but would like to say that when the checks for expenses are signed by two of the executive committee members, they view the expense request which indicates who, what, where, when and why.

**G. REGIONAL DELEGATE:** Chris K

Dear Family, The Midwest Zonal Forum is scheduled to meet in Detroit on September 10-12. NAWS was asked to attend and present workshops on the Service System project. This is also scheduled to be the Zonal Forum's planning meeting for the new Conference cycle.

Since the World Service Conference, there has been much discussion about the Service System project and how to present it to the Fellowship. The 3 workshop sessions at the WSC resulted in the need for more workshops. To this end, NAWS is planning 5 World Wide Workshops in the United States. This has never been done before. NAWS has yet to make a final decision on where it will hold these workshops. They have outsourced the planning to a professional event planner. We are still waiting to find out if Detroit is one of them. NAWS has, however, sent messages to Detroit asking for the entire weekend for workshops. This Zonal Forum meeting seems to have grown into a World Wide Workshop.

If Detroit becomes a World Wide workshop, and that is the direction it seems to be going, the Zonal Forum will have no time to meet. There will need to be an additional Zonal Forum meeting in November. The

Zonal Forum has been invited to hold its planning meeting at GIRCNA on November 19-21 in Peoria, IL, the same weekend as the WRSC in Milwaukee.

If the meeting in Detroit does, indeed, become a World Wide Workshop, we would encourage any who can to attend. Chicago is also being considered. We will make the information available as soon as we get it. What makes this so important is that the Service System project presents models and options for a complete overhaul of our current Service System. The Fellowship is being asked to discuss these options and give input, make recommendations, and refine the proposals. These discussions will affect every level of service as we know it. This may result in the largest change in the Service Structure in the entire history of NA. These will be discussed throughout the Fellowship. The results will become a formal proposal in the next CAR in 2012.

We are asking for funding in the amount of \$765.00

In Loving Service, Chris K & Bill O

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

Joint report with RD see above

**I. WRSO REP; Gene J**

Greetings, Still no word on whether or not we will have to move, or when it might occur.

The end of last month we were told that WSO had run out of Basic Texts, and that they would not get to the United States until July 4th. On the 5th we called World, and were told that they would be in by August 1. The end of last week we were told that the books were on the pier in Long Beach, but there was a dockworkers strike. When I arrived here yesterday afternoon I checked my email and was informed that the strike was over, and the books would be at R.R. Donnelly by Wednesday. I'm hoping that means that we will have them by the end of the week.

Yesterday I received copies of the new IPs (Membership Survey, Information about NA, Funding NA Service, and Money Matters: Self-Support in NA) and In Times if Illness from WSO, which probably means that they are now available. We will be getting them as soon as possible.

We have been at four conventions since May Regionals, but our next trip does not happen until SDRDNA in early September. Which means that we should be able to get to some functions around the state.

Literature sales through June 30th were \$49,999.80, while merchandise sales were \$18,841.70.

Financial Information:

Literature inventory (at cost)	\$21,574.91
Merchandise inventory (at cost)	\$18,229.42
Accounts payable	(\$80.50)
Accounts receivable	\$3,881.51
In bank/WRSO	\$4,781.06
Deferred payments to Gene J.	(\$20,373.39)
	\$31,013.01

In Service, Gene J

**J. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION ODD YEAR: Mark N**

First off, I need to clarify that I did not provide a report to the WRSC last cycle. Honestly, I was wondering if I could handle the position after the March cycle. I also wondered if the WRSC still had faith in me. As a result of these fears, I did not do a report. I didn't know what to say. Since that time, I am encouraged at the prospect of having a document that clearly defines what the duties are of the WRSC rep to WSNAC. I am also excited at the prospect of being able to contribute to the creation of that document. To that end, I have a work product draft that I have sent the secretary Linda and the vice -treasurer Deb. I have it available to read should the WRSC wish. I have also sent Linda the minutes from the last WSNAC BOD meeting and some committee attachments. I do not have a treasurer's report at this time.

The WSNAC BOD meets again July 24th and 25th at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. This will be the site of WSNAC XXVIII. The WSNAC XXVIII rep Steve H. reports that the theme will be "Choosing Freedom, Given Life". A logo has been selected and is currently being digitized. The host committee is meeting this weekend in Appleton.

Other Highlights of the May WSNAC BOD meeting. H&H has selected centerpieces which are being made by an addict from KMA. The banquet will be a delectable buffet chosen from the best selections available. The WSNAC BOD met with the WRSC and came up with solutions to help get treasury reports transparently shared, get pool information and procedures smoothed out and clarified that couples in service are normal and usual if not inevitable.

The BOD went over some prices for past WSNAC merchandise. WSNAC BOD will start looking for a new computer for the treasurer. Hers is about 7 years old. The BOD will start looking for an enclosed trailer for WSNAC stuff. A contract was developed for all vendors that perform work for a convention.

In the past the WSNAC BOD paid someone to do work on the WSNAC website. Over the last couple years the quantity and quality of work came into question. As a result the WSNAC BOD is using a template type website that is created and maintained by the BOD. The former web person is contending that the WSNAC BOD owes him money. The WSNAC BOD maintains that it does not. Answers have yet to be revealed but are in process.

Mark N

**K. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION EVEN YEAR:** Gene J

No report submitted

**AREA REPORTS:**

**A. BADGERLAND:** Mark N RCM

Meetings. Janesville had just 1 meeting as little as one year ago. Today it has 4 meetings that are thriving. It is so rewarding to hear their trusted servants at our ASC meetings.

Badgerland has finally done it. We have combined PI and Outreach into PR. We are experimenting with the structure of our Web people and printer people within that subcommittee. We have a focus on keeping as much info as we can on the web. Badgerland has been and will continue to work with the Scenic Bluffs area. Our POR chair attended their ASC meeting to address whether they wanted to list the Scenic Bluffs meetings on the Badgerland list. They decided to take it back to their groups. In conjunction with that effort, Scenic Bluffs sent a representative to the Badgerland ASC. Badgerland has decided that we will help Scenic Bluffs any way we can. As for the meeting lists, if they want it listed, we will label their meetings with Scenic Bluffs area after the meeting information to keep both of our autonomy. PR will be attending and staffing the corrections meeting in October and will work with Billy O on that event. They will also work with Billy on the other conference in the Dells if needed. We have started the Critical Mass meetings again and are publishing lists. We have also started a form called the Powerless Press which lists an abbreviated form of the goings-on in the BadgerLand area. I have brought some of these along today.

I believe that Badgerland is finally even with the WRSO. Gee, it has only taken until July to do it. We are very close to our prudent reserve so there should be a regional donation in September barring any irregularities.

We are struggling with an issue surrounding an individual and a group. An addict was disappointed with the look of our meeting list. He had also talked to an addict in the Scenic Bluffs area and had heard that they might want their meetings printed on our lists. He had his home group vote to print their own meeting lists. For content they went to the Regional Meeting search engine and asked for a list within 50 miles and then printed it. These lists omitted the Janesville meetings. There was no mention of NA or Badgerland on the lists. The issue came up at our ASC meeting. We decided that it did indeed affect other groups and NA as a whole. Our area chair went to the respective group and asked the group to quit distributing the lists. What does the WRSC think of this?

Mark N

**B. BASIC:** Steve R RCM

Absent

**C. BIG RIVERS:** Becky A RCM

Report read by area member

Greetings again family, I am the BRASC Facilitator appointed RCM this cycle since both our RCM &

RCMA are attending a wedding of a fellow member this weekend. Glad to be back and to be of service. Life is good in the La Crosse area. Our Viroqua meeting has 4 home group members and along with regular local attendees, addicts from La Crosse are traveling to support the meeting. Ave Attendance 5-9 The I Can't / We campout was a huge success. There were 45 campers and 15-20 attendees that didn't camp. We had 14 people that braved the wild Kickapoo River. Their canoe trip ended before the rain started. The campfire meetings were "spirit-filled". Not even the rain held back the fellowship and fun. We are looking for speakers for Let Loose. We are talking about possibly having I Can't / We campout as a "pay what you can" campout.

H & I (Dana A): Good. We had 1 missed meeting at the women's jail and 1 at the men's jail. Avg. attendance at the men's jail 16; women's jail 6. I have no report on the prisons. Men's unity was done by Jason L. and Adam S. Because of problems with the men's jail throwing away NA books, we have spent a lot more on books in the last 6 months. We will possibly need more money. 2 addicts personally donated Basic Texts to H & I.

Public Relations (Mickey C): We maintained an informal kiosk at the child mal-treatment conference at the La Crosse Center. Many Intro Guides to NA, behind the walls and In Times of Illness as well as 20 informational packets were distributed. Photos and a report of the conference were emailed to NAWS. We were informed that we would be invited to next year's conference as well.

We are returning to the regular dance / speaker meeting format each second Saturday starting in September with karaoke at 7pm. We did have a motion to have area on a bi monthly basis. I had to return to work and missed the end. I will try to find out more about this. We are having a 5th Saturday of the month speaker/dance at the Southside Community Center July 31st 7pm-12am

#### D. **CHIPPEWA VALLEY:** Jeff H RCM

Hello everyone: I've been elected to serve as RCM for the Chippewa Valley Area.

Participation in area service has increased substantially over the past year or so. We consistently hold an orderly and productive service meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month and have on average 15 to 20 addicts in attendance. The minutes are completed and distributed to members in a timely manner and more recent transcripts will be posted on the web site soon. Elections of trusted servants were held this month; all vital positions are filled and an updated area positions contact list is available.

CVA has expanded as groups from Chippewa Falls and Cadott become a part of the area last year and groups from Chetek and Rice Lake have joined us recently. Also a new group has formed and meets in Chippewa at Klein hall on Saturday at 3pm. We are now serving 18 meetings within a range of 100 miles. The groups are stocked with supplies, literature, key tags, medallions and flyers for regional events and functions in surrounding areas. Our new meeting lists have been redesigned, printed and distributed to the groups. Updates, additions and corrections for the July 2010 regional meeting directory were submitted in the excel file format provided by the committee for meetings in the CVA and for groups in N/W Wis that no longer belong to an area. Also individual members of area service have worked to update the NAWS meeting database via e-mail for their respective home groups but have experienced difficulties. There is a situation with our web site. The web servant has done an amazing job utilizing his talents and the "tricks of the trade" to ensure the maintenances and continuity of the site. Having make arrangement with another addict to host (CVANA.ORG) on his server, a change occurred in the agreement which will dramatically increase the area's expense for hosting this domain name. We will bargain for a lower price. The problem arises if we decide to change servers because when we converted to and paid for the .org domain we let ownership of the (CVANA.COM) domain and someone in Australia picked it up and has offered to sell it back to us, thinking it was an over site. If the site needs to be rebuilt we might lose the current URL do to some question of ownership. It is somewhat confusing? The "Live Addict" service has also been a topic of discussion. There was a motion and vote in June to discontinue the service do to a lack of commitment by anyone to carry the phone. However the other day I personally called the area help line to find a meeting location and was redirected to a live addict who showed me where to go. So apparently someone has stepped up to take responsibility.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic at Mt Simon Park in Eau Claire was a great success. There was a turn out of about 50 or more addicts; plenty of food and fun; an exciting auction and a hard hitting, no-nonsense speaker. Thanks

to all who participated and for posting our function on the regional web site calendar. We are planning to have a campout in August and the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary celebration of the “black and blue Basic Text” meeting will be in Cadott on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Many members of the NA groups in our area are going through a hard time as we grieve the suicide of our fellow addict, GSR and friend Carl A. In our sorrow we hope to become ever more vigilant in carrying the message to the addict who still suffers, so that no addict need ever die from the horrors of addiction.

In Loving Service Jeffery S

E. **INLAND LAKES:** Tim S RCM

ILUA is doing well we have had many activities with more to come. Area is doing a 4<sup>th</sup> step inventory to better serve the group and the addicts. H&I is doing a great job branching out slowly and sorely with baby steps. She has tried many times to reach region. Please see the table for flyers up coming events. ILUA is home of 38 meetings and most are well.

Thanks for letting me serve

F. **INNER CITY:** Tony H RCM

Absent

G. **KETTLE MORAINE:** OPEN RCM

Verbal Report only given by area member

H. **MILWAUKEE:** Jack M RCM, William M RCMA

Greetings family, Recovery continues in the Milwaukee Area, we have a new meeting on Friday night at 10:00pm, in the eastside Alano club, it is not only going strong, and it is very well attended. Our PR workgroup for our website is doing a wonderful job, likewise our workgroup for panel presentations. Our H & I sub-committee is working closely with Inner-city Area’s H & I. We currently have several open trusted servants positions open, more will be revealed.

Our 3rd of July Fireworks get together was lots of fun, with upwards of 200 people in attendance.

After the fireworks while everyone else was participating in the insanity of the traffic jam we sat quietly having a meeting.

In loving service, Jack M

I. **NORTH CENTRAL:** Nancy K RCM

\*Report read by secretary

Hi I’m Nancy K, an I’m an addict. I’ve been selected to be NCWNA’s RCM secretary. Glad I made this WRSC today. I was ill last cycle. Our area is struggling. Wausau meetings are at best weak. Tuesday meeting usually has 1 to 2 addicts, Thursday meeting has 3 to 5 addicts and Friday noon has 1 to 5 addicts. Just keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

I have to leave @ 11:30 am. Our PO Box is open it was closed from Oct of 2009 and re-opened in April.

Our checking account for area is now all @ one bank. We have been holding area services every other month apposite of regionals. As of our last area June the positions held are: Secretary, Treasurer & RCM.

Other positions were filled in Feb and are now available due to our “No Show” in our policy. We are struggling and still standing. Open positions: H&I, Activities, PR, Outreach, Facilitator, Policy. Our Issues: Some meeting in our area have asked ILUA & Woods & Waters if they could join their areas.

Yours in Service Nancy K

J. **NORTHEAST:** Des W RCMA, David J RCMA

Hello Region, It is great to be here and at your service once again. At this time I would like to introduce to you, our new RCMA, Dave J. Dave has several years of clean time and has been working at an area level for sometime also. He is a great asset to our area and I’m looking forward to working with him at the regional level. I know he will do a great job representing our area and our region. Please welcome Dave as you have welcomed me.

In other news “The Back to Basics Campout & Raft Race in Marinette, was a great Success and we had tons of fun floating down the river. We also had some good food and wonderful speaker, Gregory W. from Green Bay. We will be feeling rather blue in August and hope you will come join us at, “Blue by the Bay,” North Bay Recreational Area, August 14, 2010. Please pick a flyer for more details.

The Question: Face book is it working for us? As an area the answer is a definite no!! Face book has caused a great deal of tension, pain and anger. Several people considered stepping down at the area level and one person did because of the problem with face book. We want to protect our member's anonymity. We as an area would like WSRO to consider changing the 11th tradition to include the Internet. We know this is not an action that will be a cure all but we hope that by including the internet in the 11th tradition that it will bring more awareness to more people. This isn't something that will happen over not and will take years to accomplish. We as an area hope the Region will support us in this endeavor. We would like to discuss this matter further in open form and look forward to hear what the region has to say about this.

We are donating \$62.84 to WSRO and \$62.84 to WRSC.

There are two new meetings forming in our area & look forward to help getting them started.

In your service, Des W

**K. NORTHERN LIGHTS: INACTIVE**

**L. ROCK RIVER: Marla M RCM, Steven Y RCMA**

Welcome everyone to the RRAGS Area. I would like to take second and introduce our new RCMA, Steven Y. We are excited to be hosting Region this cycle.

We had 16 groups attend our Area meeting which was held last Sunday, July 11, 2010. In June we held our elections with all positions filled except for Alternate Treasurer and Digital information.

Literature Review: Our Literature Review committee has been busy holding a couple of Literature workshops. All input has been submitted to World.

H & I: Is having more new people getting involved in carrying the message. Things are moving along smoothly.

PR: Updated our meeting list. The committee has gone around Rockford and posted copies of our Drug Poster. Looking for help in getting the poster's out in the rest of our Area. A couple of the committee member will be meeting with two of our local newspapers.

Spiritual Retreat: Workshops and speakers are in place. The committee is finishing up on last minute items; all are excited and ready to go. We have 34 pre-registered addicts so far. Remember the Spiritual Retreat will be July 23, 24, and 25 at the Oakdale Forest Preserve in Freeport, IL. Flyers are available. Remember only one week left before it is here.

Convention: Is getting started on working on the logo and theme for our upcoming convention next year. Our Area Annual Picnic will be held August 21, 2010 at Lockwood Park, please watch our website for a flyer. Fun, food and fellowship will be had by all.

Remember that we have a speaker tonight at 7:00 with a game night and fellowship to follow.

Our donation to Region this cycle is \$ 195.90.

In loving service Nancy M

**M. SCENIC BLUFFS: Mike F RCM**

Hello RSC Family, NA is happening in Scenic Bluffs. Many newer members have accepted service positions at both area and group level. Some meetings have doubled in size and there is a lot of excitement about WSNAC being hosted in the Dells. ASC continues to meet every even month. Unfortunately I was unable to attend this past cycle. An addict from Badgerland was in attendance and introduced the idea of a combined Scenic Bluffs/Badgerland meeting list. This was sent back to the groups.

We had our 1<sup>st</sup> annual No Matte What Campout. Function was a success everyone in attendance stayed clean the mosquitoes were also fed. We also received our No Matter What shirts. These are being sold for \$12.00 a piece and come in black and basic text blue. Scenic Bluffs is having its We Still Need a Helicopter Function Saturday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> at the Mazomanie Community building in beautiful downtown Mazo. Pizza and Italian Beef are on the menu.

Of Grateful Service Mike F

**N. SOUTHEAST FAMILY: Jeff P RCM**

Good Morning Family our area meeting was on 7-11-10 and again we barely had enough for quorum. We are in the process of contacting meeting that haven't attended in a while. Good news from our area is our phone lines are open again, our website is up and running and we have a unity picnic planned for Aug 8 at Macbride Park in Racine WI Hwy 11&31 also our new meeting list are available. We has a addict from

Burlington WI (Racine Cnty) request a starter kit for a new meeting that is started at the 12X12 club at 724 N Pine St Burlington WI on Monday's at 6pm. They also asked for help with certain restrictions that some area's addicts said they must follow or stop having an NA meeting. We cleared most of these from an area level and our meetings guidelines. But I was asked to bring the topic of "Is closing an NA meeting with the Lord's prayer against NA traditions" their group conscience wants to continue closing this way.

Thank You Jeff P

**O. WOODS & WATERS:** Frank W RCM

Good morning family, Greetings from the great northwoods, Woods & Waters Area it is good to be here in Rockford thank you for hosting July Region. Woods & Waters Area is now growing again there is now about 30+ meetings in our area. Most of our service positions are now filled again, at our last Area Service some of our key positions were filled. Our next function will be Our Lake Superior Campout at Washburn Wi. August 13-15 flyers available on region web page.

Thank you for allowing me to serve Frank W

**P. UPPER PENINSALA:** Pat C RCM, Elaine E RCMA

Hello Everyone, Hello to everyone in Rockford and thank you for your hospitality. I must say that the fellowship is alive and well in Rockford. Last nite four of us attempted to go to a midnight meeting on College Ave. There we found a few NA members, but were informed that the meeting was no longer going on. Instead of leaving it at that they invited us in, opened the doors, made some coffee and allowed Dez to take them to school at dominoes. I remember the old adage "Wherever you go there you are." Throughout my travels I have learned another one. "Wherever you go there we are." It really opens my eyes to the strength of the fellowship in the Wisconsin Region.

The UP area is also alive and well. We are a young and growing area. We had a new group from Munising seated at our last area meeting. WE will hopefully be seating a group from Crystal falls soon. We have made a lot of progress working with our subcommittees throughout the area. Outreach is currently inactive in our area. This does not mean that outreach is not being done without an official subcommittee. We had addicts from one of the Marquette groups travel to Munising to share their experience strength and hope on recovery and the service structure. I had also received a phone call from the AA's District 17 PR chair requesting some information on starting an NA meeting in crystal falls. I got an addicts number and told them we would do what we could do. We showed up to their first meeting with literature, readings, chair sheets and 7 addicts willing to help. It is amazing what unity brings to this fellowship.

I am very pleased to inform this body that our Hospitals and Institutions subcommittee is active and we hosted our first H & I meeting at the Florence county Jail last month. We are meeting twice a month and have had decent turnout. We have had good feedback from jails in Iron Mountain, and Marquette and meetings will be started their soon. We still have a lot of work to do in regards to getting literature and more addicts involved to service the various institutions.

Activities are still going well. Our summer unity picnics have been well attended and we still have two more to go. This subcommittee is currently working hard on our Spiritual retreat to be held in Gwinn, MI on September 3, 4, 5. The subcommittee has asked James aka 6-8 from the Chicago area to be a main speaker at the event and he has accepted. UP Area will be hosting region next cycle. Flyers were distributed at the last WRSC and both flyers will be posted on the regional website soon. If you have any questions please contact Elaine or myself. And yes Kris there will be muffins.

Our PR chair is currently vacant, but should be filled at our next ASC. Our meeting lists were just updated and I have brought copies for everyone here. At our last area cycle we had a roundtable discussion on the "anonymity and Facebook" topic. It was overwhelmingly apparent that our area sees this as an issue and will be looking forward to looking further into it. We will also be looking for input from the WRSC and our groups on this subject. Once again thanks for allowing me to serve this body.

In your service, Patrick

Break for Lunch – 12:40 pm

Reconvene at 1:52 pm



**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION** requested by Regional Policy chair, start time 1:52 pm

TOPIC – What’s working and what’s not working in the way format business

- WHAT WORKS NOW
  - Get through reports
  - Shorter conference time
  - Entire room is the subcommittee
  - Time to process issues before discussion
  - Every one is on equal/level paying field
  - Motions worked on as we go - Less paperwork
  - Morning recovery meeting
  - Relationship with other BOD’s
- WHAT NEEDS FOCUS (or changes)
  - Starting on time
  - Committees space – why PR works and H&I, Outreach does not, time for RSO
  - Local committee support
  - Area support
  - Filling trusted servant positions
  - Staying on topic
  - Not knowing if going to end in 1 day
  - Members staying for 2<sup>nd</sup> day
  - Training trusted servants
- BRAINSTORM IDEAS
  - Change agenda and have subcommittees meet first
  - Bullet point reports / don’t read whole report just hand in for minutes
  - Roberts rules of order
  - Reports log of subcommittee reports (log of decisions made)
  - Start if here or not and become practice
  - Active RCM’s to get local support talk it up
  - 1 day RSC
  - Notification of agenda
  - Set topics for RSC cycle
  - More co-operation activities & area
  - More nap time
  - Mentors
  - Form for exit interview/thoughts of position holder
  - Read & follow guidelines
  - 1 day finish
  - Strong facilitation
  - Recovery meeting move
  - Local meeting info on flyer
  - Separate flyer for issue discussion
  - Friday night start
  - Work till we are done (meet after event to finish)
  - More stuff done between meetings – come with decision ready ideas

## **SUBCOMMITTEE / ADHOC REPORTS:**

### **Q. ACTIVITIES** –Bob W– 2:25 pm

Activities Report: I contemplated a few ideas and after discussion with addicts, it was decided to start working on next year’s schedule instead of forcing poorly planned & short notice events. It is my understanding that WRSC is to plan the Jan function in co-ordination with the local area. We will be in the Appleton area and I am open for suggestions for what would be fun and what is been tried & failed.

IRCNA had a speaker meeting on a River Cruise. It was a BIG hit! I can look to do that in any area that has that option. I perceive a problem that it is cost prohibitive to halfway houses and new comers, but those who have attended these say they are inspirational. Maybe we can have a donation from WRSC to cover some tickets for these people or to have an above ticket donation?

I would be happy to plan a paintball outing with a picnic and speaker meeting for next summer. Not seeing any support for this when I took a straw poll and based off last year's experience, we will not repeat this event at this time.

There was enough support the Winter Ball, so we are going to do it in Badgerland Area for next year. Mark & Dez offered to help. RCM's are asked to see if their area would be interested in holding it the following year. Next Aug during NA World will be Unity Day on the Sunday of World. Now is the time to start working on this. As Activity and Technology Chair & DJ, I can make the system work, but I'm hoping to be at World and would need a group/area & addicts to be responsible for this event. I have done it once before and it's AWESOME!!! RCM's, please take this idea back to your areas to see who might like to sponsor this.

Do we want to use speaker tapes form World or other places instead of "live" speakers? No was the response to a straw poll. A live speaker carries a better message.

I suggested we hold a learning day about training addicts for the different area positions and subcommittees in the Chippewa Valley area. The RCM from that area thought it would be a good idea and I will attend their ASC to confer with them.

I'm passing around a sign up list of people willing to speak at Regional or are functions. Please put your clean date, distances willingness to travel or what expenses you might need covered. I'm thinking each area can submit a similar type of list for me and supply and CD's/Tapes as well so people looking for speakers has a source to go to when the need arises.

I will confer with each area where we are holding Region to find out the expected number of addicts at the speaker meeting and make sure that we have an adequate sound system to properly carry the message of recovery.

Jan 2011 - WSNAC Hosting Area Region's Responsible - We are going to try a movie night. Rich has a projector and a screen. After Saturday's WRSC, I went to the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation web site and made an application to find out how much our fee would be for showing a film at our function. Every other site I went to last night said that we and any facility that hosted the site could be at risk for a fine or law suit. Considering that our information is posted on the Web it would be prudent for us to follow proper protocol and get a license.

It was also decided that the movie night not exceed more than 2 hours. If the movie is under that time, it might include cartoons or a Three Stooges or the same type of short film.

The movie's rating should be less than an R since there could be families in attendance.

It should be spiritual in nature and endorse the message of recovery; ie no drug use...

We will have popcorn, candy & pop available for sale to make revenue and make it more enjoyable. I should have an answer by next cycle.

MAR 2011 2A NORTHERN LIGHTS Now that we have taken them off the list. It will be decided in Sept where to hold region.

MAY 2011 WSNAC Hosting Area – WSNAC BOD Responsible

JUL 2011 3A BADGERLAND

SEP 2011 4A CHIPPEWA VALLEY

NOV 2011 1B SOUTH EAST FAMILY

Bowling for newcomers

Talent Night – Badgerland's experience says this was a good event and we might try this later in the year.

1. **MOTION 07-10.N1:** To send Activities data to areas to find out how they want the subcommittee to work. Data to include: 2009 money spent and collected, what the guidelines say about the subcommittee & the last approved budget.

**INTENT:** Let the areas decide what region should do about this subcommittee.

**MOTION PASSED**

Break 3:25 – Reconvene 3:40

R. **OUTREACH** – OPEN – TIME

S. **PUBLIC RELATIONS** – OPEN – 3:40 PM

Report submitted by Bill O. (RDA)

Dear Family, Due to continuing health issues, Greg M. was unable to get the meeting list completed. We wish him well and thank Greg for all his service. We will try to get a new meeting list completed for the September RSC. This will give us all an opportunity to catch up on the most recent changes and updates to the meeting list.

The National Rural Institute for Alcohol and Drug Abuse held their 26th annual training conference in Menomonie, WI on June 13-17. Gene J. and Bill O. attended and set up our usual exhibit. In addition, we were on the program with a 1 ½ hour Special Topic presentation. We created a new PowerPoint presentation specifically tailored for the NRIADA. The conference was well attended. There were over 300 attendees and 46 states were represented. There were 7 attendees present at our workshop.

Next year's NRIADA is scheduled for June 12-16, 2011. The call for presenters is already available. The deadline for submission is September 1, 2010. We would like to submit for another workshop on next year's program. The focus would be on how to get a new NA meeting started in a rural community where none currently exist. We would present various ways, means, and options to the professionals that will assist them in getting an NA meeting started.

The Wisconsin Correctional Assn. 29th Annual Conference will be held at the Marriott Middleton Hotel in Middleton, WI on September 27-28. We have already sent our exhibit registration and have literature for the event. Exhibitors can only exhibit on the first day of the conference. The Mental Health and Substance Abuse Conference will be on October 26-27 at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. The 2010 Poverty Matters Conference will be held November 16-18 at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, WI. That's all for now.

Thank you for letting me serve Bill O

T. **POLICY** –John H– 3:52 PM

Howdy family I wish that thank all of your for my policy “Honey Do” list. I have drafted input for the following bullet points. I will ask for straw polls to see if the input is accepted and action can be taken.

- WRSC pool reports protocols
- RCM ability to be elected for WRSC trusted servant
- 7th tradition at WRSC protocols
- election of RD team on alternate years from WSC
- RD Mentor
- Rotation / Experience
- Hosting Hints input
- Issue /Topic discussion protocols
- Addendums (2)
- Resume draft

Anything not having consensus (or very close) will be placed on the topic list. I don't believe anything is time sensitive. Most of the changes seem to be easily inputted to the guidelines. (((((INSERT LAUGH)))))) I could be wrong! Please feel free to give me input on any policy being not clear enough or can be made simpler (“to wordy”). Hopefully I will find “to much time on my hands” to bring our Higher Power to bare on the guidelines. Thus making them all understandable to everyone.

In Service John H

U. **HOSPITALS & INSTITUTION** –Marla– 4:32 PM

Verbal report that Marla could not attend meeting but will be here next cycle

\*\* Change in order of the Day

**NEW AREA RECOGNIZED** – Washington Ozaukee County Area

MOTION TO ADD TO MARCH ROTATION – PASSED –

- V. **LITERATURE** –OPEN– 4:45 pm
- W. **TECHNOLOGY COMMUNICATIONS** – Bob W – 4:46 pm  
Verbal report of no updates
- X. **HOW TO ADOPT A DELEGATE FOR HOUSING** – OPEN – 4:46 pm  
No chair – verbal description about what committee is about  
Debbie H appointed chair & will contact prior chair for information
- Y. **WSNAC Treasury Help** –Jack M– 4:52 pm  
Verbal report only

**BASIC SERVICES**

- A. Approval of last cycle minutes – approved with one correction  
Correction – Upper Peninsula change Elaine from RCM to RCMA

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 Time 5:00 pm – motion to close for day – done  
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SUNDAY 9:00 am start  
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- B. ELECTIONS:  
 WRSO Pool – George D volunteers, voting was held over to next cycle RCMs wanted to ask questions  
 WSNAC Pool – none  
 Outreach – none  
 Co-secretary July – none  
 Public Relations – none  
 Literature – none  
 Vice Facilitator – Debbie H will think about it  
 POSITIONS UP FOR NOMINATIONS IN SEPT –  
     H&I  
     Registered agent John H

- C. MOTIONS:  
 FINANCIAL MOTIONS: None

POLICY & BUSINESS MOTIONS:

- 1. **MOTION 07-10.P1:** To declare Northern Lights Area service committee as officially dissolved and therefore no longer in existence.  
     **INTENT:** To remove the name (NLASC) from all regional and world databases for the purpose of accuracy and clarity.  
     **MOTION PASSES**

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**MOTION PASSES**

D. BUDGETS:

None

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

|                                          |                                              |                                 |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Can groups print their own meeting lists | Regional Rotation – Northern Lights now WOCA | Lord’s Prayer – OK for closing? |
| RD/RDA elections 2011                    | Facebook / 11 <sup>th</sup> Tradition        |                                 |

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

DISCUSSED IN ORDER CHOOSEN BY RCM’S

1. TOPIC 1 – 9:30 am

- Can groups print their own meeting lists
  - a. The group in question left off groups from the area and added groups from another area on their list
  - b. Maybe get other groups permission to list them
  - c. Can’t tell them to stop if they are not using the area or regions name, if only list of meetings
  - d. Suggest to stay within the service structure attend area to make changes
  - e. Point of order – they were asked to stop why are we discussing, RESPONSE – the area is asking for experience input
  - f. Maybe group and area could work together
  - g. If list creation is not centralized the list will be outdated quickly
- FINAL DECISION – visit group to see if could work together to have a current list

2. TOPIC 2 – TIME

- Social Networking sites / 11<sup>th</sup> Tradition
  - a. Change 11<sup>th</sup> tradition to cover these Internet Social Networking Sites
  - b. Maybe instead have a clarity statement that defines the 11<sup>th</sup> tradition instead of changing tradition
  - c. Tradition already covers this but clarity is needed – need adhoc committee
  - d. An area is already divided and have formed an adhoc to come up with a clarity statement and hopes to have something to bring next cycle
  - e. Another area is also having this trouble need to get out message this can be either good or bad tool
  - f. This needs to be regional work so we are all using the same statements – this is NA as a whole not just a area
  - g. Is this a area that is wanting to do this with out regions input
  - h. Lets everyone give them their ideas to take back to their area
  - i. Can we do a round table about this issue for Sept
  - j. Facilitator – straw pole
    1. adhoc – Tim chair
      - a. need to let all areas know that is being done

## 2. Sept 2010 “Social Networking Sites”

- FINAL DECISION – Will have a Sept Round table discussion & adhoc formed

## 3. TOPIC 3 – TIME

## ➤ Lord Prayer

- a. It's the grp decision not up to us
- b. Agree that group has decisions, but our literature we have Higher Power – we may run out newcomers that do not believe
- c. Its takes some of us a long time to get to a place of using God – we don't have to be religious “read 3<sup>rd</sup> step” Lords prayer is religious dogma
- d. Lords prayer is religious – this is huge tradition violation
- e. Breaking of 3 traditions – totally against our readings
- f. Primary purpose is to carry the message – we will alienate people especially newcomers
- g. Topic has always been around from the beginning – our Basic Text is soaked full of religion but we use it more neutral
- h. Share with group that many people will not ever look at recovery because of the religious undertones – ask group why they close this way
- i. Agree with what last person says
- j. Agree with what has been said
- k. Agree with what has been said
- l. Serenity prayer is in the Basic Text the Lord Prayer is not, we should use NA literature
- m. Literature says we are not religious – have newcomers that will not stick around to find out the full understand
- n. Don't believe in religion but each group autonomous – would be intimidating if someone from region came and said a group can not do this, a handful of addicts to loving find out why they close this way
- o. Were do we draw the line as a newcomer we can find any reason to not get clean – we can have years clean and today be a newcomer – just because we don't like something does not mean it will be changed – reach out to the newcomer after meeting
- p. Motion to move on beating a dead horse
- q. The real question is this a violation of tradition and if it is we need to hold to our traditions remove from meeting schedule
- r. Hurt feelings about saying Lords prayer being religious dogma

- FINAL DECISION – not sure

## 4. TOPIC 4 – 10:30

## ➤ Regional Rotation

- a. Northern Lights & WOCA
- b. The guidelines were read - they should be placed at the end of the Nov quadrant
- c. The open spot vacated by Northern Lights does the others in that quadrant get first choice

- FINAL DECISION – The new seated area is going to come back next cycle after talking to their area and see if they can host the March 2011 regional cycle

Break 10:40 am – Reconvene 11:00

## 5. TOPIC 5 – TIME

## ➤ RD/RDA elections 2011

- a. Is the about the current position holders RESPONSE – no this is just to move the rotation so it will be opposite of the World Service Conference
- b. Guidelines were read and discussed
- c. Is it just an option to hold them in the position
- d. There is a need to change the rotation schedule we either let the current RD team run for 5

- years or use the mentor position to not hold position
- e. Explanation of why election in between world conference is needed – and description of what was done last cycle – so we have either extended the current teams rotation by one year of shortened by one year.
  - f. One area has already voted to change the rotation of the RD Team. And also voted to give the current team the extra year of position service.
  - g. This is two issues and we are putting them together – changing rotation – how it affects the current team
  - h. Agree with last person
  - i. Current RD stated he will be willing to have the added year – we have a PR, Secretary & registered agent that have covered more then their term
  - j. We don't need a mentor position it is just a person sharing knowledge
  - k. Current RDA is also willing to have the extra year and the change of rotation should not effect that
1. CALL TO VOTE
    1. The new RD Team election will start in 2011. **PASSES**
    - 2.

#### **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 @ 11:35 am**

**WILL GET NEW FLYER FROM ELAINE OR PAT (UP TEAM) THIS WEEK**

**NEXT WRSC IS TO HOSTED BY UPPER PENINSULA AREA  
IN MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN AT ORIANNA RIDGE "THE PRESERVE"  
RESERVATIONS: 906-228-8100  
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION**

### **AREAS HOSTING WRSC SCHEDULE**

|            |             |                             |
|------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>SEP</b> | <b>2010</b> | <b>4D UPPER PENINSULA</b>   |
| <b>NOV</b> | <b>2010</b> | <b>1A MILWAUKEE</b>         |
| <b>JAN</b> | <b>2011</b> | <b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>   |
| <b>MAR</b> | <b>2011</b> | <b>2A NORTHERN LIGHTS</b>   |
| <b>MAY</b> | <b>2011</b> | <b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>   |
| <b>JUL</b> | <b>2011</b> | <b>3A BADGERLAND</b>        |
| <b>SEP</b> | <b>2011</b> | <b>4A CHIPPEWA VALLEY</b>   |
| <b>NOV</b> | <b>2011</b> | <b>1B SOUTH EAST FAMILY</b> |
| <b>JAN</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>   |
| <b>MAR</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>2B INLAND LAKES</b>      |
| <b>MAY</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>   |
| <b>JUL</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>3B BASIC</b>             |
| <b>SEP</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>4B BIG RIVERS</b>        |
| <b>NOV</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>1C KETTLE MORAIN</b>     |