

WISCONSIN REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE MINUTES

DATE: Nov 15 & 16, 2008

PLACE: Manitowoc, WI – Kettle Moraine Area

Area Round Table Discussions

- A. Current Cycle – Why is the NA service structure inverted?
- B. Next Cycle – Discussion topics from MZF: Leadership, Communication, Our freedom our responsibility

OPENING:

- A. Recovery Meeting @ 9:00 am
- B. Beginning of Conference Moment of Silence @ 10:25 am
- C. Reading of The Servant Worker's Prayer
- D. Introductions
- E. Roll Call: 10 of 16 active areas present at first roll call
- F. 7th Tradition
- G. Reading of the 5th Concept
- H. Special Business

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:

A. FACILITATOR: Kerry K

Hello Regional Family this is my last cycle. I am pleased to see Bob C stepping up to the facilitator position. At this time in my recovery/life I am not able to take on another term. I came into this position scared and have left with confidence. I believe the new facilitator will be able to step in and take over where I left off. I really need to give you at region the credit. You have been able to allow us to be finished in one day two cycles in a row. Again I am very thankful and grateful for this service experience as it has strengthened my recovery greatly.

In Loving Service, Kerry K

B. VICE-FACILITATOR: Bob C

I am happy to serve as activities (see flyer) I am volunteering for facilitator.

C. JANUARY SECRETARY: Linda C

I handed out the wrong page for the report forms, I am printing the correct form for you to use. I am happy to report that for the first time in all my years of being secretary.... Everyone followed my plea to make changes on the 3rd page. Woo hoo we are learning!!!!

Then of course is my same old, same old, same old speech – when I send around the contact list it is your responsibility to verify the accuracy your personal and area information. If it is wrong for many cycles that is because you have not verified the accuracy of the list!!! At the top of the sheet I pass around it says in big letters “MAKE CHANGES ON PAGE 3”. This is so I don’t have to guess what you are writing in that little space that already has stuff in it.

In Loving Service, Linda

D. JULY SECRETARY: OPEN

E. TREASURER: Debbie H

We are closing in on having enough funds to match our reserves! Expenses did not increase. Donations were up again and I would like to thank each RCM and RCMA for taking the message back to their areas, about financially participating in the NA service structure.

The January cycle includes our yearly Regional fundraiser/function, themed “Free to be We”. Please get the word out to your areas. This is a great opportunity to educate members about the importance of supporting their fellowship and Region.

2009 Budgets, from the administrative trusted servants and sub-committee chairs, are due in January. I have blank forms and copies of the 2008 budgets available. Please see me at the end of today’s meeting if you

need help.

We have elections this cycle, which includes my position as Treasurer. As I have mentioned before, I am willing to continue as your Treasure, if you want me to. I hope to see a Vice Treasurer voted in. The importance of the Vice Treasurer is to train for a year and move up to the Treasurer's position. Out with the old and in with the new.

Thank you for letting me serve Region for the past two years, Debbie H

F. VICE-TREASURER: OPEN

G. REGIONAL DELEGATE: Chris A

The time spent at the MZF was well spent. We hope to be able to show this body how well in January.

NAWS gave us a board member to play with, Michael H from Spain. His role is as a contact from region to the world. I will be talking to other RD's to see if we can get a whole set. At this time we are asking for \$75 to buy, print, and mike items for the workshop the RD team is holding at the January Region.

Thanks for letting me play, Chris

H. REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE: Bill O

Dear Family, Chris and I attended the Midwest Zonal Forum in Minnesota on October 17-19. The weekend started on Friday with a recovery meeting and the opening session of the MZF. In addition to the 9 Regions of the MZF, South Dakota and Iowa were present. The Saturday session consisted of 2 workshops facilitated by World Board Member Ron H. and De J., special worker and editor of the NA Way. The workshops were on the Fellowship Issue Discussion topics Leadership and Communication. This was the first time these workshops were presented. There were about 100 people there to start, and ended with about 200. The Leadership workshop was, by far, the most productive. Chris and I are looking forward to presenting this workshop at the January RSC. At the end of the afternoon session, some time was devoted to a question and answer session with WB Member Ron H. Details will appear later in this report. On Sunday the MZF met again in a planning session for the current WSC conference cycle. The part of this that affects Wisconsin is that the MZF meeting in October 2009 will be at WSNAC in Stevens Point.

As directed, we have met with the WSNAC BoD and the host committee for WSNAC 26 to begin planning the Regional presence and the MZF presence for next year. The MZF has requested one dedicated 90 minute time slot and one non-dedicated time slot on the program. It also requests a meeting room for 40 people for 8 hours to hold the MZF. If an additional expense is incurred for this meeting space, \$400 is available from the MZF for this purpose. I plan on conferencing with the host committee during their next meeting. We have discussed some preliminary ideas. More information will be available in January.

A lot of questions were asked during the Q&A session on Saturday. The following is a summary of the information presented:

A commemorative edition of the 6th edition Basic Text will be available on November 1, or shortly thereafter.

Targeted literature projects include a new version of "In Times of Illness" including more discussion on the use of medication. Another project is a new self-support piece to replace "Hey, What's the Basket For?" and "Self-Support: Principle and Practice". NAWS is beginning a new book length piece with a working title "Living Clean: The Journey Continues". A full description and a request for input is in the October issue of The NA Way.

The workshop processes we are engaged in, such as the ones we just attended, and will present in the future, are what eventually lead to new service materials and tools.

On-line registrations for WCNA 33 in Barcelona are now available. It is highly recommended that anyone attending register in advance. You can find all the necessary information at: [_ HYPERLINK "http://www.na.org/WCNA/index.htm" __http://www.na.org/WCNA/index.htm_](http://www.na.org/WCNA/index.htm). On site registration will be very limited.

NAWS lost about a half million dollars on WCNA 32 in San Antonio. About 9,000 people registered, and they were expecting upwards of 15-20 thousand. The costs far exceeded the revenue it generated.

NAWS currently has 50-60 employees. NAWS currently maintains about 143 days worth of operating revenue, or 4.2 million dollars on hand. In an effort to keep costs down, NAWS will continue to partner

with Regions and Zonal forums to accomplish many of their Public Relations activities. Rather than send NAWS personnel, they will continue to provide some funding and materials for Regional projects. In addition, the object of the NAWS workshops at the MZF was to “train the trainers”; preparing the RD teams to facilitate and teach RCM’s to facilitate the workshops.

Fellowship Development: Africa is emerging as a new and growing area for NA. Delegations are being sent to help these emerging recovery communities to develop and prosper. China has invited NAWS to discuss the continuing problem of addiction in their nation. There are currently over 1 million registered heroin addicts in China. The government of China reports that the recidivism rate is 100% and the success rate is 0. China is asking Narcotics Anonymous for help.

1/3 of all Basic Texts sold world wide are in Farsi.

Videos: The videos presented at the last WSC have been made available to Delegates, for use within the Fellowship. The question was: “Who can have them, and how are they to be used?” Basically, they are to be used with discretion, as they show full face photos of recovering addicts. We are asked to only use them in a closed, controlled environment with other recovering addicts. We are asked not to make them public. They can be made available to the Areas.

NAWS is still working on the new website. It was scheduled to launch earlier this year, and may or may not be launched yet this year. The meeting search mechanism continues to be an area of unmanageability. For the most accurate meeting information, it is currently recommended that we use the Regional and Area links and directly access the Region or Area in which we wish to locate a meeting. _ HYPERLINK

"http://www.na.org/links-toc.htm" __http://www.na.org/links-toc.htm_

NAWS also maintains a Local Service Committee Resource area on their website where NA service committees can share locally developed resource material. This material is presented as a resource so that NA service bodies might benefit from others' experience and work. Go to this link. _ HYPERLINK

"http://www.na.org/local_resource_area.htm" __http://www.na.org/local_resource_area.htm_

NAWS shipping rates on literature are expected to go up soon.

The “Just for Today” book will not be replaced as a result of the new Basic Text. Future printings will contain the updated information, including the removal of references that no longer apply, and replacing them with a reference to literature that is no longer in print.

The “Sponsorship” book: Will it go out of print? No definitive answer was given. It’s not selling, and NAWS is not sure why. More will be revealed. There is some talk about changing the cover.

The “Decade” and “Decades” clean key tags: The question was asked and vaguely answered. NAWS is being bombarded with questions and requests for them. What was stated by WB member Ron H. was that the items are not being produced by NAWS, the current producer has been asked to NOT produce them, that an argument/discussion was ongoing, and that the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) was not clear on the issue. It may come to pass that the issue will end up in the CAR for the 2010 WSC.

That’s all for now. It is an honor and a privilege to serve.

In loving Service, Bill O.

I. **WRSO REP;** Gene J

Report given by Deb

Greetings, I am unable to be at Regionals this month as I am selling literature & merchandise at the Lake Borderline Convention in Zion, Ill.

I had almost half a page written about the “Decade” / “Decades” keytag issue before I decided that trying to convince people of something was not my job, but that I would like to see people read things like the FIPT and FIPT Bulletin #1 before they started making statements. Motion #2 in the 2004 C.A.R. is also very informative.

The new Basic Text 6th edition soft and hard is in. There is no word on the Large Print, Line numbered Basic Text and the Audio CD except that they are coming. No decision has yet been made about the Line numbered Basic Text or the mini. The 25th Anniversary Commemorative Edition is scheduled to come out at the end of November. The Roman numeral medallions are in but we will be selling out of the Arabic medallions first.

Financial Status:

Literature Inventory (at cost) \$20,395.71

Merchandise Inventory (at cost)	\$19,334.30
Status with CSO	(\$5,623.18)
Accounts Receivable	\$7,120.28
Accounts Payable	(\$10,909.44)
Funds in the WRSO/bank	\$7,787.34
TOTAL	\$38, 305.01

Some additional information about these numbers. The money owed to CSO will be addressed as soon as they pay us for a dozen mats that we sold to them back in May. The money that Groups and Areas owe the WRSO keeps increasing and the length of time that this money is owed keeps getting longer, which can get a little "scary" at times. The amount of money that we owe is especially large because it includes \$9,024.60 that I had paid for our last literature order, and a reimbursement of just over \$1,700.00 that is owed to me. I would like to repeat that fact that any group/area orders that are picked up at Regionals or at any other function/convention that I am attending are 6% shipping & Handling regardless of the size.

Additional information regarding copy service

This is available to groups and areas of the Wisconsin Region, as well as Region itself.

Our printer is capable of making color copies, but we will not offer this until we can establish costs.

Copies can be on white or (pastel) colored paper.

We need to receive a computer copy of the item, sent as an attachment, to [_ HYPERLINK](#)

"mailto:gjurczyk@jahoo.com" [__gjurczyk@jahoo.com_](mailto:gjurczyk@jahoo.com) at least one week before they are needed (two weeks if they are to be mailed)

Our printer is capable of making copies up to 8 ½ x 14 but we will not have these prices until we can check on paper and postage costs.

Costs as of 11-1-2007, will be:

8 ½ x 11	\$.04 per copy
8 ½ x 11 if mailed	\$.05 per copy
8 ½ x 11 both sides	\$.07 per copy
8 ½ x 11 both sides if mailed	\$.08 per copy

In Service, Gene J

J. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION ODD YEAR: Cindy W

Absent

K. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION EVEN YEAR: Gene J

Absent

AREA REPORTS:

A. BADGERLAND: Mark N RCM

Badgerland Area continues to prosper. Term elections have recently been held I am the RCM Elect. Officially my term begins in January. We have filled most positions with qualified people. Our Vice chair will have some challenges at the beginning. We are up to 23 meetings a week. A noon Saturday Step Meeting, a West Side Monday Meeting and an Evansville Meeting have recently been added. Dodgeville is also talking about starting a meeting although the Area they would join is not clear. We are experiencing growth in some meetings and declines in others. We have a stable budget with adequate prudent reserves. We have donated to Region at our last area and anticipate a donation next month. A new person will be tackling our policy and procedure again this year. Activities is very stable with an in place 2009 six month plan. Our next function will be the Badgerland Family Holiday which provides safe haven for addicts during trying holiday times in a festive environment. As we have done for many years we will be playing croquet on the Capitol lawn at midnight. Our Decades Homecoming Function was well attended and we gave out 17 decades keytags. PI/PR is continuing to spread the word with its quarterly mailings and we are methodically going door to door at PO offices and various health institutions. H&I is strong but we could use some more volunteers. Institutions want meetings but we are spread thin, H&I budgets \$150 month for literature. Literature itself remains a powerhouse. Our phone line appears to be synched with the regional system our

web page is also looking good and is current. Maintenance issues have been addressed in this evolution. We have an outreach chair now and area looking forward to see what develops. At WSNAC some discussion started about the possibilities of Scenic Bluffs and Badgerland co-hosting a WSNAC in the Dells. An addict from the old SWANA came to Badgerland area and talked about having a preliminary meetings on the afternoon of the Cold Turkey Function.

B. BASIC: Pete T RCM

I have chaired the adhoc committee for our policy revision and have completed the seven month project with a draft to be reviewed by all addicts in the Basic Area. Before it is voted on to be printed not unlike other areas Basic is struggling financially. We have drawn up what we call a critical mass list. This list has designated low attendance meetings to be attended by addicts in addition to their regular weekly meetings as to increase meetings 7th tradition. We have had to delete our Sun night from our schedule due to very poor attendance. A few functions in the future will help us out a lot.

God Bless, Thank you for letting me be of service Pete T

C. BIG RIVERS: Michael C RCM, Denny V RCMA

Greetings and salutations from the Big Rivers Area. We area entering our 2nd year of operating on budgets. We recently had elections of subcommittee chairpersons. We are developing guidelines via an adhoc campout committee to have consistent policy for our two campouts. Friday night 10:30 meeting in LaCrosse had its last meeting last night. We held a Basic Text release party last month for the 6th edition. Nearly fifty texts were purchased from WRSO for this event. 30 texts were sold YEA NA! Men and women continue to carry the message into our various county jails. We have many new members showing up to be of service and experienced members to provide leadership. I want to thank WSNAC for providing Spanish speaking meetings at the convention. Also thanks for the excellent choice of speakers at the convention. 7th tradition to WRSC = \$90.60

ILS Michael C

D. CHIPPEWA VALLEY: Steve H RCM

Absent

E. INLAND LAKES: Brian I RCM

Thanks KMA for hosting 2x this year. Our area just elected a new area chair & vice chair, and our open positions are: merchandise, H&I and newsletters. Our upcoming functions are: New Years Eve Bash, 1st English Church in Oshkosh corner of 10th & Minnesota street doors open @ 6 speaker @ 7; Clean & Cool Polar Bear Jump, Jan 1st, Deland Community Center, Sheboygan doors open @ 10am-1pm Polar Bear Jump – 3pm Gratitude Meeting, \$5 per person. Flyers coming soon for the Spiritual Retreat.

F. INNER CITY: Gregory Miller RCM

Greetings Wisconsin regional Service Committee. Grateful recovering addict named Greg. Greeting from Milw. Inner City. All seems well our area is experiencing some growth changes. Inner City has added 3 new groups. H&I is doing great. We are currently updating our policy procedures. I have the conscience of my area and the blessing of my sponsor to accept the position of vice-facilitator. The WSNAC XXV committee would like to thank all those who attended the convention. If you missed it you missed a great time. Also our area would like to know the status of playing well together adhoc.

I. L. S. Greg M

G. KETTLE MORAINE: Cath P RCM

Hello Family KMA is alive and well! Our policy subcommittee is diligently working on updating our by-laws and implementing suggestions proposed by the ad-hoc checks and balance subcommittee. Upcoming functions: January 10th Thaw New Rock & Metal Rave, January 31st Live the Steps in West Bend at Holy Angels church. Watch for Project Hope flyers to be held in March. Our activities subcommittee has been planning summer campouts. The merchandise subcommittee voted to purchase NA votive candles for sale at Thaw, and other KMA functions. The unity of KMA is a gift. Hope to see you & celebrate the gift of recovery!

In Loving Service, Cath P

H. **MILWAUKEE:** Jeff T RCM, Jack RCMA
Report read on the floor not submitted for the minutes.

I. **NORTH CENTRAL:** Ted C RCM
Absent

J. **NORTHEAST:** Nathan A RCM

I'm covering in this report the state of NEWASC, the state of the groups, the state of the local services including the subcommittees and their work, starting with the NEWASC. The Northeast has its' ups and downs. At one point most of the positions were filled, at another point, the positions it really needed were filled, and now it is somewhere in transition. The chair is stepping down in December and we have a trusted servant nominated for the position. The vice chair is stepping down and there is no nominee. There is currently no RCM and no nominee. Outreach has been vacant for a couple months. PI is becoming part of the new PR committee and had no chair for the better part of the past year. H and I has not had a chair but has had representation since talk of forming a PR committee had started a few months ago and has a nominee for PR chair. Activities continues to have a solid chair and very solid support. Literature is having difficulties, namely no chair and the four trusted servants who were trying to hold it together and keep the literature orders filled, are no longer willing to do it. There is an RCMA but with the truckload business the way it is, I don't know how much longer I'll be able to attend NEWASC or WRSC meetings. We'll see. The Halloween Dance in Escanaba and Project Freedom IV in Green Bay were both very successful as far as attendees and money netted are concerned. I was not able to make it to either due to a shortage of available loads. PR continues to have an abundance of panel members and speakers to fulfill its' speaker requirements and institutions' meeting attendance. The only upcoming event planned for the rest of the year is the New Year's Eve dance. Activities is planning on having The Cure for Cabin Fever dance on the Saturday evening of the March WRSC, hosted by Northeast.

The groups are doing very well with a few exceptions. The Marinette and Menominee meetings continue to have very solid support from both newcomers and old-timers. Ellison Bay started as a seasonal meeting and continues to draw little support in the off season. One can always get a hold of a home group member and see if the meeting can be opened on a given Tuesday but bring a friend or several. Sturgeon Bay continues to have a good following with a healthy mix of old-timers and those who keep coming back no matter what. Green Bay has a mixed bag. The three Bellin meetings have been showing exceptional support this year, although the Wednesday meeting was on shaky ground for a couple of months. The Monday 9th Street and Friday Doty Street meeting have a high percentage of addicts with multiple years of recovery regularly attending. The Tuesday and Thursday nooners have one very dedicated home group member and enough old-timers to keep them going. The two meetings at the Recovery Works building have enough of a following to keep them running an attended, although the Saturday 9pm meeting is struggling a bit right now. And lastly, the Saturday night meeting at St. John's at 7pm continues to maintain thirty to forty plus addicts on a consistent basis.

It would be nice to see more active home group members and more home group members but for now, we have what we need. That's it. Thank you.

K. **NORTHERN LIGHTS:** Pam RCM, Pete RCMA
Absent

L. **ROCK RIVER:** Marla M RCM, Nancy M RCMA

Hello and many thanks to KMA for hosting this cycle. We still have 2 open positions at area – Facilitator and Vice Treasurer. We have been talking about the lack of unity in our area by promoting area functions and discouraging groups from holding their own functions. Several motions have been made but ultimately failed. We have had increased participation in the function subcommittee. RRAGS is having a Gratitude Dinner on December 13, 2008 at Westside Family Group and a New Years Eve Dance December 31, 2008 at Rockton Community Center, with some guy named Bill O speaking.

H&I continue to carry the message to hospitals and institutions. We need more women on the panel at the Winnebago County Jail. PR has been sending press releases to area newspapers – resulting in an article in a local weekly paper. We also have PSA's running on local channels and are working on radio PSA's also. Our website _ HYPERLINK "<http://www.ragsna.org>" __www.ragsna.org_ continues to be well maintained. The newsletter has been integrated into digital information and the newsletter will be available only on-line. RRCNA is fast approaching. Events and planning are ongoing. Registration for the convention is available online at _ HYPERLINK "<http://www.ragsna.org>" __www.ragsna.org_ just click on the big button. We continue to work together to carry the message.

In Loving Service, Marla M

M. SCENIC BLUFFS: Open RCM, Mike F RCMA (acting),

Good morning RSC family, despite our best intentions we continue to recover in Scenic Bluffs. Two out of 6 groups were present at ASC. H&I is still functioning without a chair with meetings being held at Columbia Corrections as well as St. Clare Hospital treatment facility. Public Relations is functioning with a chair. The phone line was recently updated for accuracy and PR meetings are being held once a month. PR is working on getting Help line number in all local phone books as well as community newspapers. Activities are functioning without a chair. Our annual Cold Turkey is coming up in Mazomanie Nov 29 doors open at noon, feast at 5ish, speaker at 7 ish followed by a live band. Go to downtown mazo and look for the flagpole!! One problem our area seems to have is woman with clean time that are still involved in NA. We will be having two woman speakers both from KMA at Cold Turkey.

There is discussion and discussion of more discussion about the possibility of the feasibility of looking into the possibility of forming a bid committee to host WSNAC in 2010. This would be WSNAC XXVII. This would be a multi area WSNAC with Badgerland and Scenic Bluffs possibly uniting. There will be a meeting at 3:00 November 29, at Cold Turkey to discuss this possibility.

I am grateful to celebrate the 20th anniversary of my 21st birthday with my regional family. Happy birthday to me!!

Of Grateful service Mike F

N. SOUTHEAST FAMILY: Jeff P RCM

I'm sorry for not attending Sept Region. Our Area is doing OK but all 20 meetings report attendance is down. Also finances are down but we area able to pay our bills and have a few events in the works. I also have a \$150.00 donation.

Thank you for letting me serve, Jeff P

O. WOODS & WATERS: Rand W RCM

Absent

P. UPPER PENINSALA: Lynn D RCM

Absent

Break for Lunch – 11:45 pm

Reconvene at 1:15 pm

**Suspend order of day to hear Northeast Area report; report will appear in correct location of the minutes.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION requested by Kettle Moraine Area, start time 1:20 pm

TOPIC – What is the purpose of the inverted NA service structure?

- To provide a conduit of communication (info flows both ways)
- To provide effective communication from the addict down to the world service
- To keep the focus on the groups
- It's a dynamic framework that reflects our service structure
- To keep the addict as most important
- To keep it from becoming hierarchical
- 2nd tradition (group conscious thing)
- Realization of unity

- Inclusiveness
- 12th concept
- To explain the service process
- To promote freedom
- To avoid small group of people from dictating tradition 6

WHERE IN THE LITERATURE DO WE ADDRESS THIS

- World service guide
- Basic text – our symbol (read on floor)
- It works how and why
- 12 concepts (last paragraph of 12th concept read on floor)
- Various service manuals

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT

- So that group conscience will prevail
- Mutual respect – mutual support – mutual trust
- To ensure voice of individual addict
- To be an effect representation of the group the group has to give a conscience
- Flow of new ideas
- Educate / guide newcomers walk through the whole process

HOW TO USE THIS INFO

- World is rethinking the design of the inverted pyramid
- Respect for all levels of service structure
- Educate newcomers your voice is important
- Its only thru understand and application that it works
- As trusted servants – the service structure keeps us addicts from self willing
- Reiterate whose the most important person – addict!
- Stay involved and get people involved
- Directly approach and ask addicts to help
- 3rd Concept delegate
- Vital to get new members involved
- Our literature says “Our leaders are but trusted servants” – just talking about leadership means there are leaders?
- Show newcomers its not that hard to be a trusted servant
- Let the newcomers know they have a voice, and encourage them to speak
- There is something to be said, history has shown us, it works.

Closed AT 1:56 pm

SUBCOMMITTEE / ADHOC REPORTS:

Q. ACTIVITIES –Vacant– 1:57 pm

Covered by Vice Facilitator – we have DJ, flyer, and a speaker I thank Cath for her service and also Bill for his service. And we need an Activities Chair.

R. OUTREACH –Vacant– TIME

No Report

S. PUBLIC RELATIONS –Mike F– 1:58

Good afternoon RSC Family, Thanks to KMA for hosting this cycle. Members of the Public Relations Committee attended the mental health and substance abuse conference at the Kalahari in the Dells on October 24 and 25. Doc, Tim (Scenic Bluffs PR chair) as well as myself were in attendance. Once again “The promise of freedom and the message of hope” was heard. While in attendance I Picked up information from Independence first. This is an organization that helps with funding of interpreters for 12 step fellowships. This brings about interesting questions concerning our 7th and 5th traditions. Can we accept

help with funding? Does the ability to carry the message trump the 7th tradition? Even if we don't accept the funding assistance this could still be a positive step towards finding qualified interpreters for NA.

Wisconsin Corrections Assn. Conference Report

On September 29 Bill O. and Tony H. attended the Wisconsin Correctional Assn. Conference in Appleton. Several hundred were in attendance. There were about 40 exhibitors. We were recognized and welcomed. We were able to renew our relationship with the administration of both the Wisconsin Corrections Dept. and the Wisconsin Correctional Assn. We also made contact with many who work at correctional facilities throughout the state. Much of this information will be passed along to local H&I committees. The new IP "By Young Addicts, For Young Addicts" was popular. We handed out about 90 professional packets and a lot of individual pieces of literature including about 60 White Books and 35 Intro Guides. The Spanish IP's were also popular. We met the new president-elect of the Association and broached the idea of NA being on the program next year. We are forwarding the information to NAWS asking for guidance and further direction in this.

It is important to work the principle of attraction at these conferences. Due to this PR has discussed purchasing signs and tablecloths. The sign will have the basic logo on the front along with the help line number and website address. The tablecloth we are discussing is the WRSC logo in blue on a white tablecloth.

Meeting list time is here once again!! We have a quote from Quest Graphics of \$416.25. This is for 3,500 2-sided newsletter Wisconsin Regional Meeting list. RCM's please get any meeting list updates to PR no later than Dec 20, 2008. If these are not in by this date meeting information for your area may not be accurate. We will also be stock piling our PR literature. This will come to \$319.38.

Of grateful service Mike F

T. **POLICY** –Vacant– TIME
No Report

U. **HOSPITALS & INSTITUTION** –Tony H– 2:15 pm

Hi family, First off I would like to apologize for missing the last two regional meetings, life showed up and I was not able to attend.

With that said, I did attend the Correctional Conference held in Appleton in September. I was able to get some information on the institutional needs for NA meetings in different areas of Wisconsin. Here's the list. Request for Spanish meetings in Madison – John W

Dodge Correctional – Nancy Irizarra in need of NA literature gave here WSO office contact information.

Waupun – No Meetings, request NA come in. – M. Saudrai

Fox lake – Combined NA + AA Meetings.

Ethan Allen School – Request that some Men come in to speak to the Youth (diversity is important).

Red granite Correctional Institute – Close to Wisconsin Rapids, request NA meetings – Karla Sozuak

Spoke with the president on DOC's about the fraternization policy in which H&I members have to report contact with person would be on probation or parole, even if at a meeting, according to the policy, however he stated that the intent of the policy was geared towards DOC's employees and they are in the process of revising that document. All and all the conference went well in knowing the needs of getting the message out. We were able to pass out a lot of literature on what NA is about. There is a need for NA meeting list in probation and parole places all over Wisconsin, even though they can not tell their clients where they have to go, they can make suggestions.

Reflecting back on the H&I Regional chair position, both good and not so good things happened. Writing steps to recovery document was approved and are part of the archives', had plenty of members willing to be step guides, but no committee members to organize the work, and the task is too big for one person.

Communications with area's H&I did not fair well this year either. For the upcoming year, defining what is needed from the Regional H&I subcommittee is important.

I will not be seeking re-election at this time, I'm currently the H&I chairperson for Milwaukee Area and RCMA for Inner-city in which is work in-itself.

Thank-you all, Tony H

V. **LITERATURE** –Nancy M– 2:26 pm

Not much to report, I did receive two phone calls from addicts inquiring about writing some literature. I have made up some flyers, please take some back to your Area's and see if anyone is interested in hosting a workshop day or weekend. I have been involved with a couple of workshops. What it consisted of is we rented a spot (cabin, hotel) with multiple sleeping space. Those in attendance paid x-amount of dollars, we bought food and cooked for ourselves. We then is some writing and editing on the literature being worked on. Still waiting to hear from world as to some literature to work on.

In Loving Service, Nancy M

W. **GUIDELINE ADHOC** – Deb W– 2:34 pm

Verbal report given by Chris

X. **LETS PLAY WELL TOGETHER ADHOC** –Dez L– TIME

Absent

Was brought to the floor that neither area requested a liaison from Region.

Motion to dissolve 2nd given – PASSED

Y. **BUDGET PLAN FOR TRUSTED SERVANTS ADHOC** – Cindy W – TIME

Absent

BASIC SERVICES

A. Approval of last cycle minutes –

From Sept 08 Minutes – Topic #4 terminology – “motion was blocked (fails)” wording is very vague and misleading –

Solution presented to the floor: during session discussion when a motion is verbally presented the secretary will call for a clarification as to the official wording of the motion for the minutes.

Sept 08 Minutes are passed with one correction

B. ELECTIONS:

Facilitator – Bob volunteers, voted in

Vice Facilitator – Greg M, voted in Cath declines

Treasure – Debbie H, voted in

Vice Treasure – none

WSNAC odd year rep – none

Policy – John H, voted in

Activities – Cath, declines Brian, declines

H&I – Tony, declines

July secretary – Deb W, voted in

Outreach – none

WRSO Pool – none

WSNAC Pool – none

Coming up for election in Jan

Activities – None

Jan Secretary – Linda C, accepts- on the floor to wave guidelines to take another term PASSED

C. MOTIONS:

FINANCIAL MOTIONS:

1. **MOTION 11-08.F1:** To fund John's expense for this cycle as a conference participant.

INTENT: To make whole and to relieve undue hardship.

FREIENDLY AMENDMENT – TO CLARIFY WHO JOHN IS – ACCEPTED John H.

MOTION PASSED

POLICY MOTIONS:

1. NONE

D. BUDGETS: Budgets are due in Jan from all subcommittees

Original list of Topics on board from reports

Paid Spanish translators	
Two elected WRSC positions held by the same person	

Prioritized list of Topics by RCM's

DISCUSSED IN ORDER CHOOSEN BY RCM'S

1. TOPIC 1 – Paid Spanish translators – 3:25 pm
 - At the Correctional Conference info was asked for Spanish speaking meeting
 - Tony is chair to adhoc for 2 cycles to gather info, all RCM are to bring to region each areas need for any language & additional needs in their area
 - Title: Additional Needs Adhoc

2. TOPIC 2 – Two elected WRSC positions held by same person – 3:55 pm
 - How many people is this affecting and what is clarification
 - **Motion:** To send issue to Policy for 2 cycles to clean up the guidelines, 2nd provided.
 - Need additional clarification, are we going to deal with the issue of the 5.04
 - Friendly amendment – that article 5.04 to be put on the table for 2 cycles and no changes will be made until policy comes back with suggestions. – Amendment is accepted
 - Any objections to this motion passing – 5 for, 2 against **MOTION FAILED**
 - What are the objections – revisit the election and let person know we should not have elected to position – original election was out of order
 - ROLL CALL 11 OUT OF 16 PRESENT
 - 2 people are against passing the motion as it is on the floor.
 - **NEW Motion:** made and was 2nd – removal of Gene from WSNAC rep position ARTICLE 9.01 – removal based on unfit for position due to holding another elected position mistake was made by the body at Regional elections
 - Anyone apposed to this motion passing – **MOTION PASSED**

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 @ 4:30pm

**NEXT WRSC IS HOSTED BY WISCONSIN REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE
 IN STEVENS POINT WISCONSIN AT THE RAMADA
 RESERVATIONS: 1-877-550-6746 or 1-715-352-4042
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AREAS HOSTING WRSC SCHEDULE

JANUARY	2009	WSNAC Hosting Area
MARCH	2009	2C NORTHEAST
MAY	2009	WSNAC Hosting Area

JULY	2009	3C	SENIC BLUFFS
SEPTEMBER	2009	4C	WOODS & WATERS
NOVEMBER	2009	1D	INNER CITY
JANUARY	2010		WSNAC Hosting Area