

WISCONSIN REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE MINUTES

DATE Jan 20 & 21, 2007

PLACE Oshkosh, WI

I. OPENING.

- A. **Moment of Silence @ 10:15**
- B. **Reading of The Servant Worker's Prayer**
- C. **Introductions**
- D. **Roll Call: 13 of 15 active areas present**
- E. **7th Tradition**
- F. **Reading of the 7th Concept**
- G. **Special Business – Seating of New Area – Lynn RCM UP Service Committee – *report read* - no objection to seating of new area welcome to region – REPORT WILL APPEAR IN AREA REPORT SECTION**
- H. **Approval of Previous Months Minutes - postpone approval of minutes till later in day.
(Minutes were approved)**

II. TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:

- A. **FACILITATOR:** John H
Verbal report only

- B. **VICE-FACILITATOR:** Dawn I
Hello Family, not much to report. The only thing I have done for Region thus far was I contacted Cindy in reference to as where was the flyer for this conference. We ended up having a very nice conversation. That's pretty much it. I want to thank you all for having the faith in me to be allowed to serve you all. I am new at this but have faith John will keep me busy.

In Service Dawn I

- C. **JANUARY SECRETARY:** Linda C
Morning everyone, welcome to 2007 I am looking forward to a new year and want to start fresh with new ideas. I have been struggling for some time to get on a schedule that will alleviate my stress and get the minutes out sooner. I have during a 10th step time come up with something that I think will work, I will use some of my vacation time from work to have the day off of Region so I can come home and get to work on the minutes while it is fresh and not stress that I have to get ready for work and relax from the weekend. I hope this will help me to serve better.
If you do not get minutes please I say this each and every cycle contact me. Also an issue was brought to my attention. Any member of NA can get minutes. If you move out of a position or have never had one please let me know you wish to receive minutes. Every year I send out a email requesting you to contact me to let me know you still wish to get minutes by email, I also do the same thing with snail mail minutes.
I will send around a contact list please make changes on the back page so I can read it clearly
During the conference I am busy paying attention to what is happening on the floor, please leave me a note or wait until break to come and talk to me, since I don't smoke any more I will be here at my table (in between bathroom runs).

In Loving service Linda C

- D. **JULY SECRETARY:** OPEN
- E. **TREASURER:** Ray W
Report handed out, see attachment Jan 07 Treasure Report
- F. **VICE-TREASURER:** Debbie H
No report given
- G. **REGIONAL DELEGATE:** Patti B

Absent

RD sent report to secretary – report was misplaced/lost by secretary – report will appear in March minutes

H. REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE: Doc T

Good Morning Family, In the NA News at the WSC 2006 Conference new world board members were welcomed including Mark H from Wisconsin. Much of the meeting was spent reviewing priorities as outlined in our strategic plan and ratified at WSC 2006.

At the October board meeting, leadership cultivation for the fellowship and World Services was discussed. Another day was focused on facilitation. An executive committee was selected.

One can check out the new area on the NAWS website where service committees can post their locally developed area and regional service and resource material? http://www.na.org/local_resource_area.htm

The Basic Text review is ongoing. All reviews need to be submitted by 2/28/07. Anyone can sign up to participate on-line at: <http://www.na.org/PortalTools/subscriptions/Login.cfm>

Youth Workgroup has been formed to create material that will serve our growing youth membership, and potential members.

The Public Relations Handbook should be soon available if it is not already published.

WCNA32 in San Antonio Texas will be from August 29 – September 2, 2007. For all information, to request a registration flier, or to volunteer for service at the convention, please visit www.no.org/WCNA32/index.htm

World Pool members are always needed. Applications can be found on the World Website.

World Services calendar and deadlines: 2/28/07 Basic Text review deadline for input; 4/01/07 Deadline for requests for WSC seating; 8/29 – 9/2/07 WCNA32 San Antonio TX; 9/1/07 Approval form of Sixth Edition Basic Text released.

MZF will be in Detroit the first weekend of April 2007.

NAWS will be holding a worldwide workshop “It’s all about carrying the message” in Lincoln, Nebraska, May 11-13, 2007. Register on-line at events@na.org.

A NAWS bulletin came out: #33 USA Liability Insurance Bulletin, December 2006. It discusses what liability insurance is, why liability insurance is needed, who should purchase liability insurance, how to provide proof of insurance, what to do if a group gets “served” and issues of coverage and additional resources. This Region has an insurance carrier and all pertinent information can be obtained through WRSO.

Many prisons in our region have requested NA meetings at their facilities. NAWS contacted the RDA about one facility in Western Wisconsin, (Prairie du Chien). Other facilities include: New Lisbon, Jackson Correctional, and Ellsworth Women’s Facility have all requested in-house NA meetings. It is my hope that these needs may be able to be addressed by local area H&I subcommittees. BRASC H&I is addressing the facility at Prairie du Chien and will soon facilitate a meeting there.

I just received the NAWS Annual Report for July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Copies are available through NAWS upon request.

In response to carrying the message “Who’s missing in our Meetings”, one segment we have overlooked is the Hispanic population. There is only one city in the region with Spanish NA meetings. Maybe we should address this population as well as the Native American population and other minorities.

There are a limited number of fliers from NAWS for the World Convention available. These are the only ones that will be distributed. These fliers are available to be downloaded from on-line.

I was not able to attend MZF I am reimbursing WRSC for travel/lodging advances. I am planning to attend WSC.

In Love of Service, Doc

I. WRSO RADIFIED TRUSTED SERVANT; Gene J

New Products:

PR Handbook	\$5.00
Mini-JFT	\$8.00
Mini-It Works	\$8.00
Mini-Basic Text – soft cover	\$10.00
Embroidered, long-sleeve, shirts	\$35.00
Book covers, JFT - gift edition, leather	\$15.00
Book covers, leather w/snap, mini-Basic	\$15.00

Book covers, JFT, leather w/Velcro closure	\$15.00
Key fob, medallion holder, leather	\$13.00
Key fob, double medallion holder, leather	\$22.00

Year-end Reports:

Each RCM has been given:

- A printout of all literature activity from their particular Area, for 2006
- A financial comparison of 2006 numbers with those from 2003-2005
- A list of year-end balances for each Service entity that the WRSO served, 2002-2006
- A breakdown of 2006 H&I purchases, and who made those purchases
- An Expense Statement for January 1 – June 30, 2006
- An Expense Statement for July 1 – December 31, 2006
- An Expense Statement for January – December 31, 2006, listing 1st & 2nd halves

Available upon request:

- An itemized list of 2006 merchandise purchases and sales (4 pages)
- An itemized list of 2006 literature purchases (4 pages)
- An itemized list of 2006 literature sales (4 pages)
- An itemized list of 2006 checks and deposits (3 pages)
- A list of all literature sales in 2006 (7 pages)

Fun with Numbers:

- We sold 1,864 hard cover Basic Texts in 2006, or 5.11 per day
- We sold 2,549 Basic Texts, in all formats, or 6.99 per day
- We sold 7,120 White Books, or 19.51 per day
- We sold 1,474 Booklets, or 4.04 per day
- We sold 48,573 IP's, or 133.08 per day
- We sold 10,873 Welcome key tags, or 29.79 per day
- We sold 28,980 key tags (including Welcome), or 79.40 per day
- We sold 2,363 medallions (including gold, bi-plate, tri-plate), or 6.48 per day

Literature sales through 12/31/2006	89,854.70	81,290.62 (1995)	
+10.54%			
Merchandise sales through 12/31/2006	20,968.40	18,901.05 (1995)	+10.94%
Total sales	110,823.10	100,191.67 (1995)	+10.62%

Specifics on individual Service Area literature sales:

- Clubs accounted for \$4251.00 in literature sales, 96% by a Milwaukee club
- Inner City sales were \$3556.00, but that is for the last six months when they had a Literature subcommittee
- Conventions purchased a total of less than \$500.00 worth of literature
- KMA purchased \$4779.00 worth of literature, but Project Hope purchased totaled another \$5716.00
- Milwaukee purchases were \$10,240.00, but they have not purchased any literature since October
- North Central has a Literature subcommittee, but 47% of their \$2850.00 in orders came from groups
- “Other States” purchased \$4847.00 in literature, 55% from an Area in Iowa
- \$1152.00 in literature went to Scenic Bluffs, 43% to a group in River Falls
- Direct sales by the WRSO itself totaled \$13,018 for the year
- Purchases by the WRSC totaled \$255, all of it by PI

Financial status:

Literature inventory (at cost)	19,579.89
Merchandise Inventory (at cost)	19,441.90
Status with CSO	0.00
Accounts Receivable	3,995.73
Accounts Payable	(159.44)
Funds in WRSO/bank	5,061.19

TOTAL 47,919.27

There was a 5% drop in the total amount of monies that were owed to the WRSO at the end of 2006, but \$2,298.23 is still unacceptable. It is the responsibility of Groups and Areas to pay for the literature that they

receive in a timely manner. It is not the responsibility of the WRSO to wait for weeks, and then use the phone and/or emails to remind people of these bills.

Tax papers for 2006 are completed, with the exception of specific information on a couple of Directors, and will be mailed out on Monday.

Seeing that we are only required to keep financial records going back seven (7) years I have boxed up records for 1995-1999. I will be destroying them over the next couple of weeks. I will keep all computer records for 1996-1999 intact.

I would like to repeat the fact that any group/Area orders that are picked up at Regionals, or at any other function/Convention that I am attending, are 6% Shipping & Handling regardless of the size.

I am somewhat surprised that we have not received any requests for flyers, especially after I attended Area Service in my Home Area and had the Activities Chair tell me that she had spent \$.07 per copy within the previous couple of days on flyers.

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 gjurczyk@yahoo.com.

Our printer is capable of making copies up to 8½ x 14 but we will not have these prices until we can check on paper and postage costs.

Costs, as of 1/1/2007, will be:

8½ x 11	\$.03 per copy
8½ x 11, if mailed	\$.04 per copy
8½ x 11, both sides	\$.05 per copy
8½ x 11, both sides, if mailed	\$.06 per copy

J. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION REP: Cindy W

WSNAC XXIII Registration Report WSNAC XXIII was a great success. We planned for 500 and 417 showed. Here is the expenditure and revenue breakdown:

Arts & Graphics	1,126.25	0.00
Awareness & Entertainment	3,480.00	255.00
Childcare/Additional Needs	0.00	0.00
Convention Guides	621.47	0.00
Convention Information	0.00	0.00
Executive Committee	3,283.32	0.00
Hotel & Hospitality1	9,082.40	2,047.00
Merchandise	3,849.48	6,821.25
Total Programming	671.30	0.00
Total Registration	2,394.40	23,660.05
Convention Total	24,508.62	32,783.30
Beginning Checkbook Balance		2,270.77
GRAND TOTAL	24,508.62	35,054.07
Revenue over Expenditures		10,545.45
Checkbook Balance		11,113.05
Difference		567.60

I will be working on more of the detail of the convention data over the next couple months and will prepare a more in depth report at the next Region. It will contain information on trends regarding pre-registration, meal purchasing, entertainment attendance, etc.

Workgroups are working on the following topics:

Bid package and other existing paperwork such as board positions, committee positions, weekend procedural

manual, and 2-year matrix.

Financial systems

We agree with the SEFA Representative, it would be nice to scan in all the old archives. We will set up a schedule and hope to finish it in years to come. I guess we have the rest of our lives to do it. ?

We will be working with Kurt on the computer purchase and will report on costs next meeting. Thank you for all your support.

K. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION REP. OPEN

Break for Lunch – 12:00pm

Reconvene at 1pm – first do round table discussion about Predatory Behavior.

Predatory Behavior – Round Table Discussion – 1:00pm

List #1 – Types of predators

Stalking	Policy of Member from area	Financial Predators
13 Stepping	Sexual Harassment	Physical Violence
Sexual Advances	Bigotry	Hostage taking of meetings
Violation of restraining order	Sharing in inappropriate sexual manner	Praying on the weak
Inappropriate Talking	Control issues	Inappropriate touching
Threatening	Inappropriate touching	Forced hugging

List #2 – Prioritizing of “Solutions to Predatory Behavior”

- 22 votes – Topic Discussion / Info education / Talk about it / Group / Area conversations
- 16 votes – Confront Behavior
- 14 votes – Meeting format / Announcements
- 10 votes – Sponsorship / Homegroup
- 8 votes – Literature development
- 5 votes – Appropriate same sex mentorship
- 1 vote – Leadership
- 0 votes – Legal Intervention

List #3 – “Other Possible Solutions”

This list is in no order it is just a list of other ideas that did not make it to the Prioritizing list from the 3 participating groups.

Sponsorship	Awareness of newcomers	Group serenity keeper
Meeting announcements	Group policy	Old timers speaking up
Confrontation of predator	Set good examples	Remove meeting from list
Remove member from meeting	Awareness to treatment centers	Building stronger home groups
Educate on appropriate behavior	Women to women / men to men	Atmosphere of recovery at meetings
Mentor’s	Literature development	Order of protection
Assertiveness / trust of professionals	Check into how other programs handle	Referral to other programs
Greeter’s		
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Behavior problems how to handle situation	Brought to trusted servants (outside police / probation officer)	Add to meeting format announcements – hugging guidelines
Group guidelines	List inappropriate behaviors	Serenity keeper
Tradition enforcement	Move location	Sponsor / Sponsee

Confront – intervention	Girl to girl / Men to men	Informational pamphlets
Business meetings discuss inappropriate behavior	Banning member if repeat behaviors	Protect NA name – police report illegal behavior
Area and group workshops	Meeting topic at conventions & functions	Area report provide financial wrong doings
Speaker topic	Sticking to topic	Group meeting guidelines for group censoring for individuals
Asking if want hugs		
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One preys on member for sex or gratification	Consult with sponsor	
Hostage taking	Announcing format – timed sharing – chair person control	Addressing disease – selfishness / self centeredness
Inappropriate sharing	Sex advance	Policing of a member

Break 2pm – reconvene at 2:10 with WSNAC

WSNAC BOD topics of discussion

1. TOPIC 1 – Round table topic may be a workshop topic at WSNAC
2. TOPIC 2 – Thanking of Region for the support of WSNAC this year
3. TOPIC 3 – No interest from fellowship in moving WSNAC to September
4. TOPIC 4 – Purchase of laptop computer
 - 11 The WSNAC computers are very outdated and not working properly they would like to purchase a laptop
 - 11 Cost of about \$700.00 is what is looked at – new computer not used
 - 11 Laptops these days need to be up to date not used
 - 11 Is it in the budget – answer is yes
 - 11 One RCM builds computers for a living will be willing to help – price should not be a factor it is what you need as far as programs
 - a. **Is there no objection from the floor for a vote of confidence for WSNAC to purchase a laptop – answer: no objection**
5. TOPIC 5 – How to select a bid committee – revisit of some ideas discussed last cycle on floor
 - 11 Vote card in registration packets so ballot vote can be cast by the end of weekend
 - 11 Bid Presentation is not attended by all, solution have bid information in a marquee for everyone to see info and can make decision over a weekend not in one room at one time – so not a popularity contest
 - 11 Guide for putting in bid has list of what needs to be done before a bid is presented – marquee would show who did what pre-work
 - 11 Last year was first year in a long time more than one area put in bid for WSNAC
 - 11 That many bids took WSNAC committee by surprise – they had to make quick decision on how to decide how to make decision that is why they went with applause of fellowship
 - 11 Live presentation takes up a lot of time, maybe it could be done where most addicts are – main speaker meeting –5 minute presentation
 - 11 You want to put on a WSNAC for the people who are attending – but we need to cover the person who is not here yet
 - 11 Geographic decision should also be a factor go for center of state – how is attendance in the populated vs non populated areas – answer: there is a advantage to being closer to a larger populations
 - 11 This past years bid interest was because of a 25yr WSNAC celebration – will we have the same turn out for year 26 or 27, should we spend to much time on this topic
 - 11 This is an un-anticipated bonus about Region and WSNAC coming together, and many areas saying may put in bid for other years coming up
 - 11 This next year 2 areas might be bidding again – we need to be upfront about how decision is made each area will be presenting a package that would be able to handle WSNAC – we need transparency and fairness during the selection

- 11 Other regions went to a quadrant system selection, maybe areas can work together before bid is presented
- 11 Maybe it should be a priority issue – what is most important we need to keep the newcomers – what areas need the WSNAC convention in their area

a. Can WSNAC BOD have vote of confidence to come up to a few solutions make a presentation to Region next cycle – ANSWER is yes

6. TOPIC 6 – minutes archives of WSNAC
- 11 Jeff H had archives they are now at the Regional office
 - 11 Archives are with region because at office -will this be okay with body to allow the office to hold the paper copies – ANSWER from floor yes
 - 11 We can not easily get copy from office
 - 11 It was a 2 part request for access to old stuff and get new stuff
 - 11 Make a work group to scan all the old documents – very time consuming
 - 11 What is the volume – down to 3 main file boxes, it needs to have bodies from all bodies to help
 - 11 Since it was an agreement to get to Region WSNAC says they are responsible
 - 11 It can be put on the website for minutes could upload to website
 - 11 Going through each packet and getting new computer would make it quicker – it would create burden on secretary – need electronic back up
 - 11 Have you know this body be held up in business by not getting WSNAC - answer no
 - 11 We can go with the current 3 years and not hurry to get the old stuff scanned
 - 11 Can we just go with the current electronic and worry about old stuff later
 - 11 We still need the paper on electronic over time to scan to preserve
 - 11 We need to be able search by word for past stuff
 - 11 Do we need to know the specifics of 1998, record files are just that record files – lets move on and just leave the old stuff

a. Is floor okay with people who want copy of archives older than 3yr be sent to WSNAC BOD to get the copies – ANSWER is yes

b. Is floor okay with just receiving from WSNAC the current electronic minute records – ANSWER is yes

- 11 Does this body have a time frame to scan into electronic – ANSWER do not do not current issue
 - 11 Region and WSNAC should all be scanned for posterity
7. TOPIC 7 – Do we want a space at WSNAC like we did for a Region presentation
- 11 ANSWER from floor Yes we want that
 - 11 We need to be with all other workshops
 - 11 So many people enjoyed the PP presentation would like to show it before main speaker
 - 11 Money value for presentation
 - 11 Problems working with region – PowerPoint presentation wanted to have looping in merchandise but could not do – we need to have more cooperation between bodies – don't step on host committee need to work together
 - 11 We will do again

End WSNAC / REGION slot at 3:05pm – take break – Reconvene at 3:15pm

AREA REPORTS:

A. **BADGERLAND:** Greg, RCM

Greeting from Badgerland. Our area is actively carrying the message of recovery. Our H&I committee is expanding its services, activities is strong. P&I has strong new leadership and is gearing up for WAAODA. Outreach has done a great job. We have a additional needs subcommittee active! At this time we do not have a Policy & Practice chair.

Gave area donation to treasurer. Placed flyers on table, they are as follows. Hearts & Hugs Feb 10th, Spring Fling March 10th and Hug A Fool March 30th, 31st & April 1st. Also July Regional flyers 21st & 22nd. We will be putting another flyer coordination Christmas in July with WRSC weekend. We have a review of 5th edition occurring and will be submitting input over the web.

I.L.S. Greg R

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

Dear WRSC I am new to Regional Service I've been around the program (clean) for 12yrs. I am very excited with being voted in as Basic Area RCM. We have 6 meetings that area represented at our area. Service Positions filled are – Chair – Secretary – Treasurer – RCM – H&I – Literature. Basic Area has also formed a service literature meeting held on Thursday nites. This meeting was formed to help anybody and everybody to help understand service positions more thoroughly. Our service meeting is getting better attendance as of late. Our area is also reading over the new stories on our Thursday nite service meeting.

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

I would like to personally thank ILUA for having us here this weekend. I would also like to welcome Ted B. to his first WRSC Conference. We had an opportunity to attend the Architects of Adversity meeting of NA on Friday night. The meeting was very spiritual. Furthermore we are also happy to be here representing the Big Rivers Area. The Big Rivers Area is doing very well; we are a large geographic territory spanning the map from Prairie Du Chein to Tomah to Winona Mn to Spring Grove Mn. We currently have 22 groups putting on 30 meetings. The growth in our Area has challenged us to meet the needs of a diversified group of recovering addicts. Several groups located in Winona has determined that there needs are better met outside of the Big Rivers Area, so the Back to Basics Group and A New Vision Group will officially cease being a part of the Big Rivers Area in May of 2007. Please joins us in thanking these groups for their dedication to carrying the NA Message and wishing them much success in the future.

The Big Rivers Area would like to thank everyone who joined us for the “Ringin in Recovery New Years Celebration. The event was a huge success.

The Halloween in Disguise was also very successful as a result we are able to make a donation to the WRSC of \$ 552.08. Thanks to all in Winona who helped put on this awesome event.

The Big Rivers Area has determined that the Native Americans, Hmongs, and Older Members are missing at our meetings. We will continue working to develop suggestions and solutions to these issues.

The Big Rivers does not have a consensus on the questions from Woods and Waters at this time.

The Big Rivers Area is still interested in helping carry the NA Message in the Jackson Correctional Facility, and The Facility in New Lisbon. We will continue working with the respective Areas to implement this project.

Some members of the Big Rivers Area have a policy question. If a Facility has a standard rental rate which is published, yet they agree to rent the meeting space to NA at a rate lower than the published standard rate.

Would it be a tradition violation if the NA Committee accepts the rental agreement at the lower than published rate?

The Big Rivers Area would like to continue serving the Addicts of our area in an efficient and spiritual manner. We would like to continue to seek ways to promote Unity both in our Area and in the Region.

Upcoming Events

2nd Annual Valentines Day Ball Feb 10th

Winona's 1st Annual Speaker Jam by The River May 19th

I Can't We Campout III June 1-3

In Living Service, Gregg B

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

ILUA is doing well. We are adding 1-2 new meetings monthly. The place where we hold our area meeting lease has not been renewed, we have to move to another location. We have not found a location as of yet. This change will not only affect our monthly area meeting, all of the weekly that are held at that location. A few of these meetings are where treatment centers take their clients to, so its important to find another location. As an area through group consensus we decided to hold off on printing the new meeting list a month, to allow time for a new place to be found.

The area has expressed a concern on the appearance of the speakers name on the WRSC's flyer.

There is still some information and resolution need to be found when it concerns PI work done in Wisconsin Rapids. This is ongoing and is not going away. Will be requesting some help with issue.

E. **INNER CITY:** Tony, RCM

Nothing to report

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

Hello everyone I am grateful to be here. The KMA area is doing well. A few cycles ago the area voted to remove a meeting from the KMA meeting list due to an environment not conducive to recovery. This meeting due to strong support, is back on the list and is doing well.

We had our first GSR training session before area and while sparsely attended, went well and we feel that this will be extremely beneficial.

We are discussing holding our subcommittee right after area because most all the members are in attendance.

We are also revamping our by-laws to bring them up to date. We have several open positions at the area service level. Project Hope going strong and there is a possibility it could be affiliated with MZF.

Functions coming up in K.M.A. – 2/10/07 “Live the Steps or Freeze” Holy Angels School West Bend – 3/3/07 “Project Hope XII” Wilson Town Hall Sheboygan – 6/16/07 “Pre-Jamawa 07” Silver Creek Park Manitowoc – 7/6/07 “Never Alone In the Woods” Camp Sinawa Sheyboygan – 8/3/07 “Unity Jam 07” Camp Y-Koda Sheboygan.

G. **MILWAUKEE:** Curt B, RCM

Hi Family, the Milwaukee area is doing well. We had elections for many positions and we filled them all. We even made a new position of Vice Literature. Our Area will be making a donation to Region of \$250.00. Our area will be having a meeting Jan 27th to elect chair persons and form committees for W.S.N.A.C. 25 talk to Bill, Debbie or myself for more info.

We have not given up on joining with the Inner City Area, it was suggested at the Milwaukee area service meeting, that because the groups came back with a vote of 16 to 1 vote to join the Areas we as an Area should just go to the Inner City Area Meeting and try to join their Area Meeting. I’m not sure what our area should do (if anything) because it is my understanding that Inner City has asked their groups if we should join areas but for some reason the G.S.R.s votes area not being brought to the floor at their area. I would like some Guidance from the Region on this subject. Thank you

In Loving Service Curt B

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

H Family, thank you to everyone who supported our New Years Eve function. We had lots of fun ringing in the New Year. Our area is looking at the Area Planning Tool from World Services to look at how well we our serving our member groups. We have had one meeting already to try and define problems and solutions within our area. The process is in progress and more will be revealed. There is quite a bit of excitement about putting in a bid for WSNAC in 2009. We are looking at possibly hosting a PI learning day in March if scheduling permits. PI is currently going into some schools in our area on a regular basis to talk about NA and addiction. Thank you to all who made this weekend possible.

In loving service, Kurt O

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

NEW has a donation to NAWS of \$52.31. I have input on the Regional Committee member report forms.

Would like minutes from WSNAC. 27 groups in area all attending Area. Current meeting list – yes, financially stable – yes, making a regional donation – yes \$104.62, all subcommittees active.

Upcoming functions: Chilli Cook Off Feb 17th at The Bridge, Cabin Fever March 17th at St Mary’s for both functions can contact Ed Senn 920-412-5440.

J. **NORTHERN LIGHTS:** Tim H, RCM, Brandon H, RCMA

Absent

K. **ROCK RIVER:**

Sterling M., RCMA

Good Morning WRSC. First off please allow me to thank WSNAC for hosting this WRSC cycle. The literature order was given to Gene J in the amount of \$1,475.98 for December/January literature. Also a check was given to Ray W for 7th tradition in the amount of \$140.74. The Rock River Area needs help getting trusted servant

positions filled. The RCMA will present a separate report which will include information about the Literature Review Committee, as well as information regarding the 10th Step Journal Guide. The Rock River Area H&I subcommittee still needs volunteers to get involved with Rosecrance (adolescent facility), Dixon (D.O.C.) and Whiteside County Jail. The Public Information Subcommittee has created new/current meeting directories, which will be available during the RRCNA 16 Convention. We would like to especially thank Bill O, Valerie F and Rob K for their diligent work in updating the Rock River Area meeting directory to the regional web site. In addition, the world web site has also been updated. There are a few area functions that are upcoming and those are the following.

1. RRCNA 16 Convention will be held from February 2nd – 4th registration flyers are available
2. Public Information Subcommittee is now going to be meeting every 3rd Saturday of the month in Rockford, Illinois at 12:00pm
3. The Newsletter Subcommittee is up and running. There are copies available of the 1st newsletter. The title of this newsletter is Reflections of Hope.
4. The RRAGS Annual Valentine's Dance will be on Saturday February 10th 2007 at the Foundations of Life Community Center. The doors will be open and dinner will be served at 6:00pm. There will be a couple's speaker engagement at 6:30pm. The dance will be from 8:30pm-11:30pm. Also there is NO KIDS ALLOWED at this event.
5. There are a series of upcoming speaker meetings and those events will be available this weekend per request.

The next RRAGS business meeting will be held on February 11th 2007 at the Home Group in Janesville, Wisconsin. Subcommittees meet at 12:00pm, Business meeting starts at 1:00pm.

In Loving NA Service, Sterling M

Steven Y., RCMA

Please allow me to take a moment to thank WSNAC for hosting this WRSC cycle. I am sincerely appreciative for the setup/amenities provided. There are a few key pieces of information that I want to talk about in this report.

The first piece of information is about the 10th Step Journal Guide, which was officially approved by the Rock River Area and also reviewed by WRSO. The journal guide consists of questions from IP #9 (Living the Program) and the Narcotics Anonymous (Step Writing Guide). There are 39 short answer questions listed over 6 pages. The last page has a section to write some extra notes if one wishes too. The book is used for a one month period of time. The physical construction is simple and has a nice style to it. The overall functionality of using a journal guide of this nature is direct and to the point. The journal guide was reviewed and approved by the Rock River Area at the December business meeting. This subcommittee of the Rock River Area is requesting the journal guide to be reviewed and given a stamp of approval by WRSC. Furthermore this subcommittee of the Rock River Area is asking that this piece of literature be sent to the World Service Office for possible approval and production. Please note that a copy of the journal guide will be turned in with this report. If there are any questions/concerns regarding this journal guide please see me or the RCM for further information.

The second piece of information of this report is about a Basic Text Revision Workshop, which was held on Saturday December 16th 2006 from 2:00pm – 5:00pm at the 90 and 90 group in Machesney Park, Illinois. The Basic Text Revision Draft and correlating discussion questions from WSO were answered by the participating members at the workshop. An official input report from the Rock River Area was sent to the World Service Office.

In Loving Service, Steven Y

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

NOTE – St Croix is on schedule to host region who is going to take this spot – New seated area will take back to the area to host in September of 2007

It is on floor to remove the St Croix from the rotation schedule will go on board

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

Greetings from Scenic Bluffs Area, SBASC is growing. We had 4 of 6 groups represented at our last ASC. Many GSRs attending their first ASC although we lack subcommittee's chairs, H&I, PI, and recreation and

finance continue to function. Our last function "Cold Turkey" was a success. Plans are underway for our next function "Where is the Clean Time?" look for flyers at a meeting near you. We also have new meetings lists. A bid committee was formed for WSNAC 2009. Possible host location is Wisconsin Dells. The first bid committee meeting was held with good attendance from Scenic Bluffs as well as addicts from outside the area. The bid committee would like to extend an invitation to all interested addicts. There is a group in our area that is having concerns over the legal issues involved. Any and all input from areas that have dealt with this issue is welcome.

In Grateful Service, Mike F

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

Hi family, I'm an addict named Victor. As an Area we are doing better to start this year. We now have addicts chairing H&I, P&I, Activities, and Web subcommittees. We still have a need for Outreach and Policy Chairs. A couple cycles ago, some members brought to Area the possibility of changing our current NA - 800# hotline to a live 24hr. hotline using cellphones... (we have the technology). These addicts brought a copy of the policy that is currently being used at an Area in or around Toledo, Ohio. It will be used as a starting place to create and submit a policy for our Area. I have a copy with me now if anyone wants to take a peek. We will keep you informed as to our progress. Some of our members have decided to try putting together a bid to host WSNAC 2009. We are requesting information about the guidelines/requirements to do so. We are also working on updating our meeting lists and with new chairpeople where we had none before has caused our members to chop my donation suggestion down to \$30.00.

We have one item to go on the board for discussion. "Checking accounts for Groups" The Local guide to NA service offers information that appears to support and not support this. This has caused a great deal of concern and controversy for some of our members.

In Loving Service, Victor H

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

Good Morning family, Greetings from the northern part of the Region and would like to welcome the new area from the U.P. here for their first Region meeting.

Things are going well in our area. We do have a busy schedule planned for 2007. Our next area function will be on Feb 17th in Ashland WI for our Valentines Dance and our Anniversary at St. Andrews Episcopal Church with subcommittees meeting at 10:00am Area Service at 2:00pm pot luck at 5:00pm. Open Speaker meeting at 7:00pm and awesome DJ dance to follow. Our next area function will be on April 14th at Conover WI for our Spring Fling Function. Our next area function will be a joint adventure with the new U.P. Area on May 25-27 at Bergland MI on Lake Goegibic. Next will be our Journeys Convention at Minocqua WI June 8th-10th at the Point Hotel. Our next function will be at either Solberg Lake or Broken Bow for a campout on July 20-22. Our Aug campout will be at Memorial Campground at Washburn WI this is the campout that basically started our Woods & Waters Area we will have Area Service at this campout at 10:00am so the participants at this campout can enjoy this part of Great Northwoods which I call "GODS COUNTRY". Come and get some Serenity at this beautiful part of the Great Northwoods. Our next function will be another joint adventure with the U.P. Area this will be held at Ontonogon MI on Sept 1st-3rd. Next will be Clean & Freeky on Oct 22nd with area service a pot luck a speaker meeting and a dance to follow. The following week will be WNNAC here at Oshkosh on Oct 26-28 and last but not least our New Years Eve function now scheduled for Rhinelander on Dec 31st.

Our Area Service Body has a few changes as of last Area Service held at Rhinelander on Dec 31st 2006. Elected to Area Chair was Paul D from Minocqua, Vice Chair vacant, Secretary is Willow L from Ashland, Treasurer is Al J from Arbor Vitae, Vice Treasurer vacant, RCM is myself Frank Wilhelm Ashland, RCMA is Victor R from Ashland, RCMM vacant, Activities John H Duluth MN, Merchandising Rand W from Minocqua, Public Information Larry K from Conover and has a very active subcommittee, Policy & Procedures Cindy W from Minocqua who has been working very hard trying to help coordinate our other committees, Outreach open, Hospitals & Institutions Jude F Rhinelander, Literature Rodney W Woodruff.

Our PI subcommittee met in Conover WI on Jan 13th we are trying to get together a packet to be sent out to the professionals to get the public information out to the ones dealing with the addict who still suffers.

I have an Area donation of \$120.00, which has given to Ray.

I have talked to a few addicts about the not so timely manner in which the Regional Minutes have been getting sent out I am still waiting for my hard copy to arrive by mail I have yet to receive any Regional Minutes sent in

the mail as I requested at the first Region that I attended many months ago. Also the quality has not been very good and have been hard to read and understand.

As a Recovering I recently attended Midwest Zonal Forum in Chicago on Dec 3rd it was a very interesting meeting to attend. I attended this as an addict wishing to find out more and what is being done there to help other addicts suffering from the same disease that affects me. I attended this meeting completely at my own expense. In the future I will be attending more of these MZF meetings.

Topics for discussion Regional Minutes and the timely manner that they are completed. See Attached Woods and Waters service committee report dated Monday January 1, 2007 concerns talking points.

P. UP AREA: Lynn, RCM

Hi my name is Lynn an addict, I am the RCM for the new UP Area Service Committee. We started our journey by inviting groups around the UP to meet & plan for the UP to form an Area. Addicts showed up with desire, willingness and a lot of enthusiasm. It was a very humbling experience for me, because of course in my grandiose, idealism thinking, I was disappointed in the number of people showed and I thought we were doomed. But as always HP steps in and the enthusiasm and willingness from the group would not allow me to be negative. We met in December again and held some elections to get key trusted servants positions filled. Our first official Area meeting was on January 6 in Marquette we had 8 groups represented. We are hoping that more groups in the UP would like to join us, so we will continue to let them know that we are there and invite them to join us, so who knows what will happen. We have already filled the positions of Chair, ViceChair, Treasurer, Secretary, RCM, Activities, Literature, H&I and Web Page. Yes, we will have a web page very soon. Very exciting for us. Our new address is UPASC PO Box 432, Marquette, MI 49855

We area in the process of trying to create our guidelines and we would like to ask for help in this area. If other Area's would be willing to share their experience in developing guidelines that would be helpful. Maybe sometime later today I could talk to some RCM's about their guidelines. Our group conscience is that we want to try and keep it simple, as simple as possible.

Woods & Waters ASC has been very supportive of us, they gave us a monetary donation and have offered to help us learn more about area service, so we will be scheduling a service workshop, probably at our March ASC meeting where a couple addicts from W&W will be coming to help us. There is a lot of willingness and enthusiasm and we have a lot to learn.

Our first Area function will be on February 17th it's going to be a simple get together at the Grace United Methodist Church. We will start the afternoon with Sledding at a public hill right across the street from the church, fellowship & games inside, hot chocolate & coffee, a chili potluck and speaker to follow. Which brings up, I need to get the information regarding the Insurance coverage for our functions.

Our next UPASC meeting is on Feb 3 in Munising. We have decided to meet monthly for at least six months and then re-visit our schedule then. We area also hoping that if more groups from around the UP join us we would be able to rotate locations. We do not have a donation today for the Region today, we just simply forgot to do that business before we closed in January. We wont forget the next time. I look forward to representing the UP at this body.

In Loving Service Lynn D

***Note:** Approval of minutes for November – DONE – Approved

SUBCOMMITTEE / ADHOC REPORTS:

Q. PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT – 4:05pm

Dear Family, The new meeting directory is here. You'll notice a few changes in its appearance. We have implemented your suggestions to make it easier to use. We hope you like the new look. It has been posted on the website and sent out with the minutes. There are a number of topics to bring to the floor today.

1. We are presenting two budgets. One is administrative, covering the Helpline, and the other is for the PI working reserve. (Put on board.)
2. As approved last cycle, we are proceeding with plans to attend the WAAODA Conference in May. The initial cost for the exhibit table is \$450. As this exceeds the working reserve for PI, we are presenting a

motion to approve the funding for this conference. This is a time sensitive financial issue. The literature order for the conference will follow in March. (Put on board.)

3. The webservants and I have spent many hours cleaning up the meeting list database. We believe that it is the most accurate it has been in many years. We now have a new baseline for each Area. We believe that, with your cooperation, it can be more easily updated. To that end, we have created an Excel file of meetings for each Area. We will be sending each Area a copy with simple update instructions. We encourage you to use this file when sending updates to the website. This will serve to create consistency in the update process. At this time, we have 404 meetings in the Region. This is a modest growth of 4 meetings. (see chart)
4. Our Webservant is in need if help. Shawn PR is no longer able to devote the time and energy the position requires. As a result, progress on the new website is being delayed. Valerie cannot do it all by herself. We need at least two active Webservants at all times. We ask that the RCM's take this request back to your Areas and ask for volunteers.
5. The basic qualifications are as follows:
 6. Working knowledge of website construction and maintenance.
 7. Working knowledge of Flash (for the new site).
 8. Database management skills.
9. We have recently added some new features to the website. The Helpline numbers can now be accessed from the Home page. We now have a conventions page accessible from the calendar page. Our most recent addition is a clean time counter, also located on the Home page.
10. As directed by the RSC, I have contacted NAWS concerning access to the NAWS meeting list database. The information I presented last cycle is correct and current. The process remains the same. I have several copies of the necessary documents.
11. The PI guidelines are badly in need of revision. The web page guidelines need to be updated and incorporated, and much unnecessary verbiage can be eliminated. As our definition of the subcommittee structure changes, so must the guidelines. We will work with the Policy Chair and members of the RSC to achieve this goal.

That's all for now. As always, it is an honor and a privilege to serve.

In Loving Service, Bill O

R. **POLICY REPORT** – 4:10pm

Guideline updates: 11 Items

Item #1. add brain storming Guide to the front cover.

Item #2. adding table of contents.

Item # 3. re-sequence Articles numerically. (Article 7)

Item # 4. remove Activities subcommittee from the guidelines.

Item # 5. remove Literature subcommittee from the guidelines.

Item # 6. remove Additional needs/Outreach-unity subcommittee from the guidelines.

Item # 7. to satisfy motion 07-06-P2 add the words “and one full term as RCM” to article

6.03-7-2. the article will read as follows: A minimum of two years of NA service and one full term as RCM.

Item #8. change article 13.06 from 3 rooms that hold 25 people, to 2 rooms that hold 30 people.

Item # 9. add to Article 13.08 Wheelchair accessibility, electrical outlets near by and wi-fi internet access would be helpful.

Item # 10. add the Initials RCM to article 10.12 A. II (Participants/ Members)

Item # 11. Remove Article 10.12 A III (Procedure)

S. **PURPOSE INVENTORY ADHOC** – 4:20

Chair decision ADHOC is disbanded

ADHOCS FORMED IN NOVEMBER 2006

NATIVE AMERICAN ADHOC

MINUTES POLICY ADHOC

MEETING LIST ADHOC

10TH CONCEPT ADHOC**T. 10th concept ADHOC REPORT – 4:20**

Report by Curt – Put on board for discussion – send to groups

Report – ARTICLE FIFTEEN Redress of Grievances

The 10th 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 Concept 10, talk to your sponsor about it, inventory your own involvement in the matter, pray, 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. The service body then needs to address the matter and, if it agrees that you have been wronged, how to make amends. Hopefully, the 10th 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. (From p.24 “The 12 Concepts for NA Service”)

15.01 Any member of Narcotics Anonymous may petition the WRSC for redress of a grievance.

15.02 The aggrieved NA Member is encouraged to follow the procedure outlined in the last paragraph of Concept 10 from the *12 Concepts of NA Service* before submitting the petition. (above)

- a. Talk to your sponsor or a trusted member of NA about the issue.
- b. Take a personal inventory regarding the issue.
- c. Pray for guidance
- d. Release any anger and/or resentment on the issue.

15.03 If, after following the above suggestions, you still believe you have been personally aggrieved, then submit your petition in writing to the WRSC. The problem should be clearly defined along with what action is desired to correct the problem.

15.04 The petition is submitted to the WRSC Facilitator for review. If the administrative committee of the WRSC agrees on the merit of the grievance, it is then placed on the agenda for resolution at the next WRSC meeting. The aggrieved should be given advance notice as to where and when the petition will be addressed by the WRSC.

15.05 The aggrieved may appeal the decision of the Administrative committee by requesting a mediator agreeable to both the petitioner and the administrative committee. The mediator will only decide if the petition should continue to the conference or not.

15.06 The grievance procedure may not be used to address issues of a personal nature or personal issues with WRSC members. See 15.02 above for resolution procedure.

U. NATIVE AMERICAN ADHOC – 4:23

Report by Gregg – Work continuing

First of all I would like to apologize for the late start in contacting members of this subcommittee. The holiday season was very busy and I fell behind on my duties.

Secondly, I would like to thank Doc T. for his valiant efforts to contact members of the Native American Community. I actually made my first contact the Sunday following Regional. I was a little discouraged by the comments that many Native Americans would prefer to deal with their issues privately. Lee K. also had the same advice that many Tribal members do not want to be told what to do. He suggested we seek other tribal members to help carry the message to the Native American Community.

Cindy Contacted Richard R. from Lac Du Flambeau, Doc was able to talk to Richard. He was appreciative and open to consultation. He felt that it is the individual choice of the Natives. They seem to know we're here & choose to not use the resources available to them.

Lee K. had the idea that we have literature and contact numbers in strategic areas and possibly contact the tribal councils as to where this can be sent or dropped off.

Doc was able to get some feedback from a counselor at UW La Crosse. I do not feel at liberty to reprint the entire document. But I will keep it for reference to the subcommittee. Maybe Doc can check with Guy W. to see if we can archive this document. One suggestion from Guy W. was that the NA Subcommittee could benefit from having an elder come and speak about the relationships that can exist between what they do and what NA is doing. I have several contacts and ideas if interested.

I want to thank everyone for their ideas and keep them coming. I believe the work for this subcommittee has just begun. I have some additional contacts to make and I would also like to hear from Patti B. as to what they learned from their trip to the Reservation in South Dakota.

Cindy was able to get some information from the Tribal judges and has some ideas of how we can contact these elders.

Rodney attend the meeting in Lac Du Flambeau. He feels that all we can do is have our literature there for when they do come. We have a big PI push in the Woods and Water Area.

In Living Service Gregg B

V. MINUTES POLICY ADHOC – 4:30

REPORT BY LINDA –

Work to start

W. MEETING LIST ADHOC – 4:30

BILL – Presented motions to make changes to solve this issue – will discuss at time motions are presented Greetings All; at the last RSC, an issue was presented by Public Information concerning the posting and publishing of meetings with no Area affiliation. After much discussion, the issue was referred to an ad-hoc committee. What seemed simple at first has proven to be somewhat complex. We are faced with an issue that raises more questions than it answers. We have been tasked with forming a consensus and recommending direction for the Region.

The primary question is: Should the Region list meetings on the website and Regional meeting list that have no Area affiliation?

I was directed to contact NAWS for their experience and guidance. I spoke with Steve R. at Fellowship Services. The following is a summary of that conversation.

1. Who is affected the most when a meeting is removed from the meeting list? It is the newcomer who needs to know where the meetings are and have the most to lose when meetings are omitted from the meeting list.
2. He suggested that removing a functioning meeting from the meeting list, for whatever reason, may not be in harmony with the 1st Tradition. He suggested that to serve the greater good, an Area or Region might wish to list ALL meetings within their geographical boundary, as a courtesy and a show of unity, so as to provide accurate information for members and non-members, as well as the potential newcomer. To withhold meeting information is to punish the newcomer, and does nothing to foster NA unity.
3. He further suggested that groups do not need to affiliate with an ASC. He cited the 5th Tradition, the 9th Tradition, and the 2nd Concept.
4. Groups are not required to participate in the service structure. We encourage participation, but cannot require it; 2nd, 3rd, 7th, and 9th Traditions.
5. He suggested that we exercise care in how we determine the validity of a group. If a meeting contacts an ASC or RSC, it is seldom that the group will misrepresent itself. It is easy to determine if a group is a valid NA meeting. The criteria are listed in the Guide to Local Service. He cautioned that it is easy to become the “NA Police”.
6. The “Doomsday Scenario” suggests that we might list a meeting that is not a true NA meeting. There exists no accountability for the practices of groups outside the Area Service structure. Could we be endorsing a meeting that is not a true NA meeting? The chances are small. This is what Outreach is for.
7. Does the Area or Region have a responsibility/obligation to list all meetings regardless of their participation in the service structure? He suggested that we apply the spiritual principles embodied in the Traditions as we answer that question. NAWS has no specific direction regarding this issue. The 2nd Tradition gives us that responsibility.

There were more verbal responses than written, and one member’s written response follows:

Our primary purpose as it is written in the 5th Tradition reads “to carry the message to the addict who still suffers”. This is our main responsibility. Nowhere in our literature does it read that a group must affiliate itself with an area or a region. Our literature does not read that a group must be involved with our service structure, it only suggests this. We as the service structure have the responsibility to provide the information that allows

addicts to find their way to a meeting. Tradition 9 states “NA, as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. The group is not there to serve the area or the region, the area and region is in place to serve our members.

According to the 4th Tradition, “each group is autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole”. The main responsibility of a group is as a safe place for the still suffering addict. The group does not need to be an active member of any service structure to request their presence on a meeting list. The act of removing active meetings from any meeting list for this reason is a disservice and is a violation of our 1st Tradition “Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon NA unity”.

“2nd Concept: The final responsibility and authority for NA service rests with the NA groups. The groups have final responsibility for and authority over the service structure they have created. By fulfilling their responsibility to provide their service structure with the conscience and ideas, people, and money it needs, the groups also exercise their authority. Conversely, the service structure must always look to the groups for support and direction.” The service structure of Narcotics Anonymous takes its direction from the group. If the group requests to be listed on meeting lists, it is to be listed whether the group participates at any other level or not.

3rd Concept: The NA groups delegate to the service structure the authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to it. In day-to-day matters, the groups have given our service boards and committees the practical authority necessary to do the jobs assigned them. This is not a blank check issued to the service structure; the groups still bear final authority. It is the responsibility of those involved in the service structure to serve the groups, whose main purpose is “to carry the message to the addict who still suffers”. The Woods & Waters Area has been listing a meeting in Hayward for many years. This group has not participated or had any interest in participating in the service structure for well over 10 years. This group only asks to be listed on the area meeting list. This group, though mainly consisting of its original three members, has been a viable resource for addicts to find the message of recovery through NA in Hayward. Is it harming the service structure by this group’s lack of participation? No, not really. Could the service structure or NA as a whole reward from its participation? Yes but it is not necessary. The service structure will not fall without this group’s involvement at the conference. The group is fulfilling its primary purpose. Addicts are finding recovery at this meeting and that is the only thing that matters.

Who are we hurting through senseless acts such as removing meetings from a meeting list due to lack of participation at a lower level? Our members, that still-suffering addict. *If one addict looking for a meeting cannot find one because the service structure refuses to list that meeting, the burden of responsibility and accountability lies within that service body, on each and every member there.*

The solution of the dilemma for the Wisconsin Region is simple. Groups are responsible to keep their own meeting information current and accurate. If that group is a part of the service structure or if they are an inactive member of an area, the meeting information should be submitted to the area who then has the responsibility to serve that group by passing the information along to the parties responsible for updating meeting information. If a group does not belong to an area, it is the responsibility of the group to contact the parties responsible for updating meeting information. A simple change of policy would resolve this issue. On page xvi of our Basic Text it reads “Everything that occurs in the course of NA service must be motivated by the desire to more successfully carry the message of recovery to the addict who still suffers.” The elimination of meetings from our meeting lists or even the intention runs opposite of this principle.

Without debating any further the Traditions and Concepts that the WRSC are in violation of by this act, the only solution is to immediately change course. Guidelines will need to be changed but the matter itself needs to be resolved immediately if the WRSC and its members are to continue to work toward their primary purpose of carrying the message to the still suffering addict.

(End of written response)

The way I interpret the verbal and written responses, it seems that as we, the RSC, invoke the 2nd and 4th Traditions to make our decisions about the posting of meetings, taking our direction solely from the Areas, we have created an exclusive and restrictive environment that appears to be in conflict with the 1st, 3rd, 5th, and maybe even the 9th Traditions. This also implies a conflict with the 4th Tradition, as the decisions made by its use affect other groups. We are effectively excluding any meeting that does not conform to the Area's and/or the Region's idea of what constitutes “proper” participation in the service structure; i.e. affiliation with an Area. This applies to the Areas as well as the Region. There seems to be a consensus that this practice needs to be

changed.

The Public Information Subcommittee’s stated primary purpose is to carry the message to addicts who still suffer by informing the public that Narcotics Anonymous exists and that NA offers recovery from the disease of addiction by offering information that includes where and how NA meetings can be found. This primary purpose is compromised when active meetings are removed or excluded from the Regional meeting list.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of this Ad-Hoc Committee that the WRSC make specific changes to its current policy to include non-Area affiliated meetings to its meeting list.

There are other considerations that must be addressed if it is the conclusion of this group to include non-Area affiliated meetings on the website and meeting list:

1. The Regional guidelines will have to be amended.
2. The RSC will need protocols for the verification and acceptance of these meetings.
3. The web group will need protocols for the inclusion of these meetings.
4. The webservants will need to change the structure of the on-line meeting list.

One written suggestion for changing the guidelines follows:

XIII Meeting Lists

- A. The WRPI will publish a Regional meeting list at least twice a year. The Regional Meeting list should be as current and accurate as possible.
- B. All meetings are encouraged to update their information with the WRPI through their Area RCM. or PI Chair
- C. Any NA meeting located within or near the geographical boundaries of the WRSC may submit a request for inclusion in the regional meeting list.
- D. An active NA meeting may not be removed from the regional meeting list without consent of the WRSC.

In Loving Service, Bill O

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Time 4:50 pm – motion to close for day – done

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SUNDAY 9:10am start
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**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. ELECTIONS:**

**H&I** – Tony H accepts – voted in

**Literature** – none

**Outreach** – none

**WSNAC 2** – Melanie accepts, Jessie H accepts – Melanie withdrawals acceptance – Jessie voted in

**Activities** – Greg decline

**Additional Needs** – none

**Suspend order of day** – go back to H&I elections

**CO-Secretary January** – Linda accepts – move to waive guidelines, 2<sup>nd</sup> – nomination stands – voted in

**CO-Secretary July** – Steven declines

**WSNAC Pool – Melanie accepts** – voted in

**WRSO Pool** – Karen declines, Mike decline, Greg decline, Frank accepts – Frank voted in

**B. OLD MOTIONS: NONE**

**C. BUDGETS:** 5 budgets presented and approved – See attachment “Budgets 07 Approved”  
Administration Budget

- Policy Budget
- Secretary Budget
- PI Administration Budget
- PI Working Reserve Budget

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

|                               |                                              |                                             |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Orientation Booklet           | Minority Outreach / Meetings                 | Speaker names on Flyer                      |
| Rental Rates                  | PI Work                                      | WAAODA                                      |
| Member report form            | Rotation and inactive areas                  | History project                             |
| RSC time at WSNAC             | Removal of article 11.12AIII from guidelines | Inactive committees removal from guidelines |
| H&I meeting list distribution | Regional minutes in a timely manner          | Non Area affiliated meetings on list        |
| Add initials to policy 11.12  | Guideline division                           | Checking Accounts / Groups                  |

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

**DISCUSSED IN ORDER CHOOSEN BY RCM'S**

1. TOPIC 1 – Orientation Book
  - 11 Will chair accept the task of putting together an idea to bring
  - 11 Answer from chair – yes will bring something next cycle
  
2. TOPIC 2- minutes in a timely manner
  - 11 Never have received hard copy of minutes by mail have gotten from other members – coming out late
  - 11 Secretary is changing cycle, email address was incorrect
  - 11 Never received minutes till couple of weeks before next region – my area report needs that information – convention info was not given in timely manner
  - 11 Reports go in minutes we need minutes not 2 weeks before next region – never received hard mail copy
  - 11 If you want something done do the job – what can we do
  - 11 We need to report back to fellowship before next area meetings
  - 11 Thank secretary for job – using vacation time to finish minutes – I also take notes to take back to area
  - 11 Is there something we can do to help
  - 11 Not seen anyone who takes job seriously – we do need minutes for area reports
  - 11 Issue brought by up by many – we need the full reports for info that areas need – we need the minutes to accuracy report info
  - 11 Secretary is going to use a work vacation day after region to work on minutes, life issues got in way this past year, electronic copies of reports helps
  
3. TOPIC 3 – Motion 01-07.P5
  - 11 Article was read from Guidelines – we don't do that anymore
  - 11 Discussion
    - MOTION 01-07.P5:** Remove Article 11.12-A-III (Procedure) from the Guidelines.
    - INTENT:**
    - MOTION PASSES by Consensus**
  
4. TOPIC 4 – 11:22 – Rental Rates
  - 11 If facility has posted rental rate and facility wants to rent at lower price to group or area till can afford – is that violation of tradition
  - 11 Went to world site – doing as public service as non-profit we can get same price as other non profit, just

cant afford is not good

- 11 Facility want to keep the clients – how does that affect traditions
- 11 7<sup>th</sup> traditions we need to be fully self supporting – we manipulated and took advantage – we can still think that way – are they being self supporting or get better deal for NA – rent can be in different forms
- 11 Some small groups and small areas can not afford a facility rent – HP to guide
- 11 Experience – couple of groups in same facility different rents – if meeting is mostly newcomers or treatment centers they will not have much – facility knew that would make money in soda and chips sales – 0% of nothing still equals 0
- 11 Traditions are none negotiable we need to pay our own way – special rules can lead to bad road – facility have policy a rate and then a non profit rates
- 11 We should answer not to any facility for favors

BREAK FOR LUNCH 11:33

### FUND DISBURSEMENTS:

1. **MOTION 01-07.F1:** To approve funding in the amount of \$450.00 for the WAAODA Conference in May.  
**INTENT:** To simplify the funding process as the conference registration costs more than the working reserve and to fulfill the primary purpose.  
**MOTION PASSES by Consensus**
  
5. TOPIC 5 – 12:33 - NON AFFILIATED MEETING MOTIONS
  - 11 AREA IS REQUESTING MORE INFO – REQUEST TO TABLE take info to areas -
  - 11 Will postponing impact any meetings – ANSWER No
  1. **MOTION 01-07.N1:** The WRSC shall include on its meeting list all active meetings within its geographical boundaries. Any NA group within the geographical boundaries of the WRSC regardless of area affiliation may apply to the WRSC for inclusion on the Regional meeting list. The WRSC shall use the criteria established in the guide to Local Service to determine a group’s eligibility for inclusion.  
**INTENT:** To fulfill the primary purpose of carrying the message of recovery to every addict. Provide a means for any NA group within the geographical boundaries of the WRSC to have access to the WRSC and the regional meeting list regardless of area affiliation. To fulfill the stated purpose of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tradition and the 12<sup>th</sup> concept which is to serve and not govern.  
**MOTION tabled goes back to groups (see Letter W – Meeting List Adhoc report)**
  
6. TOPIC 6 – 12:43 – RSC presentation at WSNAC
  - 11 Time has already been allotted for RSC to have time
  - 11 Lets make adhoc at next cycle for this
  - 11 2 separate slots allot 1 for predatory behavior 2<sup>nd</sup> for the WRSC to have presentation
  - 11 are we doing adhoc appointment now or next cycle – is adhoc chair from last one for presentation willing
  - 11 RSC at WSNAC is what we do here at Region was reason for that presentation – was formed in May which gave us plenty of time we don’t have any reason to start now, previous chair has volunteered
  - 11 Nominate chair – facilitator can appoint
  - 11 Now or wait till next cycle – will wait till next Regional cycle
  - 11 2 slots for predatory behavior and what RSC does – will be 2 separate adhocs
  
7. TOPIC 7 – 12:50 – inactive committees
  - 11 We have not had these committees filled in years do we need them, we are making adhocs to do work and we are not using the committees titles, lets clean up Guidelines
  - 11 The activities calendar of events can move to PI subcommittee
  - 11 Do we have anything
  - 11 If something comes up about special needs would adhoc committee be formed – ANSWER this body can decide what it needs to do
  - 11 We need to start having activities for the Region again, when we remove we will not fill it, or adhoc

- committee for each function – if subcommittee is empty reserve goes to zero and has been for years
- 11 We have guideline and structure to take care of needs – are we going to throw away everything that has been built – we need unity – there is a need to do these things
- 11 Purpose to provide place for areas to come to region to share – areas are not coming even when had a chair – areas might not know what they will be missing –
- 11 Need to go back to areas – let groups decide
- 11 We need to take back
- 11 Activities everyone in this room forgets that last nights function should have been done by region
- 11 Needs to go back to areas – areas are getting better at their level – yes is it redundant but we should not throw away

**a. Motion to postpone – 2<sup>nd</sup> done – sent back to groups till next cycle**

- i. **MOTION 01-07.P1:** Remove Literature subcommittee from Guidelines.  
**INTENT:** Clean Up Guidelines, serves no purpose.  
**MOTION: tabled goes back to groups**
  - ii. **MOTION 01-07.P2:** Remove Activities subcommittee from Guidelines.  
**INTENT:** Clean Up WRSC Guidelines Activities serves little or no purpose.  
**MOTION: tabled goes back to groups**
  - iii. **MOTION 01-07.P3:** Remove Unity subcommittee from the Guidelines.  
**INTENT: Clean up Guidelines.**  
**MOTION: tabled goes back to groups**
  - iv. **MOTION 01-07.P4:** Remove Additional Needs from Guidelines.  
**INTENT: Clean up Guidelines.**  
**MOTION: tabled goes back to groups**
- 11 Question – was adhoc formed because subcommittee was not working – ANSWER the topic was placed on board and prioritized it could have gone into a committee if working
8. TOPIC 8 – 1:08 – minority outreach in meetings
- 11 We have adhoc address Native Americans we have large minority committees and special interest meetings
  - 11 Native Americans are also dealing with addiction - as region we have no liaison on area, region and world level – just dropping off literature is offensive they need the live message – adhoc is only the start poverty level keeps them from attending
  - 11 There is an active meeting with a tribal nation and also in OK – yes there is a need
  - 11 Work for tribal nation – yes there is a tribal meeting – yes there was a need – PI panels to tribal leaders they we go to the other tribal groups – they need to make initiative
  - 11 Are we pointing difference or similarities
  - 11 Experience of starting special needs meetings it failed we come to recovery when HP brings us when we hit bottom – we cant give the people the want
  - 11 We all speak American what is the other first language - it is sign language – hire a interrupter if needed – it takes people to do it who are close to the reservations – we can only get the word out
  - 11 Can we get updates from the tribal nation that is reaching out – ANSWER we may have some represented at next Region, we may have a round table discussion when this happens we will by close to some reservations next cycle
  - 11 **Take back groups**

Break 1:30 – reconvene 1:40

9. TOPIC 9 – speaker name on flyer
- 11 Is it on guideline to have name on flyer – can they do this
  - 11 Straw pole – is there anyone who has policy
  - 11 Do any other areas put name on flyer – ANSWER yes many other area do put on name
  - 11 It is a matter of autonomy for group – conventions also has name and world does it

10. TOPIC 10 – checking account at groups  
 11 Maker of topic item has left conference, not discussed
11. TOPIC 11 – printing of guidelines  
 11 We have this in other places in guidelines article 8.08  
**MOTION -07.P6:** Remove Article 11.12-A-II (Participants) from Guidelines.  
**INTENT:** Clean up Guidelines  
**MOTION passes no objection**  
 11 Should we print since policies are going back to groups  
 11 We need new guidelines – print  
 11 We would have outdated guidelines – wait  
 11 We have very little changes other than the ones today, do we need more or new  
 11 Are they online – ANSWER No  
 11 Can we maybe have copies  
 11 Can we get email – ANSWER Yes (email secretary)  
 11 Can we do new print or wait  
 11 Cost talked about for inkjet and laser printers  
 11 Any objection to printing – WE ARE PRINTING WHAT WE HAVE TO THIS POINT
12. TOPIC 12 – 1:55 – PI reference work  
 11 Done
13. TOPIC 13 – History project  
 11 Document history of region – does anyone have the desire to chair this – ANSWER None
14. TOPIC 14 – rotation of inactive areas  
 11 We have placed new seated area in the area that has two areas that are inactive  
 11 Difference between inactive area with no meetings or areas with active meetings without  
 11 **Any objection to removing Any Lengths from rotation – NO OBJECTIONS**  
 11 There are no meetings listed on meeting list for over year  
 11 **Can we remove St Croix area from rotations- BLOCKED**  
 11 How Many Meetings In St Croix Area – 6 meetings  
 11 Opposed – the meetings are active  
 11 Where in guidelines is it stated that the area is inactive why remove from meeting list – ANSWER this has been the accepted practice for many years  
 11 We are not taking action at this time
15. TOPIC 15 – 2:00 – Guideline separation – report from 10<sup>th</sup> concept adhoc report  
 11 Report handed out to take to groups  
 11 We don't need the policy we need to follow the concept – we should not overwrite what concept says  
 11 Policies and procedures are lumped into one document – some feel that policy and procedure should be separate documents – the report was given it is now up to body  
 11 Remind everyone why this adhoc was started – not this body job to deal with feelings and not business – take personality out of it  
 11 Question – administrative group should not govern only guide who decides what feelings is valid  
 11 What is a sharing session this is not okay  
 11 The petition in writing may supersede the 10<sup>th</sup> concept – maybe strike some from report – need to stop the personality and being held hostage  
 11 What does the facilitator feel about this – feels needs more input will do what region says  
 11 Sharing session is normally open forum  
 11 **Can we take it back to area for discussion**  
 11 Facilitator did not know how to handle situation

- 11 Information – 1, 2 & 3 are enough out of concept – rest to help facilitators confidentially help person to stop – we can also reject # 4 & 5 these are there to protect ourselves
- 11 When someone brings grievance can anyone stop it or is it just for facilitator – chair explains that RCM can bring up and then brought to body to see if issue needs to come to floor for discussion
- 11 The individuals have already stated it was not redress and only a personal feelings - # 6 addresses that issue
- 11 In Roberts rules – the any member can block from even bringing it up – ANSWER after someone says issue facilitator takes simple majority vote to not even be discussed
- 11 We need to look at the next facilitator for ability to stop
- 11 Body should be able to decide to not hear redress or grievance – or decide if in minutes
- 11 We did not address the split of guidelines – ANSWER it was to big of a job to do

16. TOPIC 16 – 2:29 – distribution of extra meeting lists

- 11 Up to RCM's to take of equal share of lists and gives to areas and H&I chair
- 11 PI chair has divided the left over lists for each area
- 11 Is there any objection – no objection

**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 @ 2:45pm**

**NEXT WRSC IS TO HOSTED BY NORTHERN LIGHTS AREA  
IN RICE LAKE WISCONSIN AT MASONIC CENTER, 225 PIONEER AVE.  
RESERVATIONS: 715-234-7017 or 800-528-1234  
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION**

### **AREAS HOSTING WRSC SCHEDULE**

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| <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 MORAINÉ</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>    |