

WISCONSIN REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE MINUTES

DATE: July 19 & 20, 2008

PLACE: Kettle Moraine Area

Area Round Table Discussions

- A. Current Cycle – Being Nice to the Oldtimers in Service
- B. Next Cycle – Continuance Being Nice to the Oldtimers in Service

OPENING:

- A. Recovery Meeting @ 9:00 am
- B. Beginning of Conference Moment of Silence @ 10:20 am
- C. Reading of The Servant Worker's Prayer
- D. Introductions
- E. Roll Call: 10 of 16 active areas present
- F. 7th Tradition
- G. Reading of the 3rd Concept
- H. Special Business

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:

A. FACILITATOR: Kerry K

Hello Regional family, Thank you for letting me be a part of Regional service. I hope as region continues to move forward, it will follow the traditions diligently. I know we've had and continue to have issue's that will test our knowledge of these traditions. I have a couple of cycles left, I will be stepping away from regional service as to be more help on a personal recovery level. Due to having to much on my plate, Being financial and time constrictions. My time has been more centered at home with my children, and my sponsor, sponsee family. I will continue to have fellowship gatherings and campfire meetings. So please let me know if there is anything I need to do differently in chairing region, or if something needs to be on the agenda for the service conference.

In Loving Service Kerry Krause

B. VICE-FACILITATOR: Bob C

I miss last cycle because I got married. I am not serving a second term at the WRSC. I am thinking of serving at the area. I have liked being vice facilitator but would spend energy on my area and my wife.

C. JANUARY SECRETARY: Linda C

Morning family! A few things to start this day, I do have an updated set of guidelines that contains the H&I steps writing information. I will pass these around please lets make sure that first the RCMs all get copies before non position holding members take one. For those of you who prefer electronic copies please see me during breaks.

You will notice that I added to the first page of the minutes a section for “Area Round Table Dicussions” During last cycle I made a note for myself to look into Article 12 concerning the WSNAC & WRSO Pools. It was not till last cycle that I knew that you swim in the pool for only 2 years and then need to be re-elected/dunked. Also I did not realize that a current list of pool members must be maintained. Well hey that just makes sense so I went through all the minutes from the last 2 years and have made that list of people swimming in the pools. Per the guidelines I am to give this to the WRSO & WSNAC each year. So today I am giving both of those bodies the current list. I also went through the resumes and matched those as well. I was asked to look in the archives to find out when Unity & Outreach were combined. Since our guidelines reflect the decisions made on the floor I went backwards through those. Unfortunately the guidelines archive is rather small it only goes back to 1996. (But I do know where the rest of the of Regions archives are I just have not yet made it over to get them they are safe) But Unity & Outreach have been combined since at least 1996. As I was going through the minutes looking up people in the pools I discovered that in May 2007 this floor passed a motion that eliminated the Unity subcommittee completely. Well the clean sweep was never done in the

guidelines and so bottom line is Unity was eliminated in May of 2007.

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 your personal and area information. If it is wrong for many cycles that is because you have not verified the accuracy of the list!!!

Oh yea one more thing light bulbs.....

In Loving Service, Linda

D. JULY SECRETARY: OPEN

E. TREASURER: Debbie H

See the scanned treasurer report

It is with great regret that I have to lecture everyone again this session. We are running out of funds. Last session we only took in \$854 and spent \$2103.06. Our general reserve is empty and we have dipped into the other reserves. I can't say which ones, because it is a total, not specifically tied to any category. I fell we should look at reducing costs until donations come back up. Our largest areas of expenses are Regional meeting room costs, conference participation, monthly allotment for delegate travel, and PR. We can cut back, get more donations, or use the funds in the back till they are gone, it's your choice.

There are a couple of corrections on the spreadsheet this session. The RD team reserve is \$110 per session not \$400. This is for administrative costs, such as printing. The Delegate travel session allotment is \$400 now and was raised from 375.25. I verified these from the budget that was approved in January. The guidelines will need to be updated to reflect the \$400. Due to our monetary situation, I am not going to prorate the difference back to the new budget.

I have two more sessions as your Treasurer, and we still have no Vice Treasurer. Ideally a Vice Treasurer serves that position for at least one term before becoming the Treasurer. Sp please, get the word out. I will serve a second term if needed and you want me, but if there is someone that is really interested, now is the time to step up.

This is the last session for Regional Expenditures Survey – forms are on the table. These all go to Gene J for statistics – then to Cindy W for Adhoc. Expense & Advance forms are on the table.

In Loving Service, Debbie H

F. VICE-TREASURER: OPEN

G. REGIONAL DELEGATE: Chris K

I made contact with World so I can start getting RD information. The next MZF is Oct 18 but hotel is not confirmed as yet. I will submit request for funds to attend the MZF next cycle.

H. REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE: Bill O

It has been a very busy cycle. Public Relations has been my first priority, so I have been focusing my energies on a smooth transition from Public Relations to my new responsibilities. Chris and I have been in regular communication, and I believe that we will work well together. Doc and John have also been valuable resources. Chris and I are already making plans to attend the MZF in Minnesota on October 18. There is much to learn, and I will be counting on all of you for guidance and direction. I look forward to the challenges this new opportunity brings.

P.S. This is probably the shortest report you will ever see from me.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve. Thank You Bill O

I. WRSO REP: Gene J

A lot has happened at the WRSO over the last couple of months.

CSO:

At the end of June I received a call from Bob R. He informed me that he had just received a call informing him that he had been fired as the Executive Director of the CSO. Just a couple of weeks before this Ania had quit as the Special Worker at CSO, so basically there was no one there who knew anything about their operating procedures. This problem was magnified by the fact that we had an order which had been submitted a couple of weeks earlier, and we had heard nothing about the status of that order.

A couple of days after this I had sent an email to the CSO asking them for information about what was going

on, and if all of this would have any effect on our relationship with them. I followed this up with two more emails over the next two weeks. No response to any of them.

While at IRCNA XXV I had a couple of talks with Larry from SMRSO. I explained what was happening, and he said that they would be happy to work with us. After some more discussion the agreement that we came up with is that we would receive a 10% discount on all book orders (as long as we are able to pick them up), and a 10% discount less shipping on everything else.

I purchased all of the literature that Larry had with him at the Convention, but he was not immediately able to help us with everything that we needed because of the “missing” order. I then contacted WSO to ask them if they could make an exception and get an “emergency order out to us. They not only responded by immediately processing the order, they gave us a 20% discount as well.

Jewelry:

Over the last couple of months we had been asked to sell jewelry at the Upper Rocky Mountain convention and at IRCNA (and a couple of days ago South Dakota asked me if I would have jewelry available when I came there). Because of the distance I declined the Wyoming trip, but I told Iowa that I would have silver pendants, earrings and chains.

After failing to get answers to a number of emails I was able to get a hold of Richard P. (from Florida) by phone. After I told him who I was his first response was not “hello” or “how are things in Wisconsin”, but “I no longer wholesale”. This comes in spite of the fact that we have been selling his jewelry for almost five years, and have sent a number of addicts and conventions to him. He then went on to say that Wyoming (and possibly Iowa) had contacted him but that he no longer did conventions if he wasn’t assured of making money. I considered asking the Board if I could buy some jewelry from him (even though we would make nothing on the transaction) to follow through on the IRCNA commitment, but decided to call David J. (in California) to see if he could send us some jewelry on consignment. Before I could ask him he asked about the next “event” that I was going to, and when I said Iowa he said that he would be there. While there I told him about what happened with Richard and he said that he would love to work with us. He then agreed to match the original deal that we had with Richard, even after I told him that the original deal had been cut in half some years ago.

Flood relief:

After the flooding that occurred in Iowa and Wisconsin an addict in Washington DC sent an email out suggesting that donations be sent to these two Regions.

We received a literature donation (36 IPs and 10 *White Books*) from a group in Modesto, CA.

A \$25.00 donation from an individual in the ILUA Area.

A \$250.00 donation from the Chicagoland Region.

We would like any groups who were affected by the flooding to contact the WRSO.

300 E. Custer
Oshkosh, WI 54901
920-232-9615

Price increases:

The price increases that went into effect on July 1, 2008 include:

<u>Item</u>	<u>New Price</u>
<i>Twelve concepts of NA Service</i>	\$1.75
<i>Group Booklet, Behind the Walls, In Times of Illness</i>	\$0.81/\$0.70
<i>IP #25, Self-Support Principle & Practice</i>	\$0.48/\$0.46
Keytags	\$0.45
Medallions	\$2.75
Wallet cards – readings	\$2.25
Group Reading Cards	\$4.00
Small posters	\$1.25
Large Posters	\$2.85
Poster set	\$8.60

These are the prices that will be charged, regardless of which version of the Order Form is used.

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.

Additional information regarding copy service

1. This is available to groups and Areas of the Wisconsin Region, as well as Region itself.
 2. Our printer is capable of making color copies, but we will not offer this until we can establish costs.
 3. Copies can be on white or (pastel) colored paper.
 4. We need to receive a computer copy of the item, sent as an attachment, to gjurczyk@yahoo.com, at least one week before they are needed (two weeks if they are to be mailed).
 5. Our printer is capable of making copies up to 8½ x 14 but we will not have these prices until we can check on paper and postage costs.
 6. Costs, as of 4/1/2007, will be:

8½ x 11	\$.04 per copy
8½ x 11, if mailed	\$.05 per copy
8½ x 11, both sides	\$.07 per copy
8½ x 11, both sides, if mailed	\$.08 per copy
- In Service, Gene J., WRSO

J. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION REP 1: Cindy W
Absent – no report

K. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION REP 2: Gene J
My first WSNAC BOD meeting is next weekend.
Right now I need to know if I need to submit a budget, or if the budget that Cindy submitted last cycle covers this. I have been in contact with the Area which has the tape catalog for Nova Tapes, who are the ones that taped WSNAC IV & V. When I asked the BOD President/Chairperson if we had these tapes he said that he thought that we did, but wasn't sure. It appears that a former BOD member has the tape sets from past WSNAC. Sometime during the next month Steve E. and I will be going out to find our archives.
In Service, Gene J

AREA REPORTS:

- A. BADGERLAND:** Paula N RCM
Good Morning Family! The Badgerland Area is alive & well. We are extremely excited to have recently welcomed new memvbers to our area from strong areas throughout the country. They have all come to us willing not only to make suggestions about what could be done differently, but also to do the work. Because of this we are currently going through a period of much needed change & growth.
Our upcoming functions: August 16 Unity Luau – Token Creek Park Hwy 51 Madison: August 29-September 1 Primary Purpose Campout – Lake Kegonsa State Park Stoughton WI.
We will be making a donation to the region this cycle!
Paula
- B. BASIC:** Peter T RCM
Hi Regional Family, this is Peter T from BASIC Area. Basic is doing fairly well. In our latest PR Push we have placed flyers with our toll free number of our meeting schedule in local jails, social service offices, doctors and rehab offices. We have attracted about 6-10 addicts.
Probably not unlike most of the areas, we are struggling to file positions both on subcommittees and board members and regular board positions.
Thank you for the opportunity for letting me be of service, Peter T
- C. BIG RIVERS:** Michael RCM, Denny V RCMA
Addict Michael I am the new RCM Denny V is our new RCMA. Consensus based decision making is working well. We now have area workgroup format similar to region which includes all subcommittee except activities.
* Motion to Region – to omit “mans entire” in We Do Recover
Area Audit this month – RCM, Facilitator, Treasurer, ect
Basic Text Release Party to coincide with our regular monthly ASC. We hope to have 50 copies of the 6th

Edition available for sale. Let Loose 3 – Sept 5-7 in Prairiedu Chien at Wyalusing State Park.
 Big Rivers will host WRSC Sept 20th & 21st – flyers available
 Flood Relief to WRSO \$100.00, 7th Tradition to WRSC \$129.56
 End of Summer Camout 6 August 15-17, 2008 Pineview Campground Ft MCoy WI

D. CHIPPEWA VALLEY: Steve H RCM

Hi family Chippewa Valley Area is rocking. We have a new web master and have given our web site a major overhaul and upgrade. Elections were held and we have a new chairperson (Shelley S) being mentored by me. Secretary is (Tyrel). Activities chair (Christine) mentored by Tom T. John continues to be treasurer. And I now hold the H&I chair and RCM positions.

Menomonie's campout was interrupted by a storm but was a success until then. Eau Claire's 4th of July celebration had an awesome turn out and we voted on and picked an Area symbol. Menomonie's Tube float and picnic (7/19/08) which I do regret missing, is going on today.

We currently have 8 meetings between Eau Claire and Menomonie with discussion and interest in starting a meeting Saturday night in Eau Claire and one in Black River Falls.

I am honored to present the WRSC with our first donation of \$200.00 dollars.

In Loving Service, Steve H

E. INLAND LAKES: Brian I RCM

We just elected 3 new area positions: vice tres, policy & activities. We have a volleyball function Sept 13, Kamp Serenity Aug 24-26 & 25th Anniversary of Spiritual Connection meeting Aug 9th.

F. INNER CITY: Gregory M RCM

Greeting Wisconsin Regional Service Committee: Grateful addict named Greg;

I bring you greetings from Milwaukee's Inner City Area.

The Inner City area overall is experiencing some challenges as it relates to members of our fellowship stepping up and filling the vacant positions in our service structure. I also would like to report that the Inner City Area Convention this year was a great success. Due to health issues I did not attend so I have no numbers to report, but from a financial standpoint it was a success. At our last area meeting GSR elected Mike C. as our new Convention Chair and Lamont C. as Vice-Treasurer. However, we still are in need of a Secretary, PR Chair, Helpline Chair, R.C.M. Alt., (imagine that) where has selfless service gone?

H&I seem to be maintaining their facilities and are always looking for more woman and men to volunteer. We have 100.00 donation to region.

ILS, Greg M.

G. KETTLE MORAINE: Dezz RCM, Cath P RCMA

Hello Family here are our upcoming functions: Unity Jam August 1-3 Sheboygan WI, Project Hope Encore October 4 Sheboygan. We will be hosting November Regionals so watch for more details on that.

We have a meeting that has put together that play "The Committee in Jimmy's Head" Please call Josh S for more information 920-242-7778. Please give them an adequate notice in order to get to your event and perform.

We want to thank everyone for continuing to support our KMASC functions. Your continued support truly means the world to us. Thank You!

Our subcommittees are very busy and PR has a Fall Professionals meeting coming up. H&I is waiting for the right amt of volunteers to begin going into the Sheboygan County Jail. We are also beginning to go into some alternative schools as well as youth treatment facilitators.

Please stop out today at the NA Picnic happening right here in practically our own backyard.

Upon hearing Gene's request I am happy to report that a new group I am attending lost all of their literature in the flood and will be contacting WRSO. Thanks for including this in your report.

In Loving Service Dezz L & Cath P

H. MILWAUKEE: Jeff T RCM, Jack RCMA

Hi all, You most do not know who I am, my name is Jeff T. The new RCM for Milwaukee Area. I will not be able to attend this month; I was elected to the position last weekend and have prior commitments. Look forward to seeing you all in two months

Jeff T

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

Absent – no report

J. **NORTHEAST:** Nathan A RCMA

In Northeast we are holding adhoc meeting to combine H&I and PI into one committee to be named Public Relations. With this effort old and new members have come to help. We are acquiring guidelines from other Regions and asking guidance from Region on this matter. We meet every other Monday before area and at events to discuss this. In six months the PR committee is expected to be running. There are a couple of struggling meetings but the summer this is expected.

We have one Unity Picnic August 24 and Blues by the Bay Aug 16 to wrap up activities for the summer. The cost of fuel is affecting area attendance. Northeast is also seeking guidance on this matter. Are officers from other areas (GSRs, Outreach ect) emailing their reports? Maybe starting on on-line forum? If this keeps up will it also affect Region?

I am familiar with the Green Bay meetings but not with the Escanaba, Marinette, Sturgeon Bay or Ellison Bay meetings. Because of this over the next four months August – November I will be attending those meetings when I have hometime. I am on vacation through the 26th of this month. There are a few personal and recovery issues I have to deal with during this time.

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

Absent – no report

L. **ROCK RIVER:** Marla M RCM

Howdy addict Marla. Thanks to KMA for hosting this weekend. Here is what's up with your Northern Illinois family: area elections were held – with most positions being filled. We still need a Facilitator, Alt Treasurer. H&I continues to field requests and has a need for more women to join the phonenumber. RRCNA 18 is in the works holding their first event tonight. They will also be getting convention registration available through our area website. Finances continue to be tight. Flyers for Gratitude Dinner December 13th available on the table.

In Loving Service, Marla M

M. **SCENIC BLUFFS:** Curt P RCM, Mike F Acting RCMA

Hi family, thanks to KMA for hosting this cycle. Our RCM stepped down due to work commitments. Our area policy states an addict cannot hold position of GSR as well as other positions at ASC. Motion to change this policy failed. I am GSR of my home group so I can have only acting like a RCMA.

We had 3 out of 6 groups represented @ last ASC. H&I is functioning with meetings being held @ Columbia Corrections. We have a new PR chair a subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Aug 8th.

Scenic Bluffs “We need a Helicopter function is Aug 23 in Mazo. Flyers on table!! Rev & Finance meetings being held 7/25 AFS the “Just One Life” meets in Lake Delton.

Of Grateful Service, Mike

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

All area meetings are still operational except Fri 12 at 12 (midnight meeting) but we haven't pull it yet. We have one new meeting that has started on Tuesday night at 6:00 pm – Unity Group at Wheaton Franciscan Center, Racine WI. We are in the process of updating our meeting lists. We are making a donation of \$100

Area functions: Midsummers Night Affair July 26 5:00PM, H&I Pie in the Eye Sept 6th Grace Lutheran Church 6pm Kenosha WI, Up with Hope Down with Dope August 16, 6:00 pm Martin Luther King Center Racine WI.

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

Absent – no report

P. **UPPER PENINSALA:** Lynn D RCM

Absent – no report

***Suspend order of the day** to hear Play Well adhoc report – will appear in correct location in minutes

Break for Lunch – 12:00 pm
Reconvene at 1:20 pm

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION requested by Kettle Moraine Area
(All addicts in attendance participate in this process)

TOPIC: Being Nice to the Oldtimers in Service

- Overview from requesting area why this subject is needed

TOOLS DEFINED FROM PROBLEM LIST BELOW

- Members of this forum will give specific yes/no questions to use for a survey of non attendance.
- In 3 weeks a picnic is happening with a lot of people with mega clean time will be attending who don't currently attend meetings. Gene will bring back to region next cycle some info from those attendees at the picnic.
- Put out there that all members to ask some addicts to no longer attend why they are not here.

DEFINITION OF PROBLEM FROM FLOOR

Ask them why they don't attend meetings

How do we reach them

What's missing by them not being here

Meeting atmosphere – gossip – predators – language

Responsibilities – have time have all the answers – only giving not receiving recovery – fear of

Not feeling wanted

General disrespect – of people – of readings – of traditions

Newer members feel that times have changed and feel long term members done understand

Sponsorship needs – not enough qualified sponsors

Personality before principals – Joe's meeting

Closed discussion at 2:15 pm

SUBCOMMITTEE / ADHOC REPORTS:

Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS –Bill O

Dear Family, This has been a very busy cycle. There is much to report. As you are by now probably aware, the website has been experiencing some major problems. The problems are not yet resolved.

Website Report

On June 18, iPower Web informed us that our site would not transfer to their new web hosting platform. This had been scheduled for March and was unsuccessful. Unfortunately, they failed to notify us of that failure or the reason for it. On June 20, iPower Web attempted to move the site to the new platform again. Again it failed, this time catastrophically. The site went down completely. We were then forced to take immediate action or lose the site entirely. After several hours on the phone with iPower Web's tech support, we contacted Milwaukee Micro Web Hosting. The owner is a friend of one of the webservants and agreed to get us set up. We pointed the domain toward the new host, and within hours, we were partially back on line. What we had for about a week was the home page, the conference page, the WRSO page, the links page, and the meeting list map and city link page. All but the meeting list itself, the calendar, and email were functional.

At this point, I must point out that our dedicated and overworked webservants are volunteers who all have jobs, family, and other responsibilities. This is not something that can demand all their attention at once. There is a lot of work involved in uploading the database, calendar, meeting list, connecting all the links, and setting up new emails for the site. Then all these things have to be checked for accuracy and functionality. Then it must be maintained and updated daily. This is a tedious and time consuming job that more often than not gets taken for granted. Add to this that we have been in the process of refacing the Area pages, and also had to go back and relink all the city links to the new Area pages. We have been trying for some time now to construct a new search engine for the meeting list, finish work for the new site, and maintain the current site. This is more work

than 2 or 3 webservants can do in their spare time.

That being said, the process of uploading the meeting list database, checking it for errors, and relinking it to all the Areas and cities began. Next came the calendar and all the fliers that are linked to it. There were some compatibility issues to be resolved with the database and the calendar. More than once work went on well into the night. We also had to reestablish communications by creating new email accounts for the Webservant, WRSC, and WRSO links. This only happens with the combined and coordinated efforts of the 3 web servants and the host provider. During this period, many hours were spent, countless emails were exchanged, and slowly, the work progressed. This is also the time when the meeting list is being updated and exported for printing. Had it not been for the foresight of the webservants creating backup files, this would have been delayed to the point that the Directory might not have been completed on time.

On June 30, the meeting list went back on line with full functionality. The updating process was enabled and the meeting list was fully updated. The calendar proved to be more challenging. On July 8, the calendar page was reestablished with a notice that it was under construction, being rewritten, and a request for patience. After 15 hours of work, it was clear that the calendar code would not work. The code for the calendar was written years ago and needed to be completely rewritten to become compatible with newer host servers. This was one of the reasons the site would not make the move to the new platform with the former server. Writing code is very tedious and time consuming. On July 14, after 15 more hours of code rewriting, the calendar page once again failed to operate properly. We are troubleshooting the reasons with the server. This is still in progress.

During this time, we received numerous complaints about the problems with the site, both via email and phone. Some were curious or concerned, and others were angry. And yet, throughout all of this, only one person offered any help. It is as a result of these circumstances that we now find it necessary to ask the Areas to help us find additional webservants. There are currently 2 webservants who maintain and update the site. The third webservant has a dedicated project as the NAWS web contact, whose job it is to update the NAWS site and sync our databases. This work has also suffered due to the site crash. His time and expertise have been utilized to rewrite the calendar code and assist the other webservants in their efforts to restore the site.

We have terminated the web hosting contract with iPower Web. The unused portion of our 3 year prepayment is to be credited to the credit card that paid it. We still have our domain registered with iPower. That will also have to be maintained until all this is sorted out and better informed decisions can be made.

We must also now decide what kind of payment plan to accept. We can go month to month, or pay for a full year of web hosting. As the current status of the website is that it is not compatible with a Linux based server, our choices are limited. The calendar is being rewritten to be more compatible with the newer technology. Our options increase when we get the site to a technological level that will allow us to move to a Linux based server.

The yearly plan for the Windows server is \$14.95 per month, with the 13th month free. At this time we feel it would be best to go with a one year plan, and revisit it next year at renewal time. We'll know much more in September after some of the existing problems are sorted out and solved. We can then reassess the entire site and its potential for the future. We are presenting a motion to fund the website at the yearly rate of \$14.95 per month for 12 months for a total of \$179.40. (Put on board.)

Meeting List

The new July 2008 meeting list is here. 12 Areas sent updates using the Excel file system. Thank you for your cooperation. We were able to get all the updates into the printed meeting list. There were 3 updates that came in late that were also incorporated into the list. The website meeting list is current at this time. We have experienced a 5.5% reduction in the total number of meetings. (See Meeting List Distribution chart for details.)
NRIADA Conference Report

Gene J. & I attended the National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse from June 1-5. We got there in time for set up and the opening ceremonies. There were all the same exhibitors again this year. None of the exhibitors got any kind of write up in the program. It was a little thinner and on cheaper paper. I think they are feeling the economic crunch. It also seemed that there were fewer attendees this year. There were only about 240. They also did not give away as many scholarships at the end. It was all pretty much the same as last year with one notable exception. AA had an open speaker meeting on the program. Naturally, Gene & I talked to the program people. They are willing to put us on the program for next year, at least with an open speaker meeting, maybe something more. They have mini workshops that run 1 1/2 hours. We're thinking about one of those for us. We'll be following up on that. We now have some solid contacts and a better

relationship. If we can get a workshop, we'll be contacting NAWS about presentation material and maybe even an outline and PowerPoint. More will be revealed.

Once again, it seemed like NA got mentioned only as an afterthought. One presenter spoke well of us. We really need to do more PR in the rural communities. The logic is simple. There are so many places where AA is the only game in town. NA doesn't exist in many communities. Here in Wisconsin, there is a big section in the SW portion of the state that we have affectionately dubbed the "Black Hole of Wisconsin". There are no meetings at all. It goes from Madison WI to Du Buque IA. It's tough to get a foot in the door. Gene & I are committed to doing this conference annually as for long as we can. It's worth it. Our presence was felt. We were recognized and welcomed. Last year, we were the new kids in town.

There didn't seem to be quite as much interest in the IP's as last year, although the books were popular and we sold several. There was a moderate interest in the Spanish literature. The language key tags were good conversation starters, and the multi language IP #1 drew some interest. NAWS provided some books and additional literature for us. The literature and the WRSO items made for a very nice exhibit.

We saw a lot of the same people as last year. They seem to be like a family. One person, who was in the photo last year with us, and again this year, has been going to NRIADA for 15 years. It's also the only conference in the state worth 25 ECU's, so it has academic as well as social draw.

On Tuesday and Wednesday we had dinner in the cafeteria with the attendees. The food was plentiful, diverse, and affordable. It lent itself to social interaction. We attended meetings in Eau Claire and Menomonie. 5 of us went to Eau Claire on Monday. 4 went to the Menomonie meeting on Tuesday and Gene & I went back to Eau Claire for another meeting on Wednesday. It was a very busy week to say the least. On Thursday, we were the last to pack it in. We were about the last ones out the door.

We are presenting a motion for reimbursement of budgeted transportation expenses for the NRIADA Conference. We traveled 868 map miles @ \$0.25 per mile for a total of \$217.00. (Put on board.)

Upcoming Conferences

The Poverty Matters Conference (formerly Women & Poverty) will be held on September 18-19 in Appleton this year. The focus of the conference is shifting somewhat. It will be less gender specific, focusing more on poverty. Colleen Rainey, the conference coordinator and representative from WISCAP has once again graciously declined to accept any money from us for a conference registration. It is their position that we are a necessary presence and invite us to attend at no cost to us. We are requesting the literature funding this cycle. More information will be available in the next week or two.

The 2008 Wisconsin Corrections Assn. Conference is also moving to Appleton this year. It will be on September 29-30. We are requesting funding for the exhibit this cycle. The literature appropriation will come out of the September working reserve.

The 4th annual Mental Health and Substance Abuse Training Conference; "Recovery: Promoting Dreams through Evidence Based Practice", is moving from Steven's Point and will be held at the Kalahari Resort in the Dells on October 22-23 this year. We will be requesting funding in September.

A Final Note...

It is with both joy and sadness that I now step away from Public Relations. Five years ago, I approached this body with nothing more than an unusable meeting directory and a willingness to serve. You took a chance on me and gave me the support and resources to begin rebuilding what was then called Public Information. We started out together with a blank sheet of paper and a fractured system, and have since created a truly functional Public Relations Team. The meeting directory is now a healthy and valuable resource. The Helpline was once an administrative orphan. We now have a new and dramatically improved Helpline system. The website was once a separate entity. Barring the current difficulties, the website has grown and prospered. We now attend 5 professional conferences annually. None of this would be possible without the combined efforts of this entire body and all our members. You have encouraged me to be passionate and to explore new ideas. You have taught me to listen. You have taught me patience. You have taught me the true meaning of teamwork. You have helped me to more clearly see that fine line that separates initiative from self will. I am truly grateful for your support, patience, and encouragement. The experience I've gained in this service will serve me well as I move on to new responsibilities. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Public Relations Chair.

In Loving Service, Bill O

R. **POLICY REPORT** –Vacant– 2:34 pm

S. **ACTIVITIES** –Vacant– 2:34 pm

T. **HOSPITALS & INSTITUTION** –Tony H– 2:35 pm
Absent – no report

U. **ADDITIONAL NEEDS** –Chris K– 2: 36 pm
Verbal report given, will be stepping down to hold the RD position

* **Suspending order of day** – to make Additional Needs an adhoc to fill position – started much discussion and debate – moved to the topics list for prioritizing.

V. **LITERATURE** –Nancy M– 2:40

Sorry for not attending this month's Region, prior to being voted in I had this time marked off for vacation. I did contact Travis at world she replied to me in the following e-mail.

“There are a number of literature projects coming up in this conference cycle, most notably there is a book-length piece tentatively titled Living Clean. We also have plans to revise In Times of Illness and draft replacement IPs for the two current IPs on self-support. All of these projects will have review and input periods and we welcome any ideas about the pieces at any point leading up to that as well (for instance, if you have ideas about what should be included in a revision to In Times of Illness).

None of these projects have started yet. They were all just approved at the conference which ended 3 May. The workgroups will be formed and begin meeting in the next few months so that all of the projects should be started by September. ”

I will keep in contact with these projects so that we can be involved. I am looking forward to getting some working groups going in the Wisconsin Region. Please take this information back to your Area's and let me know if your Area is interested in starting up a working group.

I can be reached at 815-654-2894 or by e-mail at nancym71894@aol.com.

In loving service, Nancy M

W. **GUIDELINE ADHOC** –Deb W– 2:41 pm

Absent – report given by Chris K

We feel that contacting insurance companies would go against the traditions of our fellowship. Following are citations from our literature to further explain:

- o *Foremost among the principles our groups and our fellowship apply in practicing Tradition Ten is the principal of unity. For all the diversity of individual opinion among our members, Narcotics Anonymous itself is united in having no opinion on any issues apart from its own program. As a fellowship, we agree to take positions only on those ideas that have drawn up together, our principles of recovery, not on the many personal opinions that might drive us.*
- o *To fulfill Tradition Ten, our groups, service boards, and committees must exercise prudence in their public contacts. Elements of our fellowship are constantly in touch with others in society. Groups maintain contacts with their meeting facilities and those on their neighborhoods; H&I subcommittees, with facility administrators; public information workers, with health professionals, we must take care not to express any opinions on issues outside the scope of our program. Such prudence will protect our credibility in the public eye on the only issue that truly concerns Narcotics Anonymous: our program of recovery from addiction.*
- o *The Sixth Tradition warns us of three things that could blur the distinction between Narcotics Anonymous and other enterprises: endorsement, financing, and the lending of our name. An endorsement is a public statement of support for another organization. Financing another organization further endorses its purpose. Lending our name to a related facility or outside enterprise – allowing an addiction treatment facility, for example, to call itself The NA Medical Center – is the ultimate endorsement, permanently tying our primary purpose to theirs in the public eye.*
- o *By establishing boundaries, the Sixth Tradition helps our groups avoid some of the problems that commonly arise between organizations. If we endorse an organization that later runs into trouble, our reputation will be damaged along with theirs. If we boost an outside enterprise that some find obnoxious,*

addicts seeking recovery may be discouraged from coming to our meetings. If we voice support for another organization, the public, the addict who still suffers, even our own members might confuse that organization's purpose with ours. If we fund a related facility or outside enterprise, money that could be used to fulfill our own primary purpose is diverted; if we later withdraw that funding other problems occur. If we finance or lend our name to one organization instead of another, we can be drawn into a conflict between the two. By helping our groups avoid such problems, Tradition Six allows us to devote all our energy to carrying a clear NA message to addicts seeking recovery.

Along with this, if the intent of our contact is to get the insurance companies to think that NA is the best, most effective form of treatment, why would they want to pay for treatment?

At this time this committee feels this is not the best way to use NA funds or resources.

Love and Peace, The Adhoc Group

- X. **LETS PLAY WELL TOGETHER ADHOC** –Dezzz L– order of day suspended to read report early
I will be attending both Milwaukee and Inner City ASC's prior to next cycle. I do want to point out that some of this has appeared to work itself out, but would of course be helpful would be filling the subcommittee (Outreach).

ILS, Dezzz L

- Y. **BUDGET PLAN FOR TRUSTED SERVANTS ADHOC** – Cindy W – 2:47 pm
Absent – no report

Break 2:50 pm

During break RCMs prioritized the topics list for discussion

Reconvene 3:10 pm

BASIC SERVICES

- A. Approval of last cycle minutes – No Objections to passing – no corrections
- B. ELECTIONS:
Activities – none
Policy – John H will ask sponsor
July secretary – none
Vice treasure – none
Public Relations – Mike F accepts, voted in
Additional needs – none
WSNAC Pool – none
WRSO Pool – Chris K voted in
- C. MOTIONS:
FINANCIAL MOTIONS:
1. **MOTION 07-08.F1:** to reimburse Gene J for mileage expenses for travel to the NRIDA Conference in Menomonie WI. 868 miles @ .25 - \$217.00
INTENT: To complete the funding cycle for this approved project.
MOTION PASSES
 2. **MOTION 07-08.F2:** To fund the website hosting service @ \$14.95 per month with 13th month free Total \$179.40 – Milwaukee Micro Web Hosting
INTENT: To continue operations of website and pay for services rendered.
MOTION PASSES
- D. BUDGETS: None

Prioritized list of Topics by RCM’s
DISCUSSED IN ORDER CHOOSEN BY RCM’S

- 1. TOPIC 1 WSNAC 25 tradition question– 3:40 pm
 - ⌋⌋ Since 25th year was a commemorative time –hoped to tape individuals sharing what NA has done has done for them – is this in violation of traditions
 - ⌋⌋ Is any objections – no objections from floor to continue with this

- 2. TOPIC 2 Rent for WRSC Sept cycle – 3:48 pm
 - ⌋⌋ The Ho Chunk facility returned rent check as void for September is this a tradition violations
 - ⌋⌋ Call to vote to re- add money to checking account – PASSED

- 3. TOPIC 3 WSNAC rep missing 2 cycles in term– 4:10
 - ⌋⌋ Per guidelines:
 - 9.01 The WRSC may declare vacant the office of any elected WRSC trusted servant who has been found
 - 1. Absent for two WRSC meetings within their term.
 - ⌋⌋ Table till next cycle to talk to rep and see if there is a problem
 - ⌋⌋ Facilitator and vice facilitator will contact WSNAC rep 1

- 4. TOPIC 4 Motion to remove “Mans Entire” from We Do Recover – 4:16
 - ⌋⌋ That this Region submits this to world to remove from Basic Text
 - ⌋⌋ Intent – Make the literature non gender specific
 - ⌋⌋ Sending back to all groups in Region

- 5. TOPIC 5 Keeping Additional Needs working – 4:30
 - ⌋⌋ Former chair feels that if any issues come up they can be dealt with an adhoc committee instead of a standing committee
 - ⌋⌋ Motion to disband this subcommittee –
 - ⌋⌋ Point of order – policy motions need 2/3 vote
 - ⌋⌋ Passes no objection
 - ⌋⌋ Adhoc to finish gathering info to fix meeting list for handicapped accessible and info for interpreters

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Time 4:45 pm – motion to close for day – done

**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 BIG RIVERS AREA**  
**IN LA CROSSE WISCONSIN AT HO CHUNK NATION THREE RIVERS HOUSE**  
**HOTEL RESERVATIONS: ECONO LODGE (608) 781-0200**  
**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**AREAS HOSTING WRSC SCHEDULE**

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| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> | <b>2008</b> | <b>4B BIG RIVERS</b>         |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  | <b>2008</b> | <b>1C KETTLE MORaine</b>     |
| <b>JANUARY</b>   | <b>2009</b> | <b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>    |
| <b>MARCH</b>     | <b>2009</b> | <b>2C NORTHEAST</b>          |
| <b>MAY</b>       | <b>2009</b> | <b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>    |
| <b>JULY</b>      | <b>2009</b> | <b>3C SENIC BLUFFS</b>       |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> | <b>2009</b> | <b>4C WOODS &amp; WATERS</b> |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  | <b>2009</b> | <b>1D INNER CITY</b>         |
| <b>JANUARY</b>   | <b>2010</b> | <b>WSNAC Hosting Area</b>    |