

**March 2023 WRSC Minutes**  
**Saturday, March 18, 2023 – Sunday, March 19, 2023**  
**Best Western, Plover, WI**  
**And Zoom**  
*Approved 5/20/2023*

**I. Opening 9:01 by Becky S**

- **Moment of silence/Prayer**
- **Reading of the Servant Worker’s Prayer / Read Concept 6 by Tammy S**
- **Introductions / Clean Time Anniversaries!**

Deb W/KMA 25 years 3/17, John M 32 years 3/15,  
 Tammy 23 years 2/7, Vickie P 16 years 2/16

Anniversaries  
**Jan 15 – March 19**  
**(Sunday)**

- **Roll Call/Attendance**

<u>Trusted Servants/Area Representative</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Trusted Servants/Area Representative</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Co Facilitator A	Clay C	<u>Badgerland</u>	
Co Facilitator B	Becky S	<u>Big Rivers</u>	Gary K
Secretary/RA	Nichole M	<u>Chippewa Valley</u>	inactive
Treasurer	absent w/ notice	<u>Inland Lakes</u>	Ellen K
Vice-Treasurer		<u>Inner City</u>	inactive
RD	dezzz	<u>Kettle Moraine</u>	Kristen B
RDA	Tyler L	<u>Milwaukee/Waukesha</u>	Nicky B
WRSO Rep Even	Vickie P	<u>North Central</u>	Megahn C
WRSO Rep Odd	Deb W(KMA)	<u>North East WI</u>	inactive
WSNAC Rep Even		<u>River’s Edge</u>	
WSNAC Rep Odd		<u>Scenic Bluffs</u>	Vickie P
Activities		<u>South East Family</u>	Joe D/Nicole S
Fellowship Development		<u>SWANA</u>	John M
H&I		<u>WOCA</u>	Jim L/Patty M
IT	Deb W(Big Rivers)	<u>Woods &amp; Waters</u>	Dylan W
Literature			
Policy	Patty M		
Public Relations			

Also in attendance: Jay S, Larry A, Tammy S

- **7th Tradition –**
- **Review-Adjust Agenda**
- **Approval of Minutes : Motion by Deb W VOTE: 9 approved**
- **Orientation**
- **SPECIAL BUSINESS- Concept 10 – Tammy S shared concerns for WRSC to consider;**

Per policy WSNAC is a subcommittee of WRSC; 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition violation & WSNAC needs to inventory behaviors – added to topic board.

## **II. Reports**

### **Trusted Servant Reports**

A. Co-Facilitator A-

B. Co-Facilitator B -

C. **Secretary** - thank you for allowing me to serve this committee. I have had many requests for written reports so if you are giving a report on the floor please also submit it in writing. Here are the links for slack ( [https://join.slack.com/t/wrscna/shared\\_invite/zt-1sgjlo5t-Te70RJyIGQIMGeMTEPyi4A](https://join.slack.com/t/wrscna/shared_invite/zt-1sgjlo5t-Te70RJyIGQIMGeMTEPyi4A) ) and the Secretary email: secretary@wisconsinna.org

Another communication was received recently with concerns about inconsistencies of H&I meetings at the Dane County Jail. That message included the Badgerland Area H&I committee's email so I did not forward the message to anyone at this time.

ILS, Nichole M

D. **Treasurer** Hello family,

Dezzz and I met on Saturday, March 25 and attempted to reconcile the checking account. We are submitting what we have today, including the past 3 bank statements. At this point, we can tell you that there is a total balance in our bank account of \$18,780.86, which reflects both the working reserve and the prudent reserve. There are currently 2 checks that have not been cashed, one is in the amount of 75.00 for conference participation and the other is in the amount of 201.88 for reimbursement for literature for PR. There should be no other outstanding withdrawals between now and the next region. If we are overlooking something, we will report it.

There is a need to meet with the past treasurer to go over the software package of QuickBooks to ensure that all is entered properly. We are hopeful this will be arranged prior to the May Region.

At this time the signers on the account are Tyler L, Becky S, and Rob T. I have the checkbook with me. I will continue to work with dezzz to have treasury reports on a timely basis.

Also enclosed is an excel spreadsheet that shows the activity since the last bank statement that is attached to this report.

Thanks for allowing me to serve,

Rob T

262 455 0505 – please use my number for any questions you might have. I would ask that you use this number and let me know that you are.

E. Vice-Treasurer (OPEN)

F. **Regional Delegate** - March 2023 Regional Report from Wisconsin RD

Hello family,

Since we last met in January, we have scheduled several CAR/CAT reviews. I am attaching a copy of the upcoming reviews and hope that those of you who are attending in person are okay taking a virtual copy of this flyer to distribute in your areas as well. The ones that are remaining are the one that will be held here today, then there are 2 virtual ones scheduled on Monday, March 20 and Monday, March 27. Tyler and I will be hosting a hybrid presentation at

the Gratitude Club on Sunday, March 26 from 11 AM to 3 PM. Tyler will also be at the Milwaukee/Waukesha Area on April 8 for a CAR/CAT presentation.

There are some submissions for reimbursements from dezzz for the printing and mailing of the CAR Reports. Please ensure that your address for your area is reflected properly with the secretary, due to various PO Boxes not being open, we incurred quite a cost in return postage (\$65.58). The RD Team will be asking to add something like about verification of mail addresses before another mailing is done, as this was a cost that could have been avoided. Our airfare has been purchased for the trip to California for the WSC. The cost of our airfare was \$879.90, which was slightly higher than we asked for, but the cost of airfare just seemed to keep going up. We also chose to fly Southwest, which does not incur additional baggage fees, and gives us each 2 checked bags. We will be leaving Milwaukee on April 27 and returning on May 8. There will be world markets and we will have allowances for taking merchandise to sell at the world market, so if you want us to take something, let us know. There will be 2 world markets occurring during our time out there. We will also have an opportunity to return with some older merchandise that will be available to be distributed among our areas to help raise awareness and excitement for Narcotics Anonymous. We will have a receipt for our hotel stay when we return and have that to present at our May regional. Keep in mind that we have not asked for a per diem for meals, but NAWS does have an amount of \$70.00 per day. Just wanted to present this with transparency. This may be something that will appear in future budgets from the RD team.

There are 4 items that will be requested by this team to place on the discussion topic board. Thanks in advance for all the hard work we each put into this region. You are all appreciated.

### **Wisconsin Regional news!**

I continue to be proud that we continue to show up together and unified and am quite hopeful that all of us will continue to grow together and work together for the good of Narcotics Anonymous AND Wisconsin Region. Thanks for continuing to be patient with the virtual solution.

Here is our meeting overview currently, we have 371 total open meetings; 296 of those are face to face; 53 meetings are virtual; 22 meetings are hybrid. There are 46 that are unpublished. If you want to ask your areas to check if these unpublished meetings might need to be removed from the list because they no longer exist that would help with cleaning up our list of meetings. Another note about meetings, if you update, change, or add to existing groups please use this email to notify NAWS so the update can be reflected in a timely manner. Use the following email address [groupupdates@na.org](mailto:groupupdates@na.org)

Here is the link you can use to join our Slack Channel, please do so, as this is a great way to stay connected between cycles. [JOIN SLACK LINK](#). If this does not work, please send an email to [rdteam@wisconsinna.org](mailto:rdteam@wisconsinna.org) and ask for another invite, myself or Tyler will get it sent out immediately.

We are scheduled to meet in May virtually and will be here once we return from the WSC on May 8 to answer any questions from this body. The dates scheduled are May 20 and May 21. The Wisconsin Regional service office is still open. Please email them and find out how they can help you with what you need at this time ([wrs02@yahoo.com](mailto:wrs02@yahoo.com)). With the changes to the

price of literature, please make sure you are using the most current copy of the order form. It does not appear that the newest order form is on the website, so please contact the office directly for this information.

### **Midwest Zonal Forum News**

The next meeting for the MZF is scheduled for the Wednesday evening while we are in attendance at the WSC (May 3), this will be short meeting and regular business will not be conducted. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss anything that is pressing for the RD Teams in attendance at the WSC. The next meeting will be August 19 and 20. This meeting will take place in Ohio, but it will also have a virtual attendance option. One of our team members will attend this meeting in person, possibly both of us. If you want to consider going, let us know.

Wisconsin is slotted to host the MZF in a hybrid form in January 2024. Currently there is a bid being formed in Fond du Lac, but should anyone else want to put in a bid, let us know and we will get the information to you. The bid should be put together in the upcoming months if possible.

Also dezzz was named as the representative to work on the workgroup for the future of the WSC from the MZF. She will begin this work and meet with the other representatives from the other zones to present any new ideas. If you have anything you would like to contribute, let dezzz know. She is happy to get your feedback and ideas heard. And she is honored that the MZF is allowing her to take this position.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> occurrence of the Multi Regional Service Learning Days is being planned (tentatively 4<sup>th</sup> Q 2024). There will be a meeting on April 11 at 6 PM CDT, we will post the zoom ID in slack, or if you don't use slack, but are interested, email us and we will get you the information. Please get involved. We all have something to give.

### **NA World News**

The next CP meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2023, both Tyler and I will be in attendance at this meeting. The last one that was held in January, both Tyler and I attended and we mainly discussed questions about the CAR.

Important web links

WSC 2023 Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023wsccarsurvey>

Videos and Powerpoints for CAR <https://www.na.org/?ID=wsc2023-vids>

Current list of motions [WSC 2023 Motion List 230307.docx \(live.com\)](#)

As per our report, Tyler and I will be traveling to Los Angeles for the World Service Conference, this will take place April 30 through May 6. We are excited to represent Wisconsin and will be renting a room at the hotel where the conference is taking place. Should anyone have questions about our attendance, please let us know. I am excited to experience this with Tyler and hopeful for the future of the Wisconsin RD team. I know that some of you have spoken to myself or Tyler about an interest in stepping up to be the next RDA, but please let us know. Beyond the learning experience alone and the ability to represent Wisconsin it's a great position that is worth every bit of work that is put in.

Due to the COVID Testing requirements and other things that we are facing, we wanted to make sure that if you are planning to be in California, please talk to us about arrangements.

We are required to test the day before we leave, the day we arrive, and three days after we are there. We are also required to wear a mask during all meetings and small gatherings. This is being mandated by NAWS. We also want to state that we are only asking for hotel reimbursement the days of the conference April 29 to May 7 (8 days of the hotel). We are arriving a few days early, and staying one extra day due to convenience, but do not expect this body to cover those extra days at this time (hotel rate is 183 plus tax per night).

Here are the upcoming deadlines that are important for everyone to know.

CAR Survey Deadline ...

April 1, 2023

Get your vote to the RD Team

April 10, 2023

Amendments to CAR and CAT motions deadline ---

April 15, 2023

Initial Straw ePoll (this is when we will send in our votes, tentatively) ... April 15, 2023

The next world convention is set to happen in Washington DC August 19 – September 1, 2024.

Start planning now to attend this event. It will be amazing. I have had the pleasure of attending every World Convention since 2000, and I have no regrets for that choice.

Registration is not open yet, but the dates are set and if you want to keep watching on na.org for more information, you can.

Local Service Toolbox Survey and Outline: NAWS is taking the next steps for the project on virtual meetings: [www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox). NAWS posted an outline of virtual meetings' best practices. As NAWS receives input on the outline and more information from the Fellowship, updates will be posted. NAWS is asking members to check it out, and forward their thoughts to [toolbox@na.org](mailto:toolbox@na.org)

The Spiritual Principle a Day Book has been released in print version and you can now also access it online. The web address for that is... <http://spadna.org/>

It is further encouraged that if you want to get this information when it is released that you go to [www.na.org/subscribe](http://www.na.org/subscribe) and complete the registration to receive the information announcements from NAWS as they are released. This is a great way to get plugged into all the changes that continue to happen within our Fellowship.

In Loving Service,  
Regional Delegate Team  
dezzz G and Tyler L  
[rdteam@wisconsinna.org](mailto:rdteam@wisconsinna.org)

Items for the board from this report

Item #1

Wisconsin hosting MZF in January 2024

Item #2

Policy on verification of mailing addresses before any more mailings occur.

### Item #3

Wisconsin input on 2 motion amendments from the Australia Region

For Motion 7 we are submitting this:

Motion: To lessen the six World Board members' terms currently expiring in 2024 to end at the close of the WSC 2023.

Intent: To avoid World Board terms ending in the middle of a conference cycle and to practice the spiritual principle of rotation

Rationale: We acknowledge there is concern for having World Board members terms end mid cycle, however we were asked as a once off last cycle to extend member terms. Our Region has concerns with extending terms again, and believe that the intent can be reached equally by having members step down now. For the majority of the members effected by this Motion, extending their terms would take them beyond the 12 year lifetime maximum allowed to serve on the WB as per the guidelines in GWSNA. We as a Region believe strongly in the spirit of rotation and would like to free up spots on the World Board for newly elected members in 2023.

For Motion 8 we submit this:

Motion: To push back the World Convention of NA (WCNA) rotation policy by 6 years. This would mean that the rotation would be as follows.

2027 – Asia, Middle East and Africa (with Melbourne first choice if still feasible)

2030 – North America

2033 – Europe

2036 – North America

2039 – Central and South America

Intent: : Given the disruption in the rotation of WSC and WCNA that has already occurred, the increases in event costs, and the other changes brought about by the pandemic, to allow each zone to still get their turn just 6 years later than originally planned.

This amendment/replacement recognizes that Melbourne was impacted by the Pandemic and allows for every zone to still retain their spot in the rotation while giving priority to Melbourne/Asia, Middle West and Africa to make up for their missed convention and still giving NAWS the ability to change course.

G. **Regional Delegate Alternative** – Tyler L

H. **WRSO Rep Even** – Vickie P

Website is updated and very usable. Someone is in the on Thursdays if needed. Next meeting, hybrid April 16. Thanks for letting me serve.

I. **WRSO Rep Odd** – Deb W(KMA) WRSO REP – ODD

WRSO met last on February 19<sup>th</sup>

All members were present with the exception of one who was at a convention.

The website is now complete and members can order literature and merchandise direct from [www.wisconsinna.org](http://www.wisconsinna.org)

Many conventions are asking for 2 or 3 year contracts for WRSO to attend/sell at their conventions.

Upcoming conventions are ISNAC and CCK

Deb W is working on updating current policies, as they have not been updated in a few years. Our next meeting will be April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for allowing me to serve  
Deb W.

J. **WSNAC Rep Even** – Rob D

K. WSNAC REP Odd

L. **Ad-Hoc Alphabet Soup Committee** – Ellen K

Wisconsin Region Ad-hoc Committee Alphabet Soup

1. Met in December

2. Meets first Wednesday Meeting ID 859 4356 4727 Passcode 263277 7:30pm US Central

3. Open Questions a. Who maintains if stored at region level?

b. Procedures to request update?

c. What is to go in the How-To section?

### **Subcommittee and Ad-Hoc Reports**

- Activities (OPEN)
- Hospitals and Institutions (OPEN)
- **Information Technologies (I.T.)** – Deb W(Big Rivers) -IT Subcommittee report, March 2023

IT has been busy in January and February and has several things to report.

We updated the Guidelines for IT and would like to submit them for approval. Will attach.

WRSC has a debit card for the purpose of paying those bills that only accept online card payments. We use this to pay for the phone line, because this is the only kind of payment that Twillio accepts. Periodically, debit cards expire and the bank sends the cardholder a new card, with a new expiration date and new card verification number. Our card has in fact expired, and we need the info from the new card to be able to pay for the phone lines. Due to the timing with regions, when the card expired, and when we changed trusted servants, this wasn't realized until we went to pay on the account shortly after January's ASC. We expected to run out of funds soon, so I emailed the Treasurer to get this information and cc'd the CoFac B. After hearing nothing back from either one, I emailed them again and again got no reply whatsoever. 1) We need the billing information from the new card posthaste, or the phone lines will shut down. 2) We are concerned about the Treasurer's lack of response. 3) Please advise on the best way to get a response from the Treasurer.

Here is new information on how our BMLT updates are reflected on the NAWS meeting list.

Updating a meeting on our BLMT will be reflected almost instantly on the WRSC website and any area websites that use the BMLT. The NAWS website (on the meeting page) and the BMLT search app will also be updated almost instantly. The NA meeting app will only be updated approximately every 30-45 days. The reason is the app is not yet linked into the BMLT database, and they are doing them manually. If you need a meeting updated on the NA

meeting app faster than 30-45 days, your meeting list administrator can email the updated information to [groupupdates@na.org](mailto:groupupdates@na.org), and they will get it in within a couple days.

There may be issues with meetings mapping to the wrong location when you put abbreviations in an address. (Using St or Ave instead of Street or Avenue can make a difference.) When your administrator does an update, they should get rid of abbreviations and verify that the map location shown is correct.

In January we brought a discussion of how to (or not to) handle area-less meetings on the BMLT. We were directed to come back with a proposal and would like this to be on the topic board.

Proposal: List as Independent Group Meeting (IGM), request the nearest geographic Area to attend a meeting to verify that they are an NA meeting after which they would be published, require that they contact the BMLT Coordinator at least once a month to verify they still exist. After 3 months with no contact they'd be unpublished.

With posts expiring from our free slack account, IT was asked to look into solutions to archive our information.

IT doesn't have any specific recommendation. What do we really want archived? Who is going to maintain it? Is it tied to a specific person or position? What about turnover in positions? A lot of places are using cloud storage, or using paid subscriber accounts like gmail or microsoft. If we get a 501.c.3 set up then we have more free or affordable options. Our recommendation is that Wisconsin Region become a 501.c.3 before pursuing this further. Not only would this give better options for storage, we'd also have big savings on our other applications and software, such as our Twilio and email accounts, possibly our web hosting. For one example, a free nonprofit Microsoft cloud storage account includes email, Word, Excel and Powerpoint software for up to 10 users.

As this report shows, we are a busy lot, and we are looking for more volunteers. Have any geeks in your areas looking for service opportunity? Or geek-wannabes? Training provided! We have developed a flyer which will be attached. Please distribute.

Remember to send your event flyers to Jane for the website. Our email is [webservants@wisconsinna.org](mailto:webservants@wisconsinna.org)

- Literature (OPEN)
- Fellowship Development (OPEN)
- **Policy – Patty M** Policy Subcommittee Meeting will be held Sunday, April 23, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3247267759?pwd=gboGVdZGvNvZuab3xPnpFfQRzNWFpZ1> Passcode pMV70N
- **Public Relations (OPEN)** – Gary K (serving as liaison for PR) **Public Relations Committee Report**

**Feb/Mar 2023**

Hello family the WRPR committee is only as strong as the person that serves and stronger when we have contact information so as to work with others from every Area in the Wisconsin Region. The WRPR committee asks that you please continue the efforts and forward PR Chairperson contact information to the WRPR committee so that we can best serve your



Area. If you do not have a PR Chairperson then either the RCMRCMA or someone who wants to receive information and/or help in PR efforts in your Area. There is a lot that we can do together in our efforts to carry the message to the sick and suffering addict. Please ask around in your Area if there is someone who is willing to step up and serve in PR.

We read from the PR Handbook at the beginning of the meeting. This strengthens existing member's knowledge about PR and helps define and answer questions new members may have about what PR is about and what we actually do. When we read, we discuss and share information at the start of the meeting prior to going into any other topics. If you'd like to know about our next WRPR Zoom meeting, just email us at [PR@wisconsinNA.org](mailto:PR@wisconsinNA.org))

WRPR committee has meetings virtually on zoom the first Sunday of every month. At times it is hard to stay focused on goals we want to achieve because the same core group of members are not seeing new members. Please join a meeting to see what the WRPR committee does. We have no shortage of tasks we are attempting to accomplish for anyone who wishes to volunteer join us in April. We would like to Welcome Allen M PR Chair for the Woods and Waters Area.

Matt reported that he had not gotten any emails to report about. He is mainly getting notices from facilities as advertisement's rather than information requests

We worked on editing a letter to editors found in the PR handbook in February and finalized it in March. Matt volunteered to email the letters to the editors.

The Pr chair has sent to the treasurer a request for reimbursement for literature from WRSO and never received a reply to the e-mails. We are concerned about the Treasure's lack of response and we would like to know what would be the best way to get a response.

We continue to do our zoom presentation for professionals on the second Friday of the month. If there is anyone that would like to volunteer to help us in our presentation please contact us at [PR@wisconsinna.org](mailto:PR@wisconsinna.org)

We looked at the website to see the changes that had been made and we are very grateful to the effort that Tim B and the IT team has made.

If your area has plans for PR week we would be interested in what your plans are [pr@wisconsinna.org](mailto:pr@wisconsinna.org)

Public Relations is an important subcommittee and I am willing to fill the spot until someone is willing to take over the position. Do we just leave the positions open ?

ILS  
Gary  
PR Chairperson

Break for Lunch begin 11:31A Lunch end 12:45p

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### Area Reports

- Badgerland
- Big Rivers
- Chippewa Valley – inactive
- **Inland Lakes Unity Area** -

ILUA RCM Report 2023-03

ILUA Area Service:

1. Positions open: Alternate Treasurer, Activities, Out Reach

- 2. Activities a. Cribbage Tournament i. When: Saturday March 18
- ii. Where: Northwoods Recovery Center 710 Green Bay St Shawano 54166
- iii. Starts at 9am
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- b. Spiritual Retreat i. When: April 7 through April 9
- ii. Where: Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya 13654 S Shore Drive, Suring, WI 54174
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3. ILUA Area meeting second Sunday a. Policy subcommittee @ 10am

b. PR subcommittee @ 10am

c. Subcommittee meetings @ 10:30 am

- d. GSR training @ 11 am
- e. GSR Meeting @ Noon
- f. Area Meeting @ 12:30

#### 4. Contribution to Region and World sent monthly

Drug Court Stamps provided by Wisconsin State government

1. ILUA Area PR subcommittee is working on drafting a letter to be sent to Drug Court agencies in ILUA area identifying issues with current system, what is needed and asking for alternatives
2. What are other Areas in Wisconsin doing about Drug Court stamps?
3. Is there recommendations/suggestions from NA World? a. Meeting Attendance Cards (na.org)
4. Region PR Subcommittee first Sunday of every month meeting is **9703 4028 608** and the passcode is wrsc a. Gary may I pass along contact info to ILUA PR person?  
b. What time on first Sunday?

Question from ILUA Area: Is there information on where World Conventions will be?

2024 WCNA 39 North America -- Washington, DC, August 29 – September 1, 2024

2027 WCNA 40 Europe – Has site selection process been started?

2030 WCNA 41 North America

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Feedback from ILUA Area

- 1. ILUA Area group conscious vote concerning budget change: No a. Update on percentage feedback that was requested in November 2022 i. Use the Charitable rate rather than the Business rate

- Inner City - inactive
- **Kettle Moraine** KMA RCMA report

Kristen B

Hi family. I'm the new rcma from KMA. All of our positions at area are filled with the exception of web servant. Unity Jam is June 30th to July 2nd. April 22nd is Project hope. Location and more information to follow. Hippieyed is August 26th. Flyer to follow. We have good meeting attendance and area attendance. Donation to region is \$221.56.

I'm loving service,

Kristen B

- **Milwaukee / Waukesha MWASC MARCH REPORT**

Elections

PR Chair

Upcoming Elections

In April we will be holding elections for a new Vice Facilitator

## Events

Currently we have two events taking place this weekend

Tyler will be coming on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM to go over the Car Report. Flyers have been distributed to GSR's and also is posted on the websites.

We will be having our annual Fourth of July Fireworks event on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Milwaukee's Lakefront. More info will be provided as more details come in.

## Misc.

Due to the holidays of Easter and other's Mother's Day as well as the upcoming Journey's Convention, it was decided to hold our monthly area service committee meeting and GSF's on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of April, May and June instead of the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.

We discussed and voted on the possible mileage increase to 45 cents per mile. There was a unanimous vote in addition to further information the area would like Region to know which will be mentioned when the mileage reimbursement matter is discussed this cycle.

Fun With Flags is coming to an end in May.

H & I and PR have made tremendous strides with carrying the message

Through both the Greenfield Police Department, which includes providing them with business cards, Narcan, and fentanyl testing strips.

They are also working with the Milwaukee Elevate Task Force, which is likely to lead to NA literature and business cards becoming available to people via multiple Milwaukee Police Departments.

- North Central Hi Everyone!

I would like to welcome everyone to the North Central Area. Thank you WRSC for allowing North Central to host this cycle.

## Group Information

North Central Area meetings continue to go well. Meeting attendance/support at our meetings has increased in some of the 'struggling' areas which is great to see. One of our Wisconsin Rapids groups, Thursday's Light at the End of the Tunnel, has decided to close at this time. There are a few other Thursday night meetings in our area that addicts can continue to support or attend should they need a meeting on a Thursday night.

## Area Information

Our area continues to meet the first Thursday of every month. This year; North Central is on a rotating basis between Wausau and Stevens Point. All new positions began in January. There has been a great energy and momentum with everyone that is serving.

- Activities
  - o Luck of the Addict- tonight! Come join and have some fun. There will be board games, merchandise, and fun for everyone to have!
  - o Activities has been teaming up with our Fellowship Development sub-committee with the resurrected Flood Meetings. Most recently, the Thursday Waupaca meeting held a speaker meeting and a St. Patrick's themed functions
- H&I
  - o Portage County jail meeting has been in motion for two months for women's and men's
    - § They have a new Jail Facilitator who is incredibly ambitious to get resources in for the inmates.
  - o Wood County jail meetings have also started back up for men's only at this time. Women's meetings will begin there as soon as we have a secure amount of volunteers.
- Open Positions
  - o We currently have a two open positions: RCMA-A and Merchandise

### **Topics/Challenges/Concerns/Proposals**

Our area has not brought forward any new topics/challenges/concerns/or proposals to be discussed at this cycle.

We did vote on the mileage proposal and have a consensus that North Central will carry this cycle.

### **General Information**

None at this time.

Love All, Serve All,

Megahn C.

- North East - inactive
- Rivers Edge
- **Scenic Bluffs**

We have 7 meetings going and working with Badgerland Area to get into the Sauk County Jail to do Zoom Meetings, we don't have an H&I chair. So far it's taken 2 years getting this going due to the Sauk County Jail. We have several open positions, those of us involved in Area just carry whatever comes up. Presently finishing updating the policy that hadn't been looked at since 2012.

Thanks for letting me serve.

Vickie P RCMA

- **South East Family** S.E.F.A. Report

Hello family, I'm Joe and I'm an addict. I'm grateful to be able to attend in person this month. We have a newly elected RCMA, Nicole, who is joining us as well today.

We have 14 meetings per week in our area. There were 9 in attendance at the last ASC meeting. There were no concerns or issues brought up by the groups during their reports. We have a couple of open positions; vice-treasurer and PI.

We are working on updating our ASC policy to bring it in line with our current practices. We have formed an Ad-Hoc committee to help facilitate an ASC inventory. They have issued a rough draft that is being used for input and review. Included in this work is our budgeting. We are having issues with the beginning of the year needing deposits for events. We are looking at other area policies for guidance.

Unity and activities is busy. We have the **Joy Of Service** coming up on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

WSNAC 39 Pre-Registrations will be sold onsite during this event. We also have four other events coming up. There are flyers on the back table for everyone.

Our web-servant is working on updating our site to include the BMLT. We have to change some things to be able to incorporate it on our site. She is working with the WRSC IT about the update.

ILS,

Joe D. and Nicole S.

- SWANA SWANA Report

Not a lot here 4 meetings in the area. April 1st potluck and area meeting. Getting tallies from addicts in the groups.

Thanx John M.

- Washington Ozaukee Co.

**March 18, 2023**

### **WOCA March Report**

Hello Family,

As an Area we are doing pretty well. Ozaukee County has opened Jail meetings for inmates. Washington County jail meetings will be opening soon.

We had our annual Bowling for Hope event. The bowling portion had a lot of individuals along with individuals with children. Unfortunately many that attended the bowling portion did not attend the Taco Bar or speaker. We are looking for next year to have better attendance at the actual event, not just bowling.

We are looking forward to our Annual Piggan Out Event August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Lac lawrann Conservatory in West Bend. We have flyers on the events section on the Wisconsin Region website along with the wocana.org web site. We will be roasting a pig this year.

Yours in Service  
RCM for WOCA

Jim L.

RCMA for WOCA

Patty M.

- 
- Woods and Waters Hello family!

Our area had it's last function in Wakefield Michigan. I was unable to attend, but it was well attended from what I heard. We have a \$1500.00 area donation to W.R.S.C. as well as a \$1000.00 area donation to Project Hope. The minutes are not out yet from our last area and since I was not in attendance I don't have anything to report from our last area cycle. Our H&I subcommittee is currently going into Koinonia treatment facility in Rhinelander, but the other facilities we were going into (Dickinson county jail, Gogebic county jail, Florence county jail) are not having a meeting there due to lack of inmates or the facilities not allowing outside groups in.

We are still in contact with the facilities and will have meetings running as soon as they are able.

We are also compiling a list of all facilities in our area and reaching out to them in conjunction with PR in hopes to spread the message of recovery/introduce to NA. Our PR subcommittee has been sending basic texts into libraries all over our area recently, since they weren't previously. Journeys subcommittee had to update our website since the old website was unfortunately lost. It has changed from thejourneysconvention.org to [www.thejourneysconvention.com](http://www.thejourneysconvention.com). Our Outreach subcommittee is going to Marquette MI next as

they have a group interested in getting involved with our area.

We had a new meeting start in January- "Seeds of Hope" at 2PM CST located at First United Methodist Church, Rhinelander, WI, 54501. Support has been excellent, needs to be added to meeting lists yet. It has not been added to our area but will be soon. It is not on our Area's website yet, what does it take to be added to our Regional website/BMLT?

Our next area function will be April 1st at the Windsor Center in Iron River, MI. Flyer is attached.

Yours in loving service,

Dylan Wendt

Woods and Waters RCM

### III. Elections

#### Open Positions

- Fellowship Development
- Hospitals and Institutions
- Vice Treasurer

- Public Relations – Gary K nominated Dean H; Dean gave qualifications, dezzz read bylaws for position VOTE: ELECTED
- Activities

### **March Elections**

- Literature
- Policy – Patty M gave qualifications VOTE: ELECTED
- WRSO Rep Odd

### **(No May Nominations)**

### **Pools**

- WSNAC
- WRSO

## **IV. Financial Decisions**

- A. Treasurer – **Report**
- B. Vice Treasurer - **Report**
- C. **Budget Discussions**
- D. Disbursements / Motions.

V. CAR/CAT send Area tally to [RDTeam@Wisconsinna.org](mailto:RDTeam@Wisconsinna.org) by April 10

10 minute break @ 3:20pm

## **VI. Topics/ Discussion Board**

- **Mileage reimbursement** - Proposal: Jim/WOCA raise mileage to 0.45/mile. BLOCKED Request to take decision to Areas for vote. *Mileage reimbursement increase to \$0.45/mile discussion. 2 RCMs opposed, after some discussion we agreed to vote. VOTE: BLOCKED by ILUA, stating this is an Integrity violation, they are requesting WRSC to use charitable rate for mileage \$0.14/mile. Suggestion to amend proposal to allow wording “mileage will be reimbursed up to \$0.45/mile” . Some more discussion. Blocking RCM will take the vote back to their area.*  
*Committee taking a break to regain spirituality*
- **Additional write up for welcoming with Co-Facilitator** – Co-Fac B stated that we have a welcoming statement, it was overlooked in the agenda this cycle.
  - **WRSC hosting MZF in Jan. 2024** – plan to get bids in Fond Du Lac
  - **Policy on Verification of mailing addresses before any mailing occurs** – discussion of how to assure we have the correct contact information from each Area. Suggestion that RCMs include Area address in the report. Deb W(KMA) and



Megahn C volunteered to create a form that can be linked on the Region website to assist in having uniformed report information

- **Support of CAR amendment to motion 7 from Australia**
- **Support of CAR amendment to Motion 8 from Australia**

➤ **WSNAC 10 concept**

- Voting Guidelines
- 12 Tradition
- Inventory
- ADHOC – RD Team to work on this and WRSC can expect a resolution in July 2023, after current World Conference cycle completes

- **Remove from service resume** “Have you resigned from a service position or been removed” – per language in Policy, topic is complete.
- **Open subcommittee hybrid** – discussion of operating as project based service or developing a work group procedure; decision is to direct the RD Team to seek guidance from other Region’s of how their work groups operate.

Close 5:06pm

Reconvene Sunday 3/19 @ 9am

Roll Call

<u>Trusted Servants/Area Representative</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Trusted Servants/ Area Representative</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Co Facilitator A	Clay C	<u>Badgerland</u>	
Co Facilitator B	Becky S	<u>Big Rivers</u>	Gary K
Secretary/RA	Nichole M	<u>Chippewa Valley</u>	inactive
Treasurer	Rob T	<u>Inland Lakes</u>	Ellen K
Vice-Treasurer		<u>Inner City</u>	inactive
RD	dezzz	<u>Kettle Moraine</u>	Kristen B
RDA	absent w/notice	<u>Milwaukee/Waukesha</u>	Nicky B
WRSO Rep Even	Vickie P	<u>North Central</u>	
WRSO Rep Odd		<u>North East WI</u>	inactive
WSNAC Rep Even	Rob D	<u>River’s Edge</u>	
WSNAC Rep Odd		<u>Scenic Bluffs</u>	Vickie P
Activities		<u>South East Family</u>	Joe D/Nicole S
Fellowship Development		<u>SWANA</u>	
H&I		<u>WOCA</u>	Jim L
IT	Deb W (Big Rivers)	<u>Woods &amp; Waters</u>	Dylan W
Literature			
Policy	Patty M		
Public Relations	Dean H		

Financial Report per Rob Total Balance \$12989.84. RD(dezzz) offered to help Rob with giving a thorough written report for the Region. Discussion of the Area donation checks that have not cleared the bank yet.

- **Co-secretary** – Deb W(KMA) offered to help Nichole M as Co-Secretary. Proposal: Jim L (WOCA) create position of Co-Secretary.

VOTE: 9 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Discussion to be sure we have a “fully baked” idea of what a Co-Secretary would do. Policy Committee to craft details of new position for approval during May cycle.

- **WRSO/ ordering form** – dezzz showed wrso.org online order form for purchasing NA literature from WRSO. New site will be linked on wisconsinna.org along with the Excel spreadsheet. Areas, Groups or individuals can order either way. Please download the latest spreadsheet if you are using that option.
- **Drug Court Stamps** – ILUA request a discussion of how Areas and groups handle drug court members looking for a signature, some counties are approving stamps that can be used to allow NA members to remain anonymous, other Groups are still simply signing slips

- **IT guidelines revision** – discussion of how to adapt updated policies for IT committee. Decision RCMs should vote to allow transparency

VOTE: 9 yes 0 no 0 abstain

- **Lack of response from Treasurer**

- Proposal for how to list meetings not affiliated with an Area in the BMLT

Proposal from IT committee: List as Independent Group Meeting (IGM), request the nearest geographic Area to attend a meeting to verify that they are an NA meeting after which they would be published, require that they contact the BMLT Coordinator at least once a month to verify they still exist. After 3 months with no contact they'd be unpublished. VOTE: 7 yes 1 stand aside 0 block

- **Suggestions on technology for archiving information** – discussion of how info on Slack is automatically deleted after 90 days. Deb W(IT) provided information about different online storage plans. Slack cost would be \$7.25/member per month.

Nichole M(Secretary volunteered to head an ADHOC working with IT for deciding how to archive information and maintain the information effectively for the WRSC

- **501c3 setup** – discussion during prior topic. Decision to not discuss this further today
- **Open Questions from Alphabet Soup**: a. Who maintains if stored at region level? b. Procedures to request update? c. What is to go in the How-To section? d. How not duplicate information at Area level?

Decision for ADHOC to expand to update the RCM orientation packet to include the Acronym;  
link provided by WRSC Policy Chair [https://www.na.org/?ID=LR\\_Training&ID=LR\\_Training](https://www.na.org/?ID=LR_Training&ID=LR_Training)

- Policy changes – update WRSC Policy per submission below & attached by committee

VOTE: 9 yes 0 no

## APPROVED JULY 2022 WISCONSIN REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE GUIDELINES

### ARTICLE ONE:

Name 1.01 This body shall be known as the Wisconsin Regional Service Conference, Incorporated, hereafter referred to as the WRSC whose legal mailing address is: 732 N Main Street, Oshkosh WI, 54901

### ARTICLE TWO:

Purpose 2.01 The purpose of the WRSC is to be supportive of its areas and groups and their primary purpose, by linking together the areas and groups within our region, by helping areas and groups deal with their basic situations and needs, by serving as a communication link with and carrying the regional conscience to the World Service Conference, and by encouraging the growth of the fellowship.  
2.02 To provide a communication process to help foster unity and strengthen the Wisconsin Region as a whole. This will enable the continuation of providing service to the Areas and groups, also to follow

Tradition 5 “Our primary purpose”.

2.03 Any business directly pertaining to the welfare of an area's NA groups shall be dealt with on a priority basis and will be addressed in Special Business on the agenda.

2.04 This body recognizes itself as a service committee of Narcotics Anonymous, and thereby adheres to the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.

2.05 The WRSC shall maintain a mailing address and a bank account.

2.06 The WRSC will maintain a Zoom account for virtual meetings using the [wpsc@wisconsna.org](mailto:wpsc@wisconsna.org) email address. This account will be paid annually from the WRSC checking account using the debit card.

### ARTICLE THREE:

#### Meetings

3.01 Beginning January 2023, the WRSC will meet six (6) times per year, on the weekend of the third

Sunday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. The meetings will be held in a hybrid

format for the January, March, September, and November cycles. May and July cycles will be conducted virtually. When as decided and called for shall meet virtually to discuss or make decisions for the Wisconsin Region.

3.02 Any decision on discussing or making a decision of having a special virtual meeting outside of the usual schedule, shall be made by all WRSC Trusted Servants and the RCMs or Alternates who make up the Wisconsin Region, following steps set out below.

a. Anyone listed above (3.02) may contact the Secretary via email to explain in detail why a meeting should be called. The fewer the words the better (if possible).

b. The Secretary emails the originator's concerns to [TrustedServants@WisconsinNA.org](mailto:TrustedServants@WisconsinNA.org) and gathers a consensus as to whether to meet. The time from the Secretary's email until the consensus should be no longer than two days.

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c. If the Facilitators A and B receive the originator's email and deem the process too lengthy for a needed (emergency) decision they can shorten the process by:

i. Make a decision themselves and reply back to everyone listed in (3.02) via the Secretary.

ii. Decide to meet virtually and promptly send the meeting time and link to the Secretary

iii. The Secretary will notify everyone listed in (3.02).

d. When the consensus is complete then the Secretary shall notify the Facilitators A and B. 3

e. If the consensus is to meet, then a virtual meeting shall be set up by Facilitator A and B and the link sent to all listed at (3.02) by the Secretary.

f. The above process, from originator, through the decision process, and to the notification of the

determination sent by the secretary to all in (3.02) should be no longer than 3 days. The meeting date

shall be scheduled by the 5th day from the (originator's) email.

g. If a discussion on Slack leads to a decision needing to be made, the announcement will be made

through Slack using the @channel, and via email to [TrustedServants@WisconsinNA.org](mailto:TrustedServants@WisconsinNA.org). The email will

include what the question is, a summary of the discussion, and the method for making the decision -

either a vote or a Zoom meeting. Also included will be the date of either when the voting will close or when the meeting will take place. The date needs to be at least one week from the time of the announcement

**3.023 The WRSC hybrid meetings shall rotate among the areas as follows: will remain virtual beginning**

March 2021 for WRSC business and have 2 face to face gatherings throughout the year.

January WSNAC hosting

ODD years Group I EVEN years Group II

March a. Chippewa Valley

b. North Central

c. Woods & Waters

d. Big Rivers

a. BASIC

b. North East Wisconsin

c. Senic Bluffs

d. Badgerland

September WSNAC hosting

ODD years Group III EVEN years Group IV

November a. South East Family

b. WOCA

c. Inner City

d. Milwaukee/Waukesha

a. Upper Peninsula

b. Kettle Moraine

c. River's Edge

d. Inland Lakes

January: WSNAC Hosting Site

March: ODD year: Group I (Unless WSNAC hosting site in Group I, then use Group II

EVEN year: Group II (Unless WSNAC hosting site in Group II, then use Group I

September: WSNAC Hosting Site

November: ODD year: Group III (Unless WSNAC hosting site in Group III, then use Group IV

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**EVEN year: Group IV (Unless WSNAC hosting site in Group IV, then use Group III)**

Newly seated areas will be added to the end of the list of the appropriate quadrant. Areas within a

quadrant may trade slots with the consent of their areas. When member areas of WRSC are deemed

inactive for three consecutive cycles prior to hosting, the WRSC shall be held by another area within

their group number. If no area within the quadrant has the ability to host, the opportunity to host is

then presented to the WRSC as a whole. The January and September meetings of the WRSC will be held

at the WSNAC host site for that year, as determined by the WSNAC BOD. Meetings and functions will be

set up and coordinated by the host committee of WSNAC. Functions will be designated as "WSNAC

Awareness" functions. All expenses and excess funds will be the responsibility of the WSNAC BOD.

WRSC meetings shall be open to all members of Narcotics Anonymous. Subcommittee members need

only be clean and have the willingness and desire to serve.

**ARTICLE FOUR :FOUR:**

Participants

4.01 Regional Committee Members (RCMs) of the Wisconsin Region constitute the participating

members of the WRSC. The Board of Directors of the WRSC shall be composed of the Administrative

Officers of the WRSC and RCMs.

4.02 In the event of an RCM's absence, that area's duly elected RCM-Alternate shall have all the rights

and Responsibilities of the RCM.

4.03 WRSC trusted servants and the ratified trusted servants from the WSNAC BOD and WRSO BOD,

when requested, may participate in the discussion and disposition of regional business.

4.04 RCMs shall be given first priority by the WRSC Chairperson in the discussion of any proposals that come before the assembly.

4.05 Any Area desiring to be represented in the Wisconsin Region may request to be placed on the topic board for consideration to be seated.

#### ARTICLE FIVE :FIVE:

##### Trusted Servants

5.01 Trusted Servants of the WRSC shall consist of Co-Facilitator A, Co-Facilitator B, Secretary, Treasurer,

Vice Treasurer, Regional Delegate, Regional Delegate-Alternate, Subcommittee Chairs, ad hoc chairs and

all Representatives elected by the WRSC. The WRSC will ratify two (2) members for the WSNAC BOD and

two (2) members for the WRSO BOD.

5.02 WRSC trusted servants shall be elected by the RCMs, other than ad hoc chairs (see 6.12).

5.03 No trusted servant elected by the WRSC shall serve for more than two consecutive terms in the same position.

#### **VII. Closing business 12:27pm (Announcements, Next Meeting, Hugs, Prayer...arch )**

- Policy Subcommittee Meeting will be held Sunday, April 23, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3247267759?pwd=gboGVdZGvNvZuab3xPnpFfQRzNWFp>  
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#### **VIII. March Committee Focus: Outreach and Public Relations**