

WISCONSIN REGIONAL SERVICE CONFERENCE MINUTES

DATE: May 17 & 18, 2008 PLACE: Milwaukee

Area Round Table Discussions:

- A. Current Cycle – Milwaukee Getting people involved at ASC
- B. Next Cycle – 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 2nd Concept
- H. Special Business
 - Ray W is having serious health issues please pass on your prayers, phone calls, cards or whatever your spirit moves you to do.

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:

A. FACILITATOR: Kerry K

Hello Regional Family, I was unhappy as to our Guidelines not being followed. I hope to see them followed in the future. As these keep things working smoothly. Again thanks for letting me be your facilitator, if I have forgotten something or am not doing things that need to be please let me know, as that's the only way for me to change what I don't know.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Kerry K

B. VICE-FACILITATOR: Bob C

Absent

C. JANUARY SECRETARY: Linda C

If anyone is missing their name card please let me know. I did get the email minutes out but I did not get the snail mail minutes out. I will snail mail both cycle's minutes together this time. I will pass around the contact list for you – and my same old song. If there are errors on the contact list for a year that is on you please every time this comes around please verify the information.

In Loving Service Linda

D. JULY SECRETARY: OPEN

E. TREASURER: Debbie H

Hello Everyone, Attention: I will need to be leaving this afternoon for about 2 hours. I have a final exam at school from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, but I will return.

Well we spent a lot of money during last session between PR, Delegate travel, and conference participation being at an all time high. All expenses were necessary and seemed to hit all at once. So until donations perk up, we will need to keep a tight reign on spending. Not to worry, we still have money in the bank, but are not quite covering our reserves.

Between last session and today, there was an issue with the activities subcommittee and DJ expenses. I just want to remind everyone that the guidelines are very important, please read and follow them. I personally refer to the guidelines regularly. For expenses over your working reserve, a motion must be submitted to this body, in advance, and approved by this body before I will cut a check. Timelines are important to follow. Proper communication is important also. Business needs to be conducted during the WRSC meeting, not between sessions. We have forms for your requests for how much, when, where, and why. Original receipts are required for expenses. Estimates, etc. are needed for advances.

I will not cut a check for something not approved or out of a budget not designated for that expense. It is your responsibility to complete the proper paperwork and submit it to me during Region.

The Regional checking account is set up for two signers. I have several expenses to pay between sessions, and have checks countersigned for those only. I do not have extra checks signed for emergencies. This means that I cannot just pay for something between sessions because you forgot, or did not have your receipt with you during the Regional meeting. Please take care of business during Region. If there are special circumstances, talk to me at Region, we can make a plan, and I can have an extra check countersigned for later.

In our working reserves there are two categories that I did not received 2008 approved budgets. They are the WSNAC and Policy reserves. I am still using last year's amounts of \$188 for WSNAC and \$60 for Policy. I need to know if 2008 is the same. If not, what are the new amounts?

**NOTE – see treasurer report attachment

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Debbie H

F. VICE-TREASURER: OPEN

G. REGIONAL DELEGATE: Doc T

NAWS LINK ADDRESS <http://www.na.org>

Come' queso, bebe leche, y lee Texto Basico. Huh!!! The 2008 World Service Conference was more amazing than I ever could have imagined. Over 200 individuals united with a common purpose, "to carry the message to the addicts who still suffers". The Conference started Registrations on Saturday, April 26, 2008, at 10:30 A.M. with a tour and lunch at the World Services Office. The office was awesome with stock, supplies and memorabilia from the '50's up to the present time from all around the World. In the afternoon, there were workshops including one in the Spanish Language. In the evening we had a Recovery Meeting and a World Market with NA merchandise. There were so many beautiful things to buy and only so much cash to spend. On Sunday at 7:30 A.M. there was a Recovery Meeting at poolside to set the tone; and a special interests meeting for the Latinos as well. At 9:30 A.M. each Region was introduced, and true to form WSC saved the best for last – the WRSC, #104. All of the Latinos sang a song "Ole', Ole', Ole'" before their introduction. It was suggested that I sing the WRSC Song, "Eat Cheese, Drink Milk, Read The Basic Text". I sang first in English, and then in Spanish: "Come' Queso, Bebe Leche, Lee Texto Basico" (Imagine , a Gringo singing in Spanish.)

After Orientation with Roll Call, and instructions on how to vote or not, and how to not vote and not affect the vote, and how to be recognized by the Chair, came the Executive Committee (World Board) and the Human Resource Panel (HRP). One of the contentions was how to fill vacancies on the Board. If a Board vacancy is created the Board will use non-HRP members to help with duties if necessary. Non members would include past WB members, Regional Delegates or "other professionals or specialists" of one sort or another. For a more detailed account of how HRP and WB will coordinate this issue please reviews the attachments that will come with this month's RSC Minutes. Look at EC/HRP Joint Session: A few ideas for next cycle. Included in this is a suggestion that RBZ (Regional, Board or Zonal) include a rationale for their nomination.

On Monday, after a Recovery Meeting at poolside, we discussed our fellowship development Worldwide in an effort to support NA communities Worldwide. NAWS held workshops in the Middle East, Russia, India and Iran. NAWS also facilitated Worldwide Workshops in Nebraska, which Gene J. attended, Louisiana, France, Nepal and Australia. Fellowship workshops were provided in Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Denmark, Egypt, Mexico, Hungary, Israel, Florida and Washington, not to mention multiple Zonal Forums. Unfortunately, or maybe fortunately, NAWS was unable to facilitate the Car Workshop at MZF in Kalamazoo MI. NAWS provided a video presentation of their development efforts during this cycle.

We focused on local issues, IDT's, strengthening the service structure to support groups, and cooperating with professionals using the PR Handbook. This discussion was enhanced by the slide show, which included photos of Bill and Gene in Menomonee, and our efforts in Madison as well.

On the subject of the Medallion Survey, 73% or almost 3 to 1 in favor of Roman Numerals with the new wrap around design to leave more room for numbers. The bronze finish was chosen by 55%, and is the most cost effective finish. These Medallions should be available by October 1, 2008. There is a possibility of a new tri-plate design as well. Gold Medallions are discontinued and will not be available after current stocks sell out. WRSO had a small stock on the last time I checked.

The VI Edition Basic Text should be available in October of 2008 at a cost of \$11.00 plus shipping and handling. The Basic Text was approved at 7:27 P.M. PDT on April 30, 2008. The VI Edition Basic Text will

also have a Revised Index. Among other changes, the word “attitude” will be reintroduced to the Index as it appears 15 times in the first 10 Chapters of the Basic Text, (as in “an attitude of indifference”). Please look at the list of Motion Approvals for other format or typo changes.

Of the 17 languages in which the Basic Text is produced, only 6 of them have personal stories. Basic Texts that contain only the first 10 Chapters will have an increase in price. They are now being sold at an unrealistic price of \$5.50 which is way below the production price.

NAWS Publications Summary:

NAWS NEWS 1270 snail mail; 2,613 online; 3,456 English, 62 French, 131 Portuguese; 30 German, 204 Spanish; over 1600 downloads; and over 3500 visitors.

Reaching Out 10,834 snail mail; 394 online.

Meeting by Mail 706 snail mail only

NA WAY Magazine 41,226 snail mail; 8,134 on line; 43,996 English; 62 French; 1,624 Portuguese; 293 German; and 2,965 Spanish. In Iran it is considered a privilege to buy the NA WAY, and over 17,000 copies in Farsi have been sold in January.

In line with this, there will be a new restructuring of the Website eliminating current needs for multiple user names and logins for subscriptions, conventions and NAWS events. Look on Page 13 of the Conference Report for more information on this subject.

The World Board has recommended a moratorium on seating new Regions that have been created by a split of existing Regions. There was little to no input on line from delegates on this issue. There was a heated discussion on the floor. Two new Regions, (which were the result of Regions splitting), were seated: North Carolina (by 2 votes), and Southern Brazil, (which was more vigorously voted for).

Literature – Sponsorship The membership was divided on the Sponsorship Book as to whether it was useful or not. Some wanted more of a “how to” book and some appreciated the diversity of experience. There was a lot of response to the book as “unsure”, “don’t know”, as well as those who had not read it, or it was not translated in their language.

Targeted Literature There were many responses with no clear majority of needs or wants.

There were various responses on medication, including Methadone, mental health, medication and recovery, as well as In Times of Illness. Motions were presented from the floor or put in the motion box about NAWS response to medication and how it is addressed online. Please look through the motions attached in you Minutes when they come out.

Other topics are ethnicity; family; relationships, and long term recovery. What is proposed is a book focusing on experiences in living daily life as recovering addicts, which may be called Living Clean. A part of the content may include the stories of older addict’s experiences.

Human Resource Panel The Report went over the Nomination Process and how there are different ways to go about the nomination process. The Nomination Process and List of Nominees are listed on Pages 18 and 19 of the Conference Schedule in the Attachments. The Election results are included in the Motions and Election results.

World Board Elected Jim B. (Wisconsin) Chicagoland Region, Junior Odilson Gomez, Brazil

Human Resource Panel Margaret H.M. Tejas Bluebonnet Region, Valerie D., Carolina Region, Paul F. UK Region

Co facilitators Jimi S., Chesapeake/Potomac Region, Jack H., Washington, Northern Idaho Region

Adopted IDT’s For This Cycle

Building Communication How can I responsibly improve my communication? What actions can we take to build communication throughout the service structure? What resources/tools would help us to build effective communication links?

Our Freedom, Our Responsibility How do I exercise my sense of responsibility in NA? How can we help to inspire others to become willing to share that responsibility?

In 2008 Motion #37 was committed to HRP: That the HRP present to this conference the evaluation criteria, grading or weighting that were used in order to select the candidates that qualify in order to be able to be eligible as members of the WB and HRP and that the candidates are informed in a prudent way the reason why they were not selected for the final list.

This brought heated discussion on the floor for over 45 minutes. One of the main issues was the confidentiality of references and how not to jeopardize the process of selection and/or judging of candidates by HRP. This motion was not able to be followed in order to protect the anonymity of reference referrals and the process.

NAWS does need people for work groups such as literature development and translations. Contact NAWS – worldboard@na.org
Approval Tracks for NA Material In 2006 a motion was passed to “allow the WB to develop and approve service related information pamphlets and tools for distribution to the Fellowship”. Several service pamphlets were developed and distributed. One, “An Introduction to NA Meetings” was withdrawn from distributions because of criticism of the definition to the term “clean”. A brainstorm session was held on service pamphlets as opposed to recovery pamphlets and the differences. The results will be used for future development strategies. (I believe.) Afterwards, the 2008 – 2010 NAWS Strategic Plan Objectives and Project Plans were introduced. For a full listing please refer to the Attachment, (Pg.26 from the 2008 Conference Report) included at the end of this report.

NAWS Budget Literature sales were \$600,000 in excess of the proposed budget even though the Basic Text sales are down in anticipation of the 6th Edition Basic Texts.

WCNA-32 Poor attendance at WCNA-32 in San Antonio was a surprise that resulted in a financial loss of \$596,000.

On Wednesday morning Jim Delizia facilitated a training workshop on “Leadership in the Service Structure”, and how to cultivate and develop leadership traits among our Servants with encouragement and nurturing. Afterwards most of the participants went out to Calamigos Ranch for BBQ, games and a Recovery Meeting. We ended the night with a Zonal Forum Meeting.

Thursday at 7:00 A.M. we again began our day with a Recovery Meeting beside the outdoor pool. At 9:00 A.M. we focused on the service system and how lack of orientation/training coupled with the “warm body syndrome” and duplication of services in the name of “autonomy” hampers our efforts.

An emphasis on traditions and concepts coupled with training and mentoring our newer servants by experienced, and maybe more knowledgeable servants may prove to be part of the solution.

Afterwards elections were held; and the results were presented previously. Out of the U.S. Regions, 3 people from Wisconsin are on the NAWS Staff in one way or another.

At the World Board Open Forum we discussed CAT; the moratorium on seating Regions; changes to GWSNA; and the discussion came from motions from the floor.

A revised membership survey was presented and is available for purchase to be used as information for professionals along with a new look on the information on NA I.P.

On Saturday after the A.M. Recovery Meeting, a session on “Money and Spirituality” was held discussing how the prudent and generous use of our fiscal resources aid in the formation of literature, fellowship development and other tools to carry the message of recovery.

In a final note, I wish to thank this body for placing their trust in me to be able to serve in this capacity. I am truly honored, privileged, and blessed to have been able to serve at this time, and in this way.

H. REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE: John H

Presentation of information: 1 video on events around the world, 1 video on the growth of our meetings thru the years, and 3 power point presentations.

PR events around the world, our fellowship development and the budget/strategic plan for 2009-10 and ended with the world convention video.

((hugs)) John H

I. WRSO REP; Gene J

Verbal report only

J. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION REP: Cindy W

Verbal report only

K. WISCONSIN NA CONVENTION REP. Trish

Absent – sent message that has to resign

Break for Lunch – 1:15 pm

Reconvene at 2:30 pm

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION requested by the host Area last cycle 2:30 pm
Getting people involved at ASC

- Concerns and thoughts presented to the floor
- Description of what Milwaukee Area did to shake up their groups
- Heard thoughts from the floor

Closed AT 3:08

AREA REPORTS:

A. BADGERLAND: Paula N RCM

Hello Family! The Badgerland Area is doing well. We are experiencing an increase in support at our ASC. We still have a few positions open, but members have been expressing interest and we are hopeful some or all of the positions will be filled soon. On May 5-7 our PR Chair manned the NA booth at the WAODA conference. She was not able to compile a report prior to this region but will have a report for the next. I have been asked to report that we received minimal support from our area staffing the convention. It was felt that this was due primarily to lack of time to prepare. Going forward we are asking the receive notice further in advance as well as support other areas.

Our upcoming functions area as follows: June 14 – NA Family Cookout; July 12 – Picnic @ the NA Corral; August 16 – NA Unity Luau; August 29-Sept 1 – Primary Purpose Campout.

There are plenty of flyers for these functions here and they will soon be available online. We hope to see you all there!

Love & Peace Paula N

B. BASIC: Pete T RCM

Basic Area has set up an Ad Hoc committee to review and amend our policy pad, updating mileage etc. We are holding our 18-year Birthday Bash at Bong State Recreation Area Kansasville Burlington WI. June 13-14-15. We are slowly filling our vacant position at Basic Area with a new H&I Chair, new Treasurer & Vice Treasurer, new Facilitator, Vice Facilitator & Secretary. Since the last cycle we have had 6 newcomers to our fellowship.

Thank you for letting me be of Service God Bless Pete T

C. BIG RIVERS: Gregg B RCM

The Big Rivers Area (BRA) is doing very well. We are currently planning for the Regional Service Conference to be held in La Crosse Wisconsin September 19 - 21. We have secured a facility for the meeting and the Dance. We will present the contract to the region today. We are working on a special evening of events focused on the diversity of our fellowship. Please check your mails next month for the flyers. Here is what we have so far: Econo Lodge (1906 Rose) Room Prices for Sept King 109.99---74.99 Double 99.99---70.99 There are other alternative lodging facilities available. Does the region want us to pursue any alternatives? Three Rivers House of Ho Chunk Nation (724 Main St). Rental Price for the Basement \$ 15.00 Rental Price for the Basement and Kitchen \$25.00 These prices are also offered to the public.

We have meetings in Tomah, Sparta, La Crosse, Prairie Du Chein; as well as La Crescent, and Winona Minnesota. We have meetings in Facilities in Sparta, La Crosse Jails, Jackson County Correctional and Prairie Du Chein Correctional. We also have panel discussions in several men and women treatment facilities. We are very strong with many members living the NA Way of Life and fully participating in our communities.

We would like to support writing the Steps...Plases Contact Keith L at: wildirishman@aol.com

FYI: The Sunday Morning Basic Text and Sunday Evening Groups are no longer held at Viterbo University. They are now held at Coulee Council on Addictions...same time.

Upcoming Events: Memorial Day Picnic 5/26/08: I Can't We Campout 6/6-6/8: Letting Loose IV 9/5-9/7: WRSC in La Crosse 9/19 – 9/21: New Beginnings Picnic TBA: Speaker Meeting and Dance 2nd Sat every month Yall Come Join us Ya Heh

Special Attachment:

My name is Brent and I am an addict. My apartment manager asked me to put a local Narcotics Anonymous meeting schedule up in the complexes laundry room. So I put up a Big Rivers Area meeting schedule and I also put up a a pull tab with the 800-240-0276 number on it for people looking for meetings all over the region. After I put it up, I thought I would check out what I was giving my neighbors, so I called the number. It gave me an option to leave a message, and I did on Monday the

28TH of April, so I did for Big Rivers Area. I also left messages for Northern Lights area on Wednesday April 30, also for Kettle Moraine, and another message to my home area, Big Rivers. As of Thursday I took the number out as I only received one call back and that was from Kettle Moraine. I took the flyer with the number down.

My feeling is that if the flyer says: **Drug Problem? You are not alone, Help is available, We Understand the caller doesn't receive a call back, it is a waste. The B. R. A. meeting schedule is still up.**

In Loving Service, Brent H. 608-343-8842

Would anyone in the region be interested in starting an NA meeting in Black River Falls?

In Living Service Gregg B. 608.385.1605

D. CHIPPEWA VALLEY: Steve H Chair

Absent

E. INLAND LAKES: Brian I RCM

Hello Family thanks to all who attended the March Regional Dance! It was an awesome experience!! We just voted on as an area to meet in Oshkosh for 9 months and in June, July & August have a chance to meet in an alternative spot within our area. To be voted on in February so we can update our meeting lists where area meets. We area having a Memorial Day Campout at Bear Lake Campground, Manawa May 23rd – 26th. High Cliff Campout July 11-13th, speaker meeting & dance August 9th Oshkosh & Kamp Serenity August 22nd – 24th Wisconsin Rapids 24-26th. Open Positions: Vice Chair, Vice Treasurer, Outreach, merchandise, Activities & H&I.

F. INNER CITY: Gregory Miller RCM

Greeting WRSC & trusted servants grateful addict name Greg. We bring you greeting from Inner City Area.

We have recently had elections and our current trusted servants are Bobby J chair, Angie Y, vice chair treasurer, Marchard J, Secretary, Desiree B Sub-comm, Hes H&I, Angie Y Outreach, Lamont C, Literature, Greg M, Helpline Ken M, Rcm, Greg M, PR Vacant RCMA, Vacant

Things are going fine we area continuing to assist our groups. By the way forgot Kedeem E Activity chair. Both areas has decided to remove areas designation from the meeting list.

In Loving Service, Greg M

G. KETTLE MORAINE: Cath P RCM

Hello Family Good to be at another Regional Meeting. Here are our upcoming functions: May 24 2008 HiPi's in Rocoverly Waldo, WI: June 14 2008 PreJamawa 08 Manitowac WI: July 11-13 2008 Never Alone in the Woods Camp Sinawa WI: July 18-20 2008 July 2008 RSC West Bend WI: August 1-3 2008 Unity Jam 08 Sheboygan WI: ROctober 4 2008 Project Hope Encore VII Sheboygan WI New Location.

Our ASC is doing well with all positions currently filled with the exception of vice treasurer. ASC seems to be doing well in KMASC area.

We look forward to having you come to West Bend WI and meeting for region. I know we put this together rather last minute, but I sincerely hope that you find regionals in the KMASC area enjoyable. We will have a welcome committee at the hotel on Friday night and plan on having a "special" NA meeting at the hotel Friday Night for you travelers. This meeting is tentatively planned for 9:00 pm but we guarantee much signage to guide you throughout! Please note that in order to get the room rate of 74.95 you must reserve your room no later than June 20! I also have a 20 rooms blocked as directed by our guidelines!

That is all I have for this report from KMASC. On a personal note, I have recently found myself relocating to the boundaries of ILUA. I have been a member of KMASC for 11 years now and the thoughts of dope fiending to retain my status in KMASC has crossed my mind, but alas I am in recovery today and have learned to embrace my situation. My term of RCM for KMASC expires at my July ASC so this for now will be my last regional in attendance as an RCM for KMASC. I have not gotten started on my adhoc assignment from last month, however if this body would still like for me to participate in that capacity I am willing. I have a plan to attend June ASC of both Milwaukee & Inner City Areas.

I also want to thank Tony (H&I Chair) for coming to the BASIC area H&I learning day, for further discussion on the step-writing subcommittee. Please participate with this subcommittee if you are interested. Thanks for allowing me to serve! You will find my updated address on the contact list.

In Loving Service Dezzz L

H. MILWAUKEE: Bill O RCM, Bits P RCMA

Hello Family; Milwaukee Area has made great progress in using the Area Inventory and the Area Planning Tool.

Our April ASC was the best attended in years. We have identified many of our needs, and have filled several service positions. We are exploring the consensus process as a potential goal for the future. The groups are responding positively. Our general elections will be in June.

The Area wants to express its concerns over the total lack of information regarding this RSC and any function or dance that may or may not follow it. I have received requests from several groups wanting a written report as to why the Area has had no information. I quote from one member: *"Why is the Region sponsoring an event, at the location where WSNAC is being held and NO publicity is occurring? How is the membership at large going to attend an event if the event has no information? The appearance is total apathy for this member."* The Area feels that this is a very bad example of how this Region works. From another perspective, a poor turnout of the local Area members at a Regional event makes the Area look bad. The Region's public image among the members in Milwaukee Area is not very good right now.

On Saturday June 7, come join us for our 5th annual "Get Hooked on NA" picnic at Pike Lake. On July 3, we will be hosting our 5th annual "Fireworks at the Lakefront" extravaganza. Last year's torrential rain didn't dampen the spirits of the 50 or so who attended. We always get a great spot for an all day picnic and the best fireworks show in the state. Bring a kite, a Frisbee, and a lawn chair. Fliers for these events and Milwaukee meeting lists are available.

The Greater Milwaukee Unity Convention XIV is hosting a speakathon fund raiser on June 14 beginning at 1:00pm. Registration will be available. Fliers are also available.

The Area is making a donation to the Region of \$200 and one group is making a donation of \$43.

In Loving Service, Bill O

I. NORTH CENTRAL: Ted C RCM

Glad to be here today with everyone I am a newcomer at this meeting and I'll keep coming back. I look forward to getting to know you all. We have two functions this summer. The Marshfield group is hosting their 20th annual Pig Roast, August 1, 2 & 3rd. We also have a fundraiser event for literature to be placed in hospitals and institutions within the area. The event is called "Flower Power" the date is September 20th, which is on the same day as the WRSC we apologize for this we had a collective brain fart on this.

Our ASC is rebuilding. As our groups grow we hope this will trickle down to the ASC. I have been around in the North Central Area for about 4 years now and never have I seen our message so strong in our groups. Our unity is strong as well as our fellowship between our members.

I would like to personally like to thank Bill our "PR Dude" for helping me with the phoneline semantics. There were a few messages on there, it was very rewarding to call these people back and talk with a few of those people.

That's all Thank You

J. NORTHEAST: Trish C RCM

Absent

K. NORTHERN LIGHTS: Pam RCM, Pete RCMA

Good morning family from Northern Lites Area last area service meeting was mainly focused on getting our website link up and running update reg website. Getting newly appointed service junkies organized and familiarized with their positions ect. Unity is happening. Some of the concerns that were brought to the table were Basic Texts to institutions – from interest on CD's. How to enhance the sell of sponsorship books. Some addicts also interested & took info brought back re: H&I writing steps to recovery. Our new womens meeting is going strong and we have been attracting more newcomers every week. It was well needed in the area. We also had concerns and need some support in getting more addicts to our functions way out in the boonies. Help!! Next function & ASC June 28th day of fun in sun and fishing, picnic, volleyball, swimming, C.F. meeting ect. Flyer not out yet. St Croux Falls has also joined our area. As of last area and meetings have been added to our meeting lists on website.

Thank you for allowing us to serve, Pam & Pete

L. ROCK RIVER: Chris K RCMA, Marla M RCMA

Thanks ? for hosting us this weekend. We have a bright light to fill Bill O's black hole in SouthWest Wisconsin. The home group based in Beloit now has a meeting in Evansville WI. Also an open meeting focusing on GLBT members has started in Rockford, the Pride Group meets at 117 S 3rd Street Rockford IL on Sundays at 3pm.

Dekalb has joined us with a way out group that meets on Saturdays at 10am.

RRCNA 17 is now history, thanks to all who attended and made it a success. CRRCA 18 is now in the planning stages. A final financial report is available if anyone is interested. H&I and PI continue to be well attended. Orientations are growing and so are our community contacts. Functions is hoping to have all events for the upcoming year set by June 1st. Election for all area positions will be held in June.

In Loving Service, Chris K

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

Absent

N. SOUTHEAST FAMILY: Jeff P RCM

All meetings are doing well, no new meetings to report as of this time. Our area meeting is 5-18 though. All our service positions are full. We do have one planned event on July 26 Sat "A Midsummer Night Affair" this is a dinner & dance. No other news to report.

O. WOODS & WATERS: Rand W RCM

Our RCMA was unable to attend so I am trying to cover both my WSNAC and area positions. Woods & Waters continues to add meetings and our service positions with the exception of H&I are all filled.

I have personally been doing 90 meetings in 90 days and it amazed me how nicely our Northern fellowship has been growing. Meetings that had 2 or 3 addicts when I was last there are now 15-25 strong. It is so encouraging to see all the younger addicts that have connected with N.A. and the dramatic increases in Native American Attendees.

Next up for Woods & Waters is the 7th Journeys Convention June 20-22. The Point Hotel & Resort is again the host facility with the AmericInn and the Waters of Minocqua for overflow. Broken Bow Campground is also available for camping. We'll again have 4 music venues with "Britt & Frisk" with "Mama's Little Hippies" in concert downstairs and "Jeff B" a classical, Flamingo 12 string guitarist at the top of the Pointe Coffee House concert is "Wildflower" and downstairs "The Michael Murphy Band". Our speakers are set but we need more workshop chairs. If you're interested see Cindy W. This year we've got a motorcycle workshop that'll be going to waterfalls. We'll have 2 island workshops to Kayak too we'll have 20 kayaks. We have 6 pontoon workshops plus sunrise and sunset spirituality cruises and we've got the steamboat back for harbor tours. Our 8 indoor workshops will again have "Youth In Recovery", "Spiritual Diversity", "Native American" workshops and "From the inside with currently incarcerated state inmates, biking & hiking workshops will continue. Info is available at JourneysConvention.com.

Our 17th Freedom Campout is July 11-13 at Broken Bow Campgrounds in Lac Du Flambeau. Our meetings, activities, convention info etc is all available at www.woodsandwatersna.org.

It's all good Rand W

P. UPPER PENINSULA: Lynn D RCM

Absent

Break 4:25 pm – Reconvene 4:45 pm

SUBCOMMITTEE / ADHOC REPORTS:

Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – 4:45 pm

Dear Family, We attended the 42nd annual WAAODA Spring Conference on May 5-7 in Madison. Our thanks go out to Susan B. and the Badgerland PR Committee for their hard work and diligence. A full report will be forthcoming in July. There is, however, some concern as to whether Badgerland will continue to support this conference in the future. More will be revealed.

Plans are moving forward for attending the NRIADA Conference in Menomonie on June 1-5. The exhibit space and literature have been secured. We are requesting the remainder of the funding in advance for lodging, travel, and per diem expenses. As this exceeds the working reserve, we are presenting a funding motion. (Put on board.)

The Women & Poverty Conference will be held in Appleton this year. The target date is for the conference is September 12-13. The focus of the conference is shifting somewhat. It will be less gender specific, focusing more on poverty. We will be requesting the funding in July. More information will be available in July.

The 2008 Wisconsin Corrections Assn. Conference is also moving to Appleton this year. It will be on

September 29-30. A scholarship may be available. More information will be available in July.

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. More information will be available in July.

The Regional directory is due to be published for distribution at the July RSC. As we have done for the past few printings, we will send out excel files to all the Areas with what we currently have for your meeting list. We will include update instructions with the meeting list file. Please make sure that we have a current contact for your Area. The deadline for meeting list updates will be June 20. We are requesting advance funding for the meeting lists from the PR admin fund in the amount of \$439.56. This is the same cost as the January printing.

The website continues to operate smoothly. The response time for updates has been a little slower than usual lately, due to the busy work and school schedules of the webservants. The webservants will be working on the meeting list search engine now that school is out. We hope to have it up and running soon.

It has been suggested that PR shift its focus from attending professional conferences and begin targeting insurance companies. What is being proposed is that we contact the insurance companies and give them information about our success as a means of recovery and after care. If I’m reading this correctly, the intent of this is to get the insurance companies to hold the treatment facilities more accountable for their success ratio, using NA referrals and recidivism as a base line for their effectiveness. This information would, in turn, be used by the insurance companies in their decisions to approve, adjust, or deny insurance coverage based on these results. I have been in contact with NAWs and the Delegates as this could present potential conflicts with the Traditions. It was suggested that I bring it to the floor for discussion and direction. (Put on board.) That’s all for now.

As always, it is an honor and a privilege to serve. Bill O

R. **POLICY REPORT** – 4:56 pm
Open position no report

S. **ACTIVITIES** – 4:56 pm

Hi Family, This will be my last report as I am resigning. The last cycle topped it all off with the childish behaviors of some of our Trusted Servants. This cycle was the responsibility of our Region this means we were responsible for meeting and evening function. I was instructed at March meeting to get entertainment. The contract was forwarded to our Tres more than one time and was returned un-opened because they were not on our Tres. List so she did not receive important e-mail. As far as the flyer this should have been available at March meeting if I was responsible to have made this flyer none of the information that is to be put on flyer was given to me or offered to me.

Thank You for allowing me to serve Frank

T. **HOSPITALS & INSTITUTION** – 4:58 pm

Finally got a print out of the Writing Steps to Recovery Guidelines, emailed copies to RCM’s and got some printed up which are available. Please note: the changes made to the original, was the address of the WRSO, and the removal of the word suggestive on clean time.

Things to do: Approved the Guidelines, also put on the web site. Get members on the workgroup committee, not just step guides. Coordinating Secretary is a must. Get a list of step guide’s and orientate them, (see guidelines). List of facilities to offer to, and then send out the form letter for approval. Once granted access to facility, send information so inmates know who to write to.

Concerns: Lack of Subcommittee and meeting area. Someone told a RCM that I could not have the meeting at 9:00, but only on the floor.

MSDF: Got approval from the service body to provide the first set of literature to this facility, but I need this body to know that I am now the current H&I Chairperson for the Milwaukee area. Milwaukee Area will service this facility, with cooperation from the Inner-City Area in terms of people. Have orientation is set for May 20th, 3 women, and 4 males including my self.

Concerns: With this said, can I still get the literature that was approved before hand

New Request:

Stanley Correctional Institution

Request for NA volunteers to help with NA meetings. Given to Pam RCM of Northern Lights.

AREA REPORTS:

Inner City Attended the subcommittee meeting, they have numerous treatment facilities' that they serve, one women's correction facility.

ILUA Still serving facilities, both county jail and DOC facilities. This area, currently has no chairperson

Badgerland Doing well, David T is the current chairperson with Rica B being the Women's Coordinator. Currently serving 6 facilities with orientation set for Oakhill. They need help from Men on the 2nd and 4th Thursday 7-8 pm.

Milwaukee Area New H&I chairperson Currently serving 4 facilities, including MSDF.

Few newcomers on the H&I subcommittee, but looking forward to building a strong subcommittee, through learning days, and getting members involved. Thanks NA way for the idea of starting a new meeting. No other information from any other Area received. Thank-You in Loving Service Tony H Regional H&I chairperson 414-736-0983 Hallawt2004@sbcglobal.net

U. ADDITIONAL NEEDS – 5:15 pm

Hello all, I am finding lot of great info that we can use to help members that have Additional Needs in WI. I hope to be able to have a full list at the next region. Still looking for groups that members with Additional Needs can use.

Love and peace Chris

V. GUIDELINE ADHOC – 5:17 pm

Verbal report only

W. LETS PLAY WELL TOGETHER ADHOC – 5:18 pm

Verbal report only

BASIC SERVICES – 5:20 pm

A. Approval of last cycle minutes – approved

B. ELECTIONS:

July Sec – none

Vice treasure – none

RD – Doc decline, Chris A accepts, Chris voted in

RDA – Greg decline, Bill O, Bill voted in

WSNAC rep 2 – Gene J accepts,

Activities – Dez decline

Literature – Nancy M accepts

Policy – none

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Time 5:50 pm – motion to close for day – done

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SUNDAY 9:10 am start

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\*\*SUSPEND ORDER OF DAY to hear Inner City report – will appear in the area reports section of minutes

PR nominations – none present

WRSO Pool – Dez voted in,

WSNAC Pool –

**C. MOTIONS:**

FINANCIAL MOTIONS:

**MOTION 05-08.F1:** Request WRSC provide the Big Rivers Area with an advance of \$180 for rental of meeting

space for September cycle of WRSC. The \$180 is for \$30 rental of the facility for Saturday and Sunday and \$150 security deposit. The deposit will be returned upon clean vacation of facility.

**INTENT:** The timely reservation of this excellent facility on a first come first served basis. The rental of this facility for \$30 for two days is phenomenal, compared to prices of \$400 for other facilities.

**MOTION no objection to passing of motion**

**POLICY MOTIONS:**

**MOTION 05-08.P1:** To fully fund WRSC Trusted Servants for all costs to attended the WRSC. To pay for hotels at cost & mileage at the rate of \$ .25 per mapquest, expedia miles etc.

**INTENT:** To allow individuals to serve as trusted servants that are not otherwise financially able to fulfill the position so leaving only the wealthy to be able to serve.

**MOTION**

**ADHOC CREATED TO PRODUCE A BUDGET TO FULLY FUND TRUSTED SERVANTS**

**D. BUDGETS:**

WSNAC Rep budget due – approved by floor

Break 10:25 am – Reconvene 10:40 am

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

|                                  |                                     |                                  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Learning Workshops               | Innovations & Challenges            | Email attachments                |
| Getting people involved with ASC | Disbanding Policy for adhoc instead | WSNAC – WRSC – Area coordination |
| PR Insurance                     | Writing Steps to Recovery           |                                  |

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

DISCUSSED IN ORDER CHOSEN BY RCM’S

1. TOPIC 1 Writing Steps to Recovery – 10:40 am
  - ↯ Guidelines addition for this adhoc changes requested
  - ↯ Motion to approve – no objections to passing
  - ↯ **ADD TO GUIDELINES FOR PRINTING**
  - \*\* RCMs approve of secretary adding the Writing Steps to Recovery from the March cycle to the guidelines before printing them.
  
2. TOPIC 2 Learning Workshops – 10:53 am
  - ↯ Was an idea from Activities for workshops

Break 11:25 am – Reconvene 11:45 am

3. TOPIC 3 Disbanding Policy committee use adhoc only – 11:45 am
  - ↯ The only job of the committee is to know the policy for answers and to keep it updated
  - ↯ WHAT IS THE ADHOC TO WORK ON – to fix basic sentence structure and clean up
  - ↯ Decision of floor keep the Policy position
  
4. TOPIC 4 WSNAC – WRSC – Area coordination – 12:15 pm
  - ↯ What can we do to not let the confusion of regional functions happen again
  
5. TOPIC 5 PR Insurance – 12:25

- 11 PR to target insurance company's as an after care for recovery to hold treatment centers
- 11 Chris and Bill to explore the violations

6. TOPIC 6 Email Attachments – 12:45

- 11 Please send the Secretary any ideas about creating smaller email attachments

7. TOPIC 7 Literature approved for facility in Milwaukee for H&I budget – TIME

- 11 H&I chair to have clarification to get the literature for the facility

8. TOPIC 8 What happened to the new website that was approved in Cable – 12:47

- 11 Can we create a page on the website that can be created to be accessed by password to download large files
- 11 Was approved last cycle to post guidelines on website

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 11 Read motions and other business to be sent back to areas.
- 11 Announce next meeting location; all other announcements.
- 11 Closed with a group hug.

**CLOSE @ 12:53 pm**

**NEXT WRSC IS TO HOSTED BY KETTLE MORAINÉ AREA  
IN WEST BEND WISCONSIN AT CLAIREMONT INN & MEETING CENTER  
RESERVATIONS: 800-727-9727 (MENTION WRSC TO GET DISCOUNTED RATE)  
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION**

### **AREAS HOSTING WRSC SCHEDULE**

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