

WRSC May 2021 Minutes

Unapproved Minutes

Roll Call:

<u>Trusted Servants/Area Representative</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Trusted Servants/ Area Representative</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Co Facilitator A	Present	<u>Registered Agent</u>	Present
Co Facilitator B	Open	<u>Badgerland</u>	Present
Secretary	Absent	<u>Big Rivers</u>	Present
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WRSO Rep Even	Absent	<u>Milwaukee/Waukesha</u>	Present
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WSNAC Rep Even	Open	<u>North East WI</u>	Inactive
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Public Relations	Present		

REPORTS

Trusted Servant Reports

Co-Facilitator A: **Verbal Report Given**

A

Co-Facilitator B: **Position is Open**

Secretary: **No Report Received**

Regional Delegate: **Verbal Report Given**

Regional Delegate Alternate: Verbal Report Given

Treasurer:

Dear WRSC,

I met with Becky on May 2, 2021 and received the treasury materials on that day. As this is my first WRSC meeting since being elected, I am treading carefully as I learn the ropes. I've done this work before, but not for this specific body, so I don't want to just assume everything will be the same as it was for other service bodies. I welcome your suggestions and corrections.

Attached are the Profit and Loss statements, showing income and expenses, for the month of March 2021 (and the year-to-date amounts in the right-hand column), the balance sheet as of March 31, 2021 (showing our assets, equity, and liabilities), and the bank statement for the month of March. Also attached are the same documents for the month of April. There are no documents from this month because this month isn't finished yet. I can't speak directly to the work these documents represent because I wasn't involved in doing it. Starting with our next meeting, I'll be all over all of it! If you have any questions, please let me know. I look forward to being more fully involved with our service to the Areas.

ILS,

Jennie C. Treasurer

Vice Treasurer: Verbal Report Given

WSNAC Rep Even: Position is Open

WSNAC Rep Odd: Verbal Report Given

WRSO Rep Even:

Hello Everyone,

Sorry I am not able to attend this cycle. I have Miracles Board meeting today. I do not have much to report between this meeting and our last meeting.

- There were no deposits sent to the office to report on

- The Office will be selling Literature and Merchandise at Miracles Convention 2.5 May 21st-23rd, Journeys Convention June 10th-13th and at a convention in Iowa at the end of June

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me.

I do have a concern about the WRSC meeting 6 times a year when I took this position, we were only meeting 4 times a year and now we are back to every other month. I went thru the minutes and this decision was made on a Sunday of the WRSC, I am not able to attend Sundays because we have the WRSO meeting. I would like to see more discussion on this again in the future. I will bring it up when I am able to attend. I know other areas have concerns about this too when they elected RCMs and RCMAs the commit was to meet 4 times a year.

ILS,

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WRSO Rep Even
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WRSO Rep Odd: No Report Received

Subcommittee Reports

Activities: Position is Open

H&I:

Hello All,

Sorry once again that I'm unable to join the regional meetings on zoom but my schedule continues to conflict with the scheduled meetings. I haven't had any contact since last cycle with any of our area H&I chairs but have heard that more and more institutions have been opening back up around the state and that's very encouraging news. I would assume that region once again may be some sort of resource for new or existing chairs or institutional meetings. I wanted to do one last book drive before my term was up this year for H&I basic text with the anticipation that many areas and facilities may need the extra support with literature in the near future. I'm pleased to announce that we will once again be doing a "Books Behind Bars" book sale at Miracles 2.5 on May 21st thru 23rd 2021. These efforts are 100% fellowship supported and cost no money to our region. All books purchased by addicts at these events go directly back into the Wisconsin Region to support local areas who might need help getting books into their local institutions. Due to the Regional cycles being online only I have partnered up with the

Wisconsin Convention Committees not only to host the book sale but also to distribute the books. The next distribution of NA Basic Text will be at the Journeys Convention June 10th thru 13th 2021. If your area needs basic text for H&I, please send your RCM or a representative for your area to the Journeys Convention and ask for some free soft cover basic text to bring back to your area. There are limited supplies so please be mindful of your request but also not afraid to ask for what you need. These books will be available on a first come first serve basis until supplies run out. I really hope these efforts help the areas as they rebound financially from the changes that have occurred this past year. If there are any leftover books after Journeys the next distribution will happen at WSNAC in October.

For those areas who haven't been able to support your H&I facilities with meetings or literature. There's some areas around the country who have discovered a way to obtain tablets for free and preloaded with some NA literature to be sent into facilities and used by inmates in the interim until the current situation passes. One of the leading areas you can reach out to for this information is the PR subcommittee of the Central Ohio Area, the email is COASCNA@gmail.com and they along with several other areas will be hosting a virtual service learning event on May 30th 2021 to go over how they accomplished this. You can reach out via email for the event at NAelit2021@gmail.com for links to the event. I want to thank you all for your service and as always if anyone has any question, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly

. Love all, Serve all,

Jay S

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Wisconsin Region H&I Chairperson

Literature: Position is Open

Policy: Position is Open

Public Relations:

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. The WRPR Committee is asking again if you have a PR Chairperson in your Area. I'll be asking you for their contact information to add to the list so that we can best serve your Area. If you do not have a PR Chairperson then either the RCM 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 if you do not currently have a PR Chairperson would your RCM be willing to step up .

Other WRPR Activities

As stated previously we are now reaching out to treatment centers in all of the Wisconsin Region by looking for the treatment centers in the cities where NA meetings are listed. After we gather the email addresses for the treatment centers we will send out a resource email to them. The resource letter will define what NA is, where addicts can find meetings, and hotlinks for literature that's downloadable.

Conferences to Consider Attending in 2021

Matt L. continues to be a big part of the PR committee with answering emails as he gets new information If you have any PR event that you wish for us to consider attending or helping out with please email that information to PR@wisconsinNA.org Matt informed the committee that The WATCP (Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals) conference will be displaying NA material at one of their booths.

PR meetings

We meet on the first Sunday of the month. We start our meeting reading from the PR Handbook. We read, discuss and share information which strengthens existing member's knowledge about PR and helps define and answer questions new members may have about what PR is and actually does.. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you'd like to know about our next WRPR Zoom meeting, just email us at PR@wisconsinNA.org or hogan02@msn.com or join us on the first Sunday of the month at 7:00p at this new link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4387930952> **passcode is wrsc** (see the schedule below)

Zoom presentation for professionals

The WRPR committee is working on a format for the Zoom for professionals meetings. The first presentation will be during PR week. Day has not been decided on as of this report.

WRPR Recurring meeting dates are as follows.

Sunday Jun 6, 7:00 PM	Sunday Jul 11, 7:00 PM
Sunday Aug 1, 7:00 PM	Sunday Sep 12, 7:00 PM
Sunday Oct 3, 7:00 PM	Sunday Nov 7, 7:00 PM
Sunday Dec 5, 7:00 PM	

In loving service.

Gary K.

WRPR Chairperson

Fellowship Development:

WRFD now holds monthly virtual meetings 2nd. Sunday of each month at 6:00 pm

Virtual meeting held on the zoom platform

The next meeting will be June 13th., 6:00 PM

Zoom ID Zoom ID 438 793 0952

PWD= wrsc

Wisconsin Region Fellowship Development is not affiliated with the zoom platform

WRFD Chairperson report:

Thanks to all who participated in the Wisconsin Region Fellowship Development (WRFD) subcommittee meetings. Since January I've met virtually with the following Areas, Badgerland, Big Rivers, Chippewa Valley, Scenic Bluffs and Washington Ozaukee County. That's been an ongoing task that I hope will develop into a stronger fellowship within the Wisconsin Region.

The budget I'm going to ask this body for approval on was presented to the WRFD subcommittee and consensus was met. The budget would allow if asked, to attend the remaining Areas of the WRSC that I haven't attended virtually. As the pandemic and time allows I will make the effort to attend Area meetings. Including the (5) Areas as stated previously that I've attended there are (2) Areas either are not meeting or the Area has discontinued service, SWANA and UPNA. With a total of (16) Areas in the Wisconsin Region this would leave (9) more Areas to attend.

I attended the NAWS webinar on May 1st. the focus was Fellowship Development around the world and there was a lot of good information from the presenters. Some of the information has already been shared with others within the Wisconsin Region. It was amazing to hear about all the efforts from various service committees to carry the message and to do so in the pandemic.

We are still looking for a Secretary for the WRFD subcommittee.

The WRFD committee continues to work on these topics and we will continue to find solutions.

Some Topics and possible solutions by those who attended the WRFD meetings

Re-discovering our primary purpose. (2)

Explanation of service provided to addicts and/or hospitals & institutions.

Sponsor direction and education

Encourage groups to explain the purpose of service meetings, and the fun of functions etc.

Service participation (2)

Encourage groups to welcome new members to all meetings.

Encourage and invite new members to attend service meetings.

Encourage groups to announce service meetings, functions etc.

If while attending groups with no service structure provide information for the Area for which they belong.

How to provide an atmosphere of responsibility instead of apathy?

All voices count (3)

Wisconsin Region service to Areas/groups (3)

How to get involved (3)

Connecting with Groups (4)

The WRFD virtual sub-committee meetings are scheduled out for the remainder of the year using the virtual WRSC account on zoom. The meetings are scheduled for the second Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm based on the decision by the WRFD sub-committee. These are the dates of the remaining meetings for the 2021 Calendar year.

June 13th.

October 10th.

July 11th.

November 14th.

August 8th.

December 12th.

September 12th.

Thank you for allowing me to Serve.
Mike R.

IT:

Hello Family,

Open Positions

Vice-Chairperson (through April 2022)

BMLT

The BMLT has been updated to 2.16 the latest version any questions you can direct them to Mike R mmcrossfork@gmail.com

Phonelines

John C the phoneline admin is working on getting the new SEFA phonelines chair trained. John has also been reaching out to area phoneline chairs trying to connect areas through zoom meetings to share experiences and resources. The first meeting was held in April with 5 areas represented. At our last subcommittee we had a discussion on would areas be open to having just one Wisconsin Region phoneline number for all areas. We would like this to be put on topic board for further discussion and

taking it back to areas to discuss further. We currently have 14 phone numbers on our Twilio account this includes the region number.

Website

We had some issues with the calendar after a total rebuild and additional trouble shooting, we seem to be good presently. Areas, please check calendar for any discrepancies that may have occurred in the shuffle.

Email

After discussion we decided after each cycle the email admin would send an email to trustedservants@wisconsinna.org asking if anyone wanted to opt out. Also, if you were newly elected and didn't receive this email getting a hold of email admin would be prudent.

Tasks as directed from the region:

Find a way to opt out of trustedservants@wisconsinna.org email list. State of the Region Out of the 16 areas of the region there is currently 13 using phonelines out of those 13 8 have volunteers to answer calls. 14 have websites out of those 8 publish meetings using the BMLT.

Next Subcommittee Meeting 6-27-2021 6PM We will take this month's holiday weekend off, a link will be posted in Slack #it-topics If you have any topics you want on the agenda please post them in the slack #it-topics channel or contact me at webservants@wisconsinna.org Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Tim B WRSC-IT Chair

AREA REPORTS

Badgerland:

From RCM Rob D.

Hello family, the information given is up to the last Area meeting on April 11th., BASC is meeting tomorrow at noon so any other information will be given verbally.

Myself and Mike R. presented these as asked at last BASC meeting and received consensus from the BASC body.

Two topics taken back to Badgerland Area, first, consensus was met to Suspend quorum for three cycles May, July and September.

Second, consensus was met for the WRSC to meet virtually on an ongoing basis for service meetings. Then will add 2 Functions during the year to allow members to meet for Fellowshiping purposes.

Badgerland Area has the following positions still open after the elections, and as of the end of the BASC meeting April 11th. Fellowship Development Chairperson, Alternate Treasurer, and Activities sub-committee Chairperson.

Badgerland Area has a total of 63 meetings some of which are unpublished and it is not known if they will return after closing due to the pandemic and restrictions for meeting locations. Of the 63 meetings 16 are unpublished, and 48 are still open by different formats as follows. 7 are virtual only (new since pandemic), 20 facility closed virtual meetings, 16 face to face meetings, 3 face to face and virtual, 1 hybrid, 1 Virtual meeting in treatment center.

Treasurer

Badgerland Area continues to donate to the WRSC via PayPal as required by the BASC Policy.

Activities

Badgerland Area is going to have a picnic, "Isolation to Unification" June 12th. at Lake Leota Park in Evansville WI, we are asking that everyone follow current pandemic guidelines. The flyer is posted on the Wisconsin Region and Badgerland Area websites. It will all so be the end of PR week and there will be a short workshop for sign placement. The signs will be distributed to those who participate in the workshop. We have approximately 150 signs to distribute to all locations throughout Badgerland Area. The campout flyers will be taken to the Journeys convention so register now because there are limited sites for tents.

Badgerland Area will be having a campout at Lake Kegonsa State park in Stoughton WI September 3rd. through the 6th. The flyer will be posted on the Badgerland and Wisconsin Region websites. We have the pre-registration form on www.badgerlandna.org and campers can use the campout PayPal to register now. When the registration part of the website is done you can pre-register using a PayPal for payment. They'll be one name drawn on Saturday night from those who pre-registered who will receive a refund of their campout registration.

Report from H&I

H & I sub-committee continues to meet virtually on the Zoom platform and has been working on ways to get the Narcotics Anonymous message into jails and institutions. From the Co-Chairs:

The H&I committee held its quarterly meeting on April 3rd with 7 attendees. We reviewed updates for the most active institutions we're currently working with, 5 Door & Sauk County Jail. H&I reported the delivery of \$500 dollars worth of literature to Madison's ARC HOUSES and the establishment of our new outreach to them. One of our volunteers, Mike R., suggested running back-to-back meetings at Sauk Co. to better utilize the numbers required to hold virtual meetings. Currently Sauk Co Jail is requesting 4 meetings weekly and these meetings will be permanent. Mike also suggested Badgerland reach out to Regional Area H&I to seek volunteers state-wide should the need arise. Currently we're waiting to hear back from Sauk Co. Jail on our back-to-back meeting proposals. We have also reached out to Tellurian Care Center to see what needs they currently have and also awaiting a response from them. The Dane Co. Jail will give a status update on the return of in person meetings at the end of May '21. H&I continues encouraging all committee members to bring up at their own home group meetings the need for more H&I volunteers. Our 'action plan' at this time is to reach out to Jefferson Co. & Rock County jails to see if they have any needs we can meet. H&I also proposed setting up a 'coordinator' for each of the facilities we currently service. The job of the coordinator would be to make sure the meeting is covered and if not they themselves would step in. This coordinator would also be responsible for checking in with the facility periodically to fulfill any literature requirements.

Next H & I quarterly meeting is: 8/21/2021
In Loving Service, Ruth & Richard.

Report from PR

We hope for good attendance for the celebration for PR week ending on June 12th. at the Badgerland Area picnic with short workshop for those who want to participate on poster placement. Then those who attend the workshop will be given signs/poster for placement throughout the communities within the Badgerland Area. With 150 signs this should be a great campaign to let addicts know how to connect to the help line number or website for meeting information.

I emailed both Madison Metro and Houck Transit Advertising to thank them for the bus campaign for 2021. Sad news is we may not be able to continue to afford the amount of replacement cost for the Madison Metro signs. All 185 buses for Madison Metro have signs and to be able to ask them to just take care of the NA bus signs is unrealistic. We were assured that they would do their best to give us an accurate account when all the signs are removed. I have asked the phone line committee to ask callers how they got the help line number.

When we order new business cards they will have QR scan code on them. The QR scan code will open up to the website and meeting list for badgerland Area. We have plenty of business cards left at this time so no cards will be ordered.

The next PR meeting May 16th. Just as a reminder if your group does any PR activities please take pictures and forward them to badgerlandpublicrelations@gmail.com If you send pictures be sure that no faces are shown, and provide a story of your event for PR week.

The remaining meetings are listed below for those who want to attend.

May 16 th .	October 17 th .
July 11 th .	November 14 th .
August 8 th .	

Carl R.

Policy and Procedures:

P & P found only a few areas in the current document that we wanted to work on. First, we would like to keep track of how well the Procedures match up with actual practice so we can reconcile the two as time goes on... essentially find out what's working, what doesn't, and change Procedures or our actions accordingly. The subcommittee discussed that there was nothing listed in current policy regarding how to submit reports to BASC - should GSRs and Committee Chairs write reports using whatever format they prefer, or follow the fairly new process of submitting them electronically via the form provided by the Badgerland Secretary? The committee decided to leave Policy as is for that topic, as further defining it could be more restrictive for some and reduce the amount of reports that get submitted. One way we thought we could improve the Policy & Procedure document was to add links in the Table of Contents that would take a reader directly to the section they are seeking. Jane W. offered to take on that task, and found that the links were already active on the Badgerland website. If one clicks on the topic they would like to look at in the Table of Contents, it will automatically take them to that page in the document. This is a great

feature that makes it much simpler to find what one is looking for rather than scrolling through until it is found. The final topic we discussed during the March meeting was that we thought it would be helpful to add a mentorship/training period between BASC elections in November and the beginning of position terms in January. This would help incoming service members to learn their role a bit instead of being thrown into it; and receive knowledge from their predecessors to learn what has worked for them, what hasn't, and allow more room for continuous improvement of Badgerland procedures. This was taken to the March 2021 Area meeting for discussion, and unanimously approved.

Jess M.

Highlights from the GSRs:

The Home Group out of Beloit is having its annual picnic will be August 21st. The flyer is not yet complete.

In loving service,

Rob D.

Big Rivers: Verbal Report Given

Chippewa Valley:

Chippewa Valley Area is doing better. We transitioned our website to the web hosting service run by Tim B. We did have to change the domain name a little in order to accomplish this, as our other host would not relinquish the original domain for our area. He has changed the website using our old domain to cover “recovery” in general and has all kinds of content on our old domain. The domain name still contains na, but to be fair he is also hosting the same content at a different domain name as well.

We have found a new secretary for our area and he is getting a technology crash course from us. We had another addict step up for secretary alternate. We have secretary, treasurer and web servant specific email addresses now and have made some changes to upgrade our technology to the 21st century. We are currently trying to transition forms to the website and hope to have fill in forms available soon on our website for our trusted servants. We have also a new treasurer alternate, which should help, since our currently re-elected treasurer has been serving as that for 7 years at least.

At our last area service committee meeting, we decided we are going to host the annual fourth of July picnic again. Due to the pandemic, the event was cancelled last year, but it is our biggest area event. We quickly reserved the pavilion and decided to go ahead with it that day, since future availability of the site was not guaranteed. I believe this is year 14 for our annual picnic.

Our campout was planned well in advance and t-shirt designs were decided upon. There are no campsites left for our Otter Lake event, but this year we decided that the picnic should be “no addict turned away” on Saturday – which is new for our campout. This will be our fifth year hosting the Otter be Clean campout in Stanley.

Our service committee meetings have been hybrid since March and that seems to be going ok depending on the signal from the network... We have our own zoom account which belongs to the zooming into recovery group. For awhile the area decided to donate literature, but since most donations for addicts were given to attendees of the ZIR meeting, the question was brought up about meetings being self supporting, and also “who decides to give what literature to whom and for what reasons” implying that future donations from the area literature inventory could be used to discriminate. In essence, we decided that our donation fund would not be renewed in the future.

ZIR, for its part, recently decided not to be listed at the virtual-na.org website, because of the potential for zoom-bombing.

Since becoming hybrid meetings, attendance at area has gone way up. We meet the first Saturday of every month, with occasional exceptions – especially in July when we postpone it to the second Saturday, due to our picnic. Mike R from Region has been exceptionally helpful to our area in helping us transition from purely virtual meetings to hybrid ones and I would like to extend a personal thank you to him.

Also, we didn't bring a donation this cycle.

Thanks, ILS

Theresa L
RCM-A for CVA

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Basic Services

Subcommittee Budgets:

Fellowship Development budget was approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were approved.

Elections:

Deb W. was nominated and elected to the Co-Facilitator B.

Nomination (Elections held next cycle)

No nominations for next cycle due to the next cycle being in July instead of September.

Where will the next WRSC cycle be?-->

The next WRSC meeting will be held July 17, 2021 from 9AM until 5PM and May 18, 2021 - 9 AM until business is done. This will be held virtually using the Zoom platform. The Zoom ID is 438 793 0952.

TOPIC BOARD

1. Quorum is suspended for the upcoming Region Meetings, through November's meeting.
2. Region will continue to meet virtually for the regular meets and add 2 in person events.
3. WSNAC agrees to have a combined activity. Jennie G and Dez will work with WSNAC to put it together.
4. WSNAC hopes to possibly get the Keynote speakers into treatment centers and correctional facilities via zoom.
5. Discussion regarding having 1 Wisconsin Phone number and line vs all the areas having Region support them with individual lines. This issue should be taken back to the areas for their consideration. The cost savings are approximately \$300/year.
6. Trusted servant's reports should go into slack and just the key points presented to the Region.
7. MZF will do a presentation on 8/13 on How to Do a Presentation to Professional. Dez will take our request to them to see if they would present to professionals and present one to members.
8. Discussion to remove the question regarding whether someone has ever left a position before the end of their term when people are being considered for a trusted servant position.