

**Nebraska Regional Minutes January 2005  
Giltner, NE**

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer.

Penny read the Twelve Traditions and Don read the Twelve Concepts.

Susan read the Purpose.

The following members were present:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chairperson- Susan S  
Vice Chair- Diane B  
Secretary- absent

Treasurer- Dan M  
RD- Pony Boy  
Alt RD- Mark B

**AREAS:**

Central NE- Dan B  
Eastern NE- Dale B  
Fremont- absent  
Great Plains- Ruth S & Penny F

Northeastern NE- Don J & John C  
Elkhorn Valley- absent  
Southeastern NE- Jeff W  
Platte Valley- Mike P

**SUB-COMMITTEES:**

Hospitals & Institutions- Jeff D  
NRCNA 21- Brian S  
Policy- absent

Public Information- Gus R  
NRCNA 22- Mary R

**VISITORS:**

Kevin C	Dave R	Brett L
Craig B	Jay M	Eric S
Gary D	John K	Kevin J
Tammy	Danielle	James

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Motion by Don J & seconded by Ruth S to approve and accept the October 2004 minutes. PASSED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Donations: \$2836.07  
Expenses: \$2805.00  
Ending Balance: \$2359.34  
(SEE ATTACHMENT)

**NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:** *None at this time*

**SERVICE RESUMES:** *None at this time*

## **AREA REPORTS:**

**Central Nebraska:** Hi everyone, My name is Dan Benker representing Central.

Central has voted to donate to region \$150. The PI Chairperson for our area has been working on expanding our NA Hotline with a toll-free number which is : 866-360-1703. This is to mainly cover the Hastings area.

There are some meetings that are struggling and they are the Nooner's meeting on Monday & Wednesday at St Leo's church in Grand Island and the Saturday meeting at the Cherry St apt in Grand Island.

Activities coming up in our area is the Freedom Seeker's of Hastings is having a dinner and a meeting with a potluck at 6pm and a speaker at 8pm. It is at the First Church of God at 5<sup>th</sup> & Lincoln St in Hastings on January 15, 2005.

The new day group and the Electric Candlelight groups are going to have their Sweetheart Ball and Chili Cook-Off at the Blessed Sacrament Church – 518 State St-Grand Island, NE on February 12, 2005. Doors open at 5:30pm.

Loving Servant, Dan B

**Fremont:** *no report*

**Southeastern NE:** Hello everyone from SENANA. My name is Jeff and I am an addict and the newly elected RCM for that area. We also have a new PI Chair Dave R who is really excited about getting PI back up and running. We are in the process of getting a phone line orientation set up in the near future. There have been several new meetings started at the Unity Room 2729 North 12<sup>th</sup>. See attached list. Thursday How & Why has a donation of \$69.00 and Happy Havelock is donating \$81.00.

Upcoming Activities are:

Chili Feed & Dance 1/22/05

Sweet Treat 2/11/05

In Loving Service, Jeff W

**Northeastern NE:** From NEASC: Recovery is good, meetings are plentiful, nominations are filed for elections next month.

Butler Co jail asked for a meeting. We are trying to set that up. Also, Seward is about to get a meeting set up. Area donated \$100.00.

In Loving Service, John C

**Great Plains:** Hello Everyone from GPANA. Our Area is doing very well. Meeting attendance is good. All of our groups seem to have some sort of structure. There seems to be more people willing to get involved with service. We will be having our annual fundraiser for NRCNA on March 12<sup>th</sup>. We're having the casino Nite Dance again this year due to such a good turn out last year. It is going to be an awesome time! Hope to see you there. I am pleased to say that our area & a couple groups were able to make donations to our region this quarter. All and all things are going quite well.

In Loving Service, Ruth S

**Elkhorn Valley:** *no report*

**Eastern Nebraska:** ENNA is doing well. We will be hosting our area convention on Feb. 18, 19, & 20. Information and registrations are posted on our website [www.eastern-nebraska-na.org](http://www.eastern-nebraska-na.org) or [www.close-encounters-na.org](http://www.close-encounters-na.org) or you can call 402-74-0-2015. I would like to request that the region minutes be mailed to me early enough that I can get a true group conscience on Region business. As I never received any this last quarter.

Dale B

**Platte Valley:** Hello everyone. Meetings are starting to pick up again. McCook's annual Chili Cook-off is scheduled for Sat Feb 26<sup>th</sup> at KC hall in McCook at E 9<sup>th</sup> & E St. Speaker to be announced. 6pm to whenever. Should be a great time. Other than that not much going on.

Mike from Max

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**H&I:** Not much happening at H&I today. We distributed literature. We also discussed our Regional H&I sponsored learning days. Members from two areas will discuss with their area sub-committees the idea of sponsoring these learning days in late spring/early summer & this fall. Hopefully more to report on these next quarter. I'd also like to bring up the learning day Eastern Nebraska Area is having on Jan 22. I'm sure they'll mention it, but, figure it can't hurt to mention it again.  
In loving service, Jeff D

**Policy:** Hi Region. I'll put in any changes made today & you'll get new ones updated next quarter. I want to know where my minutes are, pretty, please I need those phone numbers.

Thankful to Serve, Shawn R

**PI:** Thank you to all attending today. Jeff, Dave, John, Gus attending with help/input from Jeff D & Kevin.

Please review meeting lists for mistakes.

*Northeastern:* Still trying to update our PSA to include York & Norfolk phone numbers. Due to lack of volunteers we decided to use the downloadable PSA. NE ASC is currently holding elections so at the next Regional we will probably have a new PI/Phone-line Chair, however, I plan to complete the PSA update before my position is over. John K

*SE:* Lotsa work on the phone-line. Replacing phonedlists that the service has. Dave R  
Thanx, Gus R

**PI/Web Update:** Greetings~ Sorry I am unable to be there but I am a bit under the weather and have a Doctor's apt at 11 today. The meeting lists are here and I encourage you to look them over well as we have many new meetings this quarter. As for the website, we are updating and adding....Here are a few of the things you will be seeing in the next few weeks.

- 1) ASC meetings, dates, times and places for every area with an email contact for a executive committee member. We would also list the mailing address for each area and help-line numbers.
- 2) A page devoted to NRCNA complete with a printable pre-registration flyer, Committee meeting place, dates, and times. Also, we will have the committee info and contacts listed with at least 1 or two e-mail contacts.
- 3) A page for regional H&I with a regional H&I e-mail contact. We could also list the Chairs from the Areas so people could contact them by e-mail. Perhaps we list some generalized info about the meetings we do across the state so people visiting this page will be able to understand the importance of H&I work.
- 4) A page for Regional PI, with a regional PI contact. We could also list the Chairs from the Areas so people could contact them by e-mail. We could also list what different areas are doing, generally speaking, ie radio spots, placing flyers etc.. so folks could also get an idea what PI really does.
- 5) A Page for RD and Alt RD reports to the Region – they could let us know what is going on, and we could have e-mail contacts so people from around the state could e-mail their RD and Alt. Help them be more available to the entire Region fellowship and give them a place to share information.
- 6) We will post the date, location and times of the Regional meeting on the events page.

Well, those are the things I am currently working on – Hope you all have a great day!  
In Service, Shawn Rice

**NRCNA XXI:** See attached financial report.  
In Loving Service, Brian S

**NRCNA XXII:** Our first meeting will be February 12, 2005 @ 3pm @ Bethel Lutheran Church 1313 S 45th St in Omaha, NE. All positions are open. This is an opportunity to be of service to your fellowship. Received the seed money today of \$1,500.  
In Loving Service, Mary

**Ad Hoc Committee:** To adopt the NAWS Convention guidelines to our policy as guidelines for NRCNA. And to use good judgement within the convention committee in the hosting area.  
In Loving Service, Mary

#### **REGIONAL DELEGATE REPORTS:**

**Outgoing RD:** Dear Family, I haven't received much from the World this quarter s there is not much to report. The flyers for WCNA-31 are out.

At the Zonal in Oct. there was much discussion on where we are going as a Zone. We have several projects in hand that we as a Zone need to follow up on. We have the list of people that can do Speaker meetings, Workshops and Convention that need to be updated. There will be a Governor Conference on "meth" in Kansas City on Aug 24-26 2005 and we are planning to put on a presentation there. We had a small workshop for the South Dakota Region on the importance of service. We also did a Mini-Inventory on the Zone to see if we provide a valued service to NA, the consensus was yes. Most of

the Regions of our Zone have many of the same problems, so our continual communication is a value to all regions. Our Communications Officer is stepping down. So if there is anyone interested, please get with the RD, Gary, or me and we can explain what is needed to fill the position.

I know there is something I am forgetting- The next Zonal meeting is in Oklahoma on March 18, 19, & 20 2005 at the Holiday Inn in Stillwater OK.

At this time I wish to thank the Region for allowing me to serve as your RD. it has been a great privilege to be a part of this Region and to serve it. I thank you all.

In Loving Service, PonyBoy

**FINANCES:**

397.00

185.00 Motel

72.00 Food

63.00 Gas

23.00 Misc

54.00 Back to Region

**New RD:** Hello family. Theres not a whole lot to report this quarter as nothing new has come out of the world services office. At least not printed anyway. I did have an opportunity this quarter to update our RD & RDA information with the world and to address an issue brought to me by the Eastern NE Area with Jeff G from the WSO. The issue concerned the 7th tradition at service committee meetings, if it was OK to observe it there or not. On that note, ENNA was the only ASC I was able to attend this quarter, but plan for at least 2 this quarter. Our next Zonal meeting is planned for March in Oklahoma. I don't have all the specifics yet or I'd be a little more detailed. I received a check from the treasurer last quarter for \$600.00. I took that check and opened a checking account. No checks will be issued on the account, but, I did request a debit card. My thoughts were that those funds were to be used to pay for travel expenses, primarily (hotel, gas, food, airline tickets, etc) and that the debit card gave me the ability to pay those things without the hassle of using cash all the time. I see this making it easier to track funds and for accounting purposes for this body. I am open to any feedback on this. This is a "no-fee" account and does earn interest. Currently the balance is still \$600 and that is my financial report. I have included a copy of the latest bank statement to be submitted with this report. One last note, Shawn R asked me last quarter to find out why the motions at the conference that were defeated or withdrawn were done so. The answer to that question is there was either not enough support for the motions to bring them to the floor, or they were redundant, or third, just not practical. As far as why they were defeated, I think the same answers apply. If this was not a sufficient enough answer, we were given a disc that outlines everything that went on at the conference and for the cost of the disc itself, I would be happy to burn copies for any and all interested parties. There is also some cool stuff on there about the history of NA if you are interested.

In Loving Service, With a Big Hug! Mark B

**Alt RD:** Hi to all at Region, Nothing much to report. I am looking forward to attending the area business meetings In the region as well as attending the Zonals In March. It will be a new experience & I am eager to learn more about service work at this level. In Loving Service, Brian S

**GSR ASSEMBLY:** TOPIC-Service positions and responsibilities.

Suggested GSR's prepare service meeting formats to include Ne & Old business, names of officers & minutes of previous meeting. New GSR's should ask for help from outgoing GSR's.

The group discussed concerns of not having trusted servants and the tendency for one person to "do it all". Getting people interested in doing service work is hard. Also, there are problems with servants leaving positions who are ready for something new and more and forgetting to help in the transition process of the position being left behind. Representatives need to give help and guidance and avoid giving people the impression that service work is a bad thing. The Guide to Local Service may offer suggestions.

TOPIC for NEXT MEETING: Consensus Based Decision Making

Thanks, Penny F

**OPEN FLOOR:**

Dan M- Revised quarterly budgets are available to anyone who wants them Service charges were removed.

Kevin- Asked if Danny K had been contacted lately re: the web page.

Diane B- Advised group that Danny's email has a security measure requiring we respond back to him.

Dan M- Does new policy have to stay in effect for a period of time before changes can be made. The group is not aware of this being a requirement.

Mark B- Commented the Rd & Alt Rd are only accepting \$450 of \$900 budgeted for this quarter.

Gus R- Concerns on new motions need to be brought up prior to sending out for vote.

Diane B- Suggested a "Financial Impact" statement section added to regional motion forms to clarify the minutes and simplify for the secretary.

Discussion regarding lack of minutes being sent by mail. Questions if this quarters budget should be sent. Receipts indicate expenses may be exceeding the budget. Chair called for a vote to send the budgeted \$75. PASSED

Budgets discussed. H&I=same RD & Alt RD=same

\$1339.34 above prudent reserve will be sent to WSO.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Motion 1: To limit all Regional service positions to two consecutive terms (add to policy).**

Motion by- Dale B -ENNA Second by- Jeff W -SENANA

*INTENT: To remove the stress and length of commitment to said positions, to allow more addicts the chance to serve at Regional level, to prevent burnout.*

Central NE- Yes

Elkhorn Valley - absent

Great Plains - Yes

Platte Valley - Yes

Eastern NE - Yes

Fremont - absent

Northeastern - Yes

Southeastern - Yes

**PASSED**

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**Motion 2: To change the terms of RD & Rd Alt to two years per term. (add to policy).**

Motion by- Dale B -ENNA Second by- Jeff W -SENANA

*INTENT: To remove the stress and length of commitment to said positions, to allow more addicts the chance to serve as World Conference participants*

**This would be a change to policy. TAKE BACK TO GROUPS.**

Central NE- Yes

Elkhorn Valley - absent

Great Plains - Yes

Platte Valley - Yes

Eastern NE - Yes

Fremont - absent

Northeastern - Yes

Southeastern - Yes

**PASSED**

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**Motion 3: To create a 2nd Alternate RD whose duties would be to attend 2 Zonal meetings per year and to assist the RD & Alt RD in attending Area meetings within our Region.**

Motion by- Dale B -ENNA Second by- Jeff W -SENANA

*INTENT: To give experience to our Delegates without the stress of long term commitments.*

Central NE- Yes

Elkhorn Valley - absent

Great Plains - Yes

Platte Valley - Yes

Eastern NE - Yes

Fremont - absent

Northeastern - Yes

Southeastern - Yes

**PASSED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion 1: To rescind Motion #3 from Old Business (see above)**

Motion by- Dale B -ENNA Second by- Jeff W -SENANA

*INTENT: The motion may be harmful since there is not enough information.*

Central NE- No  
Elkhorn Valley - absent  
Great Plains - No  
Platte Valley – No

Eastern NE - Yes  
Fremont - absent  
Northeastern - Yes  
Southeastern - Yes

**FAILED**

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**Motion 2: To send to an Ad Hoc committee to set up policy for the Asst Alt RD, Alt Rd and RD.**

Motion by- Danny B -Central Second by- Mike P –Platte Valley

*INTENT: To set up what each of these positions are responsible for and to better inform applicants of these requirements and to determine what the financial impact to the RSC budget would be.*

*Financial Impact: None*

Central NE- Yes  
Elkhorn Valley - absent  
Great Plains - Yes  
Platte Valley - Yes

Eastern NE - Yes  
Fremont - absent  
Northeastern - Yes  
Southeastern - Yes

**PASSED**

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**Motion 3: To make a permanent banner out of the NRCNA archived T-shirts to be displayed at all conventions.**

Motion by- Mary R NRCNA XXIII Second by- Gus R -PI

*INTENT: To make the designs and slogans available for all to see our Nebraska history in recovery.*

*Financial Impact: None*

Central NE- Yes  
Elkhorn Valley - absent  
Great Plains - No  
Platte Valley - Yes

Eastern NE - No  
Fremont - absent  
Northeastern - No  
Southeastern - No

**FAILED**

**Motion 4: To have the next RSC meeting at Giltner since Norfolk offered to host but is not yet set up.**

Motion by- Don J -Northeastern Second by- Ruth S –Great Plains

*INTENT: Provide a more central location*

*Financial Impact: None*

Central NE- Yes

Elkhorn Valley - absent

Great Plains - Yes

Platte Valley - Yes

**PASSED**

Eastern NE - Yes

Fremont - absent

Northeastern - Yes

Southeastern - Yes

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**Motion to CLOSE**

Motion by- Don J -Northeastern Second by- Dale B -ENNA

**PASSED**

Meeting adjourned.

**REGION WILL MEET AGAIN ON April 9, 2005 at the Town Hall in Giltner, NE**

**GSR Assembly will meet at NOON**

**SUB-COMMITTEES @ 2PM**

**REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE @ 3PM**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

*Sherry S - Secretary*

**attachments:**

**Treasurer report**

**RSC Participants List from 1-8-05**

**NE Region Motion Form**

**Unity Room meeting list**

**NRCNA XXI Financial Audit**

**Tier One Bank Statement for RD account**

**Plains States Zonal Forum minutes and info on March 2005 meeting**

**Secretary's resignation letter**