

**Nebraska Regional Minutes April 2004
Columbus, NE**

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

The Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts were read.

The following members were present:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson- absent
Vice Chair- OPEN
Secretary- Penny F (stand-in)

Treasurer- Dan M
RD- absent
Alt RD- absent

AREAS:

Central NE- Randy L
Eastern NE- Shawn R & Dale B
Fremont- Rick J
Great Plains- Ruth S

Northeastern NE- Don J & John
Elkhorn Valley- Jim S & Mike
Southeastern NE- Kevin C & Jeff
Platte Valley- Bernie W

SUB-COMMITTEES:

Hospitals & Institutions- Jeff D
NRCNA 21- Joe
Policy- Shawn R

Public Information- Gus R
NRCNA 22- Jeff G

VISITORS:

Robert	Roger	Angie
Ray	Andre	Marilynn
Al	Lisa	Craig
Kerry	Eric	

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion by Shawn & seconded by Jim to approve and accept the Jan 2004 minutes PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Donations: \$1703.56
Expenses: \$1711.40
Ending Balance: \$1029.40
(SEE ATTACHMENT)

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:

Diane B received 7 yes and 1 abstain for **Vice Chair**. Congratulations Diane.

Nomination for **NRCNA XXII Chair closed**- Jeff G (TAKE TO GROUPS)

SERVICE RESUME:

I am respectfully submitting this letter in consideration for the Chair position of 2005 Narcotics Anonymous Regional Convention. My clean date is July 15, 2001. I have an NA sponsor who has worked the 12 steps and has enabled me to sponsor and give back to this program. I work and apply the 12 steps of narcotics Anonymous in my life. I have a working knowledge of the 12 traditions and 12 concepts. My service positions are as follows:

NA Monday Night Meeting Chairperson 2002 - present

EVANA PI Chairperson - present

AA Link Meeting Secretary/treasurer 2002 - present

AREA REPORTS:

Central Nebraska: Hello friends, Central Area is doing well. Meeting attendance is good with lots of newcomers. Electric Candlelight & New Days Chili Cook-off & Valentine's dance was a great success thanks to those who attended. Our area is sponsoring a camp-out May 14-16 at Mormon Island with a speaker from McCook for Sat night. Campfire meetings & fun, all addicts welcome.

New Days is having a Women's retreat at Circle B Hall 509 Gold rd in Grand Island April 16-18.

Also the Annual Street Dance Fundraiser for NRCNA will be July 10, 2004 following Region. The dance will be at Fonner Park in Grand Island.

Love, Randy

Fremont: Our Area continues to get things done despite a lack of warm bodies and interest in service work. Perfect example is today's business meeting! We have no-one here in their actual capacity. Brian L and I have been coming to region meetings because we believe, still, we have yet been unable to give that part of our recovery away. Sad isn't it?

We had not received minutes from last RSC meeting so will have to go from our own minutes. No one in Fremont has seen the CAR, so we have no input on that issue. Any other issues that come up will be dealt with in the air of being a trusted servant.

Our subcommittees are still functioning well with jail meetings and community updating on meeting changes. Please note there has been some changes to our meeting list so pay attention to the new Regional Directory. The only negative issue is Activities where our chair has had troubles, so we had to activate our Area policies and put the Vice Chair in charge of Activities. The same person was also the RCM so our Alternate should fill in according to our policies. This will work out all in the Higher Power's time not mine or our Area's.

The meetings continue to hold their own with frequent newcomers. We have developed an inventory list of literature, supplies, etc. to make sure (hopefully) that we have what we need when needed. Will visit the issue in a few months to see if it needs adjusting. Wishing you all clean health & happiness in your recovery, Rick J

Southeastern NE: Hello to all of you from all of us at the Southeastern Nebraska Area of NA. My name is Kevin and I am an addict and I would like to report that things are

going well in our area.

We are currently thinking on making a couple of changes dealing with our Phone Line.

We are currently spending around \$300 a month. We currently have an answering service plus a 1-800# which covers all of NE, which we have to pay for calls to the service, the 1-800# still serves our entire area. The current method we have has been in place for as long as I can remember but is getting really expensive. So time will see.

Our Area, Meetings, and Activities Committee have made some donations this quarter for Region:

SENANA ASC.....	\$211.81
SENANA Activities.....	\$116.13
Happy Havelock Group.....	\$71.00
Thursday How & Why.....	\$38.90
Sunday Morning Reflections.....	\$13.50
FOR A TOTAL OF-----	\$451.52

Way cool in this addicts thinking.

We had our CAR Workshop after our last ASC. We had up to 17 addicts attend. Some had to leave but others showed up. We all got to enjoy gourmet hot dogs that had aged in Gary D's freezer for awhile (a long while) with cheese & chili and all the works. We also had the assistance of Pony Boy and Mark B (Mark had 8 dogs. I hope his ride home was not too bumpy) to help us get through all 19 motions in just under 3 hours.

The votes went like this:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		YES	NO	ABSTAIN
1.	7	1	0	11.	2	5	1
2.	7	0	1	12.	5	2	1
3.	4	2	2	13.	1	6	1
4.	17	0	0	14.	1	7	0
5.	17	0	0	15.	0	8	0
6.	12	0	0	16.	0	8	0
7.	0	12	0	17.	8	0	0
8.	0	11	1	18.	8	0	0
9.	0	13	0	19.	8	0	0
10.	0	13	0				

We have our vote for old business. They go like this. (oops, can't say yet until the votes are in, but they are on paper for my Area to see that I did as they requested) YES for Diane B for RSC Vice Chair, YES for Jeff G for NRCNA XXII Chair and YES for Motion #6 "to create a standing policy committee"

Well my fellow Addictcan's that is about all i have to report for this RSC. So keep your Basic text dry, your Higher Power at your side and your ass(ets) will be covered. In Loving Service, Kevin C

Northeastern NE: NEASC is alive and clean. meetings are doing well and recovery is good. We have a donation for today. There will be a Hog Roast in june. In Loving Service, Don J

Great Plains: Hello Everyone from Great Plains Area. Our Area is doing well. Meeting attendance is good. There are a lot of people getting involved. We now have a meeting

every day of the week. We actually have a new meeting to add to the regional Meeting List. Our fellowship is really growing. The Great plains Area held the CAR workshop with central Area in Philips. It was nice to see several people from the Great Plains area participate. we also held our NRCNA 21 fundraiser on March 20th. It went very well. The Casino Nite was a big success. We were able to raise \$404 for the convention. A special thanks to all those who showed up. Our next function will be our camp-out on Father's Day weekend at Sandy Channels. Hope to see some of you there. Our Area has a \$50 donation to region this quarter. The Day By Day group has a \$40 donation also. All in all it has been a good quarter. In Loving Service, Ruth

Elkhorn Valley: Our activities committee has been hosting and planning events. some are as follows:

Monthly Kareoke (fun night)

April- Skating & Pizza Party

May- Putt Putt Golf Tourney

July- Moonlight Madness Camp-out

PI is in full swing and is getting somewhere. Convention meeting- we are excited about hosting the 2005 convention and planning is underway.

In loving service, Mike-Jim

Eastern Nebraska: Greetings to you all- I am happy to report that this is my last region serving as ENNA's RCM. Dale B will hopefully be serving in that capacity at the next region. I appreciate being asked to serve my area and it has been great fun being involved in the Region. You will still be seeing me as i promised Gus I would serve out the year with him on the PI Committee.

This quarter has been very busy. We started out by going to the Zonal Forum in Kansas the end of January to attend the CAR Workshop. I found it to be informative and I enjoyed listening to the 2 World Board members perspectives. We really could have done without the ice storm, but, otherwise it was great. We held to CAR Review Workshops in Omaha this past month and they were not overwhelmingly attended but we did get a consensus regardless.

Close Encounters went well this year, was well attended and seemingly made a bit of scratch. The activities committee is busy planning many different functions so please watch for flyers! The next function is May 8th Unity Day Celebration. Our subcommittees are doing fairly well, but I do not have any reports from them, so i will just say they are busy.

We would like to see Larry stay on for another term as RD, he does a good job and it would allow the alt to gain a bit more experienc3e. But we will discuss this more when the time comes. We have a donation this quarter of \$805.44. Thank you again for allowing me to serve, Shawn R & Dale B

Platte Valley: Meetings in North Platte are gaining in popularity and size. McCook meetings are somewhat flexible and bigger at the first of the week and slacking off by the weekend.

The Chili feed was a huge success, one of our best attended ever!

Meetings at the Work Ethic Camp discontinued until communication problems can be

resolved,

Our camp-out at Cambridge Lake is in June. Flyers to follow.

In loving service, Bernie W

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

H&I: Greetings Our committee meeting today was very well attended and we would like to express our thanks to all of the areas and interested individuals who attended. we discussed where our next Learning day could be held. Also discussion was had concerning available methods for this committee to fund buying basic Texts for the penitentiary facilities. We disbursed literature to various areas. Of special note: we are extremely grateful to the Omaha area who brought a large amount of literature and donated it to the committee, all of which was paid for out of the proceeds from the regional H&I Learning Day which they hosted in January.

On a personal note, I would just like to express my gratitude for the number of people who attended today. This was the largest attendance for this sub-committee since I've been serving as the chair. In loving service, Jeff D

FASC H&I: We have seen an increase in female inmates participating in meetings at Dodge County judicial center. There has been a rise in those admitting they are addicts. Yet are having trouble following through when they are released from jail.

They seem to love using the Just for Today books, bringing home the just for today I am clean thought. The Spanish literature does not seem to be moving very well as the English is really popular.

There has been trouble with Spanish inmates cross-talking and disrupting meetings, yet we have selected inmates to choose the next week/meeting topic of discussion and that helps keep the focus on recovery. Is there any information or subscription for the Reaching Out magazine? service for NA, Rick J

Platte Valley: We are still going to "Bridge the Gap" at Norton Valley Hope on the 3rd Tuesday. we've been doing this for 10 years now. Meetings at the Work Ethic Camp have been discontinued until scheduling can be coordinated. Bernie W

ENNA: we have a new chairperson in our area: Mary R. We are anticipating a new vice chair at our next sub-committee. We are presently serving 5 meetings including Douglas County Corrections, Addiction Behavior center, Salvation Army, DCC Work Release and Omaha Corrections Center. We anticipate adding 2 new locations in the near future. Our Regional Learning Day on Jan 17th was a huge success with 63 in attendance. We have a box of literature that was funded by the proceeds from the learning Day. Dale is passing along a lit request from the Cass County jail H&I meeting too. In loving service, Mary R

GPANA: Our jail meetings are going very well. We've been having a good turnout from both the men & the women. The library is stocked with NA literature. I now have enough volunteers for the meetings. What a blessing! In loving service, Ruth

PI: Great meeting with 12 members present & 6 areas represented. Jeff from EVANA talked about the steps they're taking in Norfolk. They are hanging fliers, adjusting the meeting list in the paper, and have talked about getting their members involved. The other areas added their ideas. kinda worked like it's supposed to.

In Columbus, John talked about flier distribution. They have completed a radio spot.

They also are involved with cable spots & newspaper meeting lists. In Fremont Rick submitted a report. They are updating World meeting lists, talked about distribution of fliers, and put together a Community Resource Guide. Central has no active PI committee, but 4 members from central attended the region PI meeting. Great plans and central talked about checking into combining some Public Service announcements. Eastern is still going good. bus benches are still up. The phonenumber is working good with SWINA. Great Plains had Al attend the region meeting and he reports nothing new is going on. Thanx, In loving service, Gus R

FASC: We have had several meeting changes: meetings held at Port's Party Props have been moved to 250 W Military. These are Wednesday Noon, Sunday evening, also times have changed from noon to 12:15 and 8:30pm to 8pm. A new meeting has also started at the same location and is Saturday at 8pm. Several places off our contact list have been informed about the changes. Plus updating the Fremont Tribune, Time Warner Cable, Care Corps, and Dodge County Probation Office. Others will be contacted as soon as we can. We are working on updating WSO on our meetings and information about them. Soon we plan to put flyers up on area bulletin boards, at businesses, etc. with an explanation of what NA is, when our meetings are held, and hotline phone numbers on pull-off tabs on the flyers. NA had an exposure in a 2004 Key to Fremont which is a community resource guide. Our phone number is listed three times. We discussed maybe increasing written exposure to include more of what we are (NA) In service, Rick J

Platte Valley: We have a lit request for 100 white books in English. Bernie W

NRCNA XXI: Hi everyone,

The convention planning is coming along very well. We have received a few donations which are greatly appreciated. The pre-registration ends April 15th. We are narrowing down our speakers and workshops. We have T-shirts for sale. We are going with bi-monthly meetings starting this month. Our next meeting is April 15th at 7pm at 605 Grant St in York, NE. In loving service, Joe

NRCNA XXII: We're starting to get things together in Norfolk for the 2005 convention. We have bi-monthly meetings at the Convention center to make plans. A date has been set for October 7, 8 & 9. A few service positions have been filled and we have a lot of addicts wanting to get involved and help. Thanks, Jeff

REGIONAL DELEGATE REPORTS:

RD: Family, First I wish to apologize for not being there, but, I've gone and done some recovery so today I'm what you call somewhat a responsible productive member of society. I had to work. I wish to thank all that participated in the CAR workshops. The more input I get from you all the better I can represent you all at the WSC. So Thank you. If you still haven't voted on the CAR please give them to Shawn. The more input I have the better I serve. Loving service, Pony Boy

To the RSC:

Several members have asked me to submit this letter:
If the NE Region wishes me to serve another term as RD it would be an honor to do so.
Only if it is the Will of the Region. I am but a trusted servant, I do the Region's bidding.
Love you all, Pony Boy

ALT RD: Hello family, First I would like to thank the fellowship of our region for the turn-out at the 3 CAR workshops I was able to attend this quarter. I apologize for my absence this RSC. I made a commitment to the Mid-America Region without checking my calendar. My most sincere apologies. I've asked Pony boy to nominate me for the RD position and I've included a short service bio. I look forward to seeing all of you in July. ILS, Mark B

GSR ASSEMBLY: No report

OPEN FLOOR: Disappointment was expressed concerning trusted servants not attending and not changing plans to attend.
Mail was distributed to the appropriate representatives. Also discussed the need to update info on the Post Office Box.
Signatures are still needed for the checking account. Social Security numbers and ID's are needed from the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.
Rent updates for hosting Region are:
Grand Island- \$45 for July and Kearney- \$25 for October.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion 6. To create a standing Policy Committee to become effective at the April 2004 Region meeting.

INTENT: we need one

Motion by- Eastern

Seconded by- Elkhorn Valley

7 areas voted yes 1 area abstained

PASSED

The nomination for the chair will come from within the committee. The pro-temp chair is Shawn R

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion 1. To confirm the Policy updates with the noted adjustments.

Motion by- H&I

Seconded by- SENANA

INTENT:

Central NE- Yes

Eastern NE - Yes

Elkhorn Valley - Yes

Fremont - Yes

Great Plains - Yes

Northeastern - Yes

Platte Valley - Yes

Southeastern - Yes

PASSED

Motion 2. To open nominations for RD and Alt RD with nominees providing their bios and being present at the July meeting.

PASSED

Motion 3. To approve a \$50 annual budget for the Policy Committee.

Motion by- Policy Committee

Seconded by-

INTENT: to ensure financial expenditures are being met

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS

Motion 4. To have our RD nominate Shawn R to the World Board at WSC

Motion by- ENNA

Seconded by- FASC

INTENT: Cause she can do the job

Central NE- Yes

Eastern NE - Yes

Elkhorn Valley - Yes

Fremont - Yes

Great Plains - Yes

Northeastern - Yes

Platte Valley - Yes

Southeastern - Yes

PASSED

Motion 5. To clarify when nominations open, close & vote. Along with information on what and when positions are open.

Motion by- PI Chair

Seconded by- Eastern

INTENT: So we know

REFER the motion to the Policy Committee

Motion by- PI Chair

Seconded by- Eastern

Central NE- Yes

Eastern NE - Yes

Elkhorn Valley - Yes

Fremont - Yes

Great Plains - Yes

Northeastern - Yes

Platte Valley - Yes

Southeastern - Yes

PASSED

Motion 6. To add the Policy Committee expense to #9 Finances in our policies.

INTENT: To have a priority of expenses

AMEND: To place after convention (write-in)

Motion by- Fremont

Seconded by- Eastern

Motion by- PI Chair

Seconded by- Eastern

Central NE- Yes

Eastern NE - Yes

Elkhorn Valley - Yes

Fremont - Yes

Great Plains - Yes

Northeastern - Yes

Platte Valley - Yes

Southeastern - Yes

PASSED

REGION WILL MEET AGAIN ON July 10, 2004 in Grand Island.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY @ NOON

SUB-COMMITTEES @ 2PM
REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE @ 3PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Sherry S - Secretary

I wish to thank Penny F for taking notes in my absence and hope I have transcribed the information accurately. Thanks to the Region for your understanding.

attachments:

Treasurer report

RSC Participants List from 4-10-04 (only those on the list will receive mailings)