

Nebraska Regional Minutes April 15, 2006  
Platte Center, NE

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

Dale B. read the Twelve Traditions and Nancy B. read the Twelve Concepts.

Susan S. read the purpose.

The following members were present:

**Executive Committee:**

Chairperson-Susan S.

RD-Mark B.

Vice Chair-Diane B.

Alt RD-Brian S.

Treasurer-Dan M.

Secretary-Penny F.

**AREAS:**

Central NE- RCM Dan B.

Eastern NE-RCM Keith P.

Elk Horn Valley-RCM Brent L.

Fremont-RCM Christy M.

Great Plains-RCM Ruth S.

McCook-RCM Mike P.

Northeastern NE-RCM John C.

Southeastern NE- Alt. RCM Shelly

**SUB COMMITTEES:**

Hospitals & Institutions-Dale B.

Public Information-Robert J.

Policy-Shawn R.

NRCNA 22-Dan M.

NRCNA 23- Mary R.

NRCNA 24-Great Plains (no chair yet)

**VISTORS:**

Kevin	Steve	Dewayne
Joe	Candice	John
Brian	DJ	Lynn
JD	Sabrina	Michelle
Mark	Eric	Bert
Jackie	Kat	Annie

**SECRETARYS REPORT:**

Motioned by Dan B. and seconded by John C. to approve and accept January's minutes. Passed

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Beginning Balance:	\$1620.00
Income:	\$4253.60
Total Balance:	\$5873.60

Expenses:	\$2433.60
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Ending Balance:	\$3440.00
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(see attachment)

**AREA REPORTS:**

**Central NE:** Hello family. Attendance at the group level is doing well. The Freedom Seekers had a speaker and a dance in Hastings with good attendance. We had our C.A.R. Report with Great Plains and wish to thank Mark and Brian for being a part of it. Central is having a camp-out May 12,13, 14, at Windmill State Park at the Gibbon exit. State Park sticker required also campsite fee. Larry Sanddof speaking. We have a TV ad with our hot-line going. We are also hoping to host July Region with a street dance at Fonner Park in GI. In Loving Service Dan B.

**ENNA:** Greetings family from Eastern NE. It has been a good three months for us. We had a successful convention with Close Encounters with lots of good speakers, good attendance, and allowing us to send a donation to Region in excess of \$3000.00. We hope to also be able to send more at a later date but we voted to keep a portion of the proceeds in our area until our budgets have been submitted and we have been responsible in handling our Areas affairs.

We also had a good turn out for our CAR Workshop that we held in conjunction with Fremont and Southeastern. I would like to extend thanks to the Fremont Area for hosting this workshop and to all those who participated in it.

**ENNA Cont.**

There have been a couple controversial and emotional topics brought to our Area and I

am pleased to announce that our Area walked through these issues with respect to all concerned parties and a noticeable decrease in conflict and confrontation. I believe this shows great growth in our Area and its service committee. I am glad to be a member of that committee and am proud of the progress our Area has displayed.

Unfortunately not all my news is this positive. Due to personal reasons our Alt. RCM will not be seeking the nomination of our Area for the upcoming term. I am grateful for the service Suzie provided while in her position and wish her well in her future. We will be looking for nominations in our Area to fill her position. I have been nominated for the next term for RCM of ENNA and hope to be able to continue service in this capacity. I have enjoyed this partial term with this Region and hope to be able to continue serving with those here. In Loving Service, Keith P.

**ELK HORN VALLEY:** Hello Family. Things are going well in Norfolk. O'Neil has also checked in regularly and things are going great out there also. We have experienced a lot of growth and some of the growing pains that go along with that. I would like to thank all of you around the Region for all your support and guidance in helping out with our workshops. When we reached out you showed up. We have a bunch of H&I meetings going. WE are having Karaoke once a month and a campout coming up. Once again we have more and more people staying clean and getting involved and want to thank you all for your support and guidance. In Loving Service, Brent L.

**FREMONT:** Hello everyone from Fremont. Things are going well in our area. Meetings are still going fairly strong. PI has been working hard visiting counseling and in patient services. They have also spoken with the Dodge County Probation Office. Our H&I has said that the jail meetings are growing. We are going to try and get a female to go with the H&I chair to help with the jail meetings. We think this may benefit the female inmates that are interested in NA. Our area is also currently taking nominations for service positions. We are hoping more members get involved with service work. Other than that, we currently have no activities planned. I want to also take a quick moment to say that I have enjoyed being part of Region for the last 2 years. Thank you for helping Fremont become more active in the Region. We plan to hopefully stay involved. In Loving Service, Christy M.

**GREAT PLAINS:** Hello everyone. Everything seems to be going well in our area. Most of our groups have been reporting good and steady attendance. This quarter we had our annual NRCNA fundraiser on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Casino Night went well. The weather did keep a lot of people from showing up. We would like to thank all the people who did brave the weather and supported the fundraiser. Our next function will be our annual Mid Summers Night Campout on father's day weekend June 16,17,18<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully we will have flyers out soon. In Loving Service, Ruth S.

**Area Reports cont.**

**McCOOK:** Greetings from McCook. It's great to be back at Region. It's been awhile since our last attendance. Meetings in McCook have been small, as attendance has been

low. We still are having 3 meetings a week. Mon, Wed, and Thursday at 8 pm. We had our annual chili cook-off in February and was a good turn-out. Our yearly camp-out will be in June. Flyers will be sent out. We are still going to Valley Hope monthly. Other than that not much to report. In Loving Service Mike P.

**NORTHEASTERN NE:** Hello everyone and thanks for coming today. Spring Fling will occur after today's business meeting, so we can all kickback and enjoy ourselves tonight. Not much going on in our area. NEASC hog roast is June 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Hall in Columbus, dinner, speaker, and dance. Starts at noon with games, Karaoke, and other activities. Flyer is on info table. The Alt. RCM is Mary R from York. She is in Omaha today for family dinner but should be in GI for the July Regional. I believe that is all for now. Thank you for letting me serve, John C.  
The York Thursday Night 8.00pm meeting has moved to the New Heights Assembly of God Church at 1522 South Grant Ave in York.

**SOUTHEASTERN NE:** Hello family. First I would like to apologize for not being able to attend this regional meeting. It was our last chance of the year to visit the family in Ft. Leonard Wood, so we had to go. Our Area has been very busy the last the three months. As you may have guessed, we have voted in a new Alt. RCM, Shellie H., please be nice to her, this is her first time. We also finished our Area inventory, and learned some new things which our Area is working to correct. We helped sponsor a CAR report event and learned some new things and enjoyed sharing with other NA members. At one of our Area meetings we introduced the fact that our activities committee was having some problems, so some of the groups have stepped forward and we have been able to enjoy activities and events sponsored and put on by our individual groups. Just goes to show that H.P. does provide. Our donations to Region are as follows: Tues Let It Out Group-\$30.00 and Fri Happy Havelock Goup-\$89.65. That's all for now, see every one at the next Region Meeting. In Loving Service, Pat W. Contact Info: 402-783-5701(H) 402-310-5478(C)

**RD REPORT:** Hello family, Well, lets keep it short and sweet this quarter. We've held two CAR workshops since we last met. One in Kearney and one in Fremont. Both were well attended prospectively. The feedback and participation at both was wonderful. We want to thank everyone who showed up and helped out. Also we held a workshop this morning here and as I write this Thursday night I know that this workshop went well with lots of support and great feedback. Thank all of you very much. Brian and I leave Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> for the conference and all is well. We both have our plane tickets in hand and our room is already booked. I'm going to close this with my finical report. ILS, Mark Beck

**RD Report cont.**

**Begin Bal.**

**\$1806.85**

<b>RD &amp; RDA gas</b>	<b>\$ -278.00</b>
<b>RDA plane ticket</b>	<b>\$ -425.70</b>
<b>Office Max</b>	<b>\$ -85.42</b>
<b>End Bal.</b>	<b>\$1017.73</b>

**Ait RD:** I would like to thank everyone who attended workshops this quarter. It's been very rewarding and educational to be a part of this region decision making process! I am attending 3 area business meetings this quarter- Kearney, Central, and Elk Horn Valley. I'm looking forward to going to the WSC and learning more about how to serve our region. Thanks to Mark for all the time he has spent teaching me how to serve the fellowship in this position. ILS, Brian S.

**SUB COMMITTEES:**

**Hospital & Institutions:** We gave away most of our lit. We still have a small stock pile for any emergency's or new facilities opening up. Contact me if the subject arises. No area chairs showed up in person. Lincoln's chair did send a report. Good job Jerry!! The addicts that were at our meeting were involved in carrying the message to those who cannot get out to a meeting. Those informal reports were helpful in letting us know that H&I is active through out our region. As far as I know, H&I meetings happening, I just don't know where and when. Hopefully next region more reports will be submitted to the subcommittee. So that we can coordinate this valuable service to best serve addicts in Recovery. Dale B.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Hello family. I want to first thank you for electing me the new PI chair. I can't show my gratitude enough and look forward to serving this body. We had a small but productive meeting. Fremont is working closely with their probation officers and counselors and has met with them in one on one situation and provided them with sufficient literature. They seem to be answering a lot of concerns and questions about NA. We also discussed their interest in setting up a booth at their local health fairs. Great Plains is working on getting more cards made with the right phone numbers on it. They are also working on PSA's. Centrals TV spot is up and running and are working on follow up efforts. We talked about setting up s booth at the state fair or a regional conference if our budget increase is approved. We are looking into getting it started. Shawn would like to express her gratitude for all the support and help she is getting with updating the meeting lists. The website is up and running good. There is a lot of new bulletins and links on it. We are

**Sub Committee Reports cont.**

working on changing the E-mail addresses and just to let you know your E-mail address can not be seen if sent out. Thanks again for the election. In Loving Service Robert J.

**Policy:** Greetings- I have not printed any new guidelines because we currently have many possible changes in the works.

1) Does this region, once and for all want to recognize the general assembly as an official part of the region business.

2) Now for the motion that was made Oct. 2005 and passed Jan. 2006 to form a standing convention committee.

After discussions with fellow members, it may be best to form an advisory committee rather than an “official” committee. This avenue would have no financial impact as this advisory committee would be comprised of past trusted servants. These folks would be available by phone, email etc. to the new members to answer questions, offer guidance and share experience strength and hope.

3) Our specifics/thoughts etc. about Alt. Alt. RD-- will be discussed after the RD and Alt RD get back from the conference--As they have plenty on their plate.

Thanks Shawn R.

**NRCNA XXII:** expense report from Dan M. The sheets are enclosed along with attachments in the minutes.

**NRCNA XXIII:** All going well with NRCNA XXIII. We have all our speakers and looking at getting the workshops together. This committee is asking every area to donate 2 hr to the Hosp and Marathon meeting rooms. Remember this is a regional convention, it is just hosted by an area. We also would like for all area to donate 1 how & why, 1 basic text, and 1 just for today. Our next meeting will be in GI during region @ 1pm. Please bring your book and what you would like to bring in the hospitality room. In Loving Service Mary R.

**NRCNA XXIII:** Bid went to Kearney. Was given \$1500.00 seed money.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** General discussion on Area Issues. Same topic for July's Region. Penny F. will chair. Starts at noon.

### **NOMINATION & ELECTIONS:**

#### **SUB COMMITTEE:**

Congratulations to Dale B. as the new Hospital & Institutions Chair.

All areas voted yes. Passed

#### **Nominations and Elections cont.**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Congratulations to Penny F. as the new Secretary for Region.

All areas voted yes. Passed

**Nomination for RD:**

Brian S.

Clean Date- 6-24-97

Positions Served:

Group-Alt GSR 1yr- Ellsworth Surrender Group  
GSR 2 yr- Ellsworth Surrender Group  
Secretary/Treasurer 1yr- Russell Nothing To Fear Group  
H&I Panel Chair 1yr- Russell Nothing To Fear Group  
GSR 1yr- Russell Nothing To Fear Group  
Merchandising Chair 1yr- Run for Fun Annual Campout  
Treasurer 1yr- York Back to Basics Group  
GSR 1yr- York Back to Basics Group  
Chair 1 yr- Run for Fun Annual Campout  
Chair H&I York Jail 1yr  
H&I York Jail volunteer 2yr

Area- Activities Co-chair 1yr-CKASC  
Activities chair 1yr-CKASC  
PI chair 1yr- CKASC  
Alt. RCM 1yr- CKASC  
RCM 1yr- CKASC  
H&I Prison Meeting Volunteer 1yr- CKASC  
Alt. RCM 1yr- NEASC  
RCM 1 yr- NEASC  
NRCNA XXI Chair-1yr  
Chair 1yr- NEASC

Region- Alt. RD- present

I am actively involved with meetings. I work the steps with my sponsor. I live the steps and traditions in my affairs to the best of my ability.

**TAKE BACK TO GROUPS AND VOTE**

**Alt. RD-** Still open. If anyone is interested in this position please bring Bio and self to July's Region.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NRCNA XXIII-** Bid goes to Kearney NE. Tentative- Date Sept. 28, 29, 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007.  
Tentative Place- Ramada Inn.

**Motion 1:** To give \$100.00 to the zonal PI committee for Midwest Governor's  
Committee on Substance Abuse & Gambling

**Intent:** to help fund literature and booth costs and conference

**Financial Impact:** \$100.00

**Submitted by:** Mark B.

**Seconded by:** Ruth S.

**Voting:**

**Central- yes**

**Northeastern- yes**

**Eastern- yes**

**Southeastern- yes**

**Elk Horn- yes**

**McCook- yes**

**Fremont- yes**

**Great Plains- yes**

**PASSED**

**Motion 3a:** Increase PI budget from \$250 to \$450 a quarter

**Intent:** Increase meeting list printing by 1,000 and to attend a Public Conference

**Submitted by:** Gus R. PI Region Chair

**Seconded by:** Diane B. Vice Chair

**Voting:**

**Central- yes**

**Northeastern- no**

**Eastern- yes**

**Southeastern- yes**

**Elk Horn- yes**

**McCook- yes**

**Fremont- yes**

**Great Plains- yes**

**PASSED**

**Motion 3b:** To have the General Assembly be a part of the NRSC

**Intent:** We have it and use so let us take responsibility for it

**Submitted by:** Gary D. Acting H&I

**Seconded by:** Pat W.

**Voting:**

**Central- yes**

**Northeastern- no**

**Eastern- yes**

**Southeastern- no**

**Elk Horn- yes**

**McCook-**

**Fremont- yes**

**Great Plains- yes**

**PASSED**

The secretary made two Motion 3's, to correct it, there is an 3a and 3b. I apologize for any confusion and the miss print in January's minutes.

**OPEN FLOOR:**

Mike- Needs meeting lists

Shawn- Convention Committee, standing committee that was taken back to groups and voted on is wonderful, affect each convention with no clarification or intent, change wording, no rescind, change wording a bit to be an advisory committee instead of standing to clarify vision and work. All trusted servants roll over to the advisory committee to draw experience strength and hope from. Serve as long as wanted to.

Mark- Somebody to help with committee, what goes on to next convention likes what Shawn said. Somebody to help guide.

Wanda- Thought advisory be extra tool could use or not if committee could contact this group.

Dan- Same as Mark said How do we influx people into committee? Have them sign names?

Keith- Committee of support, that is why Shawn was to come up with guidelines for policy so no one was in control.

Shawn- Cool with advisory committee will make up some guidelines for policy for Region to check out.

Shellie- Work with Mary R. pulled in other areas making real area convention valuable experience.

Mark- Talked today at CAR workshop about Resolution A down size of World Board and committees and size of World Conference- basically Zonal representatives at World Conference- Votes at Zonal total votes with RD's. Zone works real hard to get Resolution A implemented in. Lead by example. Take proposal to Zone and set an example. How does this Region feel about this step? **Take back to groups for feed back.**

\*\*\*\*If you have any question about this please call Mark or Brian. I could not write as fast as he was talking. I hope I got some of it right, if not once again I apologize. \*\*\*\*

Brian- Region does not carry insurance and should some regions do carry. Website has more information about this.

Shawn- There is a link on website

### **Open floor cont.**

John- RCM's please inform your groups that at the last World Convention 78 delegates from the U.S. were attendance and only 14 service board members out of 112 delegates. Leaving 20 delegates from the rest of the world ( who are mostly running off of a zonal

type structure). We should take a look at this, and lead by example by electing a zonal delegate. Also our groups should look at the fact that our zone has been meeting for at least 10 yrs. We should be ready to move to a zonal structure. If we should look at whether we should still be funding our RD and Alt. RD to continue attending zonal functions.

If I missed quoted anyone please forgive me, I try the best I can. Thank you.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NRCNA XXV- BIDS ARE OPEN**

CENTRAL- has offered a bid

NEASC- has offered a bid

**BIDS CLOSE IN JULY.**

Bring all information to July's region to go into minutes to go back to groups for vote. THIS IS IMPORTANT SO PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR BID PROPOSALS!

**Motion 1:** To reimburse the Secretary back \$23.19 for extra cost of mailing the January's regional Minutes

**Intent: none**

**Financial Impact:** \$23.19

**Submitted by:** Penny F. Secretary

**Seconded by:** Mark B. RD

**Voting:**

**Central- yes**

**Northeastern- yes**

**Eastern- yes**

**McCook- yes**

**Elk Horn- yes**

**Southeastern- yes**

**Fremont- yes**

**Great Plains- yes**

**PASSED**

**New Business cont.**

**Motion 2:** To increase the RDA's daily personal allowance from \$25 per day to \$50 per day for the WSC 2006 only. This is not a request for any additional funds.

**Intent:** To cover food and transportation costs while at the WSC

**Financial Impact:** \$250.00

**Submitted by:** Mark B. RD

**Seconded by:** Ruth S. RCM

**Voting:**

**Central- yes**

**Northeastern- yes**

**Eastern- yes**

**McCook- yes**

**Elk Horn- yes**

**Southeastern- yes**

**Fremont- yes**

**Great Plains- yes**

**PASSED**

**Motion 3:** I am asking to be reimbursed for \$143.10 for hotel and gas for one way to the Midwest Governors Conference, that I attended last Aug. representing this Region

**Intent:** The Regional PI chair could not attend this and asked I went in his place. He asked I went.

**Financial Impact:** \$143.10

**Submitted by:** Mary R.

**Seconded by:** Mark B. RD

**Tabled back to groups to vote on**

Mary was under the impression she would be reimbursed, she brought all of her receipts, she apologizes for taking so long to turn them in, she was absent at one region and asked another member to bring it up at January's region this was not done. This was also not brought up in front of the region body before this was done. There were a lot of pro's and some con's to this motion.

Shawn R. motioned to close and Ruth S. seconded.

**REGION WILL MEET AGAIN JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2006 AT FONNER PARK IN GRAND ISLAND.**

**General Assembly @ Noon**

**Convention Meeting @ 1pm**

**Sub Committees @ 2pm**

**Regional Service meeting @ 3pm  
Speaker and Street Dance to follow  
Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Penny Field- Regional Secretary**

**Attachments:**

**Treasurer Report**

**NRCNA XXII expense sheet**

**Regional Mailing List**