

**Nebraska Regional Minutes July 2004
Grand Island, NE**

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

Ruth read the Twelve Traditions and Brian read the Twelve Concepts.

The following members were present:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson- Susan S	Treasurer- Dan M
Vice Chair- Diane B	RD- Larry R
Secretary- Sherry S	Alt RD- Mark B

AREAS:

Central NE- Randy L	Northeastern NE- Don J & John C
Eastern NE- Dale B & Darryl M	Elkhorn Valley- Jim S & Mike H
Fremont- Christy B & Burt M	Southeastern NE- Kevin C & Jeff W
Great Plains- Ruth S	Platte Valley- absent

SUB-COMMITTEES:

Hospitals & Institutions- Jeff D	Public Information- Gus R
NRCNA 21- Brian S	NRCNA 22- Jeff G
Policy- Shawn R	

VISITORS:

Mary	Penny	Heather
Craig	Robert	Rickee
Gina	Shadow	Brandy
Brian	John	Eric
Raven	Gary	Tiffany

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Shawn R made the following correction- strike the 1st sentence of the last paragraph for ENNA's report.

Dale B made the following correction-strike "submitted by ENNA" and replace with "submitted by Dale B" on Motion 4.

Motion by Brian S & seconded by Don J to approve and accept the April 2004 minutes with the above noted corrections. PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Donations: \$2468.66
Expenses: \$1407.50
Ending Balance: \$2075.56
(SEE ATTACHMENT)

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:

NRCNA XXII Chair- Jeff G

Nominations for **Regional Delegate:** Mark B & Larry R (PonyBoy) **CLOSED**

Nominations for **Alternate Regional Delegate:** Brian S **CLOSED**

TAKE TO GROUPS VOTE in October

SERVICE RESUMES:

Larry R (PonyBoy)

Clean date 9-21-89

GROUP= GSR Alt, GSR, Treasurer

AREA=ASR Alt, ASR, H&I Chair, PI member (phoneline)

REGION=Policy Chair, H&I Chair, Co-Chair, Chair, Lit member

NEBRASKA REGION=NA member, Area chair, Alternate RD, RD

Brian S

Clean date 6-24-97

GROUP=GSR, Treasurer, Activities, H&I, Literature

AREA=Chair, RCM, Activities, PI

RUN for FUN=Chair, Merchandising, Cook

Mark B

Clean date 11-28-96

I've held all group level service positions and the following: H&I chair & vice-chair 4 yrs, Activities Chair app 6 mo, RCM & RCM Alt 2 yrs, RDA currently at the end of a 2 year term.

I've completed all the terms on service positions I've held with the exception of Activities Chair. I had to resign the position due to a temporary re-location for work reasons. I have an NA sponsor, attend only NA meetings, am currently working and living the steps, traditions, and concepts. I have the desire to serve as the RD and am willing to commit to the 4 yr term.

AREA REPORTS:

Central Nebraska: Hello friends- Central Area meeting attendance is good. We would like to see better group representation at area. We have a new Area PI Chair-person Robert J of Grand Island. Thanks & good luck Robert.

Basics Group is hosting a picnic August 14th at Noon at the Hall County park south of Grand Island. Hamburgers & hot-dogs are provided. Please bring a covered dish, beverage, and rec equipment. Our Area is taking nominations for RCM, RCM Alt, and H&I Chair. Thank you. In Loving Service, Randy L

Fremont: Hello from the Fremont Area. We held elections last month and have some new faces in our Area Treasurer, Activities Chair, and Phone Chair. I would like you to

help me welcome our new RCM- Christy B and RCM Alt- Burt M.

Our Area is up to eight meetings a week and all our meetings are doing well. We will be adding two more in the near future, Spanish Group and a Youth Group. We have found there to be a lot of interest in both groups. We hope both our new groups do well. We would like to thank Region for all it's support. We would not be here without you. Thank You Again In Loving Service, Brian K & Christy B

Southeastern NE: Well hello to all of you from all of us around SENANA. My name is Kevin C and I am an addict. Things around our Area are doing OK. Gary D, Jeff W and I have gotten the PO Box up-to-date with the Post Office. FYI- they needed ID's for the people who will be picking up the mail from the box. It's a new Federal guideline since 9/11. Some of our service committees are in need of some help, but what is new. Things will work out, they always seem to that is.

We have some money for NRSC. SENANA ASC has a donation of \$200. The Thursday How & Why is donating \$34.40, Sunday Morning Reflections for \$15.75, and the Happy Havelock Group has \$68.00 for this quarter's donation. That is a total of \$318.15 to our Region.

Well folks thats about all this addict has for this report. Since as so often, I have put things off 'til the last minute again and it is 1:00am the mourning of Region. In Loving and Yawning Service, Kevin C

Northeastern NE: Hello Family. The last Region was hosted by Northeastern and was a good turnout. Thanks to everybody for their support.

The Hog Roast was also a good turnout. Thank you everybody for your support. Recovery is good and doing well. In Loving Service, Don J

Great Plains: Hello Everyone from Great Plains Area. Attendance has been down. Summertime always seems to pull people away, but, all-in-all the fellowship is pretty strong.

We held our 14th Annual Father's Day Camp-out in June. The weather kept some people away, but, for those who endured, it was a great time.

Our Area is forming a PI committee. It is slow going, but, hopefully will be coming together soon.

The Sunday Noon, Day by Day and Just for Tuesday Candlelight all made donations, totaling \$160.00 to Region this quarter.

Our Area will be hosting Region next quarter in Kearney. Hope to see you there. In Loving Service, Ruth S

Elkhorn Valley: All is well in Norfolk this quarter. Things are stable in the meeting department. There are no new meetings to report.

Our ASC is in the process of elections for new positions, so next quarter should hold new service members in all areas.

Activities are in full swing this summer. We had an excellent turnout for our 2nd Annual "Moonlight Madness" camp-out. Thanks to everyone that showed up. Our next function will be our Day in the Park at Ta-Ha-Zouka park in Norfolk. This is the "umpteenth" annual and is always a good time. Info will be provided soon.

The Convention committee is moving forward and positions are just about filled and most are in full operation.

This is my last quarter as RCM as elections will be held tomorrow. I am thankful for my chance to serve at the Regional level. I have made some good friends around the state over the past few years, and best of all, I'm still clean!

In Loving Service, Jim S

Eastern Nebraska: Meetings within our Area are predominately doing well. New meetings are starting and old meetings are continuing. NA is growing in ENNA. We donated 3 checks to Region. Darryl M is our new Alt RCM. Dale B- RCM and Darryl M- Alt RCM

Platte Valley: No Report

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

H&I:

Greetings all,

Today we discussed plans for our upcoming H&I Learning Day. Tentatively, it will be on the afternoon the New Day Group in Grand Island will have their Halloween Dance in October. Place and time are unsure at this time. We have a signup sheet for those who want flyers sent to them as soon as the date and time are confirmed.

We also passed out literature & discussed what makes a situation suitable for an H&I meeting as opposed to having a regular meeting.

Also expressed by all was how difficult it is to find people interested in volunteering for H&I work. How to gain the interest seems to be a quandary we all need to consider. In loving service, Jeff D

FASC H&I: We are still holding meetings every other Thursday at the Dodge County Judicial Center. We would like to go every Thursday, yet lack the recovering addicts to chair.

Are seeing an increase in females at meetings. Also a steady show of Spanish speaking inmates.

The other fellowship has changed their meeting day to Monday from Friday. This has proved to be beneficial to our meeting. We believe they (the inmates) are more serious about recovery.

Our committee would be grateful if anyone with H&I experience would or could come and speak at the DCJC meeting. In Your Service, Rickee J

Platte Valley: No Report

ENNA: All meetings are going well in the six facilities we are in with. Good attendance and sharing.

Did a presentation on Thursday at a treatment center which we are looking at going into. We are having a training day on August 1st at 3pm at 3000 Farnam St.

We have a new vice chair, Jim M.

Sorry I was not here last region, but I had another commitment at the same time.

We have collected 30 basic text's in our book drive and passed them out to all the facilities libraries we serve. In Loving Service Mary R

GPANA: No Report

Policy: Thank you to everyone for your assistance- Gary, Rick J & Kevin were extremely gracious and I appreciate their help.

I added the timeline & budget as requested by Region. Please review the last 2 pages as well as page 3 (the nominations and elections section). We will need to approve these changes &/or additions.

I noticed that we are lacking a few things in our policies- such as clean time requirements for sub-committee Chairs. Is this something we would like to add?

Something to consider. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

We have a \$50 budget and we have spent 31.20 so far on 2 printings, leaving a balance of \$18.80. Thanks, Shawn R

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

PI: The meeting opened with a moment of Silence followed by the Serenity prayer With 7 members present, we discussed:

The radio spot in Columbus is working good.

Central Chair- phonline and phone numbers.

Omaha has wallet sized directories and Central is wondering about doing these.

EVANA is looking at changing their phonline, maybe looking at a cell phone.

Talked about a meeting list on cable TV, also working on getting a PSA on TV.

EVANA makes a challenge to have a PSA on Area radio stations by next Region meeting.

NEASC- radio is selling spots during Columbus Days. It was decided that it would be affiliated with Columbus and thereby would be a violation of our Traditions.

Thanx, In loving service, Gus R

FASC: As reported last Region meeting we are still trying to update World on our meeting list. We are also getting ready to do our annual update mailing. There are about 35 contacts on our list. This does include Wahoo too. We will probably try and meet in person with Probation offices, Treatment centers, and those who have more referrals to our program.

The committee has created a Phonline Policy. We used several resources, including an old copy from the Lincoln area. This gives the Chair a better understanding of what is suggested. The end accountability goes to Public Information subcommittee for help and guidance.

There are currently 8 meetings, one every day of the week with 2 choices on Wednesday. In the works are two more , 1 for youth and 1 Spanish-speaking. More will be revealed!

Lastly, we would like to thank Region PI for their continued support by Meeting Directories distribution. Service to NA, Rickee J

Platte Valley: No Report

NRCNA XXI: Hi to all in the fellowship of NA,

The Convention Committee is meeting every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at York, NE 609 1/2 Grant St at 7pm.

We have cups now. The deadline for pre-registration must be postmarked by 8/7/04. If you don't have your registration in yet, please get them in.

We have 3 wonderful speakers, Karl B from Texas, Roseann S from Florida, and Vern D from Ohio. We have set contracts for 3 vendors and Tape to Tape. We set the agenda for workshops & filled all positions except Merchandising. Thanks to everyone who has helped to do the work for that position.

Please let us know if you are planning a fundraiser so we can make arrangements to help support the function. Thanks to all who have held fundraisers.

In Loving Service, Brian S

NRCNA XXII: Our Convention meetings are going really good. We've got a lot of involvement and I think all the committee head positions filled. We do need a new Convention Chair person. Candice G has volunteered.

Our meetings are at the Ramada Inn, room 100 on August 29th, Oct 24th, and Dec 12th at 4pm. In Loving Service, Jeff G

REGIONAL DELEGATE REPORTS:

RD: Family, Another WSC is over. Things were a little different this conference. There was much more discussion-based decision making being done.

There was several amendments to the motions in the CAR motion 20. To amend motion 4 by adding the language (specifically for the English Edition) to the end of the 3rd bullet paragraph. Add the language (specifically for the English Edition) to the end of the 4th bullet sentence. Add the language "if adopted, not including the revision of the personal stories section in languages editions other than English would allow the NA communities to freely adopt or not the most suitable personal stories section, including its introduction, according to their needs." to the last paragraph."

Motion #21. " To amend motion 4 by replacing the language in the 2nd to the last sentence to read, 'The timeframe for this work will be three conference cycles, from 2004 to 2010, including an 18 month review and input period.'"

Motion #22 "To amend motion 4 by deleting the words 'or all' from bullet #3."

Motion #23 "To amend motion 1. To direct the World Board to add an index to the Sponsorship Book prior to publication."

Motion #24 "To amend motion 13 by adding language to the WSC Rules of Order, item 9M 'To rescind the voting rights of the World Board Members at the World Service Conference.' By deleting language page 7, second paragraph of WSC Rules of Order."

Motion #25 "To amend motion 12 by adding language "Entrust to NAWS to select color and design of chips, key tags, and medallions for non-English speaking regions or countries whose culture or language find our present colors or designs unacceptable. Information will be provided at the following WSC.

The World Board recommended not to adopt any of these Motions.

The round tables were used for a lot of the reports from the World Services. We also had several Brain-Storming sessions: Cultivating Leadership, Making the New System Work, Strategic Plan Overview for World Services, Fellowship Development, Our Public Image, Infrastructure Issue, and Moving Forward with a Common Vision.

Our first Old Business discussion was like most, we started at 1:30pm and got done at 10:40pm....fun. But, the good thing about these discussions was that when we got to the voting, it went real smooth. We ended up with 63 motions and if there is an Area that wishes a copy of them all, please let me know and I will get a copy to you. There will be

a copy of the Budget and Project Approval prioritization list, and the Motions Carried/Committed list.

Through the consensus based decision process, we made several changes to our existing Lit & Merchandise. We added a reading to our Group packets (When at the End of the Road). The Third Step Prayer poster we added (many of us have said we wanted). We also changed the Medallion from Roman numerals to the Numeric system, because we are getting a lot of members with a lot of years and the space for numbers is too small.

All in all, it was a very good and productive conference. At this time, I wish to thank the Nebraska Region and the fellowship for allowing me the privilege and honor to serve them at this level. I truly am blessed and honored. Thank you and I LOVE YOU ALL.

In Loving Services, PonyBoy

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

Additional Conference information is available in the June issue of NAWS News

ALT RD: Howdy folks,

Well where to begin? What an experience it was to attend the Conference. So I should start by saying what an honor and privilege it was to represent our region. Thank you for allowing me that. I went to the Conference full of fear, not knowing what to really expect and came home full of the spirit of recovery and the love of service in Narcotics Anonymous. My fears were quickly laid to rest as we got down to business. I won't be redundant in my report as PonyBoy will cover the meat of the business. But, I would like to touch on some of the more memorable events of the Conference for me.

First was the seating of two new Regions, Venezuela and Chile. Also seeing the RD from Greece who was attending her 1st Conference as the newest seated Region. One of the most important things we discussed, I felt anyway, was Fellowship Development. Basically, outreach on a world-wide level. We even got to see a slide show of a recent trip our WSO made to China at the request of their government to help with the addiction problems they are dealing with.

Some of the other highlights for me were- The approval of the Sponsorship Book and the related changes to the JFT book. The approval of the changes to the personal stories in the Basic Text. The election of 7 new World Board members, 2 co-facilitators and 3 HRP members. Also the discussions on Leadership Development, Public Image, and Infrastructure were awesome. I learned so much from these discussions that I would like to share with the rest of the Region through possibly some learning day events or workshops.

I was equally surprised at how easy the business sessions went. Before each business session, there were "pre-business discussion sessions" where the pros and cons were discussed on each motion, allowing all this to happen before the actual business sessions made those sessions go much faster and easier. So much for all the chaos I expected! We even got a day at a local ranch to relax and unwind.

Expect a change to our medallions real soon, also a new reading in our meeting packets, and a change to our posters.

I think I've covered just about everything I wanted to without going into the actual business which is in PonyBoy's report. But, I will gladly answer any questions and I've included an expense report and receipts for my portion of the funding. Once again, let

me thank all of you for the opportunity, honor, and privilege to serve the Nebraska Region.
ILS, Mark B

Hotel	\$487.71		
Transportation	\$52.00	Received	\$880.00
NAWS	\$40.00	Used	\$854.71
Meals x11 days 25 ea	\$275.00		
TOTAL	\$854.71		

GSR ASSEMBLY: No report

OPEN FLOOR:

ENNA is submitting a Bid proposal for NRCNA XXIII and read the following:

"Greetings from ENNA:

My name is Mary R and our Area would like to bid on hosting the 2006 NRCNA XXIII convention. Attached is the information from the Crown Plaza Hotel in Omaha, NE. Our ad-hoc committee met on May 23rd to begin planning. Addicts in attendance were Mary R, ad-hoc chair, Joe w, Tina Mc, Cary H, Tami B, Stuart S, Charity W, Lynda S, and Suzy B. All in attendance have given tentative commitments to be of service in one form or another and all support the nomination of mary R as chair of the NRCNA XXIII committee if ENNA is awarded the bid."

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

The following report was read to the Region: "The Run for Fun Committee would like to say thank you for all your support. It was a wonderful year for the Run for Fun camp-out. All positions have been filled for next years Run for Fun camp-out, lots of new faces stepping up for the service work. We would like to donate \$500.00 to the Region. In Loving Service, 2004 Run for Fun Committee"

Could the Region Web site include a section to identify when and where Region meetings would be held quarterly? YES, this info will be added.

Also, request of clarification regarding minutes being sent to the executive and voting committee members. YES, these will be sent to those members regardless of attendance at previous Region meetings. (assuming address info is available)

Has a concern regarding this body nominating an unexperienced member to the World Board and wonders why?

The "Good Old Boy" network seems to be supported by sending representatives to the WSC 4 times and suggests we reconsider the recently changed term limits, 8 years may be too long a service commitment.

Regarding Policy (qualifications) does the Guide to Service state criteria? NO.

The following Area meeting schedule info will be added to the Region Website:

CENTRAL 2nd Sunday of month at 1pm
 EASTERN 3rd Monday of month at 6pm
 EVANA 2nd Sunday of month at 4pm
 FREMONT 2nd Sunday of month at 2pm
 GPANA 1st Sunday of month at 1pm
 PLATTE VALLEY (info currently unavailable)
 NORTHEASTERN 1st Sunday of month at 4pm
 SENANA 1st Sunday of month at 2pm

A list of email addresses will also be provided to the Web-master for the executive Committee members.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Central NE- Abstain

Eastern NE - Yes

Elkhorn Valley - Yes

Fremont - Yes

Great Plains - Abstain

Northeastern - Yes

Platte Valley - **Absent**

Southeastern - Yes

PASSED

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion 1. H&I Subcommittee would like to ask the RSC to donate \$100 to Central nebraska Area to help with costs of an H&I Learning Day in October.

Motion by- Jeff D -H&I

Seconded by- Gus R -PI

INTENT: To help defray Learning Day costs without using money which is currently being spent on literature.

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MOTION to TABLE Motion #1 by Dale B ENNA seconded by Ruth S GPANA take back to groups-does not change policy

Central NE- No

Eastern NE - Yes

Elkhorn Valley - No

Fremont - No

Great Plains - Abstain

Northeastern - No

Platte Valley - **Absent**

Southeastern - No

FAILED

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Central NE- Yes

Eastern NE - Yes

Elkhorn Valley - Yes

Fremont - Yes

Great Plains - Yes

Northeastern - Yes

Platte Valley - **Absent**
PASSED

Southeastern - Yes

**REGION WILL MEET AGAIN ON October 9, 2004 in Kearney at Harmon Park Rec
Center 5th Ave and 31st St.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY @ NOON
SUB-COMMITTEES @ 2PM
REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE @ 3PM**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Sherry S - Secretary

attachments:

Treasurer report

RSC Participants List from 7-10-04

NE Region Motion Form

Revised NE Region Policy

Draft Minutes WSC 2004 (pg 32, 56, & 57)

NRCNA XXIII Bid Proposal