

Nebraska Regional Minutes July 8th, 2006
Grand Island, NE

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

Mark 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.	Secretary-Penny F.
Vice Chair-Diane B.	RD-Mark B.
Treasurer-Dan M.	Alt RD-Brian S.

Areas:

Central NE-RCM Dan B.
Eastern NE-acting RCM Mark B.
Elk Horn Valley-RCM Brent L. Alt RCM Eric D.
Fremont-RCM Jackie Alt RCM Jimmy
Great Plains-RCM Ruth S.
Platte Valley- RCM Bernie W.
Northeastern NE-Alt RCM Mary R.
Southeastern NE-RCM Pat W.

Sub Committees:

Hospitals & Institutions-Dale B.
Public Information-Robert J.
Policy-absent
NRCNA 23-acting Stuart S.
NRCNA 24-acting Penny F.

Visitors:

Kevin	Lin	Kimberly	Karen
Wanda	Stuart	Jerry	Moe
Steve	Mark	Spencer	Megan
Daryl	JD	Mark	Nancy
Dewayne	Junior	Ponyboy	Gary
Steve	Shelby	John	

Secretary's Report:

Motioned by Ruth S. and seconded by Brent L. to approve and accept April's minutes.
Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance:	3465.00
Income:	486.78
Total Balance:	3951.78
Expenses:	1588.73
Ending Balance:	2363.05

(see attachment)

Area Report:

Central NE: Hello family and welcome to Central. I hope you all stay for the speaker and dance tonight. This is a fundraiser for our convention in Omaha. The groups are all doing well. Area is trying to get more organized and looking to fill most positions. In Loving Services Dan B.

ENNA: Hello family. Greetings from ENNA/ Things are continuing to progress in area. We have a new Area Chairperson: Ann W. Our PI Committee is up and running and has united with our Newsletter Committee. Our H & I Committee kicked off its Project Primary Purpose and it seems to be going well after learning experience in the beginning. Our Area is still looking to fill Alternate RCM position and the Area Treasurer position has just opened again. We are still needing to fill some of our sub-committees are continuing to serve our Area to the best of their ability. The time is getting close for the Regional Convention and our Area is looking forward to it with great excitement. We look forward to a weekend filled recovery, fellowship, and unity. Hope to see you there. We are aware that the convention committee has lost some of its members and is looking for some. We have been assured that the committee is on top of everything and have that all will turn out as it should. As always, any extra helping hands be greatly appreciated. There are several events planned in our area this quarter. Information was available on our web site. I apologize for my absence this quarter, but situations at work made it impossible for me to get free for this committee meeting. I would like to thank Mark B. for representing our Area in my absent and have every confidence in his ability to represent our Area's conscience. Look forward to seeing you all at the convention, or at the next Regional Service Committee Meeting. In Loving Service, Keith P.

Elk Horn Valley: Hello to the rest of the Nebraska Region from EVANA. My name is Brent & I'm an addict from Norfolk. Things are going well in our area. Lots of people staying clean and getting involved. Still have nearly 20 meetings going strong and 8 H & I meetings in 4 different facilities. We've got a lot of people new to service getting involved and we're very focused on building our services structure from the ground up. Coming up Sept. 9th we're having a day in the Park at TA HA ZOUKA Park in Norfolk, and are looking for a time to host a Regional H & I Learning Day. We'll make sure the rest of you know as soon as we know! As our area is trying to build our prudent reserves, which is hard to do without a budget, we once again have no check for region. Thanks For Letting Me Serve, Brent L. EVANA RCM.

Fremont: Hello everyone from Fremont. I would first like everyone to meet Jimmy S.

He is taking on the position of the RCM Alt. For our Area. The Area is doing well, attendance is holding steady as we approach the summer month. Elections were held this last month and everyone seems to be handling their new positions well. Our new activities chair is already planning some summer activities including a Barbeque set for July 30th at Daven Port Park. HI chair has submitted a report to sub committees and is doing well. He is also grateful for the literature received last region. Our Pi chair is also doing well and is currently talking to the local Radio station about some possible PSA's other than that I can't think of anything else to report. I'm glad to be back at the region this July holding a new position as the Fremont Area RCM and hope I can fill it as well as Christy M. has, also our Area was able to donate \$40 to the region this quarter. In Loving Service, Jackie B. Sorry for being late.

Great Plains: Hello everyone from GPANA. Everything seems to be going well. Most groups are reporting good & steady attendance. Our Area held nominations & elections this quarter and we have filled most of our service position filled by next region. We held our Annual Mid Summer Nite Campout on Fathers Day weekend. There was not a good turn out, but 4 inches of rain tend to put a damper on camping enthusiasm. We are slowly getting our committee together for NRCNA 24. Penny F is our chair and Lynda F and Kim are our co-treasures. We have opened a P. O. Box and will get our account opened next week. I do have \$80 in donations for Region. \$40 from the Day by Day group and \$40 from the Sunday Noon Group. In Loving Service, Ruth S.

Platte Valley: The Platte Valley Area has been unorganized the last several years. The McCook Group and both Platte Groups are working together to correct the situation and to become more active at Region. A new RCM and Alternate RCM will probably be elected between the July and October Region meetings. It has also been asked among Platte Valley member whether or not Lexington, Cozad or any other communities might have NA groups that would like to join our Area. Meetings in both North Platte groups are pretty strong at the moment, with a total of 17 or 18 meeting weekly combined. The newest NP group is celebrating their 2nd Anniversary on Fri. July 21. If you need details please contact Darrold at 308-532-4820. The McCook Group is down to 3 meetings per week, the fewest in over 15 years. Attendance is weak but there's still some hardcore "old-timer" keeping the doors open. The forecast for the Platte Valley Area? Sunny in NP and stormy in McCook. Reported by Steve H., submitted by Bernie W. RCM.

Northeastern Ne: Hello every one, sorry I am not able to attend today, my dad & step mom are passing through on their way to my brothers place in Branson. Mary R. is representing NEASC as the Alt. RCM. Be nice to her, it's her first time at regionals, thanks. Joe C. from Columbus will be delivering the bid proposal from NEASC to the Region. We have a \$200.00 Donation to Region from NEASC. The Hog Roast was a continued success. David City is hosting it's 3rd annual BBQ at the David City Park., August 13, meats will be provided, please bring a side dish. York back to basics and the Aurora step-takers will be hosting their Annual Unity Campout August 4, 5, 6 at Windmill Park in Gibbon. Everyone is welcome., the GENOA campout is August 18, 19,

Northeastern Cont.:

and 20th. If flyers are not available at Region I will mail them to Area's RCM's , so please, send me my minutes, thanks for letting me serve. John C., NEASC RCM.

Southeastern Ne: Hello family. It's great to be able to be back to region. Thanks for your patience when I was gone last region. Our Area has been busy. Summer has come on with a blast and our different groups and NA members have held different activities. We just had two different opportunities to celebrate the fourth of July with other addicts. Imagine that, and addict having to make a decision on where to go to have fun. Oh well, it was fun any way. Our Area is turning in a total of \$32.78 in Region donations. \$20.00 from the Tuesday Let It Out Group, \$7.78 from Sunday Morning Reflections, and \$5.00 from Saturday Nite Live Group. Our Area is having a function on July 30th, 2006 at Crystal Springs; it's to celebrate Monday Nite Live's one year in NA. It run's 11am until whenever; there is also a Potluck Dinner. Crystal Springs is by Fairbury, NE. See the flyers. Our votes for the two motions are as follow: Brian for region delegate is a Yes vote, the vote to reimburse Mary for expenses for the Governor's Conference is No. That's all we have for now family. In Loving Service Pat W. Contact Info. 402-783-5701 (HOME) 402-840-2873 (CELL).

RD Report: Hello Family., Well we've got a lot to cover so lets get to it. Instead of trying to go thru all of this information one motion at a time I've taken the liberty to copy the draft record that the WSC created for us. This covers all the motions we voted on, all the elections, all the straw polls and all the NAWS projects we approved and how we prioritized them. To save the cost of mailing all these I've made copies for all the RCM's and officers. Also at the back of these packets I've included the Issue Discussion Topics for this conference cycle. Those are the Facts as we got them but of course in my usual manner I would like to summarize the conference for you. To begin with I think the issue we spent the most time on concerned what was referred to as "Common Needs" workshops to be held at World Conventions. Common Needs is what we have traditionally referred to as Special interest groups etc. After many many many hours of discussion on this issue it was approved. While on this subject the issue of convention guidelines came up and the fact that most of them were outdated. The long and the short of it is that we threw out the existing convention guidelines. So at this time there are no standing convention guidelines. Over the last 4-6 years a lot of NAWS focus has been on fellowship development. I am excited to report the seating of 3 new regions. Iran, Western Russia, and South Africa were all seated at this conference. With mixed emotions I also need to report that there were 2 regions within the United States that were not seated. They were the North Carolina Region and the Bluegrass Appalachian Region. Most of the rest of my report will be in the oral form so I'll move on to our next order of business. This will be my last region meeting as the Regional Delegate and I would like to take a minute to thank the region for their trust and support over the last 4 years. It has been my honor and a privilege to serve the Neb. Region. I've been allowed the opportunity to travel to many wonderful places all in the name of recovery only to be rewarded with hundreds of new relationships with addicts from all over the world. As a result of that not only has my recovery grown but my knowledge of this fellowship and its intricate working

RD Report Cont.:

have been revealed to me. This is not just a bonus for me but has a direct impact on our region, my area and all the addicts I come in contact with. There are no words that could ever express my gratitude for these gifts. It has truly been a privilege, thank you all so very much, ILS Mark B.

Financial Report

Beginning Balance **\$1797.73**

RDA Expenses **\$-600.00**

Hotel **\$-508.23**

Copies/Supplies **\$-51.09**

Gas/Travel **\$-307.18**

Gov. Conference **\$-100.00**

Total **\$-1566.50**

Ending Balance **\$231.23**

Alt. RD: Hi family, where to begin. There has been a lot go on around the world the last two years so I'll touch on the highlights! The issue of insurance was brought up, there are 3 lawsuits in NA going on right now. Lawsuits are increasing at an alarming rate & NAWS does not get involved in lawsuits at local levels or cannot be come directly involved or they risk all the world assets in lawsuits. The W.S.O., suggested Region that's the can afford Insurance should look into getting it & be sure to get protection for service members. The web has become the No. 1 Vehicle for literature orders, NAWS is creating a new & restructured web sight which should help to navigate it easier & better! NAWS has asked the Regions & Areas to send in copies of their Guidelines for Conventions & Areas & Regions so they can make it available to share with other regions & areas who are struggling with such matters. As some of you may know the world convention guidelines was voted out as outdated & wasn't being followed for the last 9 years. During discussion on this matter I did hear an idea a region is doing I felt was worth mentioning they invite Probation Officers & Professionals in their communities to attend workshops & speaker meetings at their conventions some strategic planning in this area could create a effective way to help in our Public Relations efforts! Now I'd like to share some Information about literature first off Iran asked for help because they experienced extreme growth. They used 1.1 million IPs in a month they have 4706 meetings every week people with 5-6 years clean time some with times sponsor 100-plus addicts & there are still 6-7 million more addicts to reach they have used almost a 1/3 of our literature products this last cycle. Now we will talk about China. There is a meeting starting in Ka Ming in Southern China, they have a new primere so a lot of our efforts over there ere abandoned by them because of politics, the government refuse communication with NA. There was

Alt. RD Cont.:

38 people executed for drug dealing in China last year. They have 4 million active addicts and there are 1 million getting treatment. But they have 100 % recidivism or failure. NAWS has asked if you know any member who speak & read Chinese or Asian speaking languages to contact WSO as they need help in translations of literature! In Vietnam NA is not allowed to gather because of the word God in literature. NA in Cuba was order to disban by threat to their family homes & themselves. They even monitored emails & internet. In some countries in the middle east it is illegal to have more than three people meet. One of the problems in Iran is women have been shut out of the meetings due to the culture. Translations in India are very difficult because they have 18-20 principle languages. I could talk a lot more about this stuff like a 17 year old boy sits down at a table with his mother & that is how we got our first literature translated to Swahili so se have literature in Africa who was seated along with Russia at the World Service Conference this cycle. But if you wan to know more see me after the meeting or contact me & I will be happy to help you get this information in greater detail. Which brings us to Issue Discussion topics 2006-2008 I will send my copy out in the minutes & will be more than willing to help in any way I can to workshops these topics and relay the results to WSO. The next ZONAL will be August 24, 25. 26th, 2006 at Rosebud Reservation we will be presenting NA to the Lakota Nations Tribal council. And all are welcome to attend & help. They only other thing I would like to cover is to tell Mark thank you for mentoring me in this service position he has done a fantastic job of representing our region in the true spirit of selfless service. Thank You Mark. The review and input for the basic text will be from Sept. 06 - Feb. 07. Contact me if interested in the process & I will get you the forms. Also I would like to share NAWS is producing literature without staple in them so correction facilities can have them shipped to them and it doesn't create security issues! The result of Discussion topics Leadership and our public image. I will send out with the minutes as it is very informative but lengthy! In Loving Service, Brain L.

Sub Committees:

Hospital & Institutions: Our meeting was attended by 12 members, 3 Area Chairs & 8 dedicated members. EVVNA has requested to host a regional H & I workshop. Dan please give Spencer \$100 from our budget to assist them in this project. We did not receive reports or participation from several Area Chairs (You know who you are). I'd like to ask the RCM's to please request that your Area H & I chairs either attend or send a report to our committee so we can promote more unity within our sub committee & better support our endeavors. And spread our message within our institutions & hospitals. Dale B.

Public Information: Hello family. Our P.I subcommittee meeting was small & informal. In attendance was Pat & Kevin for Senana & Robert J. form Central. Senana is doing well. There phone line is up & running & still looking into a more cost efficient was to run it. Although the current way is effective. They are also looking into PSA. Centrals PSA's (Radio & T.V.) are still up and running. I'm sorry to inform you the 800 number is no longer working so if I could ask each area to cross it off there meeting lists since there are no new lists this Quarter. They are still having trouble getting support in P.I efforts.

PI Cont.:

We also discussed setting up a booth at the state fair on the Regional level. Plans have been worked up but didn't make it to the sub committee meeting. So we need a little more time to present how this will effect our budget. In Loving Service Robert J. (Would also like for Area PI chairs to attend or send reports).

Policy: Absent

NRCNA XXIII: Hello Region. We need help. But things are going along fine. Just need able body to help out. We still need a set of books from all Area's if they can help out. Also did any one bring back if group & Area would like to help out in hospitality room. Remember pre-registration ends July 23rd at \$18.00 reg. And \$38.00 full after that it \$25 and \$45. In Love & Service, Mary R.

NRCNA XXIII: Date is Sept. 28, 29, 30, 2007 at Ramada Inn. I was voted in as Chair. We are starting to get Committees together. Anyone interested in being a part of Great Plains Convention plans please let us know. Thanks for letting me serve. Loving Service, Penny F. (Would like to have Convention Guideline Book if NCRNA 23 is done.)

General Assembly: Moment of Silence. Prayer.

Area Issues:

Steve-McCook-Platte Valley real weak working with North Platte to fix for attendance at Region. McCook at weakest level they have been for meetings.

Daryl-North Platte-Strong Meetings 13 meetings a week women and teen groups. 4-20 people attendance. Have a Club House--Dicky Building.

Ruth-Kearney-OK-Area hard time keeping GSR's. Strong Area-nominations and elections, most positions filled.

Lexington-meetings in Dan closed. Tues. and Fri. no one shows. Have been contacted to join Kearney.

Dan-Grand Island-Hastings no participation in Area. Area- negligent-acting treasurer-Sunday should have new one. Old one missing in action. Bills not get paid. Problems with groups represent at Area. H & I needs Chair. Nothing going on. Friday night really large! 80 people coming from St. Francis & when get out they keep coming back.

Spencer J.-Elkhorn Valley-issues at Area level all positions filled over 20 meetings in ENNA. All GSR attend business meeting. Area Treasurer-thinks they don't need a budget & pays what she wants. H & I is blowing up-8 meetings going. Starting phone line-no one really likes the automated mail line. 1/2 3/4 houses help out with attendance. Too many service positions for one person burns them out. Like to do another H&I Learning Day.

General Assembly Cont.:

Gary-Lincoln-2 months ago terrible. Last few weeks has blossomed. Mail box flyers-were old everything done, dragging people out of Lincoln to get to functions, waste of money, loss of people showing up. Trying to check mail box more often. Lincoln talk of out reach committees to help meetings that are struggling, have person from O R to open meetings when no one is able to do so. Nebraska city would like to get a meeting started.

August 25-26-27 Zonal Forum. Needs to get info out to small committees to share experience Strength and Hope.

Brent-1st clean, 6 meetings, now 20. His home group leads by example. *What do we need group structure for* We didn't do that 16 years ago. Trying to get Area online & structured. Butting heads is not the way to do it, people who do stick around & read local service-growing pains.

Dan-Area getting into group level-noon meetings no-show. Area level decided to close meeting up. Someone upset that Area did that. *Columbus-Scott-\$7000. Cooker for hog roast was damaged from a grease fire. Owner not happy. Omaha-OK. Would like McCook to host Region. *North Platte better option.

General Assembly- needs to start at noon & committee members should be accountable to be here at noon. Hardly no one here. And it was voted in to be accepted as a part Region.

I apologize if I missed quoted anyone. I did the best I could, for as fast as people talk.

Nominations & Elections:

Congratulations to Brain S. as new RD.
All areas voted yes. Passed

Alt. RD Bio: Hello Nebraska! I am submitting this resume for the approval of the Nebraska Region for the position of Alternate Regional Delegate. In addition to group and ASC service, I sponsor men in Narcotics Anonymous, and my sponsor and grand sponsor hail from Narcotics Anonymous as well. I currently attend 3+ meetings weekly. I have held several positions that required me to be responsible for NA funds and have always handled those positions with trust and integrity. I am well acquainted with the steps, traditions, concepts and the Guide to Local Service. I have researched the position of Alternate Regional Delegate as well as Regional Delegate and am fully willing to fulfill the position including all travel to other areas, WSC and Zonal commitments.

ENNA 98-present
Close Encounters Area Convention
Chair: 2 terms

Nebraska Region
NRCNA 2006
Treasurer (current)

Alt. RD Bio. Cont.
Treasurer

Clean Date
2/18/98

Literature Committee

Treasurer

ASC

Treasurer: 2 terms

Ad Hoc

ASC audit committee

Another Sunday Nite Group

GSR: several terms

Treasurer (current)

A New Life Group

Secretary

It would be a great honor to be allowed to serve as Alternate Regional Delegate for the Nebraska Region.

In humble service,

Stuart S.

Omaha, NE

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS AND VOTE

NRCNA XXIII Chair Bio:

Penny Field

Clean Date 8/9/01

Home Group-Just for Tuesday Night Candlelight meeting GSR 1yr

Area-Secretary 1 yr, Alt RCM 1yr. H & I jail meeting Currently

Region-Currently Secretary

I have attend every Region for the past two years. I do my best to get the minutes out within a week to cause less chaos for all areas and for the groups to get a chance to vote. I have worked the steps of Na and currently sponsor women addicts in the program. I have a working knowledge of the 12 traditions and the 12 concepts. I would really enjoy serving in this service position. In loving service Penny F.

Take back to groups to vote on

Old Business:

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

PASSED

Open Floor:

Mark- To remind Zonal. Alt Alt Rd-motion to remove from policy due to funding and responsibility. Out going Rd stay in as advisory for 1 year.

Gary- Good idea real important that Exc. Committee to keep coming back and help as a resource are for motion.

Mark- ASC \$32 in gas Alt and RD funded 25 per trip to attend ASC. Not enough funds should give more money to raise to \$40 or \$50 any input.

Gary- Made a requirement to go if we don't fund them, bring gas receipts and add to their budget.

Kevin- Agrees whole hardly, pay a mileage. Income tax he gets 50cent a mile for maintenance. The region body may want make it a mileage and become accountable for their mileage.

Dale- Keep in mind when voting the budget for funding 25\$ was in 1998.

Kevin-If RD and Alt. Not live in same town could meet up and car pool.

Gary-Central NE lost their 800 phone number line and asks that it is crossed of meeting lists.

Penny- General Assembly was voted in to be apart of Region and none of the Executive Committee was there and it is to start at Noon. Always talk about getting newcomers involved and being accountable I feel our region needs to look at this and be responsible and accountable as well.

New Business:

NRCNA XXV has a bid proposal from Central.

Proposal included in attachments back of minutes.

Motioned by Bernie to close bids and seconded by Brent

Passes to close.

Take back to groups to vote on

Motion 1: To reimburse Sec. Penny F. \$5.63 for costs of mailing Regional minutes for April 06.

Intent: none

Financial Impact: \$5.63

Submitted by: Penny F. Regional Sec.

Seconded by: Ruth S. RCM

PASSED

Motion 2: To increase Secretary budget to \$100.00 per quarter

Intent: to cover cost of mailing, postage and copies of regional minutes, due to attendance growing and the cost of postage going

up

Financial Impact: \$25.00

Submitted by: Penny F. regional sec.

Seconded by: Ruth S. RCM

Take back to groups to vote on

Motion 3: To suspend the policy pertaining to not allowing one addict to hold more than one position at the RSC-pertaining to Penny holding Convention Chair and RSC Secretary

Intent: To allow Penny to chair NRCNA 24 for the Great Plains Area and still hold her position as RSC Secretary

Financial Impact: none

Submitted by: ENNA

Seconded by: Danny B.RCM

PASSES

Motion 4: To form a Ad-hoc committee to see into and obtaining insurance to cover the entire region, areas, groups ect.

Intent: To financially protect our members and fellowship

Financial Impact: unknown at this time

Submitted by: ENNA

Seconded by: Brent L. RCM

PASSES Mark B. chair and will get assistants

Motion 5: To change the current policy for funding the RD & Alt RD \$25.00 per trip to visit each ASC to read 40 cents per mile

Intent: to financially respond to the needs of our RD & RDA

Financial Impact: unknown at this time

Submitted by: ENNA

Seconded by: Ruth S. RCM

Take back to groups to vote on

Motion 6: to remove the Alt to the Alt RD position and suggest that our out going Rd remain as a non funded advisor to the RD & RDA

Intent: to eliminate the confusion with the Alt Alt RD position

Financial Impact: none

Submitted by: ENNA

Seconded by: Danny B. RCM

Take back to groups to vote on

REGION WILL MEET AGAIN ON OCTOBER 14TH, 2006 AT THE TOWN HALL IN GILTNER.

General Assembly @ Noon

Convention Meeting @ 1pm

Sub Committees @ 2pm

Regional Service Meeting @ 3pm

???*May have speaker and dance to follow not for sure at the time minutes went out??**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Penny Field Regional Secretary

Attachments:

Treasurer report

Regional mailing list

2006-2008 Fellowship Issue Discussions