

**Nebraska Regional Minutes October 2004  
Kearney, NE**

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

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

Susan read the Purpose.

The following members were present:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chairperson- Susan S

Treasurer- Dan M

Vice Chair- Diane B

RD- absent (attending Zonal in SD)

Secretary- Sherry S

Alt RD- Mark B

**AREAS:**

Central NE- Dan B

Northeastern NE- Don J & John C

Eastern NE- Dale B

Elkhorn Valley- Mike H

Fremont- Christy B & Burt M

Southeastern NE- Jeff W

Great Plains- Ruth S & Penny F

Platte Valley- Jerie E

**SUB-COMMITTEES:**

Hospitals & Institutions- Jeff D

Public Information- *absent*

NRCNA 21- Brian S

NRCNA 22- *currently open*

Policy- Shawn R

**VISITORS:**

John K

Robert J

Shadow L

Gina B

Mary R

Tammy B

Denise W

Kim S

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Motion by Mark B & seconded by Brian S to approve and accept the July 2004 minutes.  
PASSED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Donations: \$1060.03

Expenses: \$1425.00

Ending Balance: \$2133.21

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

**NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:**

**Regional Delegate:** *Congratulations* - Mark B

**Alternate Regional Delegate:** *Congratulations* - Brian S

Jeff W agreed to continue serving as H&I chair to enable the RSC to return to the schedule for terms of service. *(Mark B suggested the committee seat a Vice Chair to provide an opportunity for training prior to elections for the next term of service)*

Nominations for **NRCNA XXIII Chair**: Mary R *CLOSED*

#### SERVICE RESUMES:

##### **Mary R**

Clean Date: 11-4-99

Service positions held include:

Group level- GSR, alt. GSR. group sec., group treasurer,

Sub-committee level-Phone-line Chair, vice chair and member, H&I Chair, vice chair, and panel leader and member.

I also coordinated the Regional H&I Learning days 2 years in a row. Coordinated the 1st Annual Speaker Jam in Omaha in May of 2004. Coordinated the ENNA Basic Text book drive for H&I, and have served on Close Encounters which is my Area's convention. My area service position as the H&I chair will be up in December of this year.

Have worked Steps 1-12 with an NA sponsor and currently am still working the Steps. I have an NA sponsor. I attend NA meetings. In addition, I'm very familiar with the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Narcotic's Anonymous. Also I will utilize "real world" experience as a professional event planner and caterer to make NRCNA XXIII a great success.

Have handled all service positions with integrity and will continue to act with the same honesty and willingness if elected as NRCNA XXIII chair. I have not misused any NA funds and I am willing to serve.

#### **AREA REPORTS:**

**Central Nebraska:** The Area business meeting has been doing better with people stepping up to the plate & taking on positions that have not been filled, like Public Information, Hospitals & Institutions and an Activities Chair.

The groups in the GI area have been reporting good group attendance. It has been hard for the Area to know how well the Hastings groups are doing since they don't attend Area meetings too often.

Area PI has set up an NA phone line for our Area. Right now it's running with a Grand Island number, but soon will be set up with an 1-800 phone number to serve the entire Area.

The Region H&I chairperson is going to have an H&I Learning Day in our Area on October 30th at Memorial Health Center conference room C. The address is 2116 W Faidley Ave in Grand Island.

The New Day group is sponsoring a Halloween dance & speaker at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Grand Island also on October 30th. Doors will open at 6pm.

We have a new RCM- Randy L & alt RCM- Danny B for the Area.

In Loving Service, Danny B

**Fremont:** Hello again from the Fremont Area Service Committee. We have been busy since our last region meeting. We have started our Spanish Group on Sunday nights at 6pm and it's starting to grow. We have also started our Youth Group on Friday nights at 6:30pm and it's growing with every meeting. We are starting a new meeting in Wahoo, NE. Our new meeting will start on Tuesday October 19th at 6pm and will be held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 504 W 8th in Wahoo. The rest of our meetings are still growing. We bought new readings for all our meetings with the new reading that came out in June 04 (We Do Recover). We are also getting ready for elections in December. Our PI committee has been busy also. We have been meeting with Care Corps, Dodge County Probation Office, and Fremont Youth Counsel. We are getting ready to meet with the treatment centers in our Area. We did our mailing to everyone in our Area in August. And we will be doing our Public Information Survey this month. Our Activities Committee has our 3rd Annual Halloween Bash coming up on October 30th and we would like you all to mark it on your calendar. Flyers are on the table, please pick some up for your Area. We are also getting ready for our Freeze Out and are looking for speakers for the Freeze Out. If you are interested, please contact our Hotline at (402) 459-9511 or send tapes or CD's to PO Box 1452 Fremont NE 68026-1452.

We'd like to thank you all for your support, without it we would not be able to grow.  
In Loving Service, Christy B & Burt M

**Southeastern NE:** Hello everyone from SENANA. My name is Jeff and I am an addict. I am also the RCM alt. SENANA is currently going through some changes. In the near future we hope to have a "Central Meeting Location" to start some new meetings. The location will be 2729 N 12th. More will be revealed. Our donations to Region are Happy Havelock \$54.00 and Thursday How & Why \$90.06. We also have \$70.00 from our Activities Committee for NRCNA XXII. Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season. See you all next year.  
In Loving Service, Jeff W

**Northeastern NE:** Hello everyone and greetings from NEASC. Our Learning Day is scheduled for November 6th at St Joseph's Hall with a function to follow. We filled our open positions and now have a full complement of officers and service positions. I think that's all for now. changes may follow. Thanx, John C

**Great Plains:** Hello Everyone from Great Plains Area. Things have been pretty quiet this last quarter. Meetings have been good and attendance seems to be picking up. Our Area had to vote in a new RCM alt. Penny F has graciously accepted the commitment for this position. Don't worry, I'm not going anywhere just yet. Our Area would like to thank Region for letting us host the Regional meeting this quarter.  
In Loving Service, Ruth S

**Elkhorn Valley:** Hello everyone from Elkhorn Valley. It's good to be here once again. Meetings are gaining in popularity and size. This is a good thing. Once again we are excited and busy planning for the 2005 Convention.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.  
In Loving Service, Mike H

**Eastern Nebraska:** ENNA is doing F.I.N.E. We will be having our Close Encounters Annual Fund Raiser on December 4th. It will be held at Grace Lutheran Church at 1326 S 26th St. I'm not sure when the doors open so come early, stay late. Kevin C will be our speaker.  
Dale B

**Platte Valley:** Hello everyone. Meetings have been slow. We dropped Wednesday noon and Friday night meetings. Mondays are the strongest meeting. We recently elected new service member positions.  
Jerie E

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **H&I:**

Hello all,

Only a few things to report from the H&I subcommittee today.

Our next Learning Day will be held Saturday October 30, 2004. It will be from noon to 4pm. The location will be:

Conference Room C

Memorial Health Center

2116 Faidley Ave

Grand Island, NE

Anyone interested in H&I work is welcomed & encouraged to attend. We would like to thank the Basics group in Grand Island for their donation of H&I handbooks for this Learning Day.

We met today & distributed literature. Thank you to the Areas which allowed us to donate to help them carry the message.

In loving service, Jeff D

**Policy:** Copies of revised policy distributed. To quote: "You have 'em. Life is good."  
Thanks, Shawn R

**PI:** PI is alive in Nebraska. Our Chair is out of town today, so you are all stuck with me. Central is working on PSA's. Fremont is still making presentations to schools, organizations, and professionals. Eastern is working on their website & has new projects in the works. Platte Valley is working on their website.

We encourage everyone to check out Area websites & of course our Region website. Please let us know if you have anything else you wish to see on our website.

The new meeting lists are here.

Thanks,

Gus (on the road) & Shawn

**NRCNA XXI:** The NRCNA XXI committee is happy to report that there were 148

registrations & there were no addicts turned away. We have decided to fix some of the banners before we finish closing the books. I'd like to thank the committee members for all their hard work & all the addicts that helped to make the convention happen. And thanks to everyone who showed up & supported the celebration of recovery in our Region. And thank you Region for letting us have your trust to be of service to NA. In Loving Service, Brian S

**NRCNA XXII:** *no report*

**REGIONAL DELEGATE REPORTS:**

**RD:** Family, Sorry I couldn't be there but the Zonal is this weekend. There is much going on at the World right now. They have got the work groups together. Basic Text is Jeff B-Illinois, Jose Luis A-Puerto Rico, Joyce F-New Jersey, Lib E-New Zealand, Michael McD-California/Washington, Peter H-United Kingdom, Samantha J-Oregon, and Trond E-Norway. The Public Relations Handbook are Billy R-Arizona, Jack H-Washington, Junior-Brazil, Mark H-New Zealand, Paul F-United Kingdom, Richie S-New York, Roseanne BA-California, Stephen K-Ireland, Tony W-South Carolina, and Valerie D-North Carolina. The routine and on-going work groups Business Plan are Bob McD-Georgia, Cary S-Illinois, Joao V-Brazil, Khalil J-Georgia, Mario T(Point-Person)-Australia, and Susan C-Washington. The NA Way Editorial Board is Gail D-New York, Keith Paul N-Tennessee, Mark S-Canada, Red-New Zealand, and Sheryl L-Pennsylvania. The Reaching Out are Paul M-New Jersey, Rex S-Washington, and Susan S-Tennessee. The Translations Evaluation Group are Dora de la S-Brazil, Francoise H-Israel, and Moica A-Norway. These are the active work groups at this time. We lost one of our Human Resource Panel, Dylan J resigned for personal reasons, so now we have four.

Other World news: RUSSIA is seeking feedback from their groups on a revision of IP#1. BULGARIA's key-tags are done. UKRAINE's key-tags are done. JAPAN is progressing with their translation of the Basic Text. WE are translating part of the PI basics to help in their workshops and in IRAN, they had an open meeting at their convention with 12, 000 people in attendance. They read greetings from NAWs and the President of Iran before an official "kick-off". They were also given a trophy for the most successful Non-Government Organization of the year. More to come out in the NA Way Magazine. Can't think of much else.

In Loving Services, PonyBoy

**Finances:**

\$108.00 left from Jan 04  
\$311,00 Mark plane fare  
\$680.00 from RSC April 04  
\$680.00 to Mark  
\$600.00 from RSC July 04  
\$397.00 left

**ALT RD:** Our RD is in South Dakota representing NE at the Zonal meeting. Having read the RD's report to the committee there is nothing further to report. I am grateful to serve.

ILS, Mark B

**GSR ASSEMBLY: OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion on training new people on how to facilitate the duties of their position. How do we get the outgoing people to train the new ones.

**NEW BUSINESS:** What is our purpose? Started to exchange ideas on how to get more people involved in service. Apparently this is still our main area of focus.

Attendance at some meetings is dropping. Why? Too much interruption during meetings- people finding other meetings.

add preamble

send letter to treatment centers about their patients conduct

talk to specific people politely and privately about their conduct

lead by example

What happened to "mock meeting"? This can be done at an area level.

How is the location for the regional meeting decided? Omaha & McCook always has to drive. Can we alternate to each area? This would need to be put as a request to the regional Committee.

**TOPIC for NEXT MEETING:** What are the service positions & their responsibilities?

Penny F volunteered to chair the next General Assembly if no-one else steps up.

Drafted by, Acting Chair, John K

#### **OPEN FLOOR:**

Dan M- Discussed the scheduled timelines when the amount over prudent reserve goes to World based on the highest quarter budget. Dan would like to request clarification to identify the actual dollar amount established for the prudent reserve.

Mary- Commented on the process of approving minutes and requests that when corrections are made the original wording be stated and the corrected wording stated as well.

Mark- Questioned when language is removed are we needing to restate the statement we are striking? Yes.

Shawn-Expressed concern on how we can help Area's hosting conventions to receive help in the form of members from other area's. Suggests bringing this to Areas to encourage members participation. Meetings will be listed on the website.

Brian-Commented that mistakes get made due to lack of experience. Noted that Ruth was helpful. This years convention lost registration money due to not knowing. He offered to make himself available to ENNA.

Mary-Noted there is currently no chair for the NRCNA committee. She brought flyers asking for help. It's all about Unity.

Dale-Reminded us the convention committee is a sub-committee of Region and used to meet at Region.

Brian-Acknowledged this still is taking place.

Shawn- Wondered if the NE convention committee needs written guidelines? There is nothing specific to NE, the committee currently utilizes World guidelines.

Mary-Volunteered to sit on a committee to develop NE Convention guidelines.

Brian-Suggested the Policy Committee could support the endeavor.

Dan-Commented that links on the Regional website could include information re: the executive committee. sub-committees, and RCM's.

Shawn-Advised this information is being worked on.

Mark-Noted the flyer for NRCNA 23 meetings did not include the time.

Mary-Advised the time is set for 3pm.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approve ENNA's bid for NRCNA XXIII to be held in Omaha?**

Central NE-Yes

Eastern NE - Yes

Elkhorn Valley - Yes

Fremont - Yes

Great Plains - Yes

Northeastern - Yes

Platte Valley - Yes

Southeastern - Yes

**PASSED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**The Chair requested the committee vote today to approve Mary R for the position of NRCNA XXIII Chair.**

*INTENT: Policy states the chairperson is elected by the RSC & does not specifically address positions that change annually.*

*The service body approved the request & the service bio was read aloud.*

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Central NE- Yes

Eastern NE - Yes

Elkhorn Valley - Yes

Fremont - Yes

Great Plains - Yes

Northeastern - Yes

Platte Valley - Yes

Southeastern - Yes

**PASSED**

*The committee developing convention committee guidelines will be created. Volunteers*

are: Susan S, Brian S, Mary R, Shawn R

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**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.*

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

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**Motion 2: To limit 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.**

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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.*

**TAKE BACK TO GROUPS.**

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**Motion 4: GPANA would like Region to pay \$100.00 to pay for Hall Rental.**

Motion by- Ruth S -GPANA Second by- Danny B -Central

*INTENT: To cover the cost of renting the Hall.*

Central NE- Yes

Elkhorn Valley - Yes

Great Plains - Yes

Platte Valley - Yes

Eastern NE - Yes

Fremont - Yes

Northeastern - Yes

Southeastern - Yes

**PASSED**

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**Motion to CLOSE by- Dale B-ENNA Second by- Jeff W -SENANA PASSED**

Meeting adjourned.

**REGION WILL MEET AGAIN ON January 8, 2005 at the Town Hall in Giltner, NE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will meet at NOON to complete the Annual Audit**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY @ NOON  
SUB-COMMITTEES @ 2PM  
REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE @ 3PM**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Sherry S - Secretary

**attachments:**

**Treasurer report**

**RSC Participants List from 10-9-04**

**NE Region Motion Form**

**Unity Day Flyer**

**NRCNA XXIII Planning Meeting Flyer**