

Nebraska Regional Minutes October 13, 2007

North Platte

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

Ruth S. read the Twelve Traditions and Mary R. Read the Twelve concepts.

Susan S read the Purpose.

The following members were present:

**Executive committee:**

Chairperson: Susan S. Secretary: Penny F.

Vice Chair: Absent RD: Brian S.

Treasurer: Dan M. Alt RD : Mary R.

**AREAS:**

Area Twelve: Wanda G. RCM Great Plains: Ruth S. Alt RCM Kirby Z.

Central NE: Dan B. RCM Platte Valley: Alt RCM Steve

Eastern NE: Annie W. RCM New Beginnings: Alt RCM Paul

Alt RCM : Butch Southeastern NE: Jerry W. RCM

Elk Horn Valley: Alt RCM Rocky Alt RCM: Shellie H.

Fremont: Burt M. RCM

**Sub Committees:**

Hospitals & Institutions: Jerry W.(proxy) NRCNA 24: Penny F.

Out Reach: Gary D. NRCNA 25: Lin H.

Policy: Pony Boy NRCNA 26: **BID OPEN**

Public Information: Absent Ad Hoc Insurance: Annie (proxy)

**Visitors:**

Chris Todd

Valerie Darold

Jolene Deb

Jeff Julie

Brent Pat

Rick

### **Secretary's Report:**

Motioned by Gary B and seconded by Jerry W to accept July's Minutes. **PASS**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning Balance: \$3065.42

Income: \$483.54

Total Balance: \$3548.96

Expenses: \$2711.86

Ending Balance: \$837.10

### **Area Reports:**

#### **Area Twelve:**

Hello Family. I'm happy to report that all is going well in Area 12. All three groups are growing, lots of celebrations of clean time. Platte County Jail meetings held each week for men & women, we have lots of gratitude and hope. In Loving service, Wanda G.

#### **Central NE:**

Hello family. I am happy to report all is doing well. Groups are reporting good attendance. We have a new women's NA meeting at 6:45 pm located at Calvary Lutheran Church on the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> & Custer on Tuesdays. New Day group is having their annual Halloween dance October 27, 07 at the Phillips Memorial Hall. Hope to see you all at the next Region Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, 08 in Phillips. In loving service, Dan B.

#### **Eastern NE:**

All is fairly good in Eastern Ne. Meetings going well. Hope to find others areas thriving with recovery. We have decided to combine services between ENNA & SWINA for the H&I subcommittee since it has gone well with the phone line committee. We will be supporting more H&I meetings within both areas this way. The Zonal meeting will be hosted in Council Bluffs next weekend Oct. 19-21, 07.

Thursday Nov. 21st-Thanksgiving with the NA family at Dietz Methodist Church, 1423 south 10<sup>th</sup> Omaha. Free admission & sponsored by the Prime time group, ENNA NA activities. Doors open at 9:30am and there is a 10am gratitude meeting. Fun and fellowship will continue until dinner at 4:30 and at 7:30 there is a speaker meeting.

February 22-24. Close Encounters convention is coming again. To be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel 655N. 108<sup>th</sup> Ave Omaha. Pre-registration price goes up as of Nov 1, 07.

Much unlike last quarter, we do not have a donation the quarter. In loving service Annie W.

#### **Elk Horn Valley:**

Hi family. Iâ€™m proud & honored to be here. Our area is growing in many areas, meeting attendance, H&I commitments, and area events. We have put together newcomer packets so they get info as well as welcomed. Our anchor house meetings have grown so much we need a larger facility. We have a nomination for Regional Vice Chair- Brent L. We would also like to donate \$75.00 to region. In the near future we are changing our information line to a hotline where callers will be able to talk to a recovering addict. We have numerous people who support several groups not just home group. To my knowledge we only have a few services positions open at the

### **Area Reports Cont:**

#### **Elk Horn Valley Cont:**

group level and none at area level. In loving service, Rocky

#### **Fremont:**

Hello family. Things are a bit slow but our groups are stabilizing. Wahoo has added a Sat 2pm meeting to their group. We have some flyers to take back to your groups about his meeting. Our area is having a hard time retaining servants with activities and treasurer being vacant and our PI efforts arenâ€™t being met. On the bright side the point of freedom group was able to donate \$40.00 to region today and I have gas money left over so our donation will total \$50.00. Other groups are getting closer to their prudent reserves and we should see more financial support from our groups, with God's will. In loving service, Burt M.

#### **Great Plains:**

Hello everyone. Well Iâ€™m going to start with how our area seems to be doing. Attendance at meeting is alright but we are struggling to find people to fill service positions and even if those positions are filled they are not showing up for area. I believe that only 3 of our 7 meetings actually have GSRâ€™s that show up for area or hold a group conscious. I know that every area struggles with but it seems like it is getting worse for our area. Hopefully things will start improving soon. On a brighter note our area hosted the Regional convention a couple weeks ago and we had an awesome turnout. Our area would like to thank the region for the opportunity. We have a \$40.00 donation from the Sunday noon group. Iâ€™m sorry to say that is my last region as Great Plains RCM. Kirby Z is our Alt and will serve as new RCM in Jan. I would like to thank region and mt area for allowing me to serve for the past four years. In loving service, Ruth S.

#### **Platte Valley:**

Hi family. Platte is growing. McCook has 3 meetings a week Mon, Wed, Thru at 8pm at 111 1/2 E. C st.. North Platte had 3 groups, we now have 2. Dreams meet 7 nights a week at 7p. At 116 E 6th st Room 21-22 Dicky Building. School of recovery Groups meets Mon at 7p at 900 E 10th North Platte Senior Center. Tues, Wed, Fri, at 6pm at 620 W.6th (Alno Club), Thru at 6:30p at 1500 S. Dewey Harvest Christian Fellowship Church. Thank you. Steve W.

#### **New Beginnings:**

Sorry I couldnâ€™t be there but due work I was unable to attend our area is

struggling at this time but it is summer and people always seem to have other going on but our area is being represented by my Alt Rcm Paul M. Region Donation \$100.00. In loving service, David K.

### **Southeastern NE:**

Senana is still experiencing growth within the area. The A.S.C. has taken an idea from the R.S.C. And asking the groups about rotating the site for A.S.C, throughout Senana, hoping to promote fellowship & unity in our area as well as giving the outlaying groups an opportunity to experience service at A.S.C, level

Today Senana wants to submit a bid for NRCNA 26. Feasible sites are available. Tentatively mid Oct. 2009. A broad spectrum has expressed great enthusiasm to host this event.

Also submitting various groups donations totaling \$222.36.

### **Area Reports Cont:**

#### **Southeastern NE cont:**

The Tuesday noon meeting has moved to 721 K st 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Lincoln Ne. A new meeting at 721 K st 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Cornhusker Detox on Sat 5pm. In loving service, Jerry W.

### **RD Report:**

Hi family. There is a lot to cover so Iâ€™ll begin with the Basic Text approval form it is available at the project page at [www.na.org/conference/bt](http://www.na.org/conference/bt) for free or can be bought for \$8.00 shipping included. The deadline for region World Board and Zone candidate submissions is Oct 31. The CAR will be available Nov21. So please donâ€™t wait to schedule a workshop on this in your area as it is really hard to cram 8 workshops into a month before the Conference. Iâ€™m sure your NA community would like their votes and input heard at the conference! Just call 402 631-8442 or 402 699 4984 and we will be glad to schedule a workshop in your area. The Youth IP'S will be ready for approval form along with the CAR, Naws thanks all who participated and for their input. There is much discussion on updating our local guide to service as our service needs have changed over the last 20 years. There are 5 new service pamphlets out ( An introduction to NA meetings which was pulled pending further discussion) Disruptive & Violent Behavior in NA meetings, Group Business meetings, Group trusted servants, Roles and Responsibilities, NA groups and Medication. These IPâ€™s can be adapted and improved at any time based on responses received from the fellowship please, please share your input by email at worldboard @na.org or write to Naws. I have yet to be invited to an Issue Discussion Topics workshop in our region and hope we have some input to send back to the conference in April and I am still willing to help any way possible to assist any area who wants to par take in that process. I could go on and on of the things going on in the world but I will be at the above phone # if you have anyquestions. Unity day was an awesome feeling that is undescrivable. When 70 location in more than 28 countries were connected and the Serenity prayer was said it was overwhelming to see how big & diverse the fellowship is. In the 70 locations connected on the phone were prisons throughout our nation and the message that was carried was full of hope & freedom. Over \$800.00 was given away around the world in 06 and NA is now in 123 countries over 6 continents. Plain states Zonal is in Council

Bluffs Iowa Oct. 19-21. Expenses this quarter were 600.00 to alt RD and 568.14 RD leaving a balance of 218.14. Naws has asked for the members of the fellowship to partake in a demographic survey it is available both online and in a downloadable paper version log onto <http://naws.org/surveys/index.php?sid=1> to complete the former go to <http://www.na.org/PR/index.htm> to download or print the paper form it will also be available in the Oct.2007 NA Way magazine because of the overwhelming response to the survey it will be collected until Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 07. In loving service, Brian S.

**Alt RD Report:**

Report same as RD had.

**Sub Committees:**

**H&I:** Reports from areas.

Rocky/Holly W.- Growing, 2 more meetings started

Butch/Enna - Tri-state

Wanda/Area 12- meeting every week, youth meeting

**Sub Committees Cont:**

**H&I cont:**

Jerry/SENANA- work release temporarily closed, touchstone good

No literature this time, contact Dale if need literature

Wanda-reports that in dodge co. the jail its self wants men and women combined. That's only place though.

Newcomer Brandy- asking about H&I and meeting/ panels and for an instruction book

Jerry- explained the H&I's meetings/panels do's/don'ts

Don-asks how this regions H&I can help Platte Valley from their own H&I subcommittee

-Ideas discussed-regional learning days, lit., handbooks, experienced members helping, teach area about do's and don'ts

Brandy was given an H&I cassette tape and Dales # to contact for questions and help.

**Out Reach:**

I have not seen the flood meeting out reach working. With help from other members I will make up a packet for the meetings in small towns. We have more of them all the time that are not of an ASC. In the packet will be regional meeting lists, Region minutes, minutes from the ASC around it. I would like to see the packet also contain a form that would ask the meetings what the region and areas can do to help the meeting. Cost would be 40.00 for copies. Love Gary D 402 796 2333

**Public Information:**

Hello everyone. Not much has happened on my front, I had a problem with a virus on my computer that stopped me from getting into my email account for awhile this quarter, sorry if there was anything not updated on the website due to this problem. But I have a new email account and computer and the information from the website is being forwarded to this new address from the site. Please be aware that I only know how to make links on the website to PDF files and although I have a PDF converter installed, a person has to be able to open the original document before it can be converted. Therefore, please download a converter and convert anything you want put on the website to a PDF file before emailing it. Make sure to email the converted file instead of the original, as I do not have every document writing software installed. If sending anything but PDF it can not be posted. It was a busy time for me this quarter as I spent a lot of time on the wedding. My deepest regrets if anything was missed. In loving service John K.

**Policy:**

Hello family. We are starting to get our feet on the ground. Due to the state of our Policy we will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat at the CWC at 2p 2816 12<sup>th</sup> st in Columbus. We will be starting at the top of our policy and going through it to the end. In loving service, Pony Boy

**Insurance Ad Hoc:**

There was a report given but I did not receive a copy to post in the minutes. Very Sorry.

**NRCNA24:**

What an awesome time!!! We had a great turn out. The speakers were terrific and thanks once again to all who did a workshop and you did an awesome job. We are waiting for checks to clear

**Sub Committees Cont:**

**NRCNA24 Cont:**

the bank so we will be ready for our audit in Jan. Our convention committees did an outstanding job and thank you so much for all of the hard work to make this a success. The banners and the archives and the key to the storage were all turned over to Lin H. the convention chair 25. Once again thanks again for the awesome serve work and the experience. In loving service, Penny F.

**NRCNA 25:**

hello family. Things are going well so far. Since the 24<sup>th</sup> convention is done we are switching into high gear. We are looking for a new secretary due to ours being in an accident. We have pre-registration forms complete and our t-shirt designs will be finished this week. We are planning to unveil our t-shirts in January after Region. We have had a good turn out each time for our convention committee meetings and some good input. In loving service Lin H.

**General Assembly:**

Topic was "who is missing in our meetings and why" lead by Mary R. Broke up into five groups and discussed 1) What public relations gaps or misconceptions about NA in our community can our service bodies work to resolve? 2) What outreach work can we do to spread the word about NA to these potential members? 3)As a member, what personal efforts can I make (and encourage other members to make) to reach out to different types of people? 4)What changes can we make at group level to make sure that we do not alienate members of any background, but instead welcome all?

(I lost the paper with the information for the meeting to put it in my report).

The topic for the next General Assembly is "What can we do to help fill service positions?" Brent L, will lead the discussion. In loving service, Penny F.

### **Nominations & Elections:**

Motion to close nominations and elections by Gary D and seconded by Kirby Z.

### **PASSED**

**Region Chair:** Ruth Smith

Clean date: 8-21-01

Positions held: GSR- Day by Day Group -4 yrs

Alt GSR- Day by Day - current

Treasurer- Just for Tuesday- 2 yrs

NRCNA 20- Programming

NRCNA 24- Treasurer

RCM Great Plains Area- current

I will complete my current term as GPA RCM in January. I believe that the service is an extremely important part of my recovery and would like to continue to serve at the Regional level. In loving service, Ruth S.

### **Take back to groups for vote.**

**Region Vice Chair:** Brent L.

Clean Date: June 23, 2000

Positions held: Chair- Sat. Night Meeting- 3/01-5/02

### **Nominations & Elections Cont:**

**Region Vice Chair:** Brent L.

Panel Leader- 5/02-8/03

EVANA H&I Chair- 8/02-8/03

Chair- Hug Up Group- 2/04-11/04

Panel Leader- Pierce Co. Jail- 6/06-6/07

EVANA RCM-7/05-8/07

I am currently seeking to serve a 2yr term as Regional Vice Chair person. I have worked all 12 steps with a sponsor, and I am currently on step 9 in my second set of steps. I have a working knowledge of the 12 traditions and have studied the guide to local service. Grateful to be of service, Brent L.

**Take back to groups for vote.**

**Regional Treasurer: Open**

**Please bring nomination and bio and person to next region**

**Regional Secretary:** Penny Field

Clean Date 8-09-01

Home Group- Just for Tuesday Night Candlelight Meeting

GSR - 3yrs.

Treasurer - 2 ½ yrs.

Area Chair- Current

Area Treasurer- Current

Alt RCM

Area Secretary

Women's Jail meeting current (2+ yrs.)

Regional Secretary - Current

I have attended every Region for the past 4 yrs. I am currently the Regional Secretary and really love this service position and do my best to get minutes out in a timely fashion. These last two however have been a little late due to school work and health reasons. I have worked the 12 steps of NA with my sponsors and I am currently sponsoring women addicts in the fellowship. I have a working knowledge of the 12 Traditions and since attending region the 12 concepts. I try to work my program of recovery to the best of my ability.

**Take back to groups for vote.**

**Regional Sub Committees:**

**H&I:** Dale B.

(Old Service Bio as of 1/12/06)

Home Group- Chair/Secretary-4yrs

GSR- 4yrs

Active member 13 yrs.

Area Service committee: Alt RSR/RCM- 1 term ENNASC

RSR/RCM- 1 term ENNASC, 2terms NEASC

Area chair- 2yrs NEASC

H&I chair- 2yrs NEASC

**Nominations & Elections Cont.**

**Regional Sub Committees H&I Cont.**

H&I member- 12yrs

Regional level- H&I chair- 1 yr

Alt RD- 2yrs

RD- 2yrs

Policy Committee member- 1 yr

Convention Programs Chair- 1yr

**Take back to Groups for vote**

**Out Reach:** Gary D.

ARD for the Region

RD for the Region

Area Treasurer

Area RCM & ARCM

Convention Treasurer

and all meeting positions

**Take back to groups for vote.**

**Policy:** Pony Boy

Clean Date 9/21/89

Service positions in Kansas & NE

Group positions- all

Area positions - all

Regional position: co chair, policy chair, alt H&I chair. Alt RD, RD

World- Lit work on Just for Today

**Take back to groups for vote.**

**Public Information:** Dustin "Dagwood" C.

Clean Date 9/11/05

Past service positions: chair Fri. Midnight for Easy Rider Group - 1yr

chair- Tues. Night Serenity Seekers Group - 1yr

Current positions: chair Tues. Noon Easy Rider Group

chair H&I panel- 1 ½ yrs, chair H&I- Pierce Co. Jail- 1yr

Go into boys and group home in Norfolk once a week on Fri. Night

Current PI chair

John Kielian Bio

Clean Date 3/3/02

I attend regular meetings and have a home group in NA. I have the 12 steps a number of times with different sponsors, including my current who is an active member if NA.

I have held a number of service position; at group level GSR, Alt GSR, Treasurer, at Area; PI/Phone line chair, Chair.

I believe I have a working knowledge of the 12 steps, traditions and concepts of NA and apply the

**Nominations & Elections Cont.**

principles of the program to my daily life to the best of ability. In loving service. John K.

**Take back to groups for vote and vote for only one an PI chair either Dagwood or John**

**Motion to close Nominations and Elections except for treasurer Gary D and seconded by Kirby Z. PASSED**

**Old Business:** Talked about Insurance Policy.

**Open Forum:**

Mary- PI sub committee region level concern for PI chair not being here and not attend since being elected, they have problem with this.

Jolene- Concerns with PI website, can't get into links and can't update.

Todd- Would be nice if all areas did an update.

Brian- Jerry can get # of old web master to help.

Brent-Web master separate from PI would like to make it a new position it help figure this out.

Mary- talked about finances- talk about 7<sup>th</sup> tradition at Region, itâ€™s a solution.

Brian- Very true of what Mary said comes up at World and itâ€™s a direct violation of the traditions and just throwing a dollar in the basket is not cutting it.

Gary- lots of money trusted servants shouldnâ€™t support Region it should come from the groups, throw more money into baskets.

Mary- Lexington had \$300 of 7<sup>th</sup> traditions money and didnâ€™t know what to do with it so they had a cosmic bowling party. Not there fault, people need to go to outside groups to help them grow and understand.

### **New Business:**

**Motion 1:** Guidelines for policy, General Assembly: Passed in April 2006.

**Purpose:** To be a resource for the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. By providing an open forum for the discussion of the topics that affect our Groups and Areas.

**Guidelines to be added into Policy:** The General Assembly will meet quarterly in conjunction with RSC beginning at 12:00 Noon and not lasting longer than 2:00pm.

The Secretary of the RSC is the facilitator of the General Assembly. The Secretary will keep minutes of the Assembly and report them to the RSC minutes. **This will be added to the Secretaryâ€™s responsibilities in Policy.**

### **New Business Cont.**

**Please take back to Groups to be voted on**

**Motion 2:**To increase Insurance budget to \$1697.00

**Intent:** To secure Insurance per year for Nebraska Region

**Financial Impact:** \$197.00

**Submitted by:** Brian S.

**Seconded by:** Jerry W.

### **PASSED**

**Motion 3:** For SENANA to host the NRCNA 26 within the boundaries of the Area and a date of Mid October

**Intent:** To host the 2009 NRCNA 26 Convention

**Financial Impact:** Budgeted amount

**Submitted by:** Jerry W.

**Seconded by:** Shellie H.

**Take back to Groups for vote**

**Motion 4:** To increase the Secretary's budget from \$100.00 to \$150.00

**Intent:** To cover all expenses for copying, mailing of the Regional Minutes and to stop out of pocket expense for the Secretary

**Financial Impact: \$50.00**

**Submitted by:** Penny F.

**Seconded by:** Mary R.

**Take back to Groups for vote**

**Motion 5:** To delete Motion of a Standing Committee for the convention

**Intent:** Eliminate from Policy wrong purpose

**Financial Impact: \$0.00**

**New Business Cont.**

**Submitted by:** Dan B.

**Motion 5 Cont.**

**Seconded by:** Ruth S.

**Take back to groups for vote ( this original motion is in Oct 05 minutes and Motion 1)**

**Motion 6:** To reimburse Secretary \$14.05 to cover out of pocket expense for minutes.

**Intent:** To pay back out of pocket expense for April Regional Minutes.

**Financial Impact: \$14.05**

**Submitted by:** Penny F.

**Seconded by:** Mary R.

**PASSED**

**Motion 7:** To spend up to \$40.00 at this RSC for the Outreach Adhoc for Outreach packets for meetings that are not a part of an Area

**Intent:** Is to have the RSC contact new meetings around the state with info and a questionnaire about what the RSC & ASC can do to be of help

**Financial Impact: \$40.00 per RSC meeting**

**Submitted by:** Gary B.

**Seconded by:** Paul M.

**PASSED**

**Motion 8:** To reimburse Gary D for \$15.81 spent on the Flood Flyers

**Intent:**

**Financial Impact:** \$15.81

**Submitted by:** Gary D.

**Seconded by:** Butch M.

**Passed**

**NEXT REGION WILL BE HELD JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 AT 500 3<sup>RD</sup> ST. IN PHILLIPS, NE.**

**General Assembly @ Noon**

**Sub Committees @ 2:00 pm**

**Regional Service Committee @ 3:00 pm**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Penny Field Regional Secretary**

**Attachments:**

**Treasurers Report**

**Regional Mailing List**

**Registration Form NRCNA 25**