

Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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Date: August 10, 2008 Time: 1:04 pm Location: Scottsbluff, NE

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Mistie W. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Willy O. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Robert . read the 12 Values of the WBASC

Group Response to Concept _12_ & Question _4_ from last meeting:

*In keeping with the spiritual nature of Narcotics Anonymous,
our structure should always be one of service, never of government.*

Within the context of the Twelve Concepts, as a body, this concept serves much the same function as Tradition Twelve does in the context of the other traditions. The Twelfth Concept brings our consideration of concepts for NA service back to the spiritual root of selfless service. A structure based on that foundation could only be one of service, never of government.

4. Discuss how the Twelfth Concept applies to each of the eleven other concepts.
Every other concept goes back to the principle of service and not government where everyone has an equal say in discussions and making decisions.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept _1_ using chapter questions.

To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, the NA groups have joined together to create a structure which develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of NA as a whole.

The primary responsibility of an NA group is to conduct its recovery meetings, carrying the message directly to the addict who still suffers. Groups join their strength in the service structure, ensuring that other services—H&I, PI, literature development, for example—are fulfilled effectively and without distracting the groups from their own primary responsibility.

Study and discussion questions

1. Does your group hold regular business meetings? (See *The Group Booklet*, pp. 9-10.)
For the most part – yes – everyone holds regular business meetings, but the question is how to get members to attend and get involved in the business meetings?
2. Does your group regularly talk about how it can better fulfill its primary purpose?
Not necessarily specifically at every meeting – it is, however at the back of members' minds while they tend to business matters. Some meetings state the primary purpose as the main reason for gathering as an opening.
3. After paying the expenses for literature, refreshments, and meeting-hall rent, does your group have enough money to conduct other services on its own?
Hopefully at least some in case it is needed, but not always. Sometimes 7th tradition donations barely cover expenses.
4. Can your group perform a variety of organized services like PI work, H&I panels, phonline management, and literature development while still attending to its recovery meetings?
GSRs -- take this question back to groups for input.
5. Does your group send a representative to your local area service committee? Do you contribute money to your ASC on a regular basis?
Usually GSRs attend area meetings and groups contribute whenever they are able.

Roll Call: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, RCM, PR Chair, Literature Chair, Activities Chair, UD Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Willy O. (GSR – Clean and Free), Ray B. (GSR – Vision of Hope), Mistie W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Rory G. (Treasurer – Live from Laramie) & Ray B. gave report for Lucretia M. (GSR – Free Bird) Juan P. & Larry S. from Scottsbluff.

Absent: Treasurer, RCM2 (vacant), (Footsteps in Recovery) & (On Life's Terms), (Staying Clean in Sidney).

NA Recovery Birthdays: Juan P. – 90 days. Congratulations!!!

Recognition of new groups: None

Approval of last month's minutes:

Les F. moved and Willy O. 2nd the motion to accept the minutes as presented w/ it noted that check #1323 was voided – carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Beginning Balance: \$2,222.94

Serenity Break: 1:40 – 1:50 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello fellow ASC members & friends. It is good to see you all again. I just have a few things to say today. I would like to say good-bye & good luck to my friend Robert N. It is a bittersweet day & we will miss your energy in this area. Stay in touch brother. Next I would like to congratulate Les F. on his being elected as the Chair of the up coming convention to be held in our Area, I am excited to work with him on this project. The other thing is I would like to thank Richard M. for taking charge of the Unity Days Campvention & doing such a great job getting everyone involved. Thanks is also in order for those of you that pulled this off. It is important that we each know our guidelines & the responsibilities of our service positions. It is my opinion that we have had a really smooth year & I would like to thank you all for being important part of my recovery. Chair account balance stands at \$100.00.

In Loving Service
Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello fellow members and visitors.

Just want to remind everyone that next weekend is Unity Days and unity is vital to our recovery so hope to see you here next weekend.

Also we still need help with next year's convention, so please let your groups know we will be meeting Sept. 7th, 2008 at the Hitching Post Inn in Cheyenne at 1:00 pm. We will still need a secretary, merchandise chair and arts & graphics so please come and be a part of the fun. Also take flyers back to your groups and announce the logo contest, we will be voting on entries at that time.

In Loving Service
Les F.

Treasurer: Report give and filed as follows:

Hope all is going well with everything. I do apologize for the inconvenience. I have had something come up in my life that I have no control over. Kind of have to roll with what I am dealt. There is not much to report from last month that I am aware of. The original opening balance was at \$2,252.02. With two checks wrote the opening balance is as follows – \$2,222.94.

Check #1325 for Quest in the amount of \$13.43
Check #1326 for Freedom Voice in the amount of \$15.65

Another thing that I wanted to mention as for the spread sheet I am not sure when I will be able to get that to you. I have had some problems with my computer and am unable to open them up or open pdf files. As soon as I can get that together I will let you know. Sorry.

Chair account at \$100
Secretary account at \$42.98
H&I/PI [PR] chair unknown at this time.

Again I am sorry for any inconvenience that may have been caused. I do realize that you all are depending on me. And I will try to fulfill my obligations to a better efficiency. Thank you, hope you all have a good day.

In Loving Service,
Lucretia M.

Secretary: Report given orally only:

With everything else going on, the guidelines, article 14 (quarterly summary of guideline changes) has not been done, but since the fiscal year ends this month all changes will be incorporated into the guidelines, posted on the web site and printed out by the next meeting. The laminator was purchased and since having just a laminator would do us little good, a package of 20 full size pouches was also purchased. I guess until someone needs it I will keep it with the secretarial stuff.

Reminded everyone that all documents such as the minutes, group report, disbursement and motion forms are or will be on the web site including the area guidelines and a version of the area letterhead. Because the contact list has more personal information on it, it will not be posted on the web site or anywhere else. Its purpose is for ease of communication among members of the area. It is intended for internal use only. Everyone please check your information to make sure it is accurate and up to date. Info is taken off of the sign-in sheet as well as the group report forms and if any of it is illegible then the list won't be right.

Available today are meeting lists and the Colorado regional convention registration fliers. CRCNA is scheduled for October in Estes Park and has historically been a fantastic celebration of recovery. There are also a stack of the Unity Days registration fliers and another flier that simply announces the event and the plethora of activities.

If the laminator expense doesn't come out of the Secretary's budget the account will remain at \$42.98.

ILS
Richard

RCM: Given and filed as follows:

Hello every one. I attended the URM RNA business meeting on August 2nd. There are a lot of things going on in our region. Wyo-Braska Area will be hosting the Regional Convention May 15, 16 and 17, 2009 in Cheyenne at The Hitching Post. We have several positions available in the convention committee. Positions available are Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, Arts and Graphics chair and co-chair, Convention Information chair and co-chair and Gail is acting secretary till we find someone to take the position. The theme for the convention is A Simple Way Has Been Proving Itself . . . and there is a logo contest. The deadline for the logo contest is September 1st. The next convention committee meeting will be revealed. We will need all the help we can on our sub-committees. Please show up if you are interested.

Elections were held at the region level last week.

Chair: Ray B. (Cheyenne)
Vice Chair: Amber F. (Casper)
Secretary: Janet (?) (Casper)
Web Servant: Steve H. (Evanston)
Treasurer: Open
Alt. Delegate: Delynda H. (Evanston)
Regional Delegate: Tommy O. (Cheyenne)
Convention Chair: Les F. (Scottsbluff)

The logo issue was discussed again for the region and an ad-hoc committee was appointed to investigate.

Living Proof group from Evanston is holding its 19th annual Campout Under the Stars this August 8th – 10th @ the Stillwater Campground 40 miles south of Evanston on Hi-Way 150.

Next weekend, August 15th – 17th is the Wyo-Braska Unity Days in Scottsbluff, Nebraska at the Trails West campground.

In Loving Service,
Willy O.

RCM 2: Vacant

Group Reports:

Footsteps in Recovery: Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

On Life's Terms: Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Clean & Free:

Concerns: Lack of home group members.

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: 0 Other: Donated to Region this time.

Vision of Hope:

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$10.00 Other: None

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$35.57 Other: None

Clean & Serene:

Concerns:

Needs: Still looking for a GSRA and now need a treasurer and literature rep.

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: \$500.00 Other:

Live from Laramie:

Concerns: None

Needs: Literature

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: \$15.87 – ASC, \$12.70 – RSC. Other:

Free Bird:

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$15.00 Other:

Staying Clean in Sidney: Given by the secretary, Richard M.

Concerns: GSR and GSRA likely to swap positions, with group approval, so better able to perform duties.

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities:

Dear Trusted Servants:

Good Morning! I am grateful to be here clean today. In the last month I have been very busy with work and my upcoming move to Montana. I have not had time to finish the banner for the upcoming Unity Days event. However, I have an appointment scheduled for Monday morning that will allow me to finish the banner. I will bring the banner with me Friday when I bring all the food for the event. Please let me know if you have and questions or need any help with any other activities or preparation.

I have to be in Montana on the 17th of August so that I can start work the following Monday. This means that unfortunately I will be unable to stay for the whole event. I will be bringing the food and the banner on Friday and leaving that evening.

Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to be of service. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in the Wyo-Braska Area with all of you. Thank you for all your help and support.

I love you all and may God Bless you continually on a Daily Basis.

In Loving Service,
Robert N.

From: **Live from Laramie Campout Committee**

To: Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

We would like to thank the Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee for sponsoring the campout again this year. We had a very good turnout with 35 people attending this includes:

30 paid
2 speaker comp
3 children

The totals are on the attached spreadsheet.

We took in a total of \$300.00 for reservations. There was also \$42.00 in 7th tradition. We are returning \$9.26 from the seed money for food and receipts totaling \$214.74 – see attached spreadsheet for a breakdown of these expenses.

We are looking forward to campout #5 sometime next June.

Craig H.

UD: Report given by Richard M. as follows:

Noon – In attendance, Ray B., Robert N., Mistie W., Willy O., Juan P., Larry S. and Richard M.

Everything is coming along in an orderly chaos ;-) In some cases plans have been fine tuned and in others changed a little and others yet scrapped in favor of a backup. Thank you everyone for your efforts.

T-Shirts & bandannas – Based on almost selling all of the t-shirts and having several people pre-order (kind of) hoodies we have placed another order for shirts, hoodies and a couple dozen bandannas. They will be ready Wednesday or Thursday. Money from previous sales was used to pay \$255.00 down on this order. Turned in \$45 in checks and a money order.

Merchandise seller –It has been confirmed – the Off the Wall Area in Colorado will come to Unity Days and offer jewelry and other NA items. We will most likely comp at least one seller the weekend.

Registration/Flier: We have another flier touting speakers, events and activities with only the area's web site address for direction to a registration flier. These fliers can be emailed or posted around various groups' meeting places drawing attention to the upcoming event and all of the neat, fun things available. We will pass these out at the area meeting to all of the GSRs and email them around.

Registration Package: We have a sold two more full registrations for a total of \$50.00. along with items sold here today \$110.00 cash will be kept and used for startup change in the cash boxes. There will be a separate cash box for drink sales only so we can kind of keep track of them.

Speakers: Mistie has all three speakers lined up including one each from Washington, Casper and Cheyenne. All three will be given comp registration packets as per previous discussions and our custom. Also, we have a *Basic Text* donated for the clean time countdown and we may also get a *'It Works: How and Why'* and maybe a *"Just for Today"* A back up speaker will fill in should someone not be able to make it.

Meals: All of menus have been compiled onto one shopping list. Because it has been several months since the original prices were obtained from Sam's club and according to news reports food prices have risen about 17%, the list was taken to WalMart and repriced. There is enough extra from the Saturday brunch that we probably won't need much for the Sunday breakfast. Depending on turn-out we can get more if needed. Including the \$130 for the hog, which includes, purchase, butchering, delivering and cooking, the total falls under the \$400 originally budgeted for. At the Unity Days meeting just before this area meeting, several items were donated and crossed off the list given to Robert who will take the list and get everything on Friday and bring it over to Scottsbluff in coolers.

Willy assured us that all of the drinks have been taken care of using coolers he and Richard are loaning us and at least seven large bags of ice have been donated. These can be stored in the on-site freezer.

Richard is going to do a walk through of the kitchen and facilities to make sure we have everything we need tomorrow or the next.

Banner: Robert received the tie dye kit and asked Richard to e-mail him a copy of the logo in jpg format. He has an appointment tomorrow morning to use some kind of image enlarger to finish the banner.

Raffle Items: So far we have a box with several t-shirts and NA mugs and a set of special old style group logo items to raffle off. Everyone, dig through your stuff and bring what you can to donate to the cause. And of course we will have a 50/50 raffle.

Other: Rory G. got the NA signs from Craig H. and we have a volunteer to but them up.

Thank you everyone for your help.

Richard M.
Unity Days Chair

PR: Rory reports that he has been checking with correctional facilities in our area to determine NAs current status within their institutions. Albany and Laramie County Corrections currently each have one qualified NA member who has been approved for holding NA meetings within the jails. There will soon be another for Laramie County. Albany Cnty absolutely will not allow any convicted felons in the jail so it is harder to find qualified and willing volunteers. None the less, both facilities could use additional volunteers. Anyone interest should contact Rory for details and applications.

Two other avenues for PR work are libraries and college newspapers. Rory has (or will) check to see if libraries have copies of the Basic Text on their shelves and has contacted the University of Wyoming school paper – the "Branding Iron" about placing an ad in their paper announcing local meeting times and places. More on this in sharing.

H&I component: See above.

PI component: See above.

Phoneline: Current??

Web site: Richard M. reports that the web site is mostly up to date and working well. In stead of combining the ASC and Archives pages it seemed to make more sense and took less work to combine the Upcoming events page with the Links page. Then the regional convention page was re-established. Meetings are up to date and the newest meeting list posted.

It seems that since redesigning the site the hit counter was reset so that when it was checked less than 24 hours ago it registered 1243 hit. This is apparently the accumulation since the site was redesigned in the middle of last month and with less than 24 hours an additional 62 hits were recorded. Someone's using the site. Hopefully it is people interested in the Unity Days.

The domain name registration and a year of hosting fees will be automatically deducted from the checking account next month. The domain name will be renewed on Sept. 3rd and is \$9.99 and then the year of hosting, with 10% discount, will be deducted around Sept. 20 for about \$97.00. All fees have been paid up until then.

Literature: Mistie W. reported that since the last ASC meeting the Cheyenne Anchors Away group had contacted her and placed a substantial order for literature. They paid for most of it with cash and a check made out to the Area for \$11.00. A money order was purchased and made out to NAWS and this order was included with the regular order. Mistie needs \$11.00 cash for the check and then is turning in \$7.32 for the general account which reflects 3% of the additional order. She also reports \$40.36 in sales. She is asking for \$68.05 for this month's order which replaces what was sold and includes a supply of the new youth pamphlets. Lookin' good! Thank you Mistie.

Break: 2:25 – 2:45 pm

Sharing Session:

- 1) Fiscal Year – The fiscal year ends August 31st so all of the executive committee and the committee chairs need to prepare a budget for the coming year and present it at the next ASC meeting.
- 2) URMRSR grievances – At the last regional meeting there were three grievances filed with the service body including inappropriate removal of the webservant in 2006, slanderish language used in a report presented in the regional minutes and of more concern for our area – questionable use of the new logo. There is also the matter of some rewording in the regional guidelines.

The guideline change that pertains to the Wyo-Braska area is section 1, par. B where the wording was changed from

“This committee shall serve geographical areas of Wyoming and Nebraska as deemed appropriate. We shall have the option of including neighboring areas when necessary.”

to

“This committee shall serve geographical areas of the US state of Wyoming. We shall have the option of including neighboring areas when necessary.”

Somehow the omission of Nebraska from the line was never questioned. The reason given for Nebraska being left out was to avoid confusion between the Upper Rocky Mountain Region, which is primarily Wyoming, and the Nebraska region. And yet throughout the guidelines and the regional web site the Wyo-Braska Area is still used profusely. A simpler and perhaps more acceptable change could be “. . . and the Nebraska Panhandle. . .” This would provide a clear delineation between the Nebraska region and the URMRSR. Our RCM was asked to propose this change.

As for the matter of the logo, even though it is now under review by the regional grievance ad-hoc committee, a WBASC member asked that groups in the WBASC give direction on this matter to the RCM to pass along to the regional service committee. We were reminded that this area has already addressed this issue and has never been in favor of using the State of Wyoming bucking bronco. It was strongly encouraged for us to stay the course and consensus affirmed continue opposing its use.

- 3) PI announcements at college papers: The University of Wyoming school paper – the “Branding Iron,” charges \$2.70 per week for one ad or \$2.50 per day when run two or more times a week. It comes out on Tuesday and Friday. Rory was wondering if this is a viable outlay of resources in making meeting times and locations available to post secondary students who may well benefit from NA more than other targeted populations. Most thought this a good idea and that maybe he could also check with Arlene for LCCC and maybe someone from the Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff and the tech college in

Torrington. The PR budget is the H&I and PI combined and it is thought to amount to around \$900.00 total per year. Out of this comes the web site domain name registration and hosting fees, the info line and placement of the toll free number in several phone books and any literature needs in the form of *Basic Texts* and pamphlets to correctional facilities, mental health organizations and any other public agency that may need info.

It's up to Rory as the PR Chair to consider what we already pay for, what was left over from this last year's budget and how much we may need in the coming year and what additional services we can manage. All of this can be figured in for this years budget request. Good job.

4) URMRSR guideline change, i.e. change meeting months: It was proposed to change the meeting rotation schedule and add in the new area so they can have their turn under section 4, paragraph A. Change May to April and making this the annual regional assembly/workshop, add June and change November to October. Other areas of change would include adding the new area to the convention rotation under section 11, paragraph A and changing the months of trusted servant elections to match the new meeting schedule in section 8, paragraph A.

Old Business: See above.

New Business:

Motions ~ None

Elections ~ Requirements and duties were read for each.
RCM2 – no nominations nor volunteers.
Activities Chair – no nominations nor volunteers.
Area Chair – for September

Disbursements:

Ck #1327 – Robertson's Meat Processing for hog	\$130.00
Ck #1328 – Richard M. for laminator and pkg full size pouches	\$ 33.39
Ck #1329 – Scottsbluff Screenprinting - 2 nd order of shirts and hoodies	\$214.09
Ck #1330 – Trails West YMCA Camp - last installment for facility rent	\$372.40
Ck #1331 – NAWS for literature order	<u>\$ 68.05</u>
	\$817.93

Closing Treasury balance: \$2,255.39 (approximately)

Area 7th Tradition of **\$19.00** to Clean & Serene

Adjourned at 3:30 pm

Next mtg: September 14, 2008 – 1pm @ 1215 E. Gibbon St., rm 202, Laramie, Wyoming

WBASC/rlm