

# Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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**Date: July 12, 2009    Time: 1:00 pm    Location: Scottsbluff, NE**

Ray B.            opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer  
Rory G.           read the 12 Traditions of N.A.  
Larry S.           read the 12 Concepts of N.A.  
Gail W.            read the 12 Values of the WBASC

## **Group Response to Concept Study from last meeting: Concept 8, Q 1**

*Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.*

Regular communication is essential to the fulfillment of all these concepts, and to the integrity and effectiveness of our services themselves.

## **Study and discussion questions**

1. How does regular communication support the Second Concept? The Third Concept? The Fourth Concept? The Sixth Concept?

Comments included: Without communication we don't know who is doing what and if it is getting done at all. Without communication we are limited in the ability to adequately carry the message. Since the mentioned concepts all pertain to groups the study of these concepts is not necessarily for the benefit of our area committee members as much as it is a tool for groups to use to determine if the area committee is doing what it needs to be doing. With minimum communication we do not know what the groups think about what we are doing and if we could do something better or different.

## **Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept \_9\_ using chapter questions.**

*All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes.*

To check judgment, to guard against hasty or misinformed decisions, and to invite the sharing of new ideas, our services must consider all viewpoints when making plans. This is essential to the development of a fair, wise, balanced group conscience.

## **Study and discussion questions**

1. "An effective group conscience is a fully informed group conscience." Why is it important to make sure all viewpoints are considered when making service decisions?  
Just in case a very important aspect has been overlooked and additional viewpoints can provide a kind of checks and balances. It also helps the most important person, the newcomer, at our meetings feel a part of the fellowship. And so everyone can hear all info that may be important to making a choice.
2. In your group, area, or region, how can an individual member voice his or her viewpoint on a service decision at hand?  
Attend meetings and speak up. If meetings can't be attended then e-mail or snail mail the next person in the chain of command, i.e., GSR, RCM, RD or even the service body's chairperson.
3. Do NA services make the effort they should to seek out new, different viewpoints? Do NA services stifle opposing viewpoints?  
Most of the time our different service bodies are asking what they can do to help other arms of the service structure especially the groups. Once in a while a member's concerns seem stifled when his or her concerns are belittled or made difficult to express by insistence that there is a different method for presenting the issue. As for the former, in many instances, our RDs have made a concentrated effort in gathering input and passing it along to World Services and then bringing back resultant information.

4. How do you know when it's time to speak up against a decision of the majority? When it's time to accept a decision and surrender to group conscience?

**GSRs -- take this question back to groups for input.**

**Roll Call:** Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary (acting), Treasurer, Literature Chair, Activities Chair/UD Chair, Webservant

**GSR, Alternates and guests:** Deb B. (GSR – On Life's Terms) Ray B. (GSR – Vision of Hope), Dan G. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Rory G. (Rep – Live from Laramie), Ray B. (Rep for – Free Bird), & Wayne W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Sharon S., Larry S. and Frankie Z. all of Scottsbluff.

**Absent:** RCM (vacant), RCM2 (vacant), PR Chair (W/O report), Clean and Free, Staying Clean in Sidney.

**NA Recovery Birthdays:** Larry S. – 2 mths & Les F. – 12 yrs. on May 29<sup>th</sup> – Congratulations!!!

**Recognition of new groups:** None.

**Approval of last month's minutes:**

Minutes corrected as follows:

Ck # 1372 – URMRS – cash in , check out should read \$113.35 and not \$113.75.

This would then make the closing balance \$2,517.34. Then subtract the \$6 bank fee for \$2,511.34

Out-going PR [Rory] report received after minutes posted and sent out. Filed as follows:

Howdy,

Since we last met I have delivered 2 *An Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous, Revised*, 1 JFT, 1 5<sup>th</sup> ed. *Basic Text*, 1 *It Works: How and Why*, and 10 each of the following pamphlets: *Welcome to NA*, *One Addicts Experience*, *Recovery and Relapse* and *Am I an Addict?* to the Ivinson Memorial Hospital in Laramie.

And to Peak Wellness in Laramie 15 of each of the following pamphlets were delivered: *By Young Addicts*, *Youth and Recovery*, *For the Newcomer*, *Am I an Addict* and *For the Parents of Addicts*. The PI panel that was done there last month for the adolescent group went well and we've been asked to come back for another, possibly in July.

Laramie meetings are now listed in the online calendar of the Laramie Boomerang.

Phoneline: It was brought to my attention by another member that the Laramie meeting does not list the time. Tommy has assured me through email that he will update the phoneline.

A Basic Text was delivered to the Albany County library. Richard delivered BTs to the Gering and Scottsbluff libraries and will deliver one to the Scottsbluff College [WNCC] next month. Another BT was ordered for the library of Sydney [sic].

The PR budget is \$677.05

Les F. moved to accept the minutes as amended, Rory G. seconded the motion and it carries unanimously.

**Treasurer's Beginning Balance:** \$2,512.54 (reflects a \$1.20 adjustment after corrections from last month)

**Serenity Break:** 1:45 – 1:55 PM

**Officers Reports:**

**Chair:** Given and filed as follows:

Hello ASC members & friends

I at this time don't have a lot to report. I would like to say thank you to our secretary for getting the minutes out in such a timely manner & from what I have heard the rest of the committee chairs have done a great job with

the activities & literature. I am looking forward to working with our new [PR] chair to get the word out that there is a solution to our disease. If there is anything I can do please let me know?

It looks like for the first time in a while our bank account is correct so I think everything is good in the Wyo-Braska Area. Still need to elect the RCM & RCM2, but as you know our willing and able Vice-chair is very capable of filling in when needed. I would like to encourage you to attend the Region's workshop & business meeting August 1<sup>st</sup> in Laramie. Also, our neighboring area, Wyoming Western is having a "Learning Days" next week in Saratoga, WY. I think Big Steve had been asked to speak on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The chair's budget stands at \$100.

In loving service  
Ray B.

**Vice-Chair:** Given and filed as follows:

Missing last month's meeting I don't have a lot to report. I do appreciate the minutes being sent out [so] timely so those of us not able to attend [the] meeting can see what went on.

The Rocky Mountain Forum [is] being held July 25<sup>th</sup> in Idaho Falls, Idaho. A flier came out this morning so I brought a copy of that and if it is possible would like to have [this] regional supported function discussed in sharing as a form of our area's communication with other regions, and wonder what part this service body plays in our communication with areas, groups and NAWS.

ILS  
Les F.

**Treasurer:** Report given and filed as follows:

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The opening balance according to the telephone banking as of today is 2512.54. The last transactions were as follows:

Deposit:	508.34	
Check 1372	113.35	cleared
Check 1373	29.96	cleared
Check 1374	200.00	cleared
Check 1375	584.36	cleared
Bank Fee	6.00	

I have formatted the next year's fiscal spreadsheets and sent them to the committee members to finalize the prepared budgets for the next year. Also done is a preliminary audit, using the figures from the secretary. I went to the bank to get the signature card changed and found that I am still listed as a signer in my maiden name. The account had multiple signers now as the old signers were never actually removed. The bank representative will be working with me to remove those signers and make a new signature card that will reflect real time signers on this account. The online account had been suspended due to lack of use, however, there is a new program the bank had for business accounts and I will be registering our account for this. The new program offers bill pay and other benefits that will enhance the way the account is handled giving us the opportunity to keep more accurate records. I am including a print out of the current spreadsheets

I will be requesting 25.00 for ink today so that I may print out future reports and spreadsheets for the review of the committee and area members

JFT  
Gail W  
WBASC Treasurer

Question: Who should currently be on the account?

Answer: The Chair – Ray B., the Vice-Chair – Les F. and the Treasurer Gail W.

**Secretary:** Report given and filed as follows:

Hey all,

The contact and meeting lists were updated and e-mailed to everyone on June 24 as per consensus at the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Info is taken from the sign-in sheet and group report forms so if any of these are unreadable the lists will be inaccurate. Everyone please check your information to make sure it is correct and up to date.

In lieu of an e-mail address, a copy of the *Group Booklet*, the minutes and updated contact list were snail mailed to the new GSR in Cheyenne.

As a reminder, because the contact list has personal information on it, it is intended for internal use only. It will not be posted on the web site or anywhere else. Its purpose is for ease of communication among members of the area.

Copies of the guidelines, values, contact lists, meeting lists, order of annual elections and all other forms have been printed out and available here today. There are also the Saratoga, WY Learning Days fliers and registrations available as well as the new Wyo-Braska Unity Days flier/registrations. Be sure to grab some and pass them out to your groups.

Again, thank you for typing up your reports. I'm sure the next secretary will appreciate it too. It does really make it handy to scan the reports and then insert them into the minutes.

The out-going PR chair's report was received after the minutes were mailed and posted on the web site so it will be added as a correction to this month's minutes.

I am submitting receipts for copy paper and printer ink, for reimbursement, totaling \$30.55. Budget is \$63.91.

ILS

Richard

**RCM:** Vacant – no regional meeting to report on since last area meeting

**RCM 2:** Vacant – no report.

**Group Reports:**

**On Life's Terms:** Deb B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:                      Other: None

**Clean & Free:** Absent – no report.

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:                      Other:

**Vision of Hope:** Ray B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$20.00              Other: None

**Saturday Nite Live** :Wayne W.

Concerns: That for the campout [Unity Days] need a banner up. (Something to point to the spot)

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$5.00      Other: None

**Clean & Serene:** Dan G.

Concerns: None.

Needs: None.

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: New treasurer working on balance      Other: None

**Live from Laramie:** Given by Rory G.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: 0      Other: 0

**Free Bird:** Given by Ray B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$20.00      Other: None

**Staying Clean in Sidney:** Absent no report

Concerns:.

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:      Other:

**Sub-Committee reports:**

**Activities:** Given and filed as follows:

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The July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration went well, with many in attendance. All the food purchased was eaten and no one went hungry! Ray was gracious enough to bring his grill and do the cooking, a newcomer saved us a good spot and I believe everyone had a good time eating and fellowshiping. A member from Rock Springs came to help us celebrate 25 years of NA in Cheyenne as he was returning the favor of Cheyenne coming to Rock Springs 25 years ago to help them celebrate their one year anniversary.

The activities totes were inventoried and found to contain enough supplies for both the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Unity Days. The committee approved 200.00 to spend on the activity and replenish the totes, activities is turning in 82.68 as the remaining amount from that with receipts

Sam's Club:      98.33

Cake:              18.99

117.32

Unity Days planning is coming together with Ray volunteering to transport the totes to the campsite, Deb B. has volunteered to oversee the Sunday breakfast and help with Saturday dinner. I will be in attendance on Saturday to oversee the dinner and hopefully we will have a speaker. I contacted the planned speaker via email and have attached that correspondence with this report, but have had no response. The revised flier had been sent out and is posted on our web site. The planned dinner will be a taco bar, as there are plenty of taco supplies left over from the Live from Laramie Campout, and the breakfast is going to be a Deb B special. I have not received any registrations as of the writing of this report.

JFT-

Gail W

WBASC Activities Chair

**UD:** See above report.

**PR:** Absent with no report

**H&I component:** See above.

**PI component:** See above.

**Phoneline:** See above.

**Web site:** Report given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

**General** – The quarterly review of the printable meeting list has been verified and updated for the Summer 2009 quarter. The on-line meeting list has also been updated. Information is taken from the group report forms so if these are inaccurate the web site will not be right. Please check them to make sure they are correct. The latest minutes are also available on the “Archives” page. Fliers and registrations are available for the Saratoga, WY Learning Days as well as the new Wyo-Braska Unity Days flier/registrations on the *Upcoming Events* page.

**Remember, GSRs can download motion, disbursement and report forms from the “Archives” page.**

**NOTE: In order to open these PDF files the free Adobe Reader 5.0 or greater is needed.**

**Technical** – We recorded a total of 1674 hits (up from 1272) on the web site for the last month. Keep in mind that because the last meeting was later in the month than usual these hits reflect only about three weeks as opposed to a full month. Nonetheless, they represent 402 hits for the partial month. Still a significant and usual amount of hits.

Training aid on how to update our web site is being compiled. So far screen shots and a basic outline have been put together leading step by step from logging on to the host, to publishing and then saving a current copy of the updated web site pages. Instructional text needs to be finished and edited, a glossary built and the screen shots need touched up then everything can be put together in an PDF e-book format – hopefully.

**Financial:** All fees paid for through Sept. 9 (domain name registration) and 20<sup>th</sup> (annual hosting).

And finally,

*“... wherever we go, we always represent NA to some degree. If we are seen acting poorly while we prominently display an NA logo, . . . we carry a distinctly unattractive message . . .”*

*“It Works: How and Why”, Tradition 11, pg. 206.*

In Loving Service,  
Richard M.

**Literature:** Given by Rory G. as follows:

\$160.01 sales for this month. Last month Rory placed an order for \$584.36 using his personal credit card and then the area gave him a check for the same amount. However, there was an additional discount from NAWS that Rory hadn't figured into the order for \$16.80. So he owes the area this amount.

He has been looking for some kind of inexpensive roll-around carrier for the literature inventory and hasn't had any luck with the search yet. It was suggested that maybe a “Polar Roller” cooler would be large enough and inexpensive enough to do the job. He will check into it.

We had previously approved up to \$30.00 for the purchase of a lit carrier and the treasurer authorized him to use the \$16.80 he owes towards the purchase of the "Polar Roller" type carrier if he can find one.

Thanx Rory.

**Break:** 2:25 – 2:40 pm

**Sharing Session:**

1) Replenishing the General Fund – Coming up on the new fiscal year we discussed where we are with the finances and possible ways to bring the account up to the projected budgets. First off, after reviewing the ledger for the past year, the treasurer pointed out that at the beginning of the current year budget the general fund had only around \$60 in it. So in that respect we will be going into the next year with about \$600 depending on the next two months receipts and debits.

Secondly, a review of the individual subcommittee budgets and accounts reveals that it appears little adjustment can or needs done. However, if absolutely necessary some paring down could be done, but could mean diminished services. So the bottom line is that we are doing fair for the time being. In the future we may have to ask the groups to dig a little deeper if at all possible so we can maintain services.

Other suggestions to increase funds were using fund raisers for ourselves. In the last year several fund raisers were held to help with the URMRCNA-X convention to the tune of around \$1000. If we were to hold events for ourselves funds would likely be available for our use.

2) Fiscal year 2009-2010 budgets – While current budgets seem in line for continuing into next year, all chairs are asked to review their budgets to prepare an overall budget for next year.

3) Input sought on mishandling of funds at group level – One GSR asked for input on how to deal with a former treasurer who had somehow mishandled the treasury funds and seems to have cost the group a considerable amount of money. The question was asked if the funds should just be written off or if the authorities could be brought in. It turns out that both members involved were present today and there appears to be a misunderstanding that requires more research into the group's minutes and treasury records. More will to be revealed – or not.

4) Event markers or signs – A member asked about somehow marking our events so people could easily find them. No one here today knows where our signs are that we have used in the past and it was thought that a banner, while nice, might be too expensive especially if it too was to come up missing too. Les is going to research costs of making some simple directional signs and Ray is going to check on prices for 16 gauge plate. Thanx guys.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

1) Unity Days 2010 – Even though UD 2009 hasn't quite matured yet, we probably should begin researching for the UD 2010 especially if we should decide to hold it at the Trails West YMCA Camp like last year. Reservations for this facility are often booked up to a year in advance. Richard M. was asked and agreed to check into the cost and availability of the Camp. We also are encouraging all GSRs to asks their groups for ideas of where to hold UD 2010 and what form the event could take, i.e. campout at facility or lake or something completely different. What do you think???

**Motions ~**

- 1) Motion – To waive the restraints [term limits] on election of Secretary.  
Intent – To fill the position with a seasoned committee member.  
Motion carries unanimously.

Motion – To pay the treasurer, Gail W., \$25 for printing supplies from general fund.  
Carries unanimously

(Since the treasurer has no budget this appropriation was necessary for her to help fulfil her duties in making available regular reports and spreadsheets.)

**Elections ~**

Secretary – Les F. nominated Richard M. who accepted the nomination.  
Carries unanimously with no qualification or comments as he has been the secretary for at least two full terms already.

Motion 1 to waive the term limits for the secretary was made in part because we have been asking all GSRs and groups for a volunteer since the regular election last November. Since no one else has come forth the committee felt this appropriate and in accordance with the area guidelines. Richard M. will serve out the rest of this term until November plus one full year term as per the guidelines.

RCM – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

RCM2 – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

At the next meeting we need to hold elections for the above tabled positions so GSRs, please be sure to let your groups know we are looking for volunteers.

**Disbursements:**

Ck # 1376 – Treasurer for printing supplies	\$ 25.00
Ck # 1377 – Secretary for printing supplies	\$ 30.55
Ck # 1378 – URMRS	\$ 63.18

Will postpone NAWS donation until treasury straightened out. Hmmm – seems like maybe it is??

**Closing Treasury balance:** \$2,681.50

Area 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition of **18.00** to Clean & Serene

Adjourned at 3:50 pm

Next mtg: August 16, 2009 – 1pm @ 1215 E. Gibbon St., rm 203, Laramie, WY

**NOTE:** This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month rather than the 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow for the Unity Days Campout which is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.

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