

# Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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Date: July 13, 2008      Time: 1 pm      Location: Sidney, 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.  
Rory G.                read the 12 Values of WBASCs

## Group Response to Concept \_11\_ & Question \_4\_ from last meeting:

*NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly.*

Are NA funds well-accounted for in your group? Your area and region? In world services? If not, what kinds of financial reports would you like to see instead?

Clean & Serene reported that their funds are currently well accounted for and believe that for the well being of the group any excess needs to be passed along the service committee chain. Area funds seem to be well accounted for as reported in the area minutes. No one seems to know much about the Region and those minutes don't say much. And even though NAWS produces annual financial reports based on audits, at least one member would like to see some of the items and or categories broken down more than they already are, i.e. postage. Postage is pretty general and the member wonders how much of this is for free literature, office mailings, regular order short falls, etc.

## Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept \_12\_ using chapter questions.

*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.

## Study and discussion questions

1. What is the difference between service and government?

Service does not rule or govern. It is serving others selflessly and with humility. Service is giving it away.  
Government is ruling or governing. It is often selfishly motivated and a matter of pride and taking what it can.

2. The difference between a governing organization and a service organization is often not of structure but of spiritual foundation and purpose. What is it about NA's primary purpose and its spiritual identity that says "our structure should always be one of service, never of government"?

Selflessly giving it away – carrying the message to the addict who still suffers and by each level of service asking "What can we do to help you provide an atmosphere of recovery so you can best carry the message.

3. The essay on the Twelfth Concept talks about how gratitude, humility, communication, and selflessness help our structure remain "one of service, never of government." Discuss these things.

These traits are rarely found in government and by definition applies more to serving others.

4. Discuss how the Twelfth Concept applies to each of the eleven other concepts.

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

**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. & Robert N. (GSR & GSRA – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Rory G. (Treasurer – Live from Laramie), Ray B. gave report for Lucretia M. (GSR – Free Bird), & Dave R., (GSRA – Staying Clean in Sidney).

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

**NA Recovery Birthdays:** Mistie W. – 4 yrs. Congratulations!!!

**Recognition of new groups:** None

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

Les F. moved and Mistie W. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to accept the minutes as presented w/ the check numbers in disbursements to be amended next month – carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Beginning Balance:** \$1,969.05

**Serenity Break:** 1:30 – 1:45 pm

**Officers Reports:**

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

Hello fellow ASC members & guests, glad you could make it. I attended the Live from Laramie campout last month & in my opinion it was a great success – good job to all persons involved. Hope to see you all there next year. At this time I will remind you all that we are trusted servants & need to be aware of our duties & responsibilities to our groups & this body. If you are having challenges call someone. We need to start thinking about who our next Area Chair will be as the time is fast approaching for my term to be done. Chair account balance is \$100.00.

In Loving Service  
Ray B.

**Vice-Chair:** Report given and filed as follows:

Hello, fellow ASC members and guests.

I have checked the area phone line and as you probably already know it's up and running. Also, the area web site has been updated as of July 2<sup>nd</sup> and I have heard nothing from other sub-committees, so all is well in WYO-BRASKA AREA. Thank you all committee chairs for jobs well done.

We now have a location and date for the URMRCNA X. It's the Hitching Post Inn in Cheyenne, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2009. We had our 1<sup>st</sup> committee meeting there July 12<sup>th</sup> and toured the facility. I still have sub committee positions to fill so please, if you can, please attend our next committee meeting there, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm, tentatively, as I have to confirm that with the Inn personnel. At that time we will approve the convention's theme, so if you or anyone in your groups have ideas for the theme please send them to me at [anything4les@hotmail.com](mailto:anything4les@hotmail.com) or call me @ (308)641-7566. Two ideas already submitted are "That no addict seeking recovery need ever die. . ." and "Without Parallel."

Remember, it's **your** group, our area and region, and OUR region's convention so get involved. It's been a decade of uninterrupted regional conventions now and our privilege to put it together.

ILS Les F.

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

Hello Friends,

Sorry I am unable to make it today. There is not a lot to report, other than I have not been able to get Willy on the bank account yet. I will work on that this month and should have it straightened out by next month. There has not been any checks wrote for the month of June. So, our opening balance will remain at \$1,969.05. Thank you for being so patient with me. Hope every one has a good day.

If you have any questions for me, please send them back with Robert N.

In Loving Service,  
Lucretia M.

**Secretary:** Report given orally only:

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. Updated and printed out new contact lists. 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.

I am requesting \$57.02 for printing ink and paper – receipts turned in. Account will now contain \$42.98.

ILS  
Richard

**RCM:** Given and filed as follows:

Hello Family,

During the last month I have not had time to meet up with the WBASC Treasurer to be added as a signer on the acct. I will have arrangements made with her today to meet sometime this coming week. As far as next year's URMRNA convention goes, we had our first committee meeting July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Hitching Post in Cheyenne which looks like it will be the site for the convention. There will be many positions available for the convention committee. The next convention committee meeting will be held at the Hitching Post along with all the committee meetings. Time and date of next meeting will be revealed. Thank you.

In Loving Service,  
Willy O.

**RCM 2:** Vacant

**Group Reports:**

**Footsteps in Recovery:** Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

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

**On Life's Terms:** Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

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

**Clean & Free:**

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: Do not want their trusted servants included in the web site e-mail forwarding.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$14.69              Other: None

**Vision of Hope:**

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$15.00              Other: None

**Saturday Nite Live:**

Concerns: None.

Needs: More home group members.

Votes and /or motions: Yes, adding "At beginning of fiscal year, pay monthly service charge for phonenumber 1 yr in advance" under Treasurer's duties.

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

**Clean & Serene:**

Concerns: Trusted Servant participation

Needs: Still looking for a GSRA

Votes and /or motions: Yes unanimously on the policy change to add line to yearly paying of phone, web and domain name.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: 0      Other: Input on concept question.

**Live from Laramie:**

Concerns: None.

Needs: None.

Votes and /or motions:

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$20.15 – ASC, \$15.15 – RSC.      Other:

**Free Bird:**

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$20.00      Other:

**Staying Clean in Sidney:**

Concerns: Lack of members

Needs: Area service manual (Concepts of Service?) By-laws (Guidelines)

Votes and /or motions

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$10.00      Other:

**Sub-Committee reports:**

**Activities:**

Hello, everyone. Three months ago I decided that, I needed my weekends at my disposal so I could take care of the things I wanted to. I met a girl and dove into an un-healthy relationship with her. Basically I have been running my life th way I want for the past 3 months. It has affected every area of my life. I am working on changing this thought pattern and its negative affects on my life. In the last three months I have not taken care of my duties at SNL as GSRA as I should have, nor have I fulfilled my duties as the activities chair for the Wyo-Braska area. It has affected you all in that you have at some point had to pick up the ball where I dropped it. For that I apologize and will let you know that I am trying to change things, and would appreciate your help and support. I will only be in Cheyenne for about another month. I will, to the best of my abilities, fulfil my duties for Unity Days, but have to be in Montana on the 17<sup>th</sup> so I can start work the following Monday. Thank you all for your help . . .

In loving and grateful service. . .

Robert N.

**UD:** Report given by Richard M. as follows:

Noon – In attendance, Dave R., Ray B., Robert N., Rory G., Mistie W., Willy O. 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** – We got our shirt order in and have sold both a few shirts and bandannas already. Turned in today was \$125. (By the end of the meeting we had sold a few more even.) I may be a little biased, but I think they turned out great. The logo on the back just about covers the entire shirt and the printers did a great job reproducing our drawing. I believe that we will have enough sales and hence need for a second order that will include more shirts, bandannas and several have expressed and interest in getting some hoodies done up.

I have done up a flier touting the shirts and bandannas and have myself listed as the Scottsbluff contact and Lucretia as the Cheyenne contact since she kind of took over merchandising from Crystal. However, after some discussion, Willy volunteered to take about half of the remaining items with him to sell during his travels.

**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 four full registrations with \$100 to be turned in to the acting treasurer. Fifteen registration packets have been made up so far. Three were given to Mistie W. for the speakers, one was given to Robert N. for having submitted the winning logo, two were given to registrants and nine were given to Mistie to pass on to Gail W. our registration chair. An additional 10 laminated name tags and book marks and 20 cards were also included in the stuff going to Gail in the instance where two or more people were registering together.

As previously discussed, we will just make up the name tags, punch them and tie on a hunk of yarn and then mark names on them as needed. I tried this with a permanent marker and after letting it dry, it was hard to wipe off except with an erasure. This process will free up time for other chores.

At this point the contents of the registration packs has changed a little. A separate flier is included in them listing the weekend schedule and activities as well as a little blurb listing times and prices for zoo visits and then a full color map of the zoo. Of course the laminated bookmarks with the logos on the front and the promise on the back is included, but instead of laminating the business cards they are just put in as they are. The cards are just too thick for the laminator. Then there is a laminated name tag prepunched and tied with a piece of yarn. As people register we will use a permanent marker to write their names on them. And of course the logo magnets are included. I'll try to come up with detailed maps of the Trails West YMCA, the Riverside zoo, campground and park and make them available at the registration table.

Scottsbluff members Suzanne and Kathy have volunteered to help at the registration table and shirt sales respectively.

**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"

**Meals:** Between now and the next meeting all of the menus and Robert and Lucretia's shopping figures will be compiled into one master list. Many items, duplicated between meals, can be combined into one purchase thus saving money. Robert N. is still going to be able to transport everything from Sam's Club to Scottsbluff with the perishables in coolers.

Carl L., had volunteered his services and Larry B. from Scottsbluff (another professional chef) has also volunteered his help with the cooking.

Willy assured us that all of the drinks have been taken care of using coolers he and Richard are loaning us. We will only need to figure in the cost of ice.

**Banner:** Robert is just about done with the drawing and Richard will mail him a tie dye kit he got on a super sale at WalMart. The kit had been marked down from \$20 to \$3. No word on any of the other banners. There aren't any in the totes.

**Raffle Items:** **Hey everyone – how about going through your NA paraphernalia and digging up some stuff to donate for a good ole fashioned raffle? Just about anything is okay with NA stuff preferable and non-NA okay as long as it does not refer to any other fellowship. You know – like a nice display rack for NA mugs or somethin' like that?** And of course we will have a 50/50 raffle.

**Other:** Rory G is going to get with Craig H. about getting the NA signs. And Robert said he thought there were a couple with the totes.

Addendum: July 23, 2008

I met with Willy O. yesterday in Kimball, NE and gave him the rest of the shirts and bandannas. He had earlier called to let me know that he had sold almost all of what he took with him at the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and that was almost half of the entire order less what was sold at the area meeting. So it looks like we will indeed be needing another order before UDs. With the \$125 turned in on the 13<sup>th</sup>, total sales are now at \$395. Our total cost was \$482.62 so we are doing well. If we sell everything we will clear \$187.38 so we have a little elbow room.

We do now have at least 7 hoodies spoken for and another possible 3 so I may be ordering as many as 10 hoodies as well as another 2 dozen bandannas and at least another 2 dozen t-shirts. Hopefully this will be enough without being too much. A few leftovers is fine, we just don't want a lot of them.

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 each who has been approved for holding NA meetings within the jails. The main draw back is that these institutions require that the volunteer have absolutely no felony convictions what so ever. As most of us are aware, this is problematic because of the nature of the disease and the high incidence of drug related felonies. The few without convictions may not have the time or ability to attend jail meetings so it's going to be difficult to find qualified and willing volunteers.

Rory was unable to get in touch with the contact for the Scotts Bluff County Corrections, but was given the names and phone numbers of the two Scottsbluff chairs. Of note, Scotts Bluff County does not have the same restriction but it does require that volunteers not have any family members currently incarcerated and it's preferred that volunteers not have been incarcerated themselves in the past year. Also of note – Rory presented the Scottsbluff Clean & Serene group's GSR with the two Spanish versions of the Basic Text promised at the last meeting for the corrections. Thank you very much. The texts will be given to the jail.

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

**PI component:** No report

**Phoneline:** Reported on in Vice-chair report, but Rory said that he had been in touch with Tommy O. and the info line was operational and up-to-date.

**Web site:** Richard M. reports that the web site is mostly up to date and working well. As time allows Unity Days minutes, additional fliers and whatever else will be added. The ASC page will be incorporated with the Archives page and then the Regional convention page redesigned. Meetings are up to date and the newest meeting list posted.

Again, for the fourth month in a row, we received over 500 hits, in fact during this latest reporting period we had a total of 659 hits – a new record. This brings us up from 7581 to 8240. All fees have been paid up until September.

**Literature:** Mistie W. reports she brought in \$106.19 which includes the item cost plus 10% for S&H. Three percent of this, \$3.19 will go into the general account and then she is ordering \$103.30. Beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup> some prices have gone up and she is charging that price so as to be able to replenish the stock without taking a lose. Some items have been discontinued including the gold plated and silver medallions, recovery tapes, pocket sized Basic Text, the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Basic Text and the large PI poster. The Roman numeral medallions are back and soon the newly approved 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Basic Text will be available. Lookin' good! Thank you Mistie.

**Break:** 2:45 – 2:55 pm

**Sharing Session:**

- 1) URMRCNA X – Les, as the interim acting committee chair until a vote can be made at the next regional meeting, encourages all GSRs to pass along the need for volunteers to help out with the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention. He has an email list and will be letting everyone know when upcoming planning meetings will be and what will be needed.
- 2) Unity Days t-shirts, etc. –We discussed time lines, amounts and types of shirts, including hoodies, and payments etc. We would like to have enough for the convention, but at the same time we don't want to get caught with a lot of left overs. It's a fine line between the two, but ultimately it was agreed to place an order if it looked like we would need to and allow the committee chair to make the final decision on how much of what to order based on input from others and those here today. He will also check with the printer to see if any last minute printings are possible. Essentially he seeks a vote of confidence from this body to make the best decision with available info at the time. See motion #1.

**Old Business:** Laminator – Richard M. said that there is a 3M brand, full page laminator available for around \$27.00 at WalMart. 3M is a well known name brand and for the price it should fit our needs without undue expense. No other estimates were presented. See motion #1 from last month. Richard will purchase the laminator and submit a receipt for reimbursement at the next ASC meeting.

Motion #4 from last month.

To make amendment to Area Guidelines under treasurer's duties to include "At beginning of fiscal year pay total annual cost of monthly service charge for the phone line & web site hosting fee and domain name registration in advance." (Phone line currently \$10.00 a month for a total of \$120.00.

Intent: To secure phone line and web site from danger of disconnection during treasurer lapse or period of transition.

Read and tabled until next meeting after taking it back to groups for vote as per guidelines regarding changes to guidelines and policies.

Carries unanimously.

**New Business:**

**Motions ~** #1 To allow the Unity Days chair to place a second shirt/bandanna/hoodie order as necessary.  
Intent: Procure Unity Days merchandise.  
Carries unanimously.

**Elections ~** RCM2 – no nominations nor volunteers. There are no scheduled elections for August, but we do need to find a replacement for the activities chair, Robert who is moving. So GSRs please ask your groups for volunteers to fill the RCM2 position and the Activities Chair.

**Disbursements:**

Ck #1321 – NAWS for literature order	\$103.30
Ck #1322 – Richard M. secretary's printing ink and paper	\$ 57.02
Ck #1323 – ????????????????????	\$??????
Ck #1324 – Cash in and check out for LFL donation to URMR	\$ 15.15

This entry is for notation purposes only – there is no acct. change.

**Closing Treasury balance:** \$2,252.02 (approximately)

Area 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition of **\$26.00** to Staying Clean in Sidney  
Next mtg: August 10, 2008 – 1pm @ 14 W. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Scottsbluff, NE  
Unity Days Committee will meet at the same location at noon just before the ASC meeting.