

# Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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**Date: June 20, 2009 Time: 1:07 pm Location: Cheyenne, WY**

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer  
Deb B. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.  
Rory G. 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 7, Q 2**

*All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.*

Who should take part in our decision-making processes? The participation of all members of a service body provides the broadest group conscience and the soundest foundation for service decisions.

## **Study and discussion questions**

2. Who participates in your group's business meetings? Why?

C&S – Those who are grounded enough in recovery & willing to take it to service & want to see NA flourish.

LFL – Anyone who shows up, albeit few, to make sure meetings are open.

VoH – Difficulty getting the same members to show up for more than one or two consecutive meetings so participating members vary.

OLT – Three or four who show up and who want to see the meetings continue.

## **Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept \_8\_ using chapter questions.**

*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?

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

2. How could a lack of regular communication undermine those concepts, and the integrity and effectiveness of our service structure?

Through miscommunication, non-communication, misunderstandings all leading to uniformed and disharmony. Wasted resources and unnecessary duplication of actions.

3. Does your group receive regular communication from the trusted servants, service boards, and committees that serve it? Does your group regularly communicate with those trusted, service boards, and committees? How has this communication—or lack of communication—affected your group? The service structure?

See above answer and note that one of the GSRs' duties is to listen to what is presented here today, make notes and pass along the information back to the groups.

Also, LFL GSR would like an updated copy of the contact list. Via consensus we decided that as soon as it could be updated it would be e-mailed to all participants – password protected if possible.

**Roll Call:** Chair, Secretary (acting), PR Chair (acting), Literature Chair, Activities Chair, Webservant

**GSR, Alternates and guests:** Deb B. (GSR – On Life’s Terms) Ray B. (GSR –Vision of Hope), Richard M. (Rep. – Clean & Serene), John S. (GSR – Live from Laramie), Ray B. (Rep for – Free Bird), & Wayne W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live).

**Absent:** Vice Chair( w/report), Treasurer (vacant), RCM (vacant), RCM2 (vacant), UD Chair( w/report), Clean and Free, Staying Clean in Sidney.

**NA Recovery Birthdays:** Ray B. – 5 yrs. Congratulations!!!

**Recognition of new groups:** None.

**Approval of last month’s minutes:**

Minutes corrected as follows:

No Vice-chair report ever received.

No second break was taken between literature report and sharing session.

Missing check numbers were as follows:

Ck # 1370 – Church for meeting room rent           \$ 20.00

Ck # 1371 – URMRS donation                           \$ 250.00

Lastly, item #1 under sharing session discussion on holding off on literature order until \$500,01 is reached to avoid the new 12% S&H fee and maintain the 10% charged groups should indicate that this policy has been adopted by consensus.

Gail W. moved to accept the minutes as amended, John S. seconded the motion and it carries unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Beginning Balance:** \$2,722.80 (according to current ledger)

**Serenity Break:** 1:55 – 2:12 PM

**Officers Reports:**

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

Hello ASC members & friends

Good to see you all again. I am a little concerned about our unity [or continuity] at this level of service & will address that in the sharing session. Not much else to report at this time. The Chair’s account balance stands at \$ 100.00. I would like to remind everyone to understand the importance of taking care of the committee you are elected to represent – know your responsibilities.

In loving service  
Ray B.

**Vice-Chair:** Given by Ray B. and filed as follows:

Hello Everyone,

Sorry I am not able to attend today. I hope you are all well and that there are lots of you today who can fill the positions we desperately need. Thank you all for your very appreciated help with our tenth convention here in Wyo-Braska this past year. It was a great success thanks to each of you!

I can’t express our need enough to concentrate now on bringing our area service committee together with the same intensity and unity. I will be here in spirit and if you need anything don’t hesitate to call now or any time.

In Love and service,  
Les F.

**Treasurer:** Vacant, Ray B. acting – report given and filed as follows:

June 20, 2009

Just to let you all know, I did the best I could with the information I have. I think a total overhaul of our books is in order. I have found checks written & never cashed so I think it may be a good idea to have someone audit our

system. As close as I can figure our ledger says we have \$2,722.80. Our last bank statement says we have \$3,312.78. I have not received the current statement so like I said before, this account really needs to be audited so that we know where we are financially.

In Loving Service  
Ray B.

[Note: Richard M. has compiled a list of all credits and debits according to our area minutes going back to November of 2008. While there are several discrepancies the ending balance for the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting figured out to be \$2,834.59. This report will be given to the next Treasurer. Also, while we were meeting, Gail W. checked with the bank and the balance as of today, June 20, 2009, is \$2,824. 43 with the \$250 check having cleared. This would seem to indicate that if all checks written have cleared and all deposits have been made then the difference between the balance Richard calculated and amount Gail got from the bank is only \$10.16 – pretty close. The procedure of reporting all credits and debits in our minutes seems to be a good backup for tracking our total finances. Time will tell.]

**Secretary:** Report given verbally except for attached resignations as follows:

For the record the following resignations read into and/or included in the minutes.

**Received e-mail March 16, 2009 from Willy O,**

“The purpose of this Email is to inform you all that I am resigning from the RCM position. I will also be resigning from the GSR at my home group. The one position I will keep is Hotels and Hospitality for the Convention. My job had me now taking on Colorado and Southern Wyoming. I was already strapped for time with Wyoming and Colorado will be a lot of work. I don’t have time to do a lot of service work a this time. I apologize for not being able to fulfill my service positions. I will drop the treasury items with Gail if she is OK with it.”

Willy O.

**Received e-mail March 22, 2009 from Mistie W.**

Dear Fellow ASC Members,

I am writing this letter to let you all know that I am resigning from my position as the Area Literature Chair. I have held this position for over a year now. I wanted to fulfill my duties until the end of my term, but due to the fact that as you all know, I am pregnant and at the point of being too uncomfortable to travel for long distances and having to carry around all of the literature that I have on hand. I have not yet placed another literature order since I last attended the area meeting here in Cheyenne in February. I can do that if needed.

Unfortunately, I have not had the time to shop for that larger suitcase that I had asked for permission to purchase for this position. I can still do that, if needed, and pass it on to whomever will be handling my duties until a new Literature Chair is elected. Please let me know.

I will also be discussing with my home group, Saturday Night Live, who will take over my duties as the GSR and attend the Area Meetings.

I am sorry for putting and burdens on anybody, but I do have to think of my health during the last couple months of my pregnancy. I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve the Area and maybe later in the future, I will be able to serve you again.

In Loving Service,

Mistie W.

**Received e-mail April 11, 2009 from Mac B.**

Dear Friends – I am sorry to say that I need to step down from the RCM2 position. Between a stressed work situation and some personal challenges including a move and graduate school, I can't commit the energy and time to such an amazing service position. I am grateful again for the vote of confidence that you all had in me and am sure that you will find a suitable replacement.

I will still retain the Unity Days Chair service position and my service position with Laramie NA.

With love,  
Mac B.

**Received e-mail June 18, 2009 from Mac B.**

Richard and Ray, hope you guys are well. . . .

Re: Unity Days, the camp spot in Pole Creek Campground is reserved for Friday August 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. It is site 1. The reservation number for the first day is XXXXXXXX. The reservation number for the second day is XXXXXXXX.

Re: the speaker, a nice gentleman recommended by Misty (Leonard "Cowboy" from Longmont, CO) has accepted to be our speaker if we would like him. Willy had said that we could pay for his ticket. A question for you guys to consider – will the Committee also pay for his partner to come up? Please let me know after this week's meeting so I can get back to him. Or if you want to e-mail him yourself, his e-mail is XXXXXX Please copy me if you do so I don't double dip here.

Re: the flyer, I am asking the designer to make some changes on it and will get it to you as soon as it is ready.

Two things re: logistics. Since I will not be in Laramie until early August – and moving into a new place (hopefully) I can no longer be NA Unity Days Chair. I am effectively resigning from the position. I can not fulfill my duties while I am . . .

Second, we will need cooks for the camp out. Please ask among the committee members if there is any interest in this,

Thank you. Hope you are enjoying the summer.

All the best.,  
Mac B.

Richard also reported that the contact list has not been updated due to all of the recent resignations and pending any notification of changes today, they will be revised ASAP after the meeting today and as mentioned earlier, e-mailed to all.

The meeting lists are updated until some changes from today's meeting and the guidelines are current as there have been no policy changes since the last update.

Also read and passed around was a product update from NAWs mainly for the new gift edition of the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Basic Text and the new Basic Journal design which are due out in September.

Budget remains at \$94.46.

ILS  
Richard

**RCM:** Report given by Ray B. for Les F. and filed as follows:  
Hello Everyone,

Chapters One and Two, and a working outline for *Living Clean* are out for fellowship review and input until 15 September 2009. You can find the drafts from the link on the project page at [http://www.na.org/?!D=Living\\_Clean\\_Project](http://www.na.org/?!D=Living_Clean_Project) and access with the password and user name of WSC2010. You can also submit your input online. In addition you can help contribute to the ongoing writing by sharing your experience with any of the material in the outline as source material for the chapters. You can find this at [www.naws.org/lc/](http://www.naws.org/lc/)

The world is re-evaluating reporting and production costs for *NAWS News*, *The NA Way*, and *Reaching Out*. Anyone may contact the World with suggestions and/or ideas. [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org)

There is a big celebration in Cheyenne at Lions park on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to celebrate 25 years of NA here in Cheyenne. Gail W. has a flyer out so please attend if you can.

The 11<sup>th</sup> convention [URMRCNA] committee is well underway and will be in Rock Springs next year and they are having a contest for the theme and logo so get involved and submit your ideas.

Once again, I apologize for not being here today, and my # is on the contact list. Don't hesitate to contact me so I can let you know how little I know.

In Loving Service  
Les F.

**RCM 2:** Vacant – no report.

#### **Group Reports:**

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

Concerns: Getting time [meeting] change to 7:30 pm [on meeting list].

Needs: Literature

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$44.63 ?? 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: Trusted Servants

Votes and /or motions: None

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

**Saturday Nite Live:**

Concerns: None

Needs: Key tags

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$70.99 Other: None

**Clean & Serene:** Given by Richard M.

Concerns: None.

Needs: Trusted Servants and participation.

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: 0 Other: None

**Live from Laramie:** Given by John S.

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: Trusted Servants  
Votes and /or motions: None  
7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$10.00      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:

Live From Laramie Campout Committee

We would like to thank the Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee for sponsoring the campout again this year. We had a good turnout with 18 paid. We believe this was low because of the weather. The totals are on the attached spreadsheet. We took in a total of \$180.00 for reservations. There was also \$30.00 in Seventh Tradition for a total of \$210.00 (\$20.00 of which was forwarded earlier). Enclosed is \$190.00 in checks and cash. We are returning \$11.11 from the seed money for food and receipts totaling \$212.89. See attached spreadsheet for a breakdown of these expenses.

We are looking forward to campout #6 sometime next June.

Craig H. Committee Chair

[Note: If figures are accurate this reflects a net loss of \$2.98]

Gail W. further reports –

This committee is planning a 4<sup>th</sup> of July and 25 year anniversary of NA in Cheyenne picnic. Flyers are being distributed and the announcement is on the web site.

The committee needs volunteers to bring grills, cook and someone to go to the park very early in the morning to reserve the area we would like to be at.

The plan is to serve hot dogs, hamburgers and potato chips, if any one wants to bring other side dishes they can, but it's not required. The committee will be requesting \$200.00 from the area to secure the food and supplies needed for the event.

This committee will also be inventorying the activities totes to see what will be needed to support this event and Unity Days, and will if needed be requesting funds to replenish the totes after inventory. It is expected that the \$200.00 requested today should fulfill the needs of the totes for both events.

JFT -  
Gail W.  
WBASC Activities Chair

**UD:** See Secretary's report.

Gail will be seeing to this event in lieu of Mac's resignation.  
Ray said he will verify arrangements with speaker.

**PR:** Given verbally by acting chair Rory G.,  
Acting PR chair, Rory, reported that books were received and distributed to libraries in Scottsbluff/Gering and one soft cover was given to Richard to convey to the Staying Clean in Sidney [NE] folks so it can be donated to the library there.

Some inaccuracies in the phonenumber info and Rory will get with Tommy O. to update.

The current PR budget is ??????

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

**PI component:** See above.

**Phonenumber:** See above.

**Web site:** Report given verbally by Richard M.

Has been updating events on home and events pages and posting flyers when available. Minutes are all posted. Meeting list will need to be updated after this meeting. Nothing done on training cd. Total hits recorded are 1272. Not sure when this is changed or even how because as of March 8, 2009 there were 3803 total hits. However, historically we have had around 500 hits a month. All fees paid for through Sept. 9 and 20<sup>th</sup>.

jft  
Richard

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

\$131.56 sales this month. Placing an order for \$584.36.

**Break:** 3 – 3:10 pm

**Sharing Session:**

- 1) Area continuity and participation: We discussed the lack of volunteers for service as well as general participation with many of the same thoughts being just as applicable to our groups as to our area. And the situations are very similar to those encountered in the early years of NA and at almost regular times since.

Attraction – how can we, as service bodies, become more attractive to our members so they will want to get involved? In the past, some attendees have found controversy, animosity and long, drawn out meetings very unattractive. So injecting light banter, humor and faster paced and shorter meetings may help.

Why do we, as trusted servants, stay or keep coming back? This is a question with as many answers as members giving the answer. Something we can each ask ourselves and then perhaps influence our sponsors and sponsees with.

One answer that was echoed more than once, but with varying levels of passion, was that NA has given back life where addiction had taken it away. People felt in debt and found that by taking recovery into service and being of service was one way to begin paying back that which was so freely given.

Another view suggested that we may be able to enlist, encourage and enlighten those who come to our meetings as a result of the judicial system either while incarcerated or after or those temporarily clients of one institution or another. It isn't unheard of to find a dedicated member in service who first came to NA through the courts so this may be an untapped resource. One in which we may often pass over because of preconceived judgements that place "paper holders" or "card carriers" in a class of member unlikely to continue after probation. Members not really worthy of our experience, strength and hope – our time, energy or effort?

- 2) Meeting lists: It was thought that spreading meeting lists around all manner of facilities may inform more people of our presence and consequently attract more potential members. Meeting lists could be distributed to substance abuse facilities, mental health establishments and social service agencies.

3) Jail meetings: We discussed the situation with having such strict guidelines if not actual refusal of allowing NA meetings in the Laramie County jail. This policy may be overcome by contacting state officials, in particularly the governor, to see if he could influence a lessening of restrictions.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**Motions ~** 1) Motion – To remit \$200.00 to Activities for 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.  
Intent – To celebrate 25 years of NA in Cheyenne  
5 in favor, 1 abstain – motion carries.

**Elections ~** Read qualifications and duties for each.

Secretary – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

Treasurer – Deb B. nominated Gail Walker who accepted the nomination. Gail qualified herself and was voted in unanimously. Thank you Gail. She will now take steps to have her signature added to the bank account signature card.

RCM – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

RCM2 – No volunteers or nominations. Tabled

PR Chair – John S. volunteered and qualified himself. He has worked with area level PI subcommittees in Utah and offers new ideas and experiences. 4 in favor and 1 abstained. Thank you John.

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

**Disbursements:**

Ck # 1372 – URMRS – cash in , check out	\$113.75
Ck # 1373 – Freedom Voice	\$ 29.96
Ck # 1374 – Activities	\$200.00
Ck # 1375– NAWS for literature order	\$584.36
Bank service charge ???	\$ 6.00 (May not have been reflected in closing balance)

Will postpone NAWS donation until treasury straightened out.

Transferred \$12.10 & \$55.35 from PR account to literature for a Basic Text for Sidney library and other books and pamphlets.

**Closing Treasury balance:** \$2,517.74

Area 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition of 0 for meal and meeting room as it was all donated potluck. Thanx much for a great feed!!!

Adjourned at 4:55 pm

Next mtg: July 12, 2009 – 1pm @ 14 W. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Scottsbluff, NE

WBASC/rlm