

# Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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Date: November 9, 2008      Time: 1:10 pm      Location: Scottsbluff, NE

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

## Group Response to Concept 3 & Question 1 from last meeting:

*The NA groups delegate to the service structure  
the authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to it.*

In day-to-day matters, the groups have given our service boards and committees the practical authority necessary to do the jobs assigned them. This is not a blank check issued to the service structure; the group's final responsibility and authority, spoken of in the Second Concept, still apply. To make Concept Three work, we must carefully select trusted servants.

## Discussion Question

1. In general, what does your group think about the concept of delegated authority?

C & S – The groups have the final say and it is heard provided the GSR does the appointed job.

## Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept 4 using chapter questions.

*Effective leadership is highly valued in Narcotics Anonymous. Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants.*

The trust necessary to confidently delegate authority is founded on the careful selection of trusted servants. Leadership is very important to the welfare of our fellowship. True, our leaders are but trusted servants, not governors; yet we also expect our trusted servants to lead us. If we select them carefully, we can confidently allow them to do so. The essay on this concept describes an array of leadership qualities to be considered when selecting trusted servants.

## Study and discussion questions

1. Read NA's Second Tradition. Does NA have leaders? If so, what kind of leaders? Does a fellowship that makes collective decisions need leaders?  
Yes, NA has leaders who are trusted servants. Govern is to dictate. Leaders don't dictate but guide and serve. the best leaders are good followers.
2. Does your group have leaders? If so, who are they? In what sense can they be called "leaders"? Could your group do without leaders? Could a service board or committee do without leaders?  
**GSRs -- take this question back to groups for input.**
3. According to this essay, what are some of the skills and personal traits we seek when selecting trusted servants? What is the real foundation of NA leadership?  
Must have service experience and be able to follow direction. Must have an attitude of humility. A modest spirit, not driven by ego but which allows others the opportunity to develop their skills and then step aside and watch the continued growth. Must bring spiritual based recovery into the service structure rather than have service based recovery which expresses self-will more than spirituality.
4. "Effective NA leadership knows not only how to serve, but when it will serve best to step aside and allow others to take over." Discuss rotation of leadership.

If we step aside, as per the guidelines, and invite others someone will eventually step up. Otherwise the same person holding the same position could be view as having a governing personality and therefor contrary to the guidelines, traditions and concepts.

**5. What does NA leadership have to do with recovery? With selfless service?**

In recovery we learn selflessness. Selfless service is one more tool for growth. There is no higher purpose, no better way to give back to the fellowship than to selflessly serve. We can only stay clean by giving it away.

**Roll Call:** Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, RCM, RCM2, PR Chair, Literature Chair, Activities Chair, Webservant

**GSR, Alternates and guests:** Deb B. (GSR – On Life’s Terms), Willy O. (GSR – Clean and Free), Ray B. (GSR – Vision of Hope), Mistie W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Scott M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Rory G. (Treasurer – Live from Laramie) Juan P. & Rick M.

**Absent:** Treasurer, UD Chair (vacant), & Staying Clean in Sidney.

**NA Recovery Birthdays:** Scott M. – 6 yrs., Deb B. – 5 yrs. & Juan P. – 6 mths. Congratulations all !!!!!!!

**Recognition of new groups:** A member had been in touch with a member in Wheatland and as soon as some physical problems are remedied it is thought that he will get in touch. It’s been too long.

**Approval of last month’s minutes:**

On the disbursements, ck # 1337 Voided	
ck # 1338 to NAWS for literature order	= \$ 110.50
ck # 1339 Cash in, check out URMR donation from LFL grp.	= \$ 25.71
Service charge	= \$ 6.00

Les F. moved and Willy O. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to accept the minutes as corrected above – carried unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Beginning Balance:** \$2,906.31

**Serenity Break:** 1:55 – 2:10 pm

**Officers Reports:**

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

Hello fellow A.S.C. members and guests,

I recently attended a workshop in Gillette were we discussed the first tradition & concept nine. The thing that I got out of the workshop is that we must set goals for ourselves so that we are working towards some solutions. I have addressed some things later on in sharing that we can talk about. I attended the Harvest Gathering last night & it was a success, as far as I could tell. Everyone had a good time & the speaker had a very strong message of recovery. I would like to thank every one that helped to put this on. As Richard M. noted at out last meeting, this will be his last month as Secretary. I personally would like to thank you for everything that you have brought to this committee. You have been as asset to this body & it has been a pleasure working with you. I would like to remind you all that it is important to know and understand the guidelines of this service body & to also know & understand the duties of our service positions. Thank you for allowing me to be of service for another year. The Chair’s account balance stands at \$100.00.

In loving service  
Ray B

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

I was asked tot take our RCM report to region on 11/01/2008 in the absence of our RCM. And did so to the best of my ability. I took the two motions you asked, #1 that the original winning logo be reinstated. That motion passed. #2 that the geographical description of our region be changed back to the original wording including the parts of Nebraska that our region serves. That motion came to 5 yeah, 5 nay and 2 abstentions and was called a failed vote, after which we were asked to ask our area if it would be satisfied if it was simply added to the current description, “and the Panhandle of Nebraska.” So I am asking the GSRs take this question to their groups and return next month with their answers.

I was not provided a report to region so I quickly hand wrote to the best of my ability with the limited info I had on hand and it was presented by Mac [B.], our newly elected RCM2. Mac also collected from the executive committee and RCMs reports and notes, from which with Willie's aid, should have a more thorough and accurate report on the Nov. URMRS meeting.

I have some ideas that I will be bringing up during our sharing session on how I believe the region could better serve our areas so that there would be less occurrences of needing to address such things that I personally don't believe were even necessary such as the changing of the geographical description. It concerns with how and or when our motions are made and voted on.

I believe the new regional chair is doing a great job of getting the agenda out very soon and from that agenda motions that would be considered should be out soon enough that areas would be able to discuss them, since areas meet monthly and region about quarterly, prior to a vote called on a matter. This would allow our RCMs to carry our vote, not try to guess our vote on matters not of great importance.

ILS  
Les F.

**Treasurer:** Absent w/ no report. Willie O. is in the process of reconciling our records with bank statements.

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

Hey all,

Weeeeee – according to our guidelines it's time for someone else to step up and help keep the area informed by taking notes, typing and distributing minutes and providing information whenever possible. If we cannot find a volunteer I can and will continue until we do. After almost three years I think I have almost got it down ;-).

I have a special form I use to take notes on and then templates to actually type them up with. I think both need a little updating, but nothing major. The key for me has been to encourage typed reports that make it easy to scan and include in the minutes. It also helps if I take legible minutes and try to get them typed as soon as possible so the memories are still fresh :-). Then it helps to also be the web servant as I can upload them when they are done. I have also gathered up all of the notes, reports and forms going back to January of 2007 – our hard copy archives. I just need to round up the 2006 stuff and it should be mostly complete along with the two boxes of stuff I was given when I started.

The contact and meeting lists have been updated with info taken off of the sign-in sheet as well as the group report forms and corrections given to me at the last meeting. If any of this info is illegible then the list won't be right so please print clearly. Also, everyone please check your information to make sure it is accurate and up to date. 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.

Again, thank you for typing up your reports. It does really makes it handy to scan in and insert into the minutes.

I am planning on turning over the full size laminator we purchased a few months back and the smaller one donated to the area last month to the Activities Chair so they can use them for the fundraisers and conventions and what have you.

Budget remains at \$125.

ILS  
Richard M.

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

Hello Family,

It is good to see you all again. Last weekend I was unable to attend the region meeting as I was in New Orleans. Our RCM2 did fill in for me and I must thank him for doing an exceptional job.

There was a motion made to change the area [region??] guidelines back to include Nebraska. This vote failed with 5 for, 5 against, and 2 abstaining. It was mentioned that we add "Pan Handle [Panhandle] of Nebraska" next to "United State of Wyoming" and a vote is needed from this body on this issue.

The new rotation for URMRSK meetings have been scheduled as such: February (Central Wyoming), April (Central Basin), June (Western Wyoming), August (Wyo-Braska) and October (Freedom Seekers Area).

From a committee report from Delynda S. "Several members from this service body met after the last Regional Business meeting to address personal grievances brought by a member of our fellowship. The grievances were three in number: 1) Removal from Office without due cause or process. The ad-hoc committee approached this issue with the fellow addict in stating the time frame that had elapsed was extensive without seeing him in our regularly scheduled business meeting, and that this body moves forward instead of sitting on accomplishments we are striving to make. The regional body wanted the website up and running, and was able to accomplish this upon another stepping up to get it done. The member bringing the grievance was able to let this go after long discussion and explanation." (It was discussed at the meeting that the addict wanted a letter of integrity placed on the web site. Tommy O. will write a letter to the addict, but it will be a letter of his choosing.) 2) Failure to use submitted logo after approval by the URMRSK: Those in attendance at the ad-hoc meeting assured this member that attempts were made to contact him regarding the logo contest and the fact that his logo had won the contest. We did not hear back from him and he had made a decision that if we could not reach him by the next scheduled meeting then we would put the second place runner up logo into effect. The member seemed to understand our position on wanting to finally move this item off of the agenda. 3) Slanderous language in a report printed and published in regional minutes: The committee and member bringing the grievance both agreed this was more of a personal issue between two members and was best handled between them. No action was taken by the service body."

A new group in Lyman is meeting ("Clean and Serene") on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 pm. Jackson has a new group that meets at 5:30 on Wednesdays. The "Free at Last" group has closed the Thursday night meeting in Thane.

Wyoming Western Area learning day will be held in July and Rawlins and Saratoga are talking about hosting a function. More will be revealed. The next area WWA meeting will be held Dec. 6 in Evanston, WY in conjunction with the "Living Proof" group's 20<sup>th</sup> year annual birthday celebration. There will be Mexican food and a speaker and a raffle. We are also taking orders for shirts. This function will be held at the Beeman Cashin Building in Evanston at 10<sup>th</sup> and Front St.

Three new service pamphlets will be released this year as "Leadership," "The Benefits of Service" and "An Introduction to NA Meetings." Service IP "An Introduction to NA Meetings" was pulled from our shelves after distribution. With a few minor edits World Services is reporting that this piece will be ready for re-distribution in the near future. Also, revisions to the service IP "Service and the NA Member" are to possibly include a section on leadership. This project will include an overall assessment and revision of the book and also the addition of material to address long-term illness, current issues with medication and mental health issues in recovery. The draft will be released in early February of 2009 for a 90 day fellowship review and input period. Much discussion has taken place on revising "NA Groups and Medication" as well, however, with the "In Times of Illness" project under way, World Services has announced that "NA Groups and Medication" and bulletin #29 are sufficient pieces of information regarding medication for now.

Other workgroups and project news going on with World Services:

- Service System Workgroup
- Living Clean Workgroup
- Self Support Workgroup
- NA Way Workgroup

The World Service Office is calling for new submissions and updated information for the World Pool. The form for this is available on their web site at [www.na.org](http://www.na.org) or by calling or writing them.

Sixth edition "Basic Text" did become available on October 1, 2008, as well as the new Roman numeral medallions in bronze. A commemorative edition of the "Basic Text," 6<sup>th</sup> ed. to celebrate the book's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and triplate medallions will be available for purchase in November.

WCNA will be August 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be held in Barcelona, Spain.

November 8<sup>th</sup> Wyo-Braska area had another successful and enjoyable "Harvest Gathering" at LCCC in Cheyenne. This event, as you all know, was a fundraiser for the regional convention in May, 2009. The event raised \$441.00. Thank you all who supported this event.

As always, most area and regional events are posted on the regional and area web sites.

In Loving Service,

Willy O.

Mac B.

**RCM 2:** See above.

**Group Reports:**

**On Life's Terms:**

Concerns: Trying to reorganize (group conscience timing, budget, literature, & donations to area, region etc.

Elected secretary & GSRA.

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

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

**Clean & Free:**

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

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

**Vision of Hope:**

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

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

**Saturday Nite Live:**

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

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

**Clean & Serene:**

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

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

**Live from Laramie:**

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

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

**Free Bird:**

Concerns: None

Needs: People to support service.

Votes and /or motions: None

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

**Staying Clean in Sidney:**

Concerns: Via phone w/ Vice-Chair – Since the Sidney drug court shut down there has been a drop in attendance. The GSR is indisposed and unable to attend area meetings and the GSRA (Tara, the former GSR) can't attend either due to ongoing issues within her family. They do want to continue being a part of the area, but need to bow out of the regular hosting rotation this time.

Needs: Members, support, more members and did I mention support??

Votes and /or motions: None

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

**Sub-Committee reports:**

**Activities:** Submitted and filed as follows:

There is not much to report as the only activity was a convention fundraiser, I will leave the reporting of that to Mistie, as she organized the event.

This subcommittee will meet with the E & F Chair of the convention to organize the next combined event hopefully targeting New Year's Eve. The thought on the theme for the event is a 70s theme.

Other ideas for the year range from a Valentine party, to picnics, and a possible "Get to Know Your Area Service Committee" forum.

As this year's convention is hosted by our area, my intent is to not over tax the area's members with multiple events as it is my belief that it will drain the committee of resources needed for the convention. What I mean by this is that I do not want to over tax our general members in energy and resources that can better served by putting on one heck of a 10 year anniversary of the convention. Until the convention is over I believe that New Year's and Valentine's day will be the only events scheduled.

JFT  
Gail W.  
WBASC Activities Chair

**UD:** vacant

**PR:** Given and filed as follows:

Howdy,

There is still a desire for volunteers for the jail meetings in Albany and Laramie county jails. I have been in e-mail contact with a corporal at the Albany county jail who will give me an inventory of NA literature in the facility. I have been told there is little or none right now, but Corporal Wilken is going to try and give me specifics next week.

I have an order for pamphlets to be made available at the PI panel at Carey Junior High in Cheyenne next month. The dates for that will be December 15 and 16 (that's a Monday and Tuesday. We will need several volunteers for this two day panel. It will begin at about 8 in the morning with a lunch break at noon and the day ends around 2:30. Interested volunteers can contact either me or Gail W. At least five people for each day would be great. If you can only make it for a few hours that would help, you don't have to stay the whole day.

Thank you much

Rory G.

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

**PI component:** See above.

**Phoneline:** A few updates to meetings is needed otherwise all is well

**Web site:** Given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

**General** – The online meeting list and the printable Fall 2008 meeting list are both updated. Please check them to make sure they are accurate. Information is taken from the group report forms so if these are inaccurate the web site will be inaccurate. The minutes and guidelines are all available also.

**Remember, GSRs can download their motion, disbursement and report forms from the “Archives” page on our web site.**

**NOTE:** In order to open these PDF files the Adobe Reader 5.0 or greater is needed. Version 4.0 will **not** open them.

I received a couple of e-mails requesting reciprocal web site linking. However, both were not official NA web sites so I cannot add their links to our site as outlined in NAWS bulletins and our web site guidelines. We cannot prevent others from linking to us – we just can't link to them unless they are NA and comply with tradition guidelines.

Remember, if I get the info . . . I will post it if appropriate.

**Technical** – Last month we had 1192 hits and this month we show a total of 1646 or 454 hits for the month. This is down slightly from the previous 4 months when we had 500 plus for 3 and 600 plus for one month.

I have started planning the format and content for an instructional CD so others will have a means to keep the web site updated should I be unable to or a new volunteer is appointed.

**FINANCIAL:** All fees paid for through September 2009

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:** Mistie W. reported sales of \$125.56 and a transfer of \$11.22 in pamphlets to the PR committee. No 3% going into the general fund as she is ordering 10 more sixth edition “Basic Texts.” Total order is \$167.75. Lookin' good! Thank you Mistie.

**Break:** 2:45 – 3:00 pm

**Sharing Session:**

- 1) What do the groups need from the Area Service Committee? How can we [the ASC] help create unity?
- 2) Les elaborates on the time lapse in motions made at the region and sent back to areas or groups via the area for consideration. In essence, the different service bodies ought to be allowed to decide matters through the trusted servants we elect without the matter having to go back to another body. For instance, once groups or areas donate funds to the region the region should be able and trusted to use those funds appropriately without having to ask groups and areas first. Several principles from the *Twelve Concepts for NA Service* relate to this delegating of authority – in particularly number three. However, it was pointed out that concept two states that “*The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups.*”
- 3) What about RCMs only voting on money matters at the regional level? One member felt that the executive

committee should be the only ones who vote on money matters since areas, thru the RCMs, have voted on and donated these funds to the region. They have effectively relinquished control over them. Maybe they should just let go of the funds and allow the region to do it's job.

- 4) Regional grievance ad-hoc committee: Les F. questioned the process for forming this committee believing that it would have been better had the chair appointed all RCMs to sit on the committee. Further it wasn't clear if the grievances were handled or resolved adequately.
- 5) Treasurer and deposits. A member informed us that a check written to the area in June was not deposited and hence not submitted for remittance until October well after the account the check was originally drawn on had been closed. Our guidelines explicitly state that all funds, including checks, are to be deposited within five days. In most cases, checks are no longer redeemable after 90 days. The member has paid the fees but cautions and urges us to be more diligent with our deposits to avoid any future problems.

**Old Business:**

- 1) URMER logo. The original winning logo design has been reinstated.
- 2) As reported, the Panhandle of Nebraska will most likely be added to the region guidelines.

**New Business:**

**Motions** ~ None

**Elections** ~

Secretary – no volunteers nor nominations. Current secretary to fill in until one is elected. Tabled.

Treasurer up for election next meeting. Everyone please check your groups for volunteers.

**Disbursements:**

Ck # 1342 – Quest	\$ 13.44
Ck # 1343 – Voided	
Ck # 1344 – Post Master for annual PO Box fee	\$ 54.00
Ck # 1345 – Mac B. travel to region meeting	\$153.00
Ck # 1346 – NAWA for literature order	\$167.75
Transferred \$11.22 from PR to literature for pamphlets to the Carey panels.	

Will postpone NAWA donation until treasury straightened out next month.

**Closing Treasury balance:** \$2,720.68

Area 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition of **\$22.00** to C&S

Adjourned at 4:00 pm

Next mtg: December 14, 2008 – 1pm @ 1215 Gibbon St., Laramie, WY

WBASC/rlm