



# Nebraska Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

**July 10, 2021**

**Grand Island, NE**

**(3:01 PM)** Monica T. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**Twelve Traditions:** Read by Ariel W. **Twelve Concepts:** Read by Tera N.

**Executive Committee:**

**Chairperson:** Monica T.  
**Vice-Chair:** Mark W.  
**Treasurer:** Dean B. **(Open)**  
**Vice-Treasurer:** **(Open)**  
**Secretary:** Seth R. (Proxy)  
**RD:** Tracy K. (Proxy)  
**Alt RD:** **(Open)**

**Sub- Committees:**

**NRCNA 37:** Donald P.  
**General Assembly:** Tracy K. (Proxy - No Report)  
**Outreach:** Donald P.  
**Policy:** Seth R.  
**P.I.:** Christine F.  
**I.T.:** Sam S.  
**H&I:** Tera N.  
**Archives:** Absent (Report Rcvd)  
**SBTW Liaison:** Tommy N.

**Area RCM's:**

**Columbus:** Paul H.  
**Central:** John D.  
**Eastern:** Hadrian C.  
**Elkhorn Valley:** Chelsey F.  
**Fremont:** Robert S.  
**Great Plains:** Brian P.  
**Platte Valley:** Absent  
**Southeastern:** John H.

**Visitors:** Steve H. (Fremont), Ariel W. (Norfolk), Jessica R. (Norfolk), Tanner D. (Norfolk), Clarice L. (Fremont), Jodi S. (Fremont), Eileen S. (Norfolk), Carrie W. (Norfolk), Tasha T. (Norfolk), Mike B. (Fremont), Gene H. (Norfolk), Daniel C. (Kansas), Chris E. (Kansas)

**Consensus to Accept Last Meetings Minutes:** Passed By Consensus

**Treasurer's Report (3:11 PM):**

NRSCNA Treasurer Report				
<b>RSC Meeting Date:</b>	7/10/2021		<b>RSC Meeting Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$7,325.00</b>
			<b>Prudent Reserve:</b>	\$7,325.00
Donations		Expenses		
Area, Group, or Other	Amount	Chk #	Written To - Description/Purpose	Amount
Elkorn Valley	\$138.00	1343	Brenda D (RD)	<b>\$900.00</b>
ENNA	\$309.84	1344	Rent	<b>\$50.00</b>
<i>Ties That Bind</i>	\$75.00	1345	Post Office (VOIDED)	
Fremont Area	\$360.00	1346	John H (PO Box rent)	156
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS:</b>	\$882.84			
<b>RSC MEETING SUMMARY REPORT</b>			<b>EXPENSES SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,106.00</b>
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$7,325.00</b>		<b>NAWS (WORLD) DONATION:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS:</b>	\$882.84		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$1,106.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>-\$1,106.00</b>			
<b>ENDING BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$7,101.84</b>			

### **Area Reports (3:13 PM):**

**Columbus:** All meetings are being chaired; still cleaning club with sterilizer and offering masks. Purchased more than \$1000 of literature from NAWS; keeping H&I commitments. Doing PI with flyers. Welcoming newcomers with love. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of. CWC

**Central:** Hello Family! Central Area is alive and well. We are caring a message of recovery. Thank for allowing me to be of service. In loving service, John D

**Eastern:** Good afternoon friends, The ENNA area is looking much more healthy than it has in some time. There are meetings every day and we are resuming our H&I efforts. Mask requirements are for the most part lifted at meetings, although some of the meeting places still ask that you wear one if you are not vaccinated. There are several facilities that are now open to in-person H&I meetings in Omaha. Our PR committee has also recently completed a project to get advertisements placed on three bus benches in Omaha. Although it would be hard to say if this was directly related, we have been seeing more newcomers at meetings recently which is very encouraging. P3 efforts have however remained slow. The number of Basic Texts being sent out have been anywhere from 5-25 per month in recent months. Our Activities committee has started to meet again, and I am making announcements at our area meeting in regards to getting flyers to the region. Hopefully as we start getting more organized we can get some flyers to share with the rest of you. As I shared in previous reports, our Close Encounters convention had run into some issues with the IRS from previous years. This ordeal seems to be coming to a close now, and moving forward we will be working with an accountant to file taxes for the convention annually. Close Encounters of the Clean Kind is being planned for in-person attendance this coming February. The theme will be, "A Lifeboat in a Sea of Isolation", with registrations starting at \$25. Thank you! In loving service, Hadrian C

**Elkhorn Valley:** Hello family, EVANA is coming along strong. No votes to bring back to Region but I do have upcoming events to share with everyone.

- Flow of Hope Clean Float: August 20-22 in Sparks, NE
- Wings of Surrender: August 7 @ 8:00am at TaHa Zouka Park in Norfolk, NE
- Steppin' At The Lake Men's Campout: July 23-25 @ Lake Maskenthine in Stanton, NE
- Midnight Light Up Campout: August 27-29 @ Lake Maskenthine in Stanton, NE
- H&I Training: July 18 @ 3:00pm at the Connection Project at 204 West Madison Avenue, Norfolk, NE 68701

Thank you for letting me be of service, Chelsey F.

**Fremont:** Robert S. was present but did not submit a report by the time these minutes were completed and distributed.

**Great Plains:** It does me good to actually see you all once again. The Great Plains Area is alive and well. Last month the Midsummer Nights campout went really well, and we are looking forward to the Cruzin' in Recovery NRCNA fundraiser next weekend on the 17th. It will be at 3610 6th avenue in Kearney. I encourage you all to come enjoy some good speakers, a spades tournament, and a dance while supporting the upcoming convention. Thank You for letting me be of service. Brian P.

**Southeastern:** Hello family, We are continuing to move forward with the reorganization necessary due to COVID disruption. We are continuing to spread hope and experience in facilities. We are actively seeking to reenter all facilities we were in pre-COVID. Attendance at meetings are holding steady. In loving service, John H.

**RD Report:** CAR conference will be held in Grand Island the last weekend of January and that's for the whole zone and we've invited the Rocky Mountain Zone as well. I posted most of my report on slack; all of the information from World is out on slack. The world NAWS news stuff info is there so all the RCMs should be able to get that. I'm going to San Antonio hopefully at the end of August for the multi-zonal service symposium and Fremont reached out and they are wanting to set up their CAR workshop at the Fremont Freeze Out. In loving service, Brenda D. (Tracy K., proxy)

### **Sub- Committees (3:21 PM)**

**NRCNA XXXVII:** Hello family, we're on schedule with t-shirts, hotels, and staying connected with speakers. Please pre-register at the hotel if you haven't booked a room. Thank you Fremont Area for a donation of \$1025.00. We have a balance of \$7691.89. We're

having trouble with taking payments on the website. We're working on the issue and hopefully next month the problem should be solved. In the meantime, a PayPal account will be set up online. In Loving Service, Donald P.

**General Assembly:** No report given due to absence of Brenda D. for which a fellowship social was held in place of General Assembly.

**H&I:** Areas present included Great Plains, Central, EVANA, and Fremont.

- Great Plains: has been working towards getting back into facilities and have been doing some, and has been taking literature in.
- Central: has been going into the treatment center but is still working on getting into other facilities. Has been doing H&I trainings.
- Elkhorn Valley: back into many facilities but not quite all. Has been doing H&I trainings and gaining participation. H&I trainings are scheduled for:
  1. July 18, 2021 in Norfolk, NE at 204 W. Madison Avenue
  2. July 31, 2021 in Giltner, NE
  3. Next Fremont Freezeout
- Fremont: has been doing H&I meetings! Working on getting more participation.

H&I did not purchase any further literature this last quarter due to already having a lot left over even after sending a couple of Areas literature. Therefore, I am not requesting a reimbursement at this time as I still have the last one that I will use for this quarter. H&I gave H&I handbooks/pamphlets to the Areas too. Thanks you all for all you do. Grateful In Service, Tera N.

**Outreach:** Hello family, I have a few things I'm working on like working with H&I to bring a meeting into Hastings Regional Center and once my schedule slows down, I'm looking into doing a workshop for outreach. In Loving Service, Donald P.

**Policy:** Hello Family, since the last NRSC Guidelines update in January, there have been no proposals passed by consensus that have affected our guidelines. I am still waiting to receive final confirmation of any change in cost for the proposal related to our storage unit which passed by consensus in January and will update the policy accordingly when necessary. Also, I am submitting a proposal today to amend our guidelines based on questions raised by one of our members related to inconsistencies in the NRSC Guidelines for Consensus Based Decision Making. ILS, Seth R.

**PI:** P.I. Subcommittee met today and Fremont and Great Plains gave reports. Fremont stated that they are working on relationships with local churches. Also there is a group moving back into Good Shepherd church on July 19, 2021. Mon, Tues, Thur and Sunday at 7 and Friday at 8 plus the area meeting the last Sunday of the month 2-4ish. Working on updating meeting lists in the local newspaper and online. Working on a local phone number list with men's and women's #'s. Great Plains printed the meeting list who will be getting reimbursed soon from myself. I'll send a receipt to the treasurer as well. Thanks for letting me serve. I.L.S., Christine F.

**IT:** Sam S. was present but did not submit a report prior to completion and distribution of the minutes.

**Archives:** Nothing new to report.

**SBTW:** Hello family, SBTW is still going! Work group meetings happen on Zoom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Sponsors are needed – requirements include 3 years clean, experience with NA sponsorship, and annual orientation. If any groups, areas, functions are interested in having an in-person orientation, talk to me! Sub-committee nominations open today! If you are interested in being the SBTW liaison, I am happy to answer questions and will mentor! ILS, Tommy N.

#### **Old Business (3:30 PM):**

- **Proposal #1:** To change the NRSC Policy:

#### **IV. Nominations and Elections – General Guidelines:**

If any newly elected member of the NRSC has served in any NRSC position for a period of less than six months, no new nomination will be necessary, and that member's term shall be extended until the end of the following term.

**Intent:** To ensure consistency within the NRSC service structure and to allow adequate time for members to develop an understanding of their elected position.

**Financial Impact:** \$0.00

**Submitted By:** Seth R. (EVANA)

#### **Proposal Withdrawn**

A discussion was held prior to the decision to have this proposal withdrawn.

- Kendra D.: Proposed to include 'NRSC' before the word position to make it clear that the NRSC elected member is serving in an NRSC position for less than six months of a term at the time of their initial election, and would like to

submit a nomination to continue serving for the next term.

- Sam S.: What about members that would like to submit a nomination that are not in the current position or members who don't want to serve the next term?
  - Tommy N.: Continuity and having a blanket policy to incorporate within the policies is a good idea if a position's nomination is open, and no nominations have been received. Most Areas probably have a similar policy that a position continues until the end of the current term.
  - Donald P. – Is there an existing policy, or what does the current policy state?
  - Seth R. – There is no policy. Only that all the positions open every odd year in July.
  - Monica T. – Maybe it could read that when the nominations are open, if we have a newly elected individual serving within an NRSC position, within the last quarter, that individual would not need to submit another nomination if no new nominations were received.
  - Sam S. – What about individuals who would like to submit nominations for a position, or what if the individual doesn't want to serve the next term in that position?
  - Seth R.: The more that we talk about it the more I believe that I would like to withdraw this proposal. There are just too many issues where it does not allow for the voice of the individual or for our members to be able to voice their opinion over the elected person continuing to serve within that position. I think it's easier to explain to members why they are having to vote again rather than taking away their voice to vote.
  - Monica T.: Most seated individuals have generally continued to serve under the elected position until a new nomination has been submitted.
  - Proposal Withdrawn
- **Proposal #2: For Central Area would like to host the next Region on July 10, 2021.**  
**Intent:** To host the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter NRSC meeting, in Grand Island, NE on July 10.  
**Financial Impact:** Unknown  
**Submitted By:** John D.

It was brought up that our policy states that the location needs to be secured before we can approve the proposal. It was decided that Brenda D. would contact Fonner Park to see if the location could be secured. If not, she will contact Giltner, NE Community Center to see if it is available on that date and will notify the secretary by Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

**Passed By Consensus**

#### **Open Floor (3:24 PM):**

- Robert S. from the Fremont Area shared that although the Fremont Area has a phone line, but they are receiving calls from outside of their area. They do not have contact information readily available for other areas within the region, and this is causing issues when callers have questions that must be referred to member/areas outside of the Fremont Area. Robert S. requested that all areas provide contact information.
  - Tera N. from the Elkhorn Valley Area responded by stating that the Fremont Area could use the Regional Meeting List as a resource since that document contains all of the requested contact information.
- Paul H. from the Columbus Area communicated to the committee that any members who are interested in participation in H&I at Tecumseh will now be required to complete an online class to be able to go into that facility. Also, Paul H. shared that the Columbus Area has a proposal to present to the committee (see New Business section for details related to this proposal).
- The committee voted to close open floor at 3:28pm.

## New Business (3:28 PM):

- **Proposal #1:** Survivors Group with the help of the Too Sweet Group would like to host October Region at 204 W. Madison Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701.  
**Intent:** Woohoo Masquerade Ball!  
**Financial Impact:** None  
**Submitted By:** Tommy N.

### Passed By Consensus

- **Proposal #2:** Request in the next 2 years that NAWS operating expense is based solely on average book sales of the last 10 years and 10% donation above the profit from book sales average amount.  
**Intent:** So the addicts not born yet will not be burdened with enormous expenses out of our service center. And monies from Regions, Areas, and NA groups are primarily allocated for local H&I and PI to support our 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition and loving 12<sup>th</sup> step.  
**Financial Impact:** None  
**Submitted By:** Clean Way Club (Paul H.)
  - Paul H. spoke on this proposal to ensure that the proposal was and explained that this proposal would, if supported, would then need to be presented as a proposal at the World Service Conference (WSC).
  - Tommy N. asked clarifying questions related to this proposal regarding the use of the term “operating expenses” and stated that this term could be misleading. Tommy N. asked about the deadline for submitting proposals to the WSC.
  - Daniel C. stated that the deadline for submitting proposals to the WSC is approximately two weeks from the date of this current NRSC business meeting and stated that it is unlikely that the decision making process related to this proposal would be concluded in time to submit this proposal to the WSC.
  - The proposal was withdrawn and will be used for informational purposes only until a later date.

### Proposal Withdrawn

#### Amendment:

**Based on the result of voting on Proposal #3 at the October 2021 NRSC Business Meeting, references to any supplemental information related to this proposal will be permanently removed from the July 2021 NRSC Business Meeting minutes (See Proposal #3 below along with the associated discussion).**

- ❖ **Proposal #3 (10/09/2021):** To remove all additional information added to Proposal #2 in the July 2021 Regional minutes permanently.  
**Intent:** The information contains inflammatory and false statements. Our minutes should reflect an honest and professional representation of our Regional meeting.  
**Financial Impact:** \$0.00  
**Submitted By:** Mark B.
  - Mark B. – proposal #2 supplemental information that was added is inaccurate and inflammatory (Mark B. read language and clarified how this information is inaccurate and inflammatory). Mark B. asked that supplemental information be struck from the Region minutes. Mark B. stated that he will draft a proposal to have this information struck from the minutes
  - Sam S. – asked the question about whether we have a process for striking this information from the minutes.
  - Monica T. – could we vote on doing an addendum to the minutes along with a proposal to remove this information from the minutes.

### PASSED BY CONSENSUS (10/09/2021)

- **Proposal #3:** To change the NRSC Guidelines:  
The current guidelines under **IX. CONSENSUS BASED DECISION MAKING (CBDM) A. DEFINITIONS h. Color Cards**, read:
  - h. **Color Cards** - Three cards will be used by all Participants (see Addendum A). During Discussion, all Participants may use the Color Cards. **During Straw Polls and Final Polls, only the Participating Members and/or RCM's may use the Color Cards.**This is contradictory to the guidelines as stated under **IX. CONSENSUS BASED DECISION MAKING (CBDM) A. DECISION MAKING PROCESS c. Initial Straw Poll** which read:
  - 1. **Color Cards will be utilized by all Participants**, to get the atmosphere of support or lack of support.It is my understanding that color cards are used by all participants during both Discussion and Straw Polls. I would like to propose a change to the guidelines as stated in **IX. CONSENSUS BASED DECISION MAKING (CBDM) A. DEFINITIONS h. Color Cards** to read:

- h. **Color Cards** - Three cards will be used by all Participants (see Addendum A). During Discussion and Straw Polls, all Participants may use the Color Cards. During Final Polls, only the Participating Members and/or RCM's may use the Color Cards.

**Intent:** To maintain continuity and clarity between sections of the Nebraska Regional Service Committee Guidelines.

**Financial Impact:** \$0.00

**Submitted By:** Seth R. (RSC Policy Chairperson)

- o Tommy N. asked clarifying questions related to definitions within the policy that need to be rectified. Specifically, which members should be participating in the different phases of the Consensus Based Decision Making process and how this policy change applies to that process.
- o Seth R. withdrew this proposal to conduct more research and ensure continuity within different areas of the NRSC guidelines.

### **Proposal Withdrawn**

- **Proposal #4:** Seth R. nominated Ariel W. for Regional Policy Chairperson.

**Intent:** not stated

**Financial Impact:** \$0.00

**Submitted By:** Seth R. (Regional Policy Chairperson)

### **Ariel W. Bio**

Ariel W. has been clean since 12/02/2018, has a sponsor, and is actively working the 12 steps. Ariel currently has three sponsees whom she guides through the 12 steps. Ariel is a current home group member of the Monday Night Miracles group of Narcotics Anonymous in Norfolk, NE. Ariel is dedicated to service in Narcotics Anonymous through the following service commitments:

1. Elkhorn Valley Area of Narcotics Anonymous Area Service Committee (EVANA ASC) Policy Chairperson (December 2019-current)
2. Chairperson: EVANA ASC Ad Hoc Policy Subcommittee (2021-current)
3. General Service Representative (GSR): Monday Night Miracles, Norfolk, NE (June 2019-current)

Ariel has continued to stay committed to fulfilling all of the above service commitments through the end of each position's term. Ariel is driven and passionate in being of service in Narcotics Anonymous and is committed to regular attendance at EVANA ASC and EVANA Public Relations (PR) Subcommittee, and NRSCNA business meetings. Ariel is active in carrying the message of Narcotics Anonymous through involvement and participation in H&I, and has a working knowledge of the 12 steps and 12 traditions.

- **Proposal #5:** Sam S. proposed to remain seated as the Regional Information Technology Chairperson.

**Intent:** not stated

**Financial Impact:** \$0.00

**Submitted By:** Sam S. (Regional Information Technology Chairperson)

Sam S. has not yet submitted a bio at the time of completion and distribution of these minutes.

### **BRING BACK TO GROUPS FOR VOTING**

- **Proposal #6:** Tommy N. nominated Tera N. for Regional Treasurer.

**Intent:** not stated

**Financial Impact:** \$0.00

**Submitted By:** Tommy N. (Regional Sponsorship Behind the Walls Liaison)

### **Tera N. Bio**

I have been clean since 07/30/2012. Service positions that I have held include Meeting Chair, GSR, NRCNA Entertainment Chair, NRCNA Raffle Chair, Group Treasurer, Area H&I Chair, and Regional H&I Chair. I have worked through the NA steps multiple times, have a working understanding of the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts, have a sponsor, and many sponsees. I also happen to have the best home group in the world! ☺

### **BRING BACK TO GROUPS FOR VOTING**

- **Proposal #7:** Brian P. nominated Donald P. for Regional H&I Chairperson

**Intent:** not stated

**Financial Impact:** \$0.00

**Submitted By:** Brian P.

**Amendment 07/19/2021:** Donald P. announced that he will be moving out of state prior to the October Regional Business meeting so the Regional Outreach Chairperson position is now open. In addition, Donald P. has withdrawn from the nomination for Regional H&I Chairperson related to this proposal.

#### **Break (3:57 PM)**

- Monica T. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

#### **Nominations (4:11 PM)**

- Seth R. nominated Ariel W. for Regional Policy Chairperson (please see bio in the New Business section) – nomination accepted
- Sam S. proposed to remain seated as Regional Information Technology Chairperson (awaiting bio submission)
- Tommy N. nominated Tera N. for Regional Treasurer (please see bio in the New Business section)
- Brian P. nominated Donald P. for Regional Hospitals & Institutions Chairperson

**Amendment 07/19/2021:** Donald P. announced that he will be moving out of state prior to the October Regional Business meeting so he has withdrawn from the nomination for Regional H&I Chairperson.

- **Votes will not be sent to groups until nominations close in October**
  - Sam S. reminded all members to send flyers for NA activities to [activities@nebraskana.org](mailto:activities@nebraskana.org)
  - Mike B. discussed the topic of checking the NRSC Activities page to avoid competition between activities in other areas.

- **Bids are open for NRCNA 38. Please discuss this with your Area to consider hosting the next NRCNA convention.**

#### **Open Positions:**

**Alternate Regional Delegate (Alt. RD)**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer:** (Dean has agreed to stay seated until the Treasurer Position can be filled).

**Vice Treasurer**

**Outreach**

**REMINDER: Please send any updated in-person or Zoom Meeting information to [meetinglist@nebraskana.org](mailto:meetinglist@nebraskana.org) and [it\\_committee@nebraskana.org](mailto:it_committee@nebraskana.org)**

**The Next Region will be held at the  
Connection Project, 204 W. Madison Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701 on October 9, 2021**

- General Assembly: Brenda D. reported that she will be attending a Conference participant meeting via Zoom from 1:00-3:00ish (CST) on October 9, 2021. She stated that anyone who would like to sit in should contact her for the Zoom meeting information.
- Sub-Committees: 2 PM CST
- Region Business: 3 PM CST

#### **Proposal To Close (4:35 PM)**