Nebraska Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous



October 9, 2021

Norfolk, NE

(3:03 PM) Monica T. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Twelve Traditions: Read by Tammy B. Twelve Concepts: Read by Tracy K.

Executive Committee: Chairperson: Monica T. Vice-Chair: Tommy N. (proxy) Treasurer: Dean B. (Open) Vice-Treasurer: (Open) Secretary: Seth R. (Proxy) RD: Brenda D. Alt RD: (Open) Sub- Committees: NRCNA 37: Tracy K. General Assembly: Tracy K. (Proxy -No Report) Outreach: (Open) Policy: Seth R. P.I.: Tera N. (proxy) I.T.: Sam S. H&I: Tera N. Archives: Dick T. SBTW Liaison: Tommy N. Area RCM's: Columbus: absent Central: John D. Eastern: Hadrian C. Elkhorn Valley: Ariel W. (proxy) Fremont: Mike B. Great Plains: Brian P. Platte Valley: Absent Southeastern: John H.

Link for updated email list:

file:///C:/Users/Seth/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/VZ8Q2ZVF/Email%20info%20for%20Region%2010-9 -2021.pdf

Visitors: Ariel W. (Norfolk), Samantha B. (Fremont), Mike B. (Fremont), Tammy B. (Fremont), Mark B. (Omaha), Zach M. (Omaha)

Consensus to Accept Last Meetings Minutes: Passed By Consensus

Treasurer's Report (3:17 PM):

NRSCNA Treasurer Report

RSC Meeting Date	10/9/2021		RSC Meeting Beginning Balance: Prudent Reserve:	<u>\$7,101.84</u> \$7,325.00
Donations	Expenses			
Area, Group, or Other	Amount	Chk #	Written To - Description/Purpose	Amount
CNASC	\$100.00	1347	In Motion Hosting	\$121.33
ENNA	\$111.00	1348	Dick T (archives storage)	\$302.40
ENNA	\$1,508.00	1349	Brenda D (RD)	\$1,370.00
Memorial Day Camp Out	\$30.00	1350	Tera N (H & I)	\$600.00
Great Planes	\$482.68	1351	Tommy N (rent)	\$50.00
NRCNA	\$21,000.00	1352	Planes State Zone 25%	\$4,201.21
			Insurance	\$1,760.00
			NRCNA Tax reserve	\$2,000.00
				\$10,404.9
			EXPENSES SUBTOTAL:	4
				\$12,603.5
		1239	NAWS (WORLD) DONATION:	8
				\$23,008.5
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$23,231.68		TOTAL EXPENSES:	2

RSC MEETING SUMMARY REPORT				
BEGINNING BALANCE:	<u>\$7,101.84</u>			
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$23,231.68			
TOTAL EXPENSES:	-\$23,008.52			
ENDING BALANCE:	<u>\$7,325.00</u>			

Area Reports (3:18 PM):

Columbus: Submitting Columbus Notes; can't make it to region sadly: We pray everyone has a fantastic every day. Paul H. Nebraska Regional Report Columbus Nebraska October 9th 2021; We are very blessed to have excellent meetings. We found by shrinking our meeting list it has been easier to have more consistent reliable chair people. Our H&I commitments are going well. There were questions in our last CWC meeting of our regions expenses? We are donating 50\$ to pay for the meeting lists (will mail a check or try and get it to Mark). How much are those meetings lists yearly for Nebraska? We want to pay our fair share. We had a group conscience to contact NAW's about reducing their budget internally a couple months ago as seems to be an immediate problem. We pray our earned funds for the Nebraska region will be utilized for our areas 5th tradition and H&I. As there is a more then 20 months till this motion could be submitted if approved to forward to NAW's. We would like to table it again. Unless another group would like to submit the motion for NAW's to reduce their budget financially to as close as possible to book sales. There should be no controversy here, just the facts from the submitted reports, what is best for our loving fellowship that saved our asses? The Grand Island convention was super wonderful. Thanks for the great job by those in service. Have a celebration of life for my cousin whom passed Oct. 9th so will not be able to do the RCMing :). Members here are coming for the dance after the report time, so if someone would be gracious and read and submit this report would be greatly appreciated. All our Love from Columbus.

Central: Hello Family! Central Area is alive and well. Thanks for letting me be of service. The convention was great thank you committee. We will be an H&I function in Hastings on 11/13/2021 from 1-7 there will be training mock panel walk-taco and games meeting to follow. Central Area would like to have Region in Giltner in January in loving service John D

Eastern: Good afternoon everybody, first I would like to welcome ENNA's new alternate RCM, Zach M, to the NRSC. The fellowship and meetings are doing well in eastern Nebraska. We have had to dissolve our activities committee for the time being, but there are a few groups who will host their own activities in the area and Close Encounters will not be impacted by this. P3 is still mailing out a lower volume of Basic Texts than usual, volume has continued to suffer due to the pandemic. ENNA is bringing some H&I meetings into facilities in person. We discussed the possibility of hosting NRCNA next year, but ultimately concluded that we were not interested in doing so. We felt that hosting NRCNA in Omaha might make the convention less accessible to areas further west, but look forward to welcoming addicts to the city at the next Close Encounters of the Clean Kind. In Loving Service, Hadrian C

Elkhorn Valley: Hello family, area meetings have continued to do well. Our H&I panels have been successfully taking the message to addicts, though we have struggled with multiple open panel positions. Apologies for minimal information as our RCM couldn't be here today. In loving service, Ariel W.

Fremont: Hello family, meetings are going great. We will be updating our meetings on the region list. We are working on the 34th annual FreezeOut. Fremont RCM, Mike B.

Great Plains: The Great Plains Area is alive and well. We have had some meetings that are struggling with low numbers, but most have been able to stay open. We looked over and discussed the proposal from the last Region meeting. As it is written it is a bit confusing. With the mass amount of information and the years referenced, it is hard to figure out how much of it is pertinent to today. We feel that we need the most recent information available to make an informed decision. Unfortunately a lot of this information is beyond our member's understanding, and that a business person would better understand this, which is why we have those members in position at the World level. We would be willing to meet with our RD to discuss this and review the budget that the World board provides each conference cycle. I have with me today a check for \$482.68 for a donation to Region from our Area. Thank You for letting me be of service! Brian P.

Southeastern: Hello friends and family. I am glad to be here today and to see all of you again. SENANA is continuing to hold meetings in and around the Lincoln area with attendance holding steady. We were able to hold an NA service structure learning day/meeting with several speakers describing what their roles in our area service consist of. We are hoping that this will help fill open positions in our area. We have also been catching up on some obligations that had been overlooked due to the COVID disruptions that occurred over the last year or so. Speaking of COVID disruptions, our H&I meetings in LCC have been put off because of the current outbreak. We are still going into some treatment facilities. Our activities committee will be holding a Halloween dance/costume contest on Oct 23rd at The City Impact building in Lincoln. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Our area donations are not quite keeping up with our expenses but our cash reserves have been able to cover the differences. SENANA also wants to thank the Central Area for hosting an awesome and fun NRCNA 37 this year. In loving service John H.

RD Report: Hello NA FamilyFirst off... let me apologize for not being at the last Region meeting... my cornea is healing and I'm grateful to have made it through my COVID fiasco. Lots has been going on since I last spoke to you...Here's the rundown...

Conference participants met with NA World Services (NAWS) on July 24th to discuss the recommendation the board put out on having the World Service Conference (WSC). There were approximately 215 attending (including 13 World Board members, 9 former board members who helped with small group discussion, 5 interpreters, 11 NAWS staff members, the 2 WSC Cofacilitators, 4 HRP members, and 171 delegates, alternates, and zonal contacts. Farsi, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish interpretation was available.) The purpose of the meeting was discussion not decisions. During the June CP (Conference Participant) meeting we reviewed some of the challenges with an in-person WSC in 2022, and most of those factors have gotten worse. In many places, the pandemic is getting worse right now. Things may be improving where some of us live, but the WSC is an international gathering, and we have to think globally. LA County, where the WSC is held, is having a resurgence of the virus. An indoor mask mandate has been reissued. More than 1,000 new cases a day have been reported for the last 2 weeks (July 2021), with more than 3,000 most recently. ICUs are getting over-burdened once again. In many places, travelers must quarantine for ten days or two weeks upon return from overseas travel, and travel into the US is limited or restricted from many countries. The list of Conference participants' countries with restricted travel into the US hasn't changed since the June meeting and includes Brazil, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. One world board member told participants that where he lives, in Australia, they are back in lock down, and the same is true for many other places around the globe.

World Services' financial situation is improving due to the increased contributions and a steady rise in orders, but we still have a long way to go before we regain all of the ground we have lost. An in-person conference requires a tremendous financial outlay, whether those costs are borne by World Services or by regions and zones.

In August we received a second recommendations report about WSC 2022 to <u>www.na.org/conference</u>. The Conference Participant meeting was again focused on the board's recommendations about the WSC. After that meeting, all participants were sent an epoll for a decision, so the main purpose of the web meeting was to make sure the delegates were prepared to respond to the polls. I posted those draft motions on Slack with my phone number for any input. I didn't hear any input, so I prayed and tried to vote in a way that aligns with the Nebraska Region's principles. We were also given a link to a brief financial and operational update video. At the end of the month, (I posted to Slack) the NAWS NEWS email was sent out that covered the following topics...

- 4 September Webinar: Creating a Safe and Welcoming Atmosphere in NA <u>https://www.na.org/?ID=webinar-main&ID=webinar-main</u>
- 2020 Annual Report <u>https://www.na.org/?ID=ar-2020</u>
- New Instagram <u>https://www.instagram.com/naglobalevents/</u>
- Survey of Important Dates in NA <u>https://www.na.org/?ID=projects&ID=projects</u>
- Little White Book 120-Day Notice
 <u>https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/bulletins/Notice%20of%20international%20stories%20LWB%20rev_formatted.pdf</u>
- SPAD Review and Input <u>https://www.na.org/?ID=medibook</u>
- New Sponsorship Medallion
 <u>https://cart-us.na.org/sponsorship-medallion-9603?returnurl=%2fsearch%3fq%3dsponsorship%2bmedallion</u>
- Invest in Our Vision <u>https://www.na.org/?ID=contribute-now</u>

On September 2nd, we received the results of the decision making poll regarding WSC 2022/2023. They are posted at <u>www.na.org/conference</u>, and I have brought a copy of them today if you would like to see them. As the report mentions, 123 of 137 possible voting participants took part in the poll. Support for the four motions was so high that 14 more responses would not have changed the disposition of any of the motions. Tentatively, the virtual 2022 meeting would be 4 days of sessions, and will likely be on April 22nd, 23rd, 29th, and 30th, 2022. To be clear, this shortened interim version of the WSC is to take care of four specific things... the budget for one year 2022-2023, extend existing FIPT moratorium on inspection clause for one year, adjustment of terms for WSC trusted servants, and the approval draft of the Spiritual Principle a Day Book (SPAD). In the middle of the month, we received an update on the nominations process timeline for the Human Resource Panel (HRP). Towards the end of the month, we received the NAWS Update on the following:

- Virtual Meetings Best Practices <u>https://www.na.org/?ID=toolbox&ID=toolbox</u>
- Plans for WSC 2022/2023 <u>https://www.na.org/?ID=conference-index</u>
- 60th Anniversary Little White Book <u>https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/bulletins/Notice%20of%20international%20stories%20LWB%20rev</u> <u>formatted.pdf</u>
- Spiritual Principle a Day approval draft https://www.na.org/?ID=medibook
- Addressing Predatory, Disruptive, or Violent Behavior
 <u>https://www.na.org/?ID=local_service_resources&ID=local_service_resources</u>
- Website Shortcuts https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/Short%20URLs.pdf

Two days later, another email went out to let the fellowship know that the World Services was/is temporarily out of stock of the English hardcover Basic Texts, as well as some other items, in our Chatsworth and European branches. (As of Sept 22nd they still have soft cover Basic Texts in stock in all branches and a reminder that you can stream or download audio of the Fifth Edition Basic Text in English for free at www.na.org/audio... You'll find Arabic, Hebrew, Hungarian, Russian, Spanish and Thai Basic Texts there as well). The last email I received went over two recently posted documents, one related to term limits and one a draft of A Guide to World Services in NA (GWSNA), as well as to remind us about the October Conference Participant web meeting and the Interim CAR/CAT (ICC) and SPAD draft. (I posted all this on Slack and part on the Facebook page) *** Oct 9th web meeting we were informed that the basic text hardcover are available again.

Due to the changes voted on by the conference participants, I'm also attaching a letter from the World Board about how the interim cycle will work and term limits. <u>www.na.org/letter_to_regions_and_zones</u> I posted this on Slack. I am asking for some direction from this body on how to move forward. This will definitely affect how our term limits and budget cycle are set up in our policy. I would like this information today before I email our board contact and the world board. Thanks for your help with this!

- In between all this, I traveled to San Antonio and attended the Multi-Zonal Service Symposium. It was amazing! I created a list of workshops that we can use if any of your Area's would like to one or two that would be beneficial to your Area. Most of the workshops are interactive, so everyone gets a chance to participate! I had put an informal poll out on our Facebook page awhile back to get a feel of what people liked... and a lot of it was getting the audience involved with the presentation. So... I'd like to do a very brief example of this during Open Floor. I also did an interactive workshop last weekend at NRCNA on "The Ties That Bind"... after I collate all the information on that workshop, I will post it to Slack for this service body.
- Our Regional Report for NAWS is due February 1, 2022... so I will be sending out a questionnaire to the RCMs to complete and return between now and our next meeting Jan 8, 2022. I would like to do this electronically. After I have all the information, I will collate it and finalize it and send it in.
- In January 28-30, 2022, the Plain States Zone is coming to our Region! They will be facilitating some workshops to support
 our fellowship here in Nebraska... so if you have any ideas or want to get involved, please see me today or contact me soon.
 I have a save-the-date flyer... and would highly encourage everyone to get the word out and to come and enjoy!
- Finally, December 1st is Sponsorship Day!

In closing, I would just like to ask for some support. Under "normal" circumstances, my term as RD technically ends in less than a year. Since we are having a small cycle this next year and a regular cycle the following year, I just feel it would be a great opportunity for someone to learn and practice this process as the RDA. Please reach out to our groups to let them know that this position is open, and that I would truly welcome a service buddy to the delegate "team". More information about qualifications and term limits are found on pages 8 & 11 in our policy. Thank you for letting me serve this service body! In loving Service, Brenda, RD ***Addendum - I attached the correlating information as links in my report except for the workshops which were handed out at the meeting.

Sub- Committees (3:21 PM)

NRCNA XXXVII: Hello Family, the convention was a great success! We estimated around 475 addicts in attendance with many newcomers. We have paid all our expenses including the hotel up to this point apart from a banner fee to reprint with correct date/information. We are excited to present a check for \$21,000! Additionally, we still have approx. \$1700 in the bank for the banner and any other expenses we may have missed. We sold all but four shirts which were placed on the silent auction. We had a large amount of unused paper products including cups, plates and silverware which was turned over to Dick T. for storage. We also had some raffle items and approx. 100 blue NA cinch bags for next NRCNA committee to use if they choose. There was left over soda which was bought back or donated back. For the pre-registrations next year, we were able to get 48 early bird registrations with 9 of those blank for newcomers. Total cash collected was \$720. All registrations were scanned into a Google doc and are available from kendrah.ne@gmail.com. Hard copies were also kept. ILS, Tracy K & NRCNA 37 committee

General Assembly:

During the Conference Participant meeting yesterday, we discussed the following questions...

- 1. Do you believe that virtual meetings meet the criteria to be NA groups?
- 2. How are virtual groups or meetings in your communities participating in NA service outside of the recovery meetings they host?
- 3. Do you have any experience to share about innovative virtual service efforts in your community?

Here are some things that have been working in other parts of the fellowship...

- Virtual meetings are used to discuss service efforts in between business meetings more productivity and better reporting
- Outreach has seen a tremendous increase to addicts in rural areas and pandemic struck places
- Colorado started/created a webinar and had facilities join which helped the facilities to maintain HIPPA Compliant. They also recorded panels and made them available for download.

- Promoting the NA app •
- Rio Grande Area put together presentation material virtually to prisons called "When the Warden Says No"
- NEZF (North Eastern Zonal Forum) put together a virtual group starter kit
- Many service bodies are using QR codes on cards and bookmarks

Many other regions outside the US felt that virtual meetings were crucial to the fellowship. In loving service, Brenda

H&I: I will be sending further literature to a couple of facilities that responded from when I sent it out before. Central is going into one H&I commitment weekly. November 13th H&I training in Hastings at 401 N. Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church. Lincoln County jail women meeting each week and men started again. Buffalo County is still locked down. Still taking in literature. ENNA has several meetings that are face to face now, including one correctional meeting. Some are still suspended. Just did Area H&I learning day with approximately 30 people from various places. EVANA continues to do H&I training days and carry the message to facilities. Fremont guys are going in, but the women got moved and having difficulty getting into where women are now housed at. Tracy K. is accepting a nomination for Regional H&I Chair! She will be presenting her bio with her report. ILS, Tera N.

Outreach: Position open...no report given.

Policy: Hello Family, since the last NRSC Guidelines update in January, there have been no proposals passed by consensus that have affected our guidelines. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, 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. ILS, Seth R.

PI: Central PI is working more with H&I and helping keep forward momentum, as well as getting meeting lists out and working with people to provide needed information. More will be revealed. ENNA is continuing to let addicts know where they can find meetings and are updating meeting lists monthly! Fremont wants to make sure the zip code reads 68025 instead of 68026. EVANA has been planning and has been continuing to work towards following through with plans. I.L.S., Tera N. (proxy)

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

Archives: Hello family thank you for letting me serve. I'm dick T. Addict. All is well with archives. We have about 8 banners to have remade/resized. I will be getting quotes and will not go over are budget unless approved. We have not got our other storage unit yet and are still on the list. I turned in a receipt for the storage unit to Dean for 302.00. We got 2 shirts 2 cups and a speaker set from NRCNA 37 in GI. All for archives. In loving service, Dick T.

SBTW: Hello family, Sponsorship Behind the Walls is good. It has been a little slow since COVID affected mail rooms in the prisons. Things are starting to work out and we are still in need of sponsors. There are orientations happening on Zoom often. The next one is October 16th @ 1 PM! Please talk to me if you are interested in being of service with SBTW as a sponsor or as the Nebraska Regional Liaison. I am more than happy to mentor the new liaison. Also, areas, groups, etc. who would like an in-person orientation, let me know and I am happy to set one up! ILS, Tommy N.

Old Business (3:32 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 5th Tradition and loving 12th step. Financial Impact: None
 - Submitted By: Clean Way Club (Paul H.)
 - Paul H. spoke on this proposal to ensure that the proposal was clear (please see supplemental information related to this proposal) 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.

Paul H. from Columbus requested that this proposal be tabled until further notice: PROPOSAL TABLED

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.

- o 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
- o Sam S. asked the question about whether we have a process for striking this information from the minutes.
- o 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.

BRING BACK TO GROUPS FOR VOTING

 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. bio:

- o clean date July 14 2014
- o Very active member of NA with an NA Home Group
- o Working knowledge of NA 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, Guide to local service, Area guidelines, and Region guidelines
- o I have a NA sponsor, who has an NA sponsor, who has an NA sponsor and so on.
- o I am currently Public Information chair for SENANA and have been for 3+ full terms
- o Currently Information Tech chair for region and have been for about 5+ years
- o Web site administrator for SENA-NA.net and NEBRASKANA.org web sites
- o Have been responsible for updating and printing SENANA meeting list for 5+ years
- o Have been GSR, Secretary and Treasurer of NA group
- o I do H & I work in jail, prison, detox and treatment centers
- o Have a willingness to serve NA.

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

Break (4:09 PM)

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

Open Floor (4:19 PM):

- Mark B. expressed concerned about generating \$21,000 using PayPal for NRCNA. This information will be reported for tax purposes. We need to monitor this situation so that we can handle this situation when a W-9 arrives from the IRS to be accountable for this situation. Monica T. addressed this to ensure that all legal and tax documentation is in order to help with this process. Mark B. added that another area hired an accountant to handle this situation and noted that he is satisfied with the actions that the NRSC is taking to address it.
- Mark B. expressed concern that there is nothing in the NRSC guidelines about alternative merchandise and a proposal will be coming. Tera N. addressed P3 information with regard to H&I information.
- Sam S. encouraged areas to send meeting information to the proper email address. Also, areas have been asking for separate
 pages on the NRSC website to access information by area. A discussion about the details of this process was engaged in by other
 members.
- Brenda D. noted that Daniel C. will be nominated for an HR position with the NA World Services and a bio will be submitted for new business. Brenda asked for feedback on the effectiveness of Slack. Brenda stated that she will be emailing information to all areas. Brenda introduced a text message feature for access to local meeting information and helpline contact. Brenda reminded members to discuss changes with the WSC that will affect groups and areas...Brenda offered to attend meetings to present this information.
- Monica T. brought up the need to discuss collecting mail. Tommy N. noted that switching this system to local PO boxes is probably not a good idea. Mike B. suggested having a central PO Box and forwarding mail to specific areas. Monica T. noted that checking the PO Box every 2 weeks is in our guidelines...she suggested that John H. (designee) could contact the appropriate RSC or ASC contact immediately to take action. Sam S. noted that communication of this is part of the RCM duties for Southeastern Area RCM. Mark B. stated that the RSC cannot dictate Southeastern Area guidelines. John H. noted that a proposal was brought to the RSC regarding procedures for picking up the mail. John H. stated that he is willing to do whatever the RSC thinks is appropriate, but would appreciate some solid guidance. Monica T. quoted the verbiage in the RSC policy as it relates to this discussion for clarification of the process. Zach M. suggested that the Southeastern Area RCM could take a photo of the mail and send it electronically to the appropriate service committee member.
- Sam S. asked if the RSC Treasurer could look into cancelling paper bank statements and move to electronic statements only. Dean B. said he would look into it.
- Brenda D. stated that donation split to World and Region donations need to be reflected in the NRSC Policy Addendums.

New Business (4:46 PM):

 Proposal #1: To have Region in Giltner in January Intent: To get together and talk about what is going on with our Region, unity, and service. Financial Impact: \$50.00 Submitted By: John D.

PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Proposal #2: To allow the P3 Committee to sell merchandise after the main speaker on Saturday night at all NRCNA conventions from her forward.
 Intent: To add to the NRCNA guidelines a section concerning P3 specifically. P3 is a Nebraska based project that serves our entire zone and doesn't fall into the traditional "Alternative Merchandise" category.
 Financial Impact: \$0.00
 Submitted By: Dick T.

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• **Proposal #3:** 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
- o Sam S. asked the question about whether we have a process for striking this information from the minutes.
- o 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

Proposal #4: Tera N. nominated Tracy K. for NRSC H&I Chairperson.
 Intent: To be of service to Narcotics Anonymous and carry the message to hospitals and institutions.
 Financial Impact: \$0.00
 Submitted By: Tera N.

Tracy K. bio:

I am writing my bio for H&I Chair. My service positions have been GSR, Treasurer, and Secretary at group level. I have been Area H&I chair, Vice-chair, chair, Alternate RCM, and RCM. I was Registration Chair for NRCNA 32 in 2015 and Chair, Vice-Chair, Fundraising, and Entertainment for NRCNA 37 in 2021. I have a sponsor, work my steps, and am active in my homegroup. My clean time is 10 years and I sponsor women as well. ILS, Tracy K.

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- Brenda asked the RSC for a show of support or decline for the nomination for Daniel C. for the Human Resources Panel of the WSC.
- Dean gave an update on the NRCNA tax situation and opened a discussion with the NRSC service body for recommendations about whether or not to hire and accountant. Sam S. stated that he is in support of hiring an accountant. Mike B. stated that he is in support of anything that can be done to avoid complications in this situation. John D. is in support of an accountant to assist Dean through this process. Brian P. is in support of this to ensure that any complications are avoided even though there is an extra expense. Monica T. added that this experience could be passed on to future members to avoid difficulties in the future. Tommy N. asked about clarification of information related to tax-exempt status. There was a discussion between members about the specifics of tax exempt statuses. There was additional discussion between members related to appropriate contact between the NRCNA treasurer and the NRSC treasurer to ensure proper support throughout the process.
- NRCNA 38 Monica T. asked about bids for this convention. Tera N. brought up the idea of Fremont and EVANA co-hosting this convention. Mike B. brought up that Fremont doesn't have a venue, but might be willing to partner with another area to make the convention happen. Fremont and EVANA will contact Seth R. if a bid is made to be included as an addendum in the NRSC minutes.
- NRCNA 39 currently open for bids.
- Sam S. volunteered to proxy as Secretary for the next NRSC meeting.
- The NRSC decided that funds from NRCNA 37 will be left with the NRSC treasurer for safe keeping.
- Mike B. discussed the topic of checking the NRSC Activities page to avoid competition between activities in other areas.

Nominations (5:07 PM)

- Chairperson: Monica T. resubmitted a nomination for her to remain seated for one more term
- Vice-Chairperson: Mark W. has been recently seated and will continue in this position
- Treasurer: Tommy N. nominated Tera N. (please see bio in Old Business Proposal #6) nomination accepted
- Policy Chairperson: Seth R. nominated Ariel W. (please see bio in the New Business section) nomination accepted
- PI Chairperson: Tommy N. will check with Christine F. on whether or not she will remain seated
- IT Chairperson: Sam S. proposed to remain seated (please see bio in Old Business Proposal #5)

- H&I Chairperson: Tera N. nominated Tracy K. (please see bio in New Business Proposal #4) nomination accepted
- Archives Chairperson: Dick T. proposed to remain seated (a bio was not provided prior to completion of these minutes)
- Sponsorship Behind the Walls Liaison: Tommy N. will not accept a nomination, but will continue in that position and mentor incoming trusted servant
- Bids are open for NRCNA 38 and 39. Please discuss this with your Area to consider hosting the next NRCNA convention.
- Monica T. discussed items for next RSC business meeting based on Addendum

Open Positions: Alternate Regional Delegate (Alt. RD) Secretary (Sam S. will fill in at January NRSC Business Meeting) Treasurer (Dean has agreed to stay seated until the Treasurer Position can be filled). Vice Treasurer Outreach

ONGOING REMINDERS:

- Please send any updated in-person or Zoom Meeting information to meetinglist@nebraskana.org and it_committee@nebraskana.org
- Send flyers for NA activities to activities@nebraskana.org

The Next Region will be held at the

Giltner Community Center at 4021 N. Commercial Ave, Giltner, NE on January 8, 2022

- General Assembly: Brenda D. will discuss the interim CAR/CAT from 1:00-3:00ish January 8, 2022.
- Sub-Committees: 2 PM CST
- Region Business: 3 PM CST

Proposal To Close (5:40 PM)