

# Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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Date: April 13, 2008 Time: 1:00 pm Location: Scottsbluff, NE

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer  
Robert N. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.  
Les F. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.  
Lucretia M. read the 12 Values of WBASC

## Group Response to Concept \_8\_ & Question \_3\_ from last meeting:

*Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.*

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 servants, service boards, and committees? How has this communication or lack of communication affected your group? The service structure?

Yes, communication to the groups is received and yes the group communicates thru the GSR. Another group posed the question of why did the Area want them to answer a concept question? Partly to initiate communication so that groups feel comfortable asking the Area for help when appropriate and partly so the groups start wondering about and learning more on the *Concepts of NA Service*.

Depending on the information received, informed decisions may or may not be possible. Are the trusted servants bringing back accurate information or has it been distorted in the delivery? Good communication can affect the group positively and promote participation.

## Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept \_9\_ using chapter questions.

*All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes.*

1. An effective group conscience is a fully informed group conscience. Why is it important to make sure all viewpoints are considered when making service decisions?

Because no one person is more important than anyone else. The truest form of the spiritual principle of anonymity. We doesn't have an I in it.

2. In your group, area, or region, how can an individual member voice his or her viewpoint on a service decision at hand?

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

3. Do NA services make the effort they should to seek out new, different viewpoints? Do NA services stifle opposing viewpoints?

See group question above. The Area tries to initiate and attract participation. No, NA services do not stifle. If anything it may lead to a controversy which elicits even more participation and a wider variety of ideas.

4. How do you know when its time to speak up against a decision of the majority? When its time to accept a decision and surrender to group conscience?

It may be time to speak up if the discussion is headed toward an obviously non-spiritual decision which seems to go against our *Twelve Traditions* or *Concepts of NA Service* and additional information or a view hasn't been expressed that would help clarify the situation. It may be time to accept the majority decision after everything that can be said has been. At the point where a single hold out is present that person would best serve the service body by quietly abstaining from further deliberations. He or she need not condone the action, but allow the action to take its course. It may even be that that person has an internal issue at work and may be putting personalities before principles rather than vice versa.

**Roll Call:** Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> RCM, Activities Chair, UD Chair, Webservant

**GSR, Alternates and guests:** Willy O. (GSR – Clean and Free), Robert N. & Mistie W. (GSR & GSRA – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Chris B. & Scott T. (GSR & GSRA – Live from Laramie), Lucretia M.(GSR – Free Bird), Richard M. (Contact for – Staying Clean in Sidney), Ray B. (Rep. for NA Anchors Away), Ed P., Dan G. & Juan P. – Scottsbluff.

**Absent:** RCM (vacant), PR Chair (vacant), Literature Chair, (Footsteps in Recovery), (On Life's Terms), (Vision of Hope), (We Do Recover).

**NA Recovery Birthdays:** Dan G. – 10 yrs. Congratulations!!!

**Recognition of new groups:** None

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

Dec. Addendum was also finished as well as the lost Feb. minutes so Dec., Feb., and March minutes were all presented. On page six of the March minutes Chris's last name was spelled wrong and he, as the RCM2, is not one of those authorized to sign checks as stated in the minutes. Chris B. moved to accept all minutes w/ corrections, Willy O. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – carried unanimously

**Treasurer's Beginning Balance:** \$2,702.91

**Serenity Break:** 1:40 – 1:50 pm

**Officers Reports:**

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

Hello Friends,

Good to see you all again hope all is well. I received word that the phone line is up & running & as close as I can tell it was a problem in their records that kept it from being turned on. Just a little reminder that the convention will be coming up soon & it would be good for unity if we were able to hang out in Casper with old friends & at the same time make some new ones. Once again I would like to remind you that it is of importance to know your duties as trusted servants & to be accountable also be familiar with the guidelines of the WBASC. The chair's account balance stands at \$100.00.

In Loving Service

Ray B.

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

First of all, I'd like to thank this body in their confidence and trust in electing me to this position. With the PR chair vacant I have checked the area web site and found it to have been up dated and printed a copy of last month's minutes, thank you Richard. And called the info line and found it up and running. Thank you Ray and Tommy O.

I received an email from Richard with minutes from the last Unity Days sub committee attached. Thank you again Richard. Again I printed a copy and encourage all to do so with these minutes, fliers, etc.

Anyone needing my assistance with their committees please don't hesitate to contact me.

Again, thank you all.

In Loving Service

Les F.

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

Good afternoon, it is nice to see that everyone was able to make it today. I have been trying to balance out the books, which has been a very difficult task to this point. I have a number of items missing in order to be able to give accurate figures. However I did the best that I could with what I did have. I will be looking for who ever had the box of items that came with the treasurers position in the beginning. I believe that once I find that I will be able to audit the books, and have more accurate figures for every one. The opening balance is \$2,702.91. The

discrepancy from last months closing balance and this month's opening balance, is because I made a deposit of \$163.79 from literature sales. The following checks have not cleared the bank yet.

Check #1301 for \$10.58 to Freedom Voice Systems  
Check #1302 for \$12.98 to Quest Communications

From the records I have we have not made a donation of any kind to Region or the World. With the figures that I have starting September of 2007 the amount of donation that needs to be made is 10% of the gross income minus debt is \$92.57 to NAWS and \$92.57 to Region. In which I request that checks be made out today in those amounts.

The best figures that I could come up with are as follows:

RCM beginning balance is \$500. [On] 11/11/07 – \$147 was designated for travel, leaving the account at \$353

Secretary beginning balance is \$100. [On] 9/9/07 – \$53.09 was designated for printing supplies. [However this amount did not come out of the current years budget] Balance at \$100.

Chair beginning balance is \$100. No information. Leaving account at \$100.

PI/H&I [PR] beginning balance is \$900. No information. Leaving account at \$900.

Activities beginning balance is \$50. [On] 11/13/07- \$27.68 was designated for activities. Leaving account at \$22.32

Prudent reserve is at \$250. No information. Leaving account at \$250.

There is an old check book that is missing with checks starting at #1251 running to #1300.

[Note: Chris said that he thought this book had been used up during a time when there were two check books in circulation and being used.]

Lucretia M.

**Secretary:** Report given orally only:

Was able to get the March minutes done much earlier than usual so Lucretia could get the bank signature card taken care of. Also retyped the Feb. minutes and finished the Dec. Addendum. These were all e-mailed out and posted on the web site so everyone should have copies of them. Only three of four copies were printed out and available today.

Couldn't print out any region convention fliers because the file couldn't be located and the region web site was inaccessible. Updated and printed out new contact lists and then left them on the printer – oops.

Reminded us that all documents except the contact list is or will be on the web site. Because the contact list has more personal information on it for ease of communication among members of the area it will not be posted. It is intended for internal use only. Account remains at \$100.

ILS  
Richard

**RCM:** Vacant

**RCM 2:** Report given and filed as follows:  
Dear Fellow ASC Members:

I have nothing to report regarding RSC business as of yet as the next meeting will be held in May.

I went to Riverton and attended the Regional Assembly/CAR workshop where we discussed the CAR report and motions held within. If you have read the motions in the CAR report and have completed the ballot with your

home group, please mail, e-mail, or phone in the results to Steve H. (RD) or Tommy O. (AD no later than the 24<sup>th</sup> of April so your voice will be brought to the WSC.

We addressed the Issue Discussion Topics: 1) Building Strong Home Groups; 2) Our Service System; and 3) Who's Missing from Our Meetings? The discussion on service, #2, may be one that the ASC should discuss.

I have received the *PR Handbook*, which contains the Area Planning Tool to assist the areas in offering help to groups. I would like to plan some time to go over this with the ASC.

In Loving Service,  
Chris B.  
RCM2

Starting RCM balance \$353.00

P.S. I am claiming 400 miles for travel to Riverton and back (450 miles [actual]) at \$0.30 per mile = \$120  
Ending RCM balance = \$233.

Chris also mentioned that he may be moving to Tennessee in July in which case we will need to elect a RCM2.

**RDA Report:** None

**Group Reports:**

**Footsteps in Recovery:** Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

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

**On Life's Terms:** Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

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

**Clean & Free:**

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

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

**Vision of Hope:** Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

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

**Saturday Nite Live:**

Concerns: None.

Needs: Literature.

Votes and /or motions:

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$45.00              Other:

**Clean & Serene:**

Concerns:

Needs: Still looking for a GSRA

Votes and /or motions:

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$100.00              Other: Input on concept question.

**Live from Laramie:**

Concerns:

Needs: Still in need of an alternate GSR

Votes and /or motions:

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$50.00 – ASC, \$40.00 – RSC, \$10.00 – NAWS

Other: Reminder: the LFL–Wyo-Braska Area camp out #4 on 6-13,14,15–2008.

This group did not discuss the concept.

In Loving Service,

Chris B.

GSR – Live From Laramie

Laramie, WY

**Free Bird:**

Concerns: None

Needs: More participation in service.

Votes and /or motions: None

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

**Staying Clean in Sidney:** [Phone in to Secretary]

Concerns: None

Needs: Participation by trusted servants.

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: 0 Other: Group doing well otherwise

**We Do Recover (Torrington)** Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

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

**NA Anchors Away (Cheyenne)** Submitted by Robert N.

Concerns: None.

Needs: Literature.

Votes and /or motions:

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: 0 Other:

Note: A point of information was invoked by Chris B. asking about a group’s status when they have never actually had a group member at the ASC. In our guidelines, Article 2, paragraph three in part states that “For a new group to be eligible for inclusion in the WBASC, their representative must attend the monthly meetings of the WBASC. . . . After attending three (3) WBASC consecutive monthly meetings, this new group is then considered a full member in good standing at the WBASC with all the inherent rights and privileges therein.”

It also states, in affect, that we can still list them on our meeting list and web site after first contact.

**Sub-Committee reports:**

**Activities:** Report given and filed as follows by Robert N.

This is my first report and I don’t have much to say other than I am grateful to be of some amount of service. After checking the contents of the totes I was amazed to see how much material was duplicated unnecessarily in the totes. I am still working on a banner and am sure that today I will be given more direction as to what I need to be working on. So thank you for your support and help.

In Loving Service,  
Robert N.

Robert submitted a detailed inventory of the tote contents. Copy available upon request. Thank you.

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

March 22, 2008, Cheyenne, WY.

Meeting started around 9 pm w/ 5 in attendance including, Richard M., Mistie W., Crystal L., Meghan L. and Robert N.

The logo drawing that Robert provided was touched up and had the event and dates added. From this logo several files were prepared and Richard passed around some samples of a book mark made with the logo at the top and about 3/4 ths of the original group symbol positioned in the lower right corner. The registered symbol (a capital R w/ a circle around it) was added to both to comply with internal use of registered Narcotics Anonymous trademarks as outlined in bulletin #1.

Using the same design, name tags were also designed. These can be laminated on a single 9 X 11 1/2 inch sheet as long as there is about a 1/4 inch between them and then cut apart. Meghan went over the laminating process she uses and can bring the unit to Unity Days for on site use.

Robert and Lucretia got prices from Sam's Club on all estimated amounts for the four menus. A volunteer from Scottsbluff is going to check on a donation of pre-seasoned taco meat for the taco bar and has volunteered to cook or help cook.

Robert was able to get most, if not all, of the totes from the previous activities chair. There may still be one left to retrieve. He made a cursory inspection enough to determine that there is no pancake mix or syrup. He will do a thorough inventory before the next set of meetings. He also picked up a 42 cup coffee maker and our podium or dias – whatever.

Mistie reviewed the agenda she had prepared. Richard hasn't been able to get in touch with the Trails West manager for the last week to verify the events schedule so he will do this and get back to Mistie. Mistie will also call and confirm the speakers.

Next meeting will be at noon on April 13, 2008 before the regular ASC meeting in Scottsbluff, NE.

April 13, 2008, Scottsbluff, NE

Meeting started around noon w/ 4 in attendance including, Richard M., Mistie W., Willy O., and Juan P.

**Raffle** – All raffle tickets were turned in or accounted for. I am pleased to announce that we sold a total of \$131 worth of tickets and held the drawing during the UD report at the regular ASC meeting. Congratulations Patrick M. from Dalton for winning the set of NA books. Also, along with the *Basic Text, It Works: How & Why* and the *Step Working Guides* there was a last minute donation of a JFT to add to the package. Thank you everyone for your help and generosity.

**Trails West schedule and kitchen facilities** – Richard got in touch with the Trails West manager and scheduled the archery blocks and confirmed the swimming time as outlined in Mistie's agenda. Everything should be good to go. As for the kitchen facilities, since the last time we used them they have needed to be brought up to Health Department code and will be fully supplied with all necessary utensils, bowls, pots, pans and skillets to prepare and serve a group of about 50.

**Riverside Zoo, Park & Campground access** – The Zoo, Park, Campground and Trails West are all accessed by the same entrance off the South Beltline Hwy. W. which is gated. This gate is closed at 11 pm, but it is **not** locked. Everyone must leave the area unless they are campers or sleeping at Trails West. If overnight guests need to leave the area to go into town, or what have you, all they have to do is open the gate and then close it behind themselves.

**Registration flier** – Gail created a draft of the registration flyer. She reminded Richard that the Saturday morning eats were actually going to be a brunch that would last from 10 to 12 or so. After we finish here today we will draw up the final version and start distributing and posting it. It is a

very simple flyer which lends itself very well to printing and black and white copying. Included on it is a schedule and web site addresses of Trails West, the Riverside Park, Zoo and Campground so people can see what is offered.

**Laminated bookmark w/ quote on the back** – After searching thru the *Basic Text*, the only promise quote on page 102 was presented for printing on the back of the book mark. Most, if not all, thought it was an excellent choice. These will be printed, laminated and included in the registration packets given to all registrants. Fifty 6" X 9" clasp envelopes have been donated for this.

**Tote contents** – Robert reported that there was a lot of duplication of items between totes and he found the small NA items that we have been given to sell at Unity Days. We'll compile a comprehensive list of things we have and those we may need.

**T-shirts** – Richard checked with a printer in Scottsbluff and another on the internet. Since turn around times and costs are about the same it was decided to go with the local printer as opposed to the net. Only a helper was there so Richard will get an actual cost for two or three shirt styles so we can decide on what we want and then get an appropriation and order them.

**Guest Speakers** – Willy and Mistie are going to check the Trails West facility's web site and see if another sleeping accommodation is appropriate and affordable for the out of town speakers. Even though they insist they do not need nor want anything it would still be nice if we could offer them a place to sleep.

Next meeting will be at noon on April 26, 2008 at Shari's in Cheyenne, WY. See ya all there ;-)

Thank you all for all of your great ideas and hard work.

Richard M.  
Unity Days Chair

**PR:** Chair vacant

**H&I component:** No report

**PI component:** No report

**Web site:** Our ISP has redesigned some of the features for our hosting plan, one of which is the actual method of making changes to the web pages. Hopefully there will be little problem changing over to it and I can employ it to redesign and update our site.

Wasn't able to get the letterhead uploaded yet, but will try when time allows. Until then if anyone needs one just ask and it can be e-mailed. Since the quarterly meeting list is due to be updated that list has not been changed, but the on-line meeting list is updated.

We received 587 hits since last month, up to a total of 6531. All fees have been paid up until next September.

**Phoneline:** Reported on in earlier report.

**Literature:** Mistie W. is standing in for Crystal and as such has no report.

**Break:** 2:35 – 2:45 pm

**Sharing Session:**

- 1) Discussed Treasurer's duties as related to disbursements and forms as well as donations to NAWS and the URM. Checked the guidelines on pages 7 & 8. See motion #2. Also, NAWS would prefer donations of at least \$50 due to the expense of handling lots of smaller amounts.
- 2) Talked a little about the literature fund. Secretary will check past minutes for cap – \$1000 or \$1200?

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Motions ~**
- #1 Drop "We Do Recover" Torrington, WY group as active participants from ASC roles.  
Intent: No longer participating or active for at least three consecutive meetings.  
Carries unanimously.
  - #2 Amend guidelines under Treasurer's duties that "The Treasurer will, at the end of fiscal year, submit disbursement form for donation to NAWS, i.e. August, each year and quarterly for Regional donations in October, January, and July."  
Intent: To create a paper trail of these donations.  
Tabled until next ASC meeting as per Guidelines on changes to the Guidelines.

**Elections ~**

RCM: No volunteers nor nominations.

PR Chair: No nominations and no volunteers.

**Disbursements:**

NAWS – Literature	\$122.06
URMRSC donation	\$ 92.57
NAWS donation	\$ 92.57
Chris B. – RCM2 travel	\$120.00

**Closing Treasury balance:** \$2743.77

Area 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition of **\$24.00** to Clean & Serene group in Scottsbluff, NE  
Next mtg: May 11, 2008 – 1pm @ 1215 E. Gibbon St. rm 202, Laramie, WY

WBASC/rlm