

# Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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## 1-866-4-No Dope

Date: July 15, 2007      Time: 1 pm      Location: Scottsbluff, Neb.

Chris B.            opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.  
Angie O.            read the 12 Traditions of N.A.  
Amanda R.        read the 12 Concepts of N.A.  
Juan P.             read the 12 Values of W-BASC

## Response to Concept 12 question # 2

*"In keeping with the spiritual nature of Narcotics Anonymous,  
our structure should always be one of service, never of government."*

Q – The difference between a governing organization and a service organization is often not of structure but of spiritual foundation and purpose. What is it about NA's primary purpose and its spiritual identity that says "our structure should always be one of service, never of government"?

A – C & S The primary purpose is to carry the message to addicts who still suffer through the use of spiritual principles. Spiritual principles are not usually associated with a government. We have guidelines where governments have fairly inflexible laws. Also, since the newcomer is the most important person in any meeting, and by extension each individual, the individuals' needs drive the group to provide services. What services the groups cannot provide the area service committees may and on through the service structure which effectively makes each higher level less important and influential and makes the individual the most important.

LFL Besides the newcomer being the most important person at any NA meeting as opposed to a president being the most important person in our government, NA will still flourish long after an individual leaves, but if a government loses its most important person the government may collapse.

SCS With the service structure – groups, areas, regions, in fact the entire world – relying on the individual for direction unity becomes the bond that holds all together.

## Reading/Study/Discussion of the First Concept using chapter questions.

*To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, the NA groups have joined together to create a structure which develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of NA as a whole.*

The primary responsibility of an NA group is to conduct its recovery meetings, carrying the message directly to the addict who still suffers. Groups join their strength in the service structure, ensuring that other services—H&I, PI, literature development, for example—are fulfilled effectively and without distracting the groups from their own primary responsibility.

## Study and discussion questions

1. Does your group hold regular business meetings? (See *The Group Booklet*, pp. 9-10.) Unanimously yes.

2. Does your group regularly talk about how it can better fulfill its primary purpose?

In one way, the ASC often asks the GSRs what the area can do for them to help carry the message. So groups are thinking about what may be needed.

One group doesn't regularly do a group forth step as they once did, but at the same time they are very conscious of making sure that each meeting is opened on time and chaired appropriately so that an atmosphere of recovery welcomes the newcomer and all addicts who still suffers.

3. After paying the expenses for literature, refreshments, and meeting-hall rent, does your group have enough money to conduct other services on its own?

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

4. Can your group perform a variety of organized services like PI work, H&I panels, phonline management, and literature development while still attending to its recovery meetings?

LFL – no way. The group is doing everything it can to keep the doors open.

C&S – In a way, out of necessity, it can handle many services – it does, however need the communication.

5. Does your group send a representative to your local area service committee? Do you contribute money to your ASC on a regular basis?

GSRs answering this question were pretty much in agreement in that most groups send both representatives and funds when they can. Few consistently attend each ASC meeting and donate at each.

**Roll Call:** Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Literature Chair, Activities Chair/UD Chair, Webservant

**GSR, Alternates and guests:** Willy O. (GSR – Clean and Free), Greg B. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Jeanne S. & Tom C. (GSR & GSRA – Live from Laramie), Ray B. (GSR – Free Bird), Alicia G. (GSR – Staying Clean in Sidney), Les F., Juan P., Angela O., Amanda R. and Timothy P.

**Absent:** Treasurer (vacant), RCM (vacant), 2<sup>nd</sup> RCM, PR Chair (vacant), (Footsteps in Recovery), (On Life's Terms), (Vision of Hope), and (We Do Recover).

**NA Recovery Birthdays:** Juan P. 1 yr. Congratulations!!

**Recognition of new groups:** None

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

Jeanne moved and Alicia seconded the motion to accept minutes as presented / Motion carried unanimously.

**Opening Treasurers report:**

**Beginning Balance:** \$1887.15 (according to bank)  
\$1770.04 (according to ledger)  
\$ 117.11 difference

**Break:** 1:29 – 1:39 pm

**Officers Reports:**

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

Dear Fellow ASC Members:

A continued reminder: It is important that ASC members read, and becoming familiar with the area guidelines; especially those sections concerning their positions.

Ray B. had been introduced to the ban personnel in Laramie so that another smooth transition can occur with the updating of our signature card.

The Chair's account balance still stands at \$16.86.

ALL executive committee members and sub-committee chairs need to review last year's budget and recommend budgets to the treasurer (acting) so that a new fiscal year budget may be drawn up by the end of August. [Fiscal year runs from September 1 to August 31.]

In August, Jeanne and I will be on the road for the first half of the month and will not be able to attend. Thus, Ray B. will chair that meeting. . .take it easy on him, okay?

GSRs: There are positions of service available at ASC, tell your sponsees and sponsors, and announce this regularly at your meetings.

In Loving Service,  
Chris B.  
Chair

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

Hello friends

Wow what a month I have had since eour last meeting. I was at the Live from Laramie campout had a great time, and was able to meet some new friends. Chris B. took me down to the bank to meet our banker lady. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July annual day at the park went very well I would like to thank Mark T. for organizing this event had a good time. As acting treasurer I paid Quest and Freedom Voice. Had a situation with the checkbook, a signed check got into the hands of someone close to me and a check for \$400 was written. As a trusted servant I will take responsibility and see that this body is reimbursed for \$400, I also suggest in the future that all money matters will be taken care of at the area business meeting. The solution will be \$150 this month \$125 in August and the balance of \$125 in September. Thank you for letting me be of service.

In loving service,  
Ray B.

**Treasurer:** Read by secretary and filed as follows.

To Wyo-Braska Area NA

I am sorry but cannot fullfil my duties as area treasurer because of ill health. So with heavy heart I am forced to resign my post. Hopefully I will get to feeling better soon and be able to participate again.

Thank you for your trust in me and I am sorry I failed you!

Tim H.

Also see files for spreadsheet with specifics.

**Secretary:** Given as follows:

Contact list was updated based on sign-in sheet and group reports as turned in at last meeting. REMEMBER – this list contains personal information and is for internal use only. It is not posted on the web site and is not made public or to be e-mailed. Please let me know of any changes.

As a reminder, all of the group report, motion and disbursement forms are available for download from the ASC web site and will need Adobe Reader version 6.0 or newer to open. Minutes, guidelines, and meeting lists are also available.

Remaining budget balance stands at \$63.05.

ILS  
Richard M.

**RCM:** None

**RCM 2:** Vacant

**Group Reports:**

**Footsteps in Recovery:** Absent

Concerns:

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

Votes and /or motions:

Needs: Other:

**On Life's Terms:** Absent

Concerns:

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

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Other:

**Clean & Free:**

Concerns: [Receiving group's copy of the] NA Way newsletter.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$36.05

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other:

**Vision of Hope:** Absent

Concerns:

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

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Other:

**Saturday Nite Live:**

Concerns: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$25.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other:

**Clean & Serene:**

Concerns: Usual [lack of] participation. Getting back in old place ASAP [Due to elec. fire.]

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$0

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other:

**Live from Laramie:**

Concerns: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$75.00 (RSC – \$60.00) (NAWS – \$15.00)

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None                      Other:

**Free Bird:**

Concerns: None

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

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None                      Other:

**Staying Clean in Sidney**

Concerns: Low attendance.

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

Votes and /or motions: None

Needs: None                      Other:

**We Do Recover:** Absent

Concerns:

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

Votes and /or motions:

Needs:                                      Other:

**Sub-Committee reports:**

**Activities/UD:** Report given and filed as follows:

(Jeanne gave the LFL campout report.)

From: Live from Laramie Campout Committee

To: Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

We would like to thank the Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee for sponsoring the campout again this year.

We had a very good turnout with 45 people attending this includes:

37 paid

2 speaker comp

6 children

The totals are on the attached spreadsheet

We took in a total of \$370.00 for reservations

There was also \$14.00 in seventh tradition and \$16.50 in pop sales

We are returning \$10.01 from the seed money for food and receipts totaling \$114.99 see attached spreadsheet for a breakdown of these expenses

We are looking forward to campout #4 sometime next June

[Craig]

To Fellow Area Service members:

I'm happy to report that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ was great for all of those who came. I wasn't sure what to expect but just let things run their course. All turned out well.

I should have my menu ready at the next area meeting as well as my main speaker [for Unity Days convention]. [Sunday speaker is set and he has numbers to call for the other speaker.]

Faithfully your servant

Mark T.

**PR (Web Site):** Report given as follows:

Received an e-mail from the World Convention committee announcing 14 main meetings, 62 workshops, over 140 speakers and 18 countries represented.

Entertainment includes ZZ Top, George Carlin, Ozomatli, Guitars and Saxes – featuring Gerald Albright, Little Feet, Rocky Recovery and on and on.

This convention, in San Antonio at the end of Aug. and 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept., is the last one in the United States for four years so if there is any way one can attend – plan on it.

The domain name is up for renewal and will have \$8.99 plus \$0.17 tax for a total of \$9.16 automatically deducted from the checking account on Sept. 3, 2007. Also the web site hosting will automatically deducted on Sept. 8, 2007 in the amount of \$97.09.

As for changing one meeting time and updating the ASC page Trusted Servants list – I completely forgot about it in my haste to change the meeting time and place. I apologize and will get to it before the next ASC meeting.

ILS

Richard M.

**Literature:** Our new Literature Chair is still learning so there is no report. It was suggested that she could go to the web site and review literature reports in previous minutes and then model her reports in their likeness.

**Break :** 2:13 – 2:23 pm

**Sharing Session:**

- 1) Update the ASC page on the web site. Resolved in the webservant report.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Phone/info line issue resolved.

**New Business:**

- 1) Fraudulent check # 1219, to prosecute or not?

As noted in the Vice-Chair's report, an ASC check was stolen, filled in and cashed for \$400. As acting Treasurer, the Vice-Chair had the treasurer's paper work and supplies at his personal residence where unknown to him a check was stolen. This check already had one of the two required signatures filled in as has been common practice. After a check is filled in to make a payment the second of the two required signatures is filled in by the treasurer or acting treasurer. The stolen check was filled in and cashed. The bank honored it without question. The acting treasurer has already offered to repay the area for the full amount.

We discussed two points: 1) What do we do about the current situation and 2) what do we want to do about future situations. GSRs please take this information back to groups for discussion and input.

