

# Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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## 1-866-4-No Dope

Date June: 10, 2007      Time: 1 pm      Location: Sidney, Nebraska

- Chris B.      opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- Ray B.      read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
- Chris B.      read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
- Richard M.      read the 12 Values of W-BASC

### Response to concept study question sent to groups: Concept 11 question # 2

*“NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly.”*

The Eleventh Concept establishes the sole absolute priority for the use of NA funds: to carry the message. The importance of that priority calls for total fiscal accountability. Direct contributions to each level of service help us focus on our primary purpose and enhance accountability.

Q2 – Rank the following group budget priorities:

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
<input type="checkbox"/> NA literature	2	2	2	1	2
<input type="checkbox"/> refreshments	5	3	5	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/> meeting-hall rent	1	1	1	5	1
<input type="checkbox"/> group reserve	3	5	4	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> service donations	4	4	3	2	3

Why did you rank them in the order you did? Does your group have standing budget priorities, or does it handle such questions from month-to-month?

Taught/Budget	Budget	Month to month	To carry the message	Month to month
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### Reading/Study/Discussion of the 12 th Concept using chapter questions

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

1. *What is the difference between service and government?*

The same as doing as directed or as directing or dictating.

2. 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”?

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

3. *The essay on the Twelfth Concept talks about how gratitude, humility, communication, and selflessness help our structure remain “one of service, never of government.” Discuss these things.*

By basing ones service on the principles learned in the course of recovery service remains in the forefront. By basing ones recovery on service, spiritual principles lack and service can lack because, in some cases, personalities overrule principles.

Maturity in recovery lends itself to selflessly giving back to NA so NA will stay alive. Self-centeredness is replaced with sharing.

4. *Discuss how the Twelfth Concept applies to each of the eleven other concepts.*

The twelfth concept is to the other 11 as the twelfth tradition is to the other 11 traditions and the twelfth step is to the other 11 steps. The twelfth concept, tradition, step unifies and summarizes the other 11.

**Roll Call:** Chair, Secretary, RCM, Literature Chair, Webservant

**GSR, Alternates and guests:** Mary G. & Willy O. (GSR & GSRA -- Clean and Free), Mary G. (Rep for Vision of Hope), Ray B.(Rep for Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR -- Clean & Serene), Jeanne S. (GSR -- Live from Laramie), Ray B. (GSR -- Free Bird), Alicia G. (GSR -- Staying Clean in Sidney)

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

**NA Recovery Birthdays:** Willy O. - 4 yrs, Ray B. - 3 yrs, Chris B. - 9 yrs, Alicia G. - 21 months today. Yeah to all!!

**Recognition of new groups:** NONE

**Approval of last month's minutes:** Minutes were read and suggested to add the check # to disbursements. Ray B. moved to accept & Alicia G. seconded / Motion Carries

**Opening Treasurers report:**

**Beginning Balance:** As of June 2, 2007 Bank = \$2072.90      Our ledger = \$1955.79

**Officers Reports:**

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

Dear Fellow ASC Members:

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

The new signature card has been delivered to The Bank of the West and is on file. Another will be needed when the ASC executive committee has been elected sometime this fall. Ray B. will be introduced to the bank personnel in Laramie with whom we have successfully and repeatedly changed our signature card, so that another smooth transition can occur.

There were two motions tabled last month (as required by ASC guidelines), these will be addressed in the motions section of the agenda.

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

Remember the Live from Laramie -- WyoBraska Area campout June 22 -- 24; remember 50 campers only in the actual campsite. more flyers are being provided to the area today, along with a report from the campout chair Craig H.

I will be playing in a Wyoming State golf tournament the weekend of the July 7 & 8; does the ASC want to meet the following Sunday July 15th or convene without this chair for **two** consecutive months? In August, Jeanne and I will be on the road for the first half of the month and will not be able to attend.

In Loving Service,

Chris B. -- Chair

**Vice-Chair:** Vacant -- no report

**Treasurer:** Sick -- no report

**Secretary:** Given orally only as follows:

The contact list has been updated with information from last months reports and sign-in sheet. REMEMBER! This sheet includes personal information and as such is for internal use only. It will not be e-mailed, posted on the web site nor made available to the general public. If any changes need made please let me know.

Finally, remember that forms and documents are available for download and printing on the ASC web site and if anyone would like minutes, guidelines, etc. snail mailed just let me know.

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Richard M.

Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee Secretary

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

Hellow friends,

It is good to see you all again. There is not anything to report at this time as I have been busy moving & not had a chance to check on regional matters. I will have more info next month. I need to remind you all that the region is looking for ideas for the regional logo. Please have these to me by the next area meeting in July. I am sorry for the short report. If you have any questions let me know. The next regional meeting will be in Cheyenne in the same place as we held our last area meeting August 5th, 2007. it would be exciting to see you & your friends there.

In Loving Service

Ray B.

**RCM 2:** Absent

**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: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$30.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: Friday meetings will now be from 8 -- 9:30 pm. Need to change this on the web site and printable meeting lists.

**Vision of Hope:**

Concerns: It is not certain that Amy will take over this meeting after Mary G. leaves, but somehow someone will see to it. All materials have been, or will be, turned over to next GSR or rep.

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

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

**Saturday Nite Live:**

Concerns: None

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

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

**Clean & Serene:**

Concerns: Lack of participation in service, instability of the treasury record keeping, but stable.

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

Votes and/or motions: See motions section

Needs: None                      Other: Starting another night owl meeting on Saturday nights.

**Live from Laramie:**

Concerns: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$65.00 -- ASC, \$52.00 -- RSC, \$13.00 -- NAWS

Votes and/or motions: In favor of both motions tabled last time.

Needs: None                      Other: None

**Free Bird:**

Concerns: None

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

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None                      Other: Avereage attendance

**Staying Clean in Sidney:**

Concerns: Small #s [in attendance]

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

Votes and /or motions: In favor of 1 & 2

Needs: None                      Other: None

**We Do Recover:** Absent

Concerns:

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

Votes and /or motions:

Needs:                              Other:

**Sub-Committee reports:**

**Activities/UD:** Chair absent -- sick.

TO: WYO-BRASKA AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE  
FROM: LIVE FROM LARAMIE CAMPOUT COMMITTEE

As of this day we have a total of 33 pre-registered for the campout this includes 25 paid adult, 6 child and, 2 compensated speakers. (spreadsheet in archives)

We have planes in place for game meat stew and salad for the evening meal and pancakes and bacon for the breakfast meal.

The speaker meetings are planed for Saturday night campfire meeting and Sunday morning meeting.

Live from Laramie campout committee

**PR (Web Site):** PR chair vacant.

Clean & Serene group reports that the new corrections facility for Scotts Bluff county will be finished sometime in August and with it will come a new set of requirements and approval process for members wishing to put on meetings inside. Essentially, anyone with a previous felony will not be allowed to participate except those already attending who will be grandfathered in. After the facility is up and running a women's meeting will be planned for.

Webservant report given orally as follows:

Made one small change to meeting list. Haven't been able to make time to redesign other pages. Received one e-mail from individual in Louisiana who sponsors a Cheyenne member and forwarded it to Ray B. for follow-up. Domain name registration and hosting fees due in September via automatic withdrawal. Will bring exact amounts to next ASC meeting.

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

Hello Family!

We now have an inventory worth \$865.18, as of 6/8/07. Please have all your literature purchased for your groups before the last break so I can figure up the new order before disbursements. My term is up as literature chair in June, and I've already done it twice so our guidelines say I may not continue. I have enjoyed doing this and I will help the new literature chair in any way I can. I have written up some notes on how to do this in a way that has worked for me. I will give this to the new person, as well as my phone number to be of assistance in any way I can. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this area.

In Loving Service,  
Jeanne S.

**Break :** 2:05 -- 2:18 pm

**Sharing Session:**

- 1) Since the chair will be unavailable at the next regularly scheduled meeting he asked if we would like to change the date the week following or stay on schedule. By acclamation we opted for postponing the meeting for a week to be held in Scottsbluff, Neb.
- 2) Ray B. picked up all of the mail and noted that there were a few pieces, aside from the junk, that were addressed to people no one had ever heard of. He would return these and any future pieces to the post office for forwarding and would trash any junk mail not pertinent to the area.
- 3) We next discussed the lack of participation, the possibility of the area folding and what the ramifications might be. The GSR for the Clean & Serene group distributed a flier asking for group members to seriously consider getting involved. Travel, being the main issue preventing many from volunteering, will be taken care of by sharing a ride with the GSR. So far no takers.

The main gist of the discussion was that the web site is paid for by automatic withdrawal and as long as there is one or two trusted servants available and money in the coffers the web site, info line and phone book listings would continue. Simply put, as participation and funds decrease services would similarly decrease until there were no longer any funds and then all services would cease.

Hopefully this doesn't happen and the knowledge of the possibility will calvanize group members into action.

- 4) Annual budgets were discussed. PR was set last year (after cuts were made) to \$750 Freedom Voice info line runs about \$300 per yr, Quest phone listings run about \$180 per yr. for placements in 5 phone books throughout the area & GoDaddy web site domain name registration and site hosting runs about \$110 per yr.

H & I was set at \$150 and may be incorporated into an increased amount for the merged PR subcommittee.

Activities subcommittee uses seed money out of the general fund and any proceeds go back into the general fund. There is \$100 allotted for replenishing the totes with consumables.

- 5) Quest info line update. The phone line was disconnected because the amount owed was \$122 and only \$107 was paid. Mary G. will send all info she has to Chris B. who will get it all straightened out. The phone line has been reconnected -- we just need to make sure everything is square.

**Old Business:** Covered in reports, sharing session and motions.

**New Business:**

**Motions ~ #1** (Tabled from last meeting)

MOTION: To change the WBASC Guidelines, Article 6, paragraph 3 in the following manner.

“When an Administrative Committee position is vacated early, the ~~addict~~ **member** voted into that position may, with a 2/3 majority vote of the present GSRs, ~~begin the two (2) full year consecutive terms in the month elected~~ **complete the current term, regardless of how many months remain, and continue for the following full year in the position.** An officer or standing subcommittee chair may resign by providing written notice to the WBASC chairperson thirty (30) days in advance of vacating an office or position.”

INTENT: Clarify and simplify time limits on positions filled in mid term & to maintain regular order of elections

Carried unanimously.

**Motions ~ #2** (Tabled from last meeting)

MOTION: To add the following paragraph to the WBASC Guidelines in Article 2 between paragraphs 3 and 4.

“A group may be removed from full membership, meeting lists and the telephone information line if it misses three (3) consecutive WBASC meetings without contact or representation. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all voting participants shall be required to remove any group from membership. A group may also be removed from full membership by having an authorized representative submit a written request to the WBASC.”

INTENT: To clarify a means by which an inactive group may be removed from WBASC meeting lists etc. 1 opposed, 4 for, motion carries.

**Elections ~**

PR Chair -- No nominations nor volunteers. GSRs please as groups for volunteers.

Vice-Chair -- Ray B. was nominated. Requirements and duties were read and Ray qualified himself. No motion needed pertaining to his early resignation as RCM. By accepting the nomination his resignation was implicit. Motion to accept Ray B. as new Vice-Chair unanimous.

Literature Chair -- Alicia G. was nominated. Requirements and duties were read and she qualified herself. Voted in unanimously.

RCM position open for next meeting.

**Disbursements:** \$135.52 NAWS for literature order

**Closing Treasury balance:**

\$2365.46 (bank)      \$2248.35 (our ledger)      [\$117.11 difference]

Area 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition of \$20 to: Staying Clean in Sidney  
Next mtg: July 15, 2007 in Scottsbluff, Neb.  
Adjourn @ about 4 pm.