

# Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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Date: June 8, 2008 Time: 1:05 pm Location: Cheyenne, WY

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer  
Lucretia M. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.  
Willy O. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.  
Mistie W. read the 12 Values of WBASC

## Group Response to Concept \_10\_ & Question 3\_from last meeting:

*Any member of a service body can petition that body  
for the redress of a personal grievance, without fear of reprisal.*

When is it appropriate to apply the Tenth Concept? When is it not appropriate?

Simply put, it is appropriate is NA service matters and it is not appropriate for personal issues.

## Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept \_11\_ using chapter questions.

*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.

## Study and discussion questions

1. What is money used for in your group? Your area? Your region? Your world services?

Most groups use the funds for rent, refreshments and literature. Due to the nature of the C&S meeting hall they also purchase cleaning supplies and some building maintenance items when they are directly donated.

Area funds are used for functions, both celebrations and occasional workshops, literature, printing such as meeting lists and fliers, travel expenses to Regional meetings by our reps, an info phone line and a web site.

Regional funds are believed used predominately for travel expenses to the WSC, Region meetings and Regional forum meetings as well as rent, printing and a web site.

NAWS funds are believed to be used for travel to various workshops around the world and both literature development and sales. Funds are also used to provide literature to correctional facilities and others who cannot buy it. Also, service offices are maintained in California, Canada, Europe and maybe one in the Middle East. And a considerable amount of money is spent on legal issues including protecting and defending our trademarks and copyrights. There are also audits performed to make sure all monies are accounted for.

2. Rank the following group budget priorities:

Of those responding, priorities were about the same. 1) Meeting-hall rent, 2) NA literature, 3) Refreshments, 4) Group reserve & 5) Service donations.

Why did you rank them in the order you did? The rankings seemed logical in order to best see to the primary purpose and providing an atmosphere of recovery.

Does your group have standing budget priorities, or does it handle such questions from month-to-month? Some do, others are month-to-month and others a combination depending on circumstances.

3. Do you know of instances where NA money has been spent frivolously at the group level? In an area or regional committee? In world services? What was "frivolous" about the way that money was spent? How should it have been spent instead?

This question did not generate much response. There was one instance, unknown at what level, where some extra funds were discovered and used as a reward for hard work done. This may or may not have been frivolous and if so then it could have just been added back into the general funds.

4. Are NA funds well-accounted for in your group? Your area and region? In world services? If not, what kinds of financial reports would you like to see instead?

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

5. "Direct group contributions to our service structure encourage responsible management of service funds and help our services maintain their focus on NA's primary purpose." Does your area or region depend on NA fundraisers for a significant portion of its income? Is that wise? How does it affect the relationship of the ASC or RSC to your group? Would that relationship be any different if groups contributed directly to each level of service? Would our service boards and committees be able to operate solely on income from direct group contributions?

In our area, group contributions may not always be enough and fundraisers alone have not proven to be enough to provide the services groups want and need. For us, the budget depends on a combination of both and responsible resource management.

**Roll Call:** Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, RCM, PR Chair, Acting Literature Chair, UD Chair, Webservant

**GSR, Alternates and guests:** Willy O. (GSR – Clean and Free), Ray B. (GSR – Vision of Hope), Mistie W. & Carl L. (GSR & GSRA – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Scott T. (GSR – Live from Laramie), Lucretia M. (GSR – Free Bird), Rich Y. & Juan P. – Scottsbluff, NE., Paul P. – Laramie, WY. and Gail W. Cheyenne.

**Absent:** RCM2 (vacant), Activities Chair, (Footsteps in Recovery), (On Life's Terms), (Staying Clean in Sidney) & ( NA Anchors Away).

**NA Recovery Birthdays:** Willy O. – 5 yrs., Ray B. – 4 yrs., Les F. – 11 yrs., Paul P. – 1 yr., Carl L. – 9 mths., Scott T. – 90 days & Juan P. – 30 days. Congratulations one and all!!!

**Recognition of new groups:** None

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

Lucretia M. moved to accept minutes as is, Les F. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Beginning Balance:** \$1,898.23

**Serenity Break:** 1:40 – 1:50 pm

**Officers Reports:**

**Chair:** Report given and filed as follows:  
Hello Friends,

I am glad to see you all again. Really not much to put in this report. Lucretia M. & I got together over the last month & were able to get the bills caught up. As was decided on the last meeting, we sent 85 dollars to Freedom Voice to make sure the phone line was turned back on & should be able to keep it up to date now. I am glad to hear the Unity Days Committee has everything running smooth. The chair's budget stands at \$100.00.

In Loving Service  
Ray B.

**Vice-Chair:** Report given and filed as follows:  
Fellow ASC Members,

Our Area Info-line is still not operational, so I would like the chair to address this at the earliest opportunity in today's agenda. I have had conversations with our newly elected PR Chair, Rory, and can't understand why the bill has not been paid and I will let Rory address that issue.

I have not heard from Scott in Laramie concerning a hotel for URMRCNA 10. Tommy O. has agreed to check into hotel locations in Cheyenne. If anyone has an idea for a location I need to know immediately as I will be announcing time and place for first convention committee meeting for sometime later this month, by which time we need to have a location for URMRCNA 10 so that we can move forward. We have only 10 months remaining until the convention. I would like a contact list for any interested members willing to serve on the convention committee.

I don't have much else to report since all area sub-committee positions are filled and operational.

In Loving Service  
Les F. – WBASC Vice-Chair

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

Hello Friends,  
How is everyone doing today? Nice to see that every one was able to make it. I don't have a lot to report today. There is going to be a discrepancy in the opening balance this month from last month. Opening balance changed due to checks being wrote. The initial opening balance should have been \$2,035.28. However, there were some checks that needed wrote. Due to work being done on and around the post office we were unable to get in to check the mail box.

The following checks were wrote:  
Initial opening balance of \$2,035.28  
Check # 1314 to Quest for phone bill in the amount of \$39.25  
Check # 1315 to Freedom Voice for phone line in the amount of \$85.80 (paid on June 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
The bank service charge of \$6.00 for the month of May, that was not included in last month.  
The bank service charge of \$6.00 for the month of June  
Leaving the opening balance at \$1,898.23

Thank you. In Loving Service,  
Lucretia M.

Account balances will be updated for next month.

**Secretary:** Report given orally only:

Reminded us that all documents except the contact list is or will be on the web site including the area guidelines and a version of the area letterhead. Updated and printed out new contact lists. Because the contact list has more personal information on it, it will not be posted on the web site or else where. Its purpose is for ease of communication among members of the area. It is intended for internal use only.

The spring meeting list has been printed and available here today and on the web site. The lists are updated each month after the area meeting and is based on information received, in particular from the group reports. So, GSRs, please make sure your meeting information is included and accurate.

Unity Day registration fliers have been e-mailed and are available here today also, as are several other fliers. Account remains at \$100.

ILS  
Richard

**RCM:** Given and filed as follows:

Hello Fellow Members,

I would like to thank you all once again for allowing me to be of service again. I don't have a lot to report at this time as the next RSC meeting is in August in Cheyenne. I did not get with Lucretia to be added as a signer on the checking account. I will have more time to dedicate to my service position as I am not required to travel as much for work @ this time.

In loving service,  
Willy O.

**RCM 2:** Vacant

**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: Phone Line [still not working] & selection of next convention location

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$30.00              Other: None

**Vision of Hope:**

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$15.00              Other: None

**Saturday Nite Live:**

Concerns: None.

Needs: More home group members.

Votes and /or motions: Yes, on \$120.00 every Sept. to keep up phone line.

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

**Clean & Serene:**

Concerns: Trusted Servant participation

Needs: Still looking for a GSRA

Votes and /or motions:

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: 0    Other: Input on concept question.

**Live from Laramie:**

Concerns: We are all new representatives.

Needs: Treasurer

Votes and /or motions:

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$72.50 – ASC, \$65.25 – RSC.

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

**Free Bird:**

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$36.00      Other:

**Staying Clean in Sidney: Absent**

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions

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

**Sub-Committee reports:**

**Activities:** Activities Chair Absent but Richard M. was able to report on the following:

The Live from Laramie 4<sup>th</sup> annual Campout is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> @ the Pole Creek campground which is the same location as last year. About ½ of the available spots have been taken so be sure to check it out. Registration fliers are available here today.

The Scottsbluff Clean & Serene Group is having it's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Picnic in the Park" on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Since several Cheyenne members had expressed an interest, fliers were e-mailed to everyone on the Unity Days mailing list. A ball game, T-shirts and maybe an out of town speaker are lined up this year so drop in for some fun and fellowship.

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

June 8<sup>th</sup> Noon – In attendance, Juan P., Gail W., Lucretia M., Rich Y., Mistie W., Willy O. and Richard M.

**T-Shirts & bandannas** – Shirts have been delayed, but based on new information we ought to be able to order, offer and sell only those shirts most popular with a smaller amount of left over inventory. A Unity Days committee member who is also the activities chair for the Clean & Serene group wanted me to present the info on the Unity Days shirts to that group.

From the ensuing, enthusiastic discussion, the group decided to use a dry erase board to record who wanted what sizes. Some wanted 4XL shirts that were unavailable from Scottsbluff Screenprinting (SS). At first it was thought that they would have to bring in their own shirts and have them printed up. SS said they would do this on a limited basis for ½ the regular charge. But then exact same brand shirts were found on eBay for about half the cost (\$6.25 ea.) as offered by another supplier in Scottsbluff. There was, however, a 1 dozen minimum order.

The group had 25 pre-orders out of the 36 available and quite a different size distribution than I had initially calculated. Based on the numbers, previous experience & the recommendation from another convention savvy committee member, the most sought after sizes seem to be the XL, 2, 3 & 4Xs and the least wanted were the smalls.

The Clean & Serene group decided on sport gray and we decided on a relative compromise of navy blue. Rather than order a dozen for each entity I ordered a dozen from the seller on eBay – 6 of each color. Based on all of this additional information I am better able to come up with an exact price for the first order and we can still get them in soon, do up some fliers with photos of them and get to selling them and still have time for a second order if sales justify the need. After some discussion, we will try to get a small order of hoodies printed up with our second order.

Also, solid center or solid color bandannas were a harder to come up with, but I was finally able to get a few dozen with a variety of colors – dark green, fire engine green, hot pink, dark yellow, dark blue, black and purple. Will come up with a flier for selling.

**Unity Days T-Shirts break down:**

<b>T-Shirts</b> – Scottsbluff Screenprinting	<b>S</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>XL</b>	<b>2XL</b>	<b>3XL</b>	<b>4XL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
About two weeks turnaround.	2	6	6	8	4	4	6	36
Set up Fee = \$25 1 <sup>st</sup> screen								
= \$15 subsequent screens								

Regular T's = \$8.00 – Print on two sides.

Pocket T's = \$9.00 – Print on two sides.

\$2.00 more for 2XL & \$3.00 more for 3X.

We furnish 4X, printing = \$4.00 ea. (1/2 the cost for shirt & printing)

Print sizes are 3½" X 3½" and 12" X 14", approx. (12" wide and then actual ratio)

Color – Navy Blue w/ White Logo

		<b>S</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>XL</b>	<b>2XL</b>	<b>3XL</b>	<b>4XL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Plain T's, printed on two sides –	qty	2	3	3	4	2	2	(6 we provide)	16 (+6)
		<b>S</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>XL</b>	<b>2XL</b>	<b>3XL</b>	<b>4XL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Pocket T's, printed on two sides –	qty	0	3	3	4	2	2	0	14
	Total	2	6	6	8	4	4	6	36

Would have to sell 27 @ \$15.00 = \$405 to roughly break even.

sell 36 @ \$15.00 = \$540

Set up 1<sup>st</sup> = \$ 25.00

Set up 2<sup>nd</sup> = \$ 15.00

16 @ \$8.00 ea. = \$128.00

14 @ \$9.00 ea. = \$126.00

4 @ \$2.00 ea. = \$ 8.00

4 @ \$3.00 ea. = \$ 12.00

6 @ \$4.00 ea. = \$ 24.00

\$338.00

Tax @ 7% = \$ 23.66

\$361.66

(6 – 4X shirts = \$ 37.50) out sourced due to lack of availability at Scb. Screen.

\$399.16 ÷ 36 = \$11.09 average cost ea.

Scottsbluff Screenprinting

Shirts = \$361.66

Bandannas = \$ 83.46

Sub-Total = \$445.12

Richard M.

6 – 4X shirts = \$ 37.50

Total = \$482.62

Total from sales = \$625.00

= \$142.38 difference

Bandanas = \$2.60 for just printing w/ the 3½" X 3½" screen and we furnish the bandanas. \$2.60 X 30 = \$78.00

Tax = \$0.18

\$2.78

Tax = \$ 5.46

\$83.46

Sell at \$5.00 X 30 = \$150.00 \$5.00 X 17 = \$85.00

**Merchandise seller** – Our past seller has gotten out of the business but the Off the Wall Area in Colorado is very excited about being able to come to the convention and offer jewelry and other items. We will most likely comp the seller the weekend. Final arrangements are being made.

**Registration/Flier** – Distribution – The first flier needed name an address section added so it was redesigned and resent. It has been e-mailed to many or the surrounding areas and regions.

Other fliers touting speakers, events and activities – Will be coming up with these to blanket everyone possible, including groups, with information promoting special features of the event in hopes of encouraging attendance. We decided to leave off the names of the speakers, but note that they are from out of town/state.

**Registration Package:**

6" X 9" clasp envelopes

Laminated bookmarks (1 lg & 1 or 2 sm) & logo magnet.

Laminated name tag – Rather than set up printing and laminating equipment at UD it may work better to pre-print and laminate the name tags and then just use a permanent marker to write names on them.

Trails West YMCA map, Riverside zoo, campground and park maps and events schedule.

The treasurer had to resign last month and we decided that the Unity Days Committee really doesn't need one. After the GSRs had sold raffle tickets all of the money was turned in to the UD chair which then went directly to the area treasurer. When we start getting registrations in they will go to the registration chair, i.e., Gail, and then to the treasurer.

**Speakers:** Two of the three Washington state speakers cannot make it, but the third is still a go. Daniel F. will be our kick off speaker. Juan said that Ed P. from Scottsbluff thought a friend of his from Kansas may be able to speak at the Sunday morning spiritual meeting. Juan gave Mistie Ed's number so she can check on this. Then all we need to do is get one other speaker.

**Meals:** Between now and the next meeting all of the menus and Robert and Lucretia's shopping figures will be compiled into one master list. Many items, duplicated between meals, can be combined into one purchase thus saving money. Lucretia will get in touch with Robert N. to make sure he is still going to be able to transport everything from Sam's Club to Scottsbluff.

A Scottsbluff cook has been lost track of, but Carl L., a retired chef, volunteers his services.

Willy assured us that all of the drinks have been taken care of.

**Banner:** Lucretia will check w/ Robert on this. Also, Gail is wondering where all the other banners may be. Scottsbluff only has the one hanging on the wall. Some may be with the totes and or in Wheatland since the chair for the last Unity Days in Scottsbluff was from there. No one knew about the one from Hynd's Lodge or Pole Creek Camp. I guess we will have to try to track them down.

**Other:** Craig H. has the NA signs and will make them available after the LFL campout.

Based on the new information about the t-shirts I am going to return the check I was issued last month and have another one issued for the exact amount including costs for 30 bandanas and a small one for the 4XL shirts bought off of eBay if the ASC approves.

If everything goes well and we are able to place a 2<sup>nd</sup> order, we will get a half dozen pullover hoodies. We already have an order for two mediums @ \$27.50 ea.

Thank you everyone for your help.

Richard M.  
Unity Days Chair

**PR:** Since Rory is still getting up to speed he has no report as such, but will defer to other committee members to report on their respective areas of endeavor.

**H&I component:**

Richard reported that the Scotts Bluff County Corrections had asked him to help with a new program they have started called "Introduction to Twelve Step Fellowships." The program is non-fellowship specific using materials from AA, NA and what ever other program inmates may want and where materials are available. Last Saturday Richard spoke to a coed group of about 50 – 10 women and 40 men. He was able to share his story without there being an affiliation with any specific program. Afterwards he learned that a large percentage of the population were Spanish with Spanish as there first language. While he spoke some were interpreting for others and it

would be nice if they had Spanish literature to refer to. It just so happens that NA does have the first part of the Basic Text in Spanish. He would like to see if the PR sub-committee has the funds and willingness to donate at least two Spanish texts to the facility. More in sharing.

**PI component:** No report

**Web site:**

The web site has been redesigned and is mostly up to date and working well. At least temporarily, the URMRCNA page has been backed up and saved and turned into a Unity Days page. As time allows minutes, additional fliers and whatever else can be added will be. The ASC page will be incorporated with the Archives page and then the Regional convention page redesigned. Meetings are up to date and the newest meeting list posted.

Again, for the third month in a row, we received over 500 hits. From 7078 up to 7581 for a total of 503 hits. Pretty respectable. All fees have been paid up until next September.

**Phoneline:** Reported on in earlier report and is also in sharing. Essentially, it is still disconnected, but the check was just mailed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and probably is only a day or two away from being reconnected.

**Literature:** Mistie W. is standing in for Crystal and as such has no report except to remind us to get our purchases made so she can figure up an order to submit. As she sells items she places them on an order. Lookin' good! Thank you Mistie.

**Break:** 2:40 – 3:00 pm

**Sharing Session:**

- 1) Spanish Basic Text for Scotts Bluff County Corrections – Good idea but we still aren't sure how much remains in the PR budget. However this shouldn't make much difference as the books are only \$6.05 each. And even if illegal aliens with drug problems are deported there is a strong NA presence in Mexico. Reading the Basic Text while incarcerated could be just the seed that might grow into a saved life and maybe even a new meeting in Mexico. And this can be a start for Rory to get in touch with people who can contact the different correctional facilities in our area and see what we can do for them. Rory agreed and requested two books be ordered.
- 2) Web site – Additional changes were discussed including implementing the blind e-mail forwarding to trusted servants and setting up some blind links to GSRs on the Meetings page. Both good ideas and doable.
- 3) URMRC donation – We were given back \$20 from the Region thinking it was an oversight on our part. After checking our records and the Region minutes it appears that the amount in the minutes was misstated so we will just add the \$20 to our next donation to the Region.
- 4) URMRCNA 10 – It's believed that our Area hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Regional convention and as such it would be nice and fitting if we could come up with something special to recognize the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Also, in order to better prepare and hence be able to put on a successful event, Les thinks that in some respects we ought to be preparing for the 11<sup>th</sup> convention as well. Many convention facilities are not only booked a year in advance, but in some cases two years. This should be kept in mind in our preparations.

**Old Business:** Area phone line – What to do to keep it functional. Some were for paying it a year in advance and one group felt that, if we could, it should be paid a full two years in advance. Most agreed that what ever it takes. See motion #4.

## New Business:

- Motions ~**
- #1 For area to purchase a laminater.  
Intent: [For] future events area will hold – convention next year – Unity Days.  
Carries unanimously.
  - #2 To issue check to Richard M. for \$37.50 for cost of 6 – 4X shirts.  
Intent: Unity Days celebration shirts size 4XL.  
Carries unanimously.
  - #3 To issue a new check to Scottsbluff Screenprinting for \$445.12 for Unity Days shirts (36) & bandanas (30). (Other check will be voided and returned.)  
Intent: Unity Days celebration merchandise.  
Carries unanimously.
  - #4 To make amendment to Area Guidelines under treasurer's duties to include "At beginning of fiscal year pay total annual cost of monthly service charge for the phone line & web site hosting fee and domain name registration in advance." (Phone line currently \$10.00 a month for a total of \$120.00.  
  
Intent: To secure phone line and web site from danger of disconnection during treasurer lapse or period of transition.  
Read and tabled until next meeting after taking it back to groups for vote as per guidelines regarding changes to guidelines and policies.

## Elections ~

Literature Chair – Lucretia nominated Mistie and she accepted the nomination. Duties and responsibilities were read and Mistie qualified herself. Carries unanimously. Congratulations and thank you.

RCM2 – no nominations nor volunteers. There are no scheduled elections for July so GSRs please ask your groups for volunteers to fill the RCM2 position.

## Disbursements:

Ck #1316 – Cash in and issued a check for LFL donation to URMR	\$ 65.25
This entry is for notation purposes only – there is no acct. change.	
Ck #13XX – NAWS for literature order	\$ 67.59
Ck #13XX – 2 Spanish BT's from PR to Lit. to NAWS	\$ 12.10
Ck #13XX – Richard M. reimbursement for UD Shirts 6 – 4XL	\$ 37.50
Ck #13XX – Scottsbluff Screenprinting – Unity Days shirts reissue	\$445.12

**Closing Treasury balance:** \$1,959.05

Area 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition of **\$20.00** to SNL group in Cheyenne, WY  
Next mtg: July 13, 2008 – 1pm @ 14 W. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Scottsbluff, NE  
Unity Days Committee will meet at the same location at noon just before the ASC meeting.

WBASC/rlm