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Date: May 11, 2008 Time: 1:00 pm Location: Laramie, WY

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Mistie W. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Scott T. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Jeanne S. read the 12 Values of WBASC

Group Response to Concept _9_ & Question _2_ from last meeting:

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

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

C&S – Simply show up and ask to be heard.

LFL – Very open meetings & all invited to be heard w/o prejudice.

C&F – Same as LFL.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept _10_ using chapter questions.

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

The Tenth Concept encourages us to treat each other with respect in the service environment, and provides us with a means of making amends when we wrong others. The essay describes ways in which an individual who feels he or she has been wronged can go about seeking redress of his or her grievance.

Study and discussion questions

1. Do you know of anyone who has been wronged in service? Has that wrong been made right?
Maybe once.
2. "Together, the Ninth and Tenth Concepts support an atmosphere in which our members feel free to express themselves frankly on matters at hand." Have you ever been afraid to speak your conscience in service meetings? Do you know of anyone, in your area or elsewhere, who has been afraid to speak freely? If so, why? Would the Tenth Concept ease such fears?

The nature of the question answers itself. Early exposure to service may leave one somewhat reticent, but for the most part if someone has something to say, eventually (s)he will overcome inhibitions and speak her or his mind. Although, sometimes people may shy away from speaking up when intimidated by all of the "guidelines."

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

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

Roll Call: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, 2nd RCM, Acting Literature Chair, UD Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Willy O. (GSR – Clean and Free), Ray B. (GSR – Vision of Hope), Mistie W. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Scott T. (GSR – Live from Laramie), Ray B. (Rep for – Free Bird), Richard M. (Contact for – Staying Clean in Sidney), Rich Y. & Juan P. – Scottsbluff, NE., Danny F., Brian S., Rory G., Tammie D. & Craig H. – Laramie, WY.

Absent: Treasurer, RCM, PR Chair (vacant), Activities Chair, (Footsteps in Recovery), (On Life's Terms), (NA Anchors Away).

NA Recovery Birthdays: Rich Y. – 19 mths. Congratulations!!!

Recognition of new groups: None

Approval of last month's minutes:

On pg. 8, under motion #2 April should be inserted between January and July.

Les F. moved to accept minutes w/ correction, Mistie W. 2nd the motion – carried unanimously

Treasurer's Beginning Balance: \$2,743.77

Serenity Break: 1:33 – 1:45 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello Fellow ASC Members,

Glad you could make it, as you can see I am not 100% but was able to semi type anyway. Went to Region last week & was asked to check on banners from conventions in the past. I hope you are all getting practiced up for the upcoming convention we will need all your help. I am confident that there will be someone step up & give some leadership for this project that is so important to carrying the message. I have noticed that everyone has been taking care of their commitments & I would like to say thank you. At this time I would like to take a minute & say thanks to Chris & Jeanne for all your service to this Area & you will be missed. Just a reminder; know what your responsibilities are & if you don't have a copy of the guidelines get a copy. The chair's account balance stands at \$100.00.

In Loving Service
Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I checked the area web page and found it had not been updated since the last ASC meeting and when I went to the upcoming events page to see if the regional convention was getting a good plug I found the URMRCNA VII in Cheyenne, Wyo. was getting a great review in 2005 but nothing on the upcoming URMRCNA in Casper. So we desperately need a PR chair. Further more, when I called 1-866-4 NO DOPE I got a recording saying "We're sorry, your number cannot be completed as dialed. Please check your number and dial again." So I called Tommy O. who checked. It seems that the area is not paying the bill on time. We may want to pay ahead some. PR is very important and we really need someone who can get involved and get these two things back on track and ask all of you to put it out to your groups how important PR is to our Primary Purpose and get a responsible person with enough time and commitment to[??]

Thank you.
In Loving Service
Les F.

Treasurer: Report given by Les F. and filed as follows:

Good Morning everyone,

I do apologize that I was unable to make it today. Hope that everyone is doing well. There is not much to report this month. I did receive the box of items that go with the treasurer's position. I will spend some time going threw them all. Our opening balance is \$2743.77.

The balances on the following accounts stand as:

Chair	\$100.00
Secretary	\$100.00
RCM	\$353.00
PR	\$900.00 [minus web site hosting and domain name registration.]
Prudent Reserve	\$250.00
[Activities	\$ 50.00 ???]

Again I apologize for not being able to make it today. Hope everyone has a good month. Until next time.

In Loving Service,
Lucretia M.

Richard M. added that after a thorough and extensive review of past minutes our budget for fiscal year 2007 – 2008 is supposed to be a total of \$1900.00 confirming the treasurer's previous figures.

Secretary: Report given orally only:

Spent considerable time reviewing minutes from the past two or three years to determine what our current budget is supposed to be and what the literature cap is. Budget reported above and the literature cap is \$1000.00 max. For the last couple of years the inventory has been reported to be between \$700 and about \$900.

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 updated, but due to technical issues is not yet available in 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. Account remains at \$100.

ILS
Richard

RCM: Vacant

RCM 2: Report given by Les F. and filed as follows:
Dear Fellow ASC Members:

I am visiting my friends in Oregon, as I will be unable to visit them later this summer. Here is my report.

RSC business:

Open positions:

Webservant, Secretary, Treasurer, and incoming Convention Chair.

Upcoming openings:

RSC Chair, RD and AD.

Info from RD report (see attached report):

At WSC – motions 1 – 8 passed, and 9 – 12 failed.
Regional Forum scheduled for the last weekend in July (SLC).
More events listed that are on the web site. (Regional)

To Areas:

1) Should there be a quorum of voting members (executive committee and RCMs X 5) required to perform non-monetary or election business? (Not currently in guidelines)

2) Should quorum consist of ONLY RCMs for elections and money matters? (Currently in guidelines)
These may come up as (a) motion(s) at the next RSC meeting.

Motions: Direct RD to schedule only 1 Regional Assembly each year – passed.

Convention: Cool band, karaoke and nice raffle stuff will be at the convention. They need registrants to sign up for banquets, as 100 were purchased by committee with only ~ 20 sold so far. T-shirts and sweatshirts are for sale. Wyo-Braska Area is scheduled to host the next (2009) URMRCNA, and as such a convention chair is needed who should be from this area.

Discussion: There is continued concern regarding the adopted logo, and will be discussed at the next RSC. The Region has received authorization by the Trademark Office to use the logo. I mentioned that there might be confusion by members as to possible Regional affiliation with the State of Wyoming, and its use should be reconsidered for that and other reasons. If you have further comments regarding this issue please provide them in writing for presentation to the RSC next August.

ASC business: I am submitting a disbursement request for 400 miles for travel to and from the Regional meeting held in Evanston: \$120.00. Please allow Jeanne to take possession of the disbursement check - she will get it to me.

I have accepted a position at Oak Ridge National Laboratory starting in June and as such will have to step down as RCM at this time. Thanks for the opportunity to serve. . . I will miss you all very much.

In Loving Service,
Chris B.
RCM2

RDA Report: Turned in by Chris B. as follows:

Dear Upper Rocky Mountain Region,

I have been at the WSC of NA in CA since April 25th, and will be home on Sunday the 4th. I'm not quite as prepared as I would like to be but still have much to report. Our Regional Assembly went really well and we used many of the ideas and suggestions at the conference in the discussions we have had so far. Thanks to all the groups and addicts who made the event possible and I look forward to it next year. I don't know that checks will be able to be written, but would like to get it recorded that I'm asking for \$200 for travel and the cost of the facility in Riverton and the check can bbe given to the chair to make available for me.

From 5 ballots sent in to the delegate we voted for motions 1 – 9 and against motions 10 – 12. At the conference, motions 1 – 8 passed and 9 – 12 failed. At 7:26 on Tuesday April 29th our fellowship approved a six[th] edition *Basic Text* with all of the new stories, index, abstracts and one new word that was added to the index. For many at the conference it was a very emotional event when an addict approached the floor after the facilitator was asking the body to be quiet and said, "[B]ut Mr. Facilitator, our fellowship just approved a new *Basic Text*."

I won't go into much detail here about the conference, but I can say that our Zonal Forum presented one addict for the position on WB, who eventually withdrew their nomination and the CO region also had a nomination on the floor for [W]orld [B]oard. We will be voting today (May 1, 2008) on positions and new business will begin on Friday with approximately 55 new motions to consider and we will be busy.

The Rocky Mountain Forum held a meeting at the conference and we plan on having another forum meeting the last weekend in July in Salt Lake City. We are requesting NAWs participation at the event. I will pass on more information when it becomes available. Our forum is doing well with five regions participating and a lot of experience from the members involved.

Events around the region include URMRCNA 9 which will be held in Casper in two weeks and the CO Regional Convention is again scheduled in October, Utah will be having Campvention again just out side of Heber, UT and southern Utah is also having their first convention in June. The MT gathering is also in June and check out the web sites for all these events and information.

In Loving Service
Stephen H.
URMRD
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Group Reports:

Footsteps in Recovery: Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

On Life's Terms: Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Clean & Free:

Concerns: Phone Line [not working]

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$43.71 Other: None

Vision of Hope:

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$15.00 Other: None

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: None.

Needs: Literature and [more] home group members.

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$25.00 Other: None

Clean & Serene:

Concerns: Meeting openers not knowing Twelve Traditions and Concepts of NA Service. (The new Friday evening study meeting may help with this.) Some meetings not focused. Have suspended all 10 pm Night Owl meetings.

Needs: Still looking for a GSRA

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: 0 Other: Input on concept question.

Live from Laramie:

Concerns:

Needs: Need of a GSR.

Votes and /or motions: Motion made to donate old literature [readings] for a new group. [Ruled out of order – no motion needed, just add it to the literature inventory.]

7th Tradition: \$45.00 – ASC, \$40.50 – RSC.

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

Free Bird: By Ray B.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other:

Staying Clean in Sidney: [E-mail to Secretary]

Concerns: None

Needs: Participation by trusted servants. Otherwise doing good.

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: 0 Other: Group doing well otherwise

NA Anchors Away (Cheyenne) Absent

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Activities Chair Absent but Craig H. reported on the LFL Campout as follows:

May 9, 2008

As of this date we have received 6 more pre-registered for the Live From Laramie campout. I am enclosing \$50.00 cash and \$10.00 in checks. This brings us to a total of 16 paid and 1 child registered for the campout plus comp registrations for 2 guest speakers. I would also like to request \$125.00 advance for the purchase of food for meals.

Campout Committee Chair
Craig H.

And on the spreadsheet provided by Craig the tallies show a total of 19 attending which leaves 31 of the maximum of 50 spots left for additional registrants.

UD: Report given by Richard M. as follows:

Everything is progressing quite well. Would like a little input on t-shirts, i.e., color and style, so we can request needed funds and get them ordered. We are also considering logo printed bandannas. Based on input this info will be incorporated on the registration flier and they will be finished, converted into a compressed PDF file and then posted on the web site and e-mailed out.

Registration packets have been mostly decided on. Each registrant will receive a 6"X9" clasp envelope (families receive one combined package) with the following items included (samples were shown): A small business card sized and a large, laminated book mark w/ the UD logo and about 3/4 ths of the original group logo in the corner. The large bookmark will have the NA holding hands and the freedom promise on the back. Also included will be a personalized and laminated name tag with the same design on it and yarn to wear it with. Also a business card sized magnet with just the UD logo on it. Then another printout of the weekend schedule, a detailed map of the Trails West area, another map of the Riverside Zoo and another of all parks in Scottsbluff and a map showing how to get there.

We may not meet in two weeks this time, but wait until the next area meeting and then maybe every two weeks thereafter until the event weekend.

Thank you everyone for your help.

Richard M.
Unity Days Chair

PR: Chair vacant

H&I component:

Richard read an e-mail request, received via the area web site, from Laramie County corrections asking for volunteers and gave it to the vice-chair. He will also forward a copy to the Chair.

PI component: No report

Web site: As mention by Les (& others) the web site is not up to date. After working on several other chores, attention was turned to the web site. In stead of updating it I started by downloading a back log of older e-mails, saving them in PDF format and printing out a hard copy for the archives. As for the site itself, updating it was fraught with glitches from the beginning. In transferring files and images over for the current site and editing tool to the new one some of the images were lost. Since a redesign was already in the works some new images were created. And then the editing program would freeze up and starting over was the only option. At any rate it should be redone soon.

I did discover that the area's letterhead is in fact on the archives page although it is in Word Perfect format. Most text editing programs should be able to open it though.

Again, for the second month in a row, we received over 500 hits. From 6531 up to 7078 for a total of 547 hits. Pretty respectable. All fees have been paid up until next September.

In response to having an alternate web servant or at least a second person who could take care of the site should something happen to the primary, I have been working on developing a training CD that would guide almost anyone with a little computer know-how through the updating process. Of course now that the host has changed the editing method, the screen shots and training will need to change. My goal is to have all e-mails backed up and a training cd completed so there can be someone else fill in. With the other duties I have it may take a few months to accomplish, but when completed it should help out a lot. I'm sure that now there are those who could do the job where a few years ago computer literacy was lacking on most resumes :-)

Phoneline: Reported on in earlier report.

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.

Richard was asked last month to review past minutes to determine what the literature cap is – \$1000 or \$1200. It seems that the literature inventory was capped at \$1000 in 2005 and has never been changed. The fact that every literature report since has noted an inventory between \$700 and about \$900 seems to support this.

Break: 3:00 – 3:10 pm

Sharing Session:

- 1) URMRCNA – The usual rotation has our area hosting the convention in 2009. As such we should have had a chair voted in by the last regional meeting in Feb. We really need to find someone from our area to chair this important event. Les F. volunteered and Ray B. will let the region know.
- 2) Monthly Concept Study – Do the groups want to carry on with this tradition or do we want to just do it at the area meetings? A few groups in the past have asked why the area wants them to answer a concept study question every month. And as discussed in the past, this practice helps with two way communication, as talked about in concept eight where “*Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.*” It also can promote curiosity and a desire to learn more about these important principles of service.
- 3) Unity Days Shirts – Richard wanted to get a little idea what other members thought about colors and styles for the shirts. For the most part it is a UD committee thing, but besides t-shirts, some would like hoodies if possible because the regional convention had them and they were well received. We'll check on them.

Old Business: Motion #2 from last ASC meeting as per Guidelines on changes to the Guidelines.

Motion to 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, April and July.”

Intent: To create a paper trail of these donations.

Carries unanimously.

New Business: The next RSC meeting is scheduled to be held in our area on the 1st Saturday in August. The Cheyenne SNL group volunteered to host at the LCCC, rm 336. Mistie will verify.

- Motions ~**
- #1 To disburse \$125 to purchase food for the LFL campout.
 Intent: This money should be made up if we get enough people registered for campout, but we need to have food ready for two meals
 Carries unanimously.
 - #2 That the treasurer give us a amount of past due charges [phone line] plus \$30.
 Intent: To keep phone line secure (from being turned off).
 Carries unanimously.
 - #3 For \$398.04 for 36 Unity Days shirts
 Intent: Fundraiser – Unity Days merchandise.
 Carries unanimously.

Elections ~ Duties and responsibilities were read for each of the following.

RCM: Willy O. volunteered. Some concern about what was different now from when he last served. Response satisfied to body and he was voted in unanimously. Thank you Willy.

PR Chair: Rory G. nominated by Scott T. He qualified himself and after a little discussion voted in unanimously. Congratulations and thank you much.

We will be electing a Literature Chair at the meeting in June. Check you groups for volunteers.

Disbursements:

Ck #1308 – Chris B. – RCM2 travel to Evanston RSC	\$120.00
Ck #1309 – Trails West YMCA – 2 nd installment UD fee	\$223.44
Ck #1310 – 1 st Presbyterian Church – Today’s meeting rent	\$ 20.00
Ck #1311 – Craig H. – LFL Campout food	\$125.00
Ck #1312 – Scottsbluff Screenprinting – Unity Days shirts	\$398.04
Ck #1313 – NAWs for literature order	\$130.02

Closing Treasury balance: \$2,035.28

Area 7th Tradition of **\$20.00** to Live From Laramie group in Laramie, WY

Next mtg: June 8, 2008 – 1pm @ LCCC, rm 336 in Cheyenne, WY

Unity Days Committee will meet at the same location at noon just before the ASC meeting.

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