

# Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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## 1-866-4-No Dope

Date: October 14, 2007

Time: 1:07 pm

Location: Cheyenne, WY

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

### Group Response to Concept 2, question 3 from last meeting:

*"The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups.*

3. How frequently is your group consulted on service matters by the ASC? The RSC? The WSC? Do you want to be consulted more often? Less often?

Each month the ASC asks for input on a concept question, they request participation and on occasion, when needed, they ask about major matters. For most groups, a little more direct contact with and information about the RSC and WSC would be nice. In some cases the GSRs are attending the meetings and are good at passing along requests and information and so the groups feel informed enough.

### Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept #3 using chapter questions:

*The NA groups delegate to the service structure  
the authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to it.*

In day-to-day matters, the groups have given our service boards and committees the practical authority necessary to do the jobs assigned them. This is not a blank check issued to the service structure; the group's final responsibility and authority, spoken of in the Second Concept, still apply. To make Concept Three work, we must carefully select trusted servants.

### Study and discussion questions

1. In general, what does your group think about the concept of delegated authority?

Some aren't real sure what delegation of authority is and for others they think that maybe sometimes the Area is acting independent of and contrary to the groups' wishes.

2. If your group were consulted on every decision that had to be made by every service board, committee, or subcommittee at the area, regional, and world level, would you still have enough time and energy to address your own group's business? Would your group have enough information to be able to offer intelligent advice on such matters?

No way would a group be able to attend to all of the issues and even come close to having enough resources and time to do so.

3. If the service boards and committees serving your group could act only after consulting your group, would they be able to act swiftly enough in performing the duties your group has given them?

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

4. In the essay on the Second Tradition in our Basic Text (p.60), it says "We are mismanagers and not one of us is capable of consistently making good decisions." If this is true, how can we responsibly delegate to our trusted servants the kind of authority called for in the Third Concept?

We can delegate authority because in most situations no one individual ever makes the decisions.

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

**GSR, Alternates and guests:** Robert K. (Rep. for Clean and Free), Crystal L. (GSR – Vision of Hope), Robert N. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Lucretia M. (GSR – Free Bird), Richard M. ( for Staying Clean in Sidney), Gail W. & Rene A.

**Absent:** Vice Chair (vacant), Treasurer (vacant), RCM (vacant), (Footsteps in Recovery), (On Life’s Terms), (Live from Laramie), (We Do Recover) .

**NA Recovery Birthdays:** Lucretia M. – 3 yrs. Congratulations!!

**Recognition of new groups:** None

**Approval of last month’s minutes:**

Lucretia M. moved to accept as amended / Crystal L. seconded / Motion carried unanimously.

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“Currently there are women meetings in Ft. Collins, CO and at the women’s prison in Lusk, WY **as frequently as possible**. Also there is a meeting for the men at the Laramie County jail, ~~but so far no women’s meeting~~ **and one women’s meeting as frequently as possible**.

**Opening Treasurers report:** Given by Crystal L. for Willy O.

**Beginning Balance: Ledger = \$2,467.90 Bank = \$2,537.90 +\$70.00 balance.**

**PR/H&I component** – At this point we diverged from the agenda to hear from a member who had to leave early. Gail W. reported that Karla Moore from Carey Jr. High has once again requested volunteers from NA to speak at panels before the classes on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Gail told us what was expected and passed around a sign-up sheet. Thank you much.

**Break:** 2:06 – 2:16 pm

**Officers Reports:**

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

Fellow A.S.C. Members

I am looking forward to serving this Area & would like to take this time to remind you all that this is our area & it is going to be up to the groups in this area to support this body financially & with personnel.

G.S.R’S it looks to me like you are all doing a great job of taking information back to your groups. Keep it up.

If anyone has any ideas that will help this area be of better service to the groups please let this body know & know that I am here to help carry the message of NA.

The Chair’s account balance is at \$100.00

In Loving Service

Ray B.

**Vice-Chair:** Vacant

**Treasurer:** Report given by Crystal L. and filed as follows:

Crystal reported that Willy O., the RCM & acting Treasurer, has been having some health issues that prevented him from attending today. He gave her all of the treasury materials, but didn’t indicate if he would be able to continue or if he would have to resign.

**Secretary:** Report given orally only:

The area meeting list has been updated based on information received at the last ASC meeting on the sign-in sheet and in group reports. This list has also been updated on the web site. The contact list has also been updated and everyone is reminded that because some of the information on it is personal it will not be posted on the web site or e-mailed. The list is for internal use only! It is provided so that trusted servants can get in touch with other trusted servants should the need arise.

Since September 1 is the beginning of our fiscal year all of last year's amendments to the Guidelines, found in Article 14, have been incorporated into the newest version of the Guidelines and are available here today and are posted on the web site. A new Article 14 has also been produced. This is updated quarterly.

Thank you all for submitting typed reports – it makes it a lot easier to scan and include in the minutes. Also, all past minutes and forms such as the group report forms, the motions forms and the disbursement forms are available from the web site in compressed PDF format. The Adobe Reader version 6.0 or newer is needed to open these. Budget funds remain at \$100.00.

**RCM:** Absent

**RCM 2:** Nothing to report since there hasn't been a regional meeting since the last ASC meeting.

NOTE: The RSC minutes are available on the region web site at [www.urmrna.org](http://www.urmrna.org) .

**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:

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$15.00              Other:

**Vision of Hope:**

Concerns:

Needs: Literature person to show up to area.

Votes and /or motions:

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$18                      Other:

**Saturday Nite Live:**

Concerns: None at this time.

Needs: Service members and literature.

Votes and /or motions: None

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$50.00              Other:

**Clean & Serene:**

Concerns: Treasury not balanced. No GSRA after annual elections one week ago. All other positions filled with new members.

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: Approve policy change, re. check writing.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$13.00      Other:

**Live from Laramie: Absent**

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

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

**Free Bird:**

Concerns: None

Needs: Literature

Votes and /or motions: All positions are filled.

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

**Staying Clean in Sidney** (given by Secretary)

Concerns: Participation of current GSR.

Needs: Some literature.

Votes and /or motions:

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

**We Do Recover (Torrington) Absent**

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

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

**Sub-Committee reports:**

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

There is going to be a "Harvest Gathering" celebration in recovery planned for Nov. 10, 2007 at the LCCC. A flier will be forthcoming, made available to the secretary and the webservant for posting.

Richard M. will check with the YMCA in Scottsbluff about a possible spot for the next Unity Days.

The next regular Activities Subcommittee meeting will be on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at Shari's on E. Lincoln Way at 9:30 pm.

**PR:**

**H&I component:**

Richard M. brought applications for the Scotts Bluff County corrections. When turning them in it helps to attach a photo copy of the applicants driver's license and social security card.

With the new facility several new procedures are being implemented. There will be separate sections for the adult men, adult women, and juveniles. The director is asking for NA meetings to be brought in as often as possible and gender will not be an issue. Men may attend women meetings and women may attend the men's meetings.

Also see the amended minutes section earlier in these minutes for other jail meeting activity.

**PI component:**

At least one new publication is available from the NAWS web site on the Public Relations page at [www.na.org/basic.htm](http://www.na.org/basic.htm) "Information About NA."

**Web site:** Meeting lists have been updated, the ASC page updated, new Guidelines uploaded and latest minutes have been posted. Again, due to illness, the site has not been redesigned.

**Phoneline:** No report.

**Literature:** Report given as follows:

Richard reported that of the five service pamphlets introduced at the last ASC meeting, NAWS has had to pull the first one, "An Introduction to NA Meetings" because of concern over the definition for clean. This information was found in the recent September 2007 edition of the NAWS News.

**Break :** none

### **Sharing Session:**

- 1) There has been little or no communication with the Literature Chair. Since we haven't had any literature for three months (remember the ASC meeting for one month was cancel) all of the Cheyenne groups are in desperate need of literature. Without knowing anything about Alicia's circumstances and not making any assumptions or judgements, the fact is that we need literature and someone who will be able to bring it to, or at least see to it that it is brought to, each ASC meeting. So we can have the literature available we probably should find a replacement and then Alicia can focus on recovery and what ever has kept her from coming.
- 2) NA Way – Ray B. has some back issues of the NA Way and will see that they are distributed. Richard M. will get with NAWS and see if he can get the mailing address changed for the Clean & Serene group and while he is at it try to get the info on the NAWS web site meeting list updated.
- 3) The activities chair would like to know if the Area or just the Cheyenne groups would like to plan and host a New Year's Bash. GSRs please ask your groups about this.

**Old Business:** Tended to in sharing session or will be done in motions.

### **New Business:**

**Motions ~ #1** Up to \$50 for decorations [fall type for Harvest Gathering].

Intent: To better provide an atmosphere of recovery in celebration.

Carried unanimously.

**#2** Insert in Guidelines on pg 8 after last item on list;

"All checks will be filled out to the payee, with two signatures, before leaving the WBASC meeting."

Intent: Avoid misuse of checks.

Carried unanimously.

**#3** To remove Literature Chair from roster, obtain all literature stock, & proceed w/ finding another Literature Chair.

Intent: Allow current chair the opportunity for personal growth and re-establish literature availability for the ASC groups.

Carried unanimously.

### **Elections ~**

Vice-chair – Qualifications and duties read. Robert K. volunteered. After some discussion it was decided unanimously to encourage Robert to continue attending ASC meetings and gain more familiarity with area service. So we are still looking for a vice-chair.

Treasurer – No nominations or volunteers.

At the next ASC meeting we will need to elect a vice-chair, treasurer, literature chair, secretary and maybe a RCM. It was unclear, at this meeting, if Willy O. was having to resign or if he simply gave the treasury materials to Crystal for use at this meeting and then he would be back later.

**Disbursements:** Quest = ??? (No disbursement form available.)

**Closing Treasury balance:** Ledger = \$2,571.92 (After adding \$116 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donations and subtracting the Quest bill [no disbursement form available])

Area 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition of \$18.03 to: SNL

Next mtg: Sidney, NE on November 11, 2007 Exact location will be posted on the web site.

Adjourned at 4:05 pm.

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