

# Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee

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## 1-866-4-No Dope

September 9, 2007 –Time: 1pm – Location: Laramie, Wyoming

Chris B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer  
Mark T. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.  
Willie O. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.  
Dan W. read the 12 Values of W-BASC

### Response to Concept 1 question # 3

*"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."*

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

A -- C&S For all intents and purposes we can function much as an area except it would be difficult for the group to pay for an info phone line or a web site although not impossible. Perhaps the most significant deficit would not be finances, but in having enough members with significant clean time, knowledge and willingness to serve. The single most important thing missing would be shared experiences of a more diversified membership that can only come from an area service committee where several different groups gather. Isolation is as harmful to a group as it is to an individual and does not promote the unity needed for the fellowship to grow and thrive.

### Reading/Study/Discussion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concept using chapter questions.

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

The groups have final responsibility for and authority over the service structure they have created. By fulfilling their responsibility to provide their service structure with the conscience, ideas, people, and money it needs, the groups also exercise their authority. Conversely, the service structure must always look to the groups for support and direction."

#### Study and discussion questions

1. Does your group have any way of letting your area committee know whether it's meeting your needs? How? Yes via GSRs.
2. Does your group's GSR regularly take part in ASC meetings? Do you regularly contribute to the ASC? Do these things give your group any say about the way NA services are administered? How? Yes to all -- via communication.
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?

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

4. What does the Second Concept say to our service boards and committees? Does your group believe that message is heard and understood by our service structure? If not, what can your group do about it?  
Essentially that individuals trust those elected to serve. When all is well little feedback is received, but if something does need to be addressed it is called to the trusted servants attention.

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

**GSR, Alternates and guests:** Willy O. (GSR -- Clean and Free), Crystal L. (GSR -- Vision of Hope), Ray B. (Rep for Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR -- Clean & Serene), Tom C. & John S. (GSR & GSRA -- Live from Laramie), Lucritia M. (GSR -- Free Bird), Dan W. Jeannie S.

**Absent:** Treasurer (vacant), PR Chair (vacant), Literature Chair, (Footsteps in Recovery), (On Life's Terms), (Staying Clean in Sidney) & (We Do Recover).

**NA Recovery Birthdays past 2 months:** John S. -- 7 yrs July 22, Jeannie S. -- 24 yrs Aug 16. Congrats!!!!

**Recognition of new groups:** None

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

Lucretia M. moved to accept & Ray B. seconded / Motion carried unanimously to accept as written.

**Opening Treasurers report:**

**Beginning Balance: \$2,116.79**

**Break:** 1:35 -- 1:45 pm.

**Officers Reports:**

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

Dear Fellow ASC Members:

A continuing reminder: please be aware that many groups and area as a whole (especially after recent events) is experiencing a lack of resources (i.e. personnel and money). Therefore, the ASC and its members need to emphasize fiscal responsibility and how to instill participation and donations at both group and area service levels. So get your peers, sponsees, and sponsors **all** to show up, kick in and participate.

GSRs keep reminding your groups that there are positions of service open at this body, and that service provides us addicts with opportunities for personal and inter-personal growth. Remind the trusted servants at your home group that service committee meetings are NOT optional, they are part of the service position duties; and as such trusted servants should be selected based on willingness to serve.

Being my last ASC meeting I am required by ASC Guidelines to provide a final report that helps the incoming Chair, and is as follows:

I try to keep lines of communication open and do my best to get reports and meetings started/finished on time -- setting an example for others. I have found that it is most important to facilitate the meeting and try to avoid using the chair position as a pulpit for my opinions and judgements. I interject for points of clarity, meeting order, or to attempt to return the meeting to ASC Guidelines or Tradition adherence. I try to allow opinions on issues to flow, but will halt people

when common themes and ideas are offered. During motions and nomination discussions I try to allow ONLY 3 pro and 3 cons to be offered. I try to get people to participate by asking for reading of Guidelines, etc, to instill unity. I try to follow Robert's Rules of Order (condensed version available in *A Guide to Local Service*) and move the meetings quickly to get the travelers back on the road in four hours of so.

The Chair's account balance is still \$16.86.

Thank you for you for the opportunity to serve the ASC. If I do have the chance to secure employment locally, which is a distinct possibility, as Arnold said: "I'll be back!".

In Loving Service, really! Loving,

Chris B.  
Chair

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

Good to see you all again not much to report at this time seems like we are moving forward & I am a little concerned about where this area is heading as far as commitments. I have gone to the group level & made it clear to the groups that there needs to be representation at area for their voice to be heard. I hope that this body is successful at electing a treasurer soon as I am not very good at it in fact when I think about it I have anxiety and push those responsibilities off to the side. I will always give this body my best but there are just some things I am not good with. Went to the bank yesterday & deposited the money from Unity days so it will not show up until Monday. May I suggesty that if this area is doing anything for New Years that we start planning now.

In loving service  
Ray B.

**Treasurer:** Given and filed by Ray B. during opening report.

**Secretary:** Oral only. Given as follows:

Reminds everyone about the ASC contact list and how because it contains personal contact information it must remain for internal use only. It will not be found on the web site and will not be e-mailed or otherwise posted or published. The information on the list is taken from the sign-in sheet so everyone make sure their contact info is correct. The list is maintained so our trusted servants can get in touch with each other.

Guidelines are due to be updated as per the guidelines. Article 14 changes will be incorporated into the guidelines and then a new, fresh Article 14 will be generated for the next fiscal year. These documents will then be posted on the web site on the "Archives" page.

After submitting a disbursement form for the amount of \$53.09 for printer ink the Secretary's budget will stand at \$9.96.

**RCM:** Report given orally only as follows:

The Upper Rocky Mountain Region met in August where our own Ray B. was elected as the vice chair. Also reported that the logo was voted on and the purple one submitted from Nebraska was chosen as the new official logo for the region. A report and information from NAWs was passed along to the Clean & Serene group on liability insurance. (The info was requested in months past so the group could further assess the appropriateness of obtaining insurance.)

**RCM 2:**Report given and filed as follows:

Good Day Friends,

It is nice to see that we were all able to make it here today. I do not have much to report today, however I would like to touch the subject of the reason that I have not been able to full fill my duties at the area meeting for the last couple of months. There has been a lot going on in my life. Family issues that required my attendance. Not to say that NA is not important to me but I had family matters that needed to be straightened out. Now that I think that I have got them lined up to the best of my ability, I am now able to get back to my regular activities. I do apologize for any inconvenience that it may have caused. Thank you all for you time.

In loving service  
Lucretia M.

**RDA Report:** Report referencing new service literature was submitted to the chair for inclusion as follows:

September 2007

To: Wyo-Braska Area  
From: Your Regional Delegates

Greetings!

Enclosed you will find copies of five newly developed Service Pamphlets (SPs). This is a first for all of us. These SPs come from the new world board process approved at WSC 2006 for creating responsive and relevant information on various service topics. This first batch of material includes pamphlets on the following topics:

- *An Introduction to NA Meetings* -- Item #2201
- *Group Business Meetings* -- Item #2202
- *Group Trusted Servants: Roles and Responsibilities* Item #2203
- *Disruptive and Violent Behavior*- Item #2204
- *AA Groups and Medication* - Item #2205

These topics all come from the previous conference cycle's Issue Discussion Topics and were listed in our project plans for this cycle. In fact, most of the content in the pamphlets is taken directly from the fellowship's discussions about these topics last conference cycle. Next on our list of service pamphlets to develop are pieces addressing the topics of *Leadership*, *What Ls NA WS*, and *The Benefits of Service*. The Service Pamphlets (SPs) are for sale and will be posted online. They are discountable and are priced the same as our regular IPs. Items #2201-2204 are \$.21 each, and item #2205 is \$.26. We purposefully made these pamphlets look very different to our regular IPs, since they've been created through this different process. However, although they are wider than our regular IPs, they will fit into our 20- and 25-pocket literature racks.



**Saturday Nite Live:**

Concerns: There are no trusted servants at this time.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$100.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: Structure in Service      Other: NA

**Clean & Serene:**

Concerns:

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$58.51

Votes and/or motions: In response to stolen check the group consensus indicated that neither Ray B. nor Chris B. should be responsible for repayment of stolen funds but the thief(s) should be held accountable. Further the area should check into on-line auto pay &/or completely fill in the checks whenever possible.

Needs: GSRA      Other:

**Live from Laramie:**

Concerns:

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$25.00 -- ASC, \$22.50 -- RSC, \$2.50 -- NAWs

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: None      Other: Working to expand meetings to include Sunday @ 7:30 pm.

**Free Bird:**

Concerns: Need to see if we can get the information changed on the meeting list from a basic text study to a literature study.

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

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None      Other: None

**Staying Clean in Sidney: Absent**

Concerns: Need more support.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:

Votes and /or motions:

Needs:      Other:

**We Do Recover (Torrington): Absent**

Concerns: Need more support.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:

Votes and /or motions:

Needs:      Other:

**Sub-Committee reports:**

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

My Fellow ASC Members

I'm happy to report that the Unity Days campout was great to all who attended even though the turn out wasn't what I expected it was still great to all who came.

I'm happy to say we collected a total of \$226.25 less \$99.00 expenses for a net of \$127.25.

And as for the budget for next year there are no needs at this time.

Faithfully your servant.

Mark T.

**NOTE:** As per the guidelines the Activities Subcommittee will meet on the Saturday following the regularly scheduled ASC meeting at the Shari's restaurant located on Lincoln Way in Cheyenne, Wyoming beginning at 9 pm.

**PR:**

**Webservant report:** Oral only. Continuing to archive and backup e-mails. Will be working on updating the site. The domain name registration was paid by automatic bank withdrawal on 9/03/07 for \$8.15 and the hosting fee of approximately \$97.09 for one year will be automatically withdrawn on 9/20/07.

**H&I component:** Richard M. reported that the new Scotts Bluff County detention facility in Scottsbluff is getting closer to completion and occupation. The men, women and juveniles will all be housed in the same facility in separate sections. Many changes are being implemented of which some will effect NA meetings. Requirements and applications will be new so all of the men who have been meeting inside will have to reapply. Also, men will be able to hold meetings in the women's section and women in the men's section if those are the only volunteers available. The detention center director has requested that we hold at least two meetings a week for the two adult sections and see what may be needed for the juveniles. We are still providing softcover Basic Texts and Introductory Guides to NA to the library on a fairly regular basis.

There are still meetings being held in the two Wyoming facilities.

**Literature:** Absent

**Break :** 2:45 -- 2:55 pm

**Sharing Session:**

- 1) Crystal would like to have a list of contacts of jails and other institutional meetings.  
Currently there are women meetings in Ft. Collins, CO and at the women's prison in Lusk, WY.  
Also there is a meeting for the men at the Laramie County Jail, but so far no women's meeting.
- 2) Jeannie thanked all for the opportunities afforded her in service and the opportunity to work with all.
- 3) In reference to the stolen check it was suggested that before any other course of action that it might be better if the person or persons be given the opportunity to pay us back with the understanding that prosecution may be pursued if it isn't. Also, few, if any, felt that Ray or Chris ought to be required to pay back the money.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Fraudulent check -- What do we want to about the current situation and what do we want to do to prevent future occurrences.  
Consensus was that neither Ray B. nor Chris B. were performing their duties outside the norm and were not responsible for reimbursing the area. The thief or thieves should not be inabled and therefore should be held accountable for their actions. The bank should be consulted about the situation and if necessary the ASC will file a complaint with law enforcement. The alleged

perpatrator(s) will first be given the opportunity to make it right. Both Ray and Chris are aware of the possibility of their having to testify and are willing to accept that responsibility.

As for the future, it seems that banks in Wyoming, unlike Nebraska, will honor a two signature check even if it only has one signature on it. Therefore it was decided that since, except in extreme circumstances, most business is done at an ASC meeting that checks could be filled in completely. This policy will need a motion to change the guidelines (see motion #2).

**New Business:**

**Motions ~**

#1 Chris B. Ray B. not be responsible for payment of theft check #1219.  
No intent was noted.  
Carried unanimously.

#2 "All checks will be filled out to the payee, with two signatures, before leaving the WBASC meeting."  
Intent is "to prevent future mishaps."  
This motion was ruled out of order because it involves a change in policy, therefore according to the area guidelines it will be read at this meeting and then voted on as a change to the guidelines at the next ASC meeting.

#3 Move to take necessary steps in filing complaint &/or seeking prosecution &/or restitution in the matter of ck # 1219.  
Intent: Hold those responsible for theft accountable.  
1 abstained/2 opposed/4 for -- carries by simple majority.

**Elections ~**

PR Chair -- Requirements and duties were read including the stipulation from Article 14 in which when a vacant office is filled the term will extend from that point until the next regularly scheduled election plus one year. Tom C. nominated John S. from Laramie. John accepted the nomination, qualified himself and was voted in unanimously.

Treasurer -- Requirements and duties were read. No nominations or volunteers. Please check groups.

Chair -- Requirements and duties were read. Lucretia M. nominated Ray B. who accepted, qualified himself and was voted in unanimously.

At the next ASC we will be seeking and voting on a treasurer and a new vice-chair.

**Disbursements:** \$53.09      Printing supplies from Secretary's budget.  
                          \$20.00      Rent for today's meeting.

**Closing Treasury balance:**      \$2,524.46

Area 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition of \$17.00 to: Live from Laramie group.  
Next mtg: October 14, 2007 @ LCCC, rm 336 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.  
Adjourned at about 4:15 pm

Executive Committee met to establish operating budget for coming year. Last year's amounts seem appropriate and obtainable so the new budget will remain the same and fixed at \$1500.00 for this year.