

Plains States' Zonal Forum

October 21st, 2007

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- Ⓢ Reid opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- Ⓢ Various members read the 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and Service Motivator
- Ⓢ Roll Call: Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Mid-America, OK, Best Little, Web Servant, Treasurer, Secretary, Facilitator
- Ⓢ **Open Forum:** Charlotte S. brought up an issue concerning area, regional, or zonal meetings in casinos. The debate over excluding members that are banned from or having gambling as their addiction raised questions and much discussion. Some saw this as a “trigger” location which we should avoid and others saw this as an opportunity to reach addicts. It was pointed out by several that meeting spaces in casinos are a must in dealing with Native Americans on reservations. It was also pointed out that meeting spaces in the hotel portion of casinos would possibly allow members banned from the actual casino to attend. Since this was in open forum no conclusions were introduced but it was asked that maybe this be discussed at local regional service bodies for more input.
- Ⓢ Reports were given, see attached
- Ⓢ **Old Service:**
- Ⓢ The guidelines were brought up for final approval. With a few minor corrections, these were **accepted and passed**.
- Ⓢ **Midwest Conference on Problem Gambling and Substance Abuse:** Barry handed out the Call for Papers for the 5th annual conference scheduled August 13th-15th, 2008 in St. Louis, MO. At this time there is no financial requirement but the deadline for submission to present is Tuesday, January 21st, 2008. After some discussion it was decided to proceed with the planning process. One issue that was discussed as a presenter was a possible per diem offered. It was decided to both discuss this at your region and also Barry will contact NAWS for further input on how to handle this situation. Tim brought up the 20th Annual Substance Abuse Conference and 18th Annual Mental Health Best Practices Conference scheduled for January 23rd-25th, 2008 in Tulsa, OK. It was agreed that this year was most likely too late to plan but Barry agreed to obtain more information for possibly next year. The contact info. for this event is Cynthia Caligone @ (405) 522-8300.
- Ⓢ **New Service**
- Ⓢ **Conference Agenda Report workshop 2008:** Tim presented flyers to each region plus passed a few out around the table. A check was issued to Tim Stewart totaling \$200.00 for start up expenses and another \$300.00 was approved to send to NAWS at the end of the workshop to help offset travel costs for world participation. Tim will also mass email the flyer out as well as ask that it be posted on both the zonal website and Mid-America

regional website. *(Actually, any region wishing to post it can do so; we hope to see a large turn out for this.)*

📄 Reports:

Mid West Conference Ad Hoc

Dear family,

This report is short. The National Conference on Gambling and Substance Abuse in Kansas City was attended by 750 participants. Barry, Mick, and I manned the booth on Friday, Saturday I was by myself most of the day, and Sunday Misty K. and I were there. We had a total of about 180 or 190 hits.

John S. III

Web Servant

The web site is functioning unchanged at this time. I would like to add an events section to the site that could be updated by each region, which is a clearing house of events. I forgot to bring the bill for the URL so I will present it at McPherson. I would also like to put together a publication that can be downloaded from the website. If someone would collect the information I would put it together in an IP format.

ILS
Barry B.

Iowa Region

I am an addict named Reid,

Thank you all for coming to the PSZF in Iowa. The Iowa region has had some changes. First off I wish to report is the addition of one area – the Heartland Area centered in Marshalltown Iowa. This area has been active for some time and now has formed an ASC to better support those activities.

A standing Regional Convention committee was established and has started a process of reforming how our conventions are done.

We re-established our Literature committee and it wasted no time holding a workshop and covering new lit. There has also been Regional PI and H&I workshops around the state.

We have an Ad Hoc committee established looking into our need for liability insurance.

The next Iowa Regional Convention is in the planning stage. IRCNA XXV will be in Waterloo, IA. A web site has been set up for the convention: www.ircnaxxv@iowa-na.org Pre-registration can be done there.

Reid C.

South Dakota Region

Hi NA family. Sure is great to be here with you all, here is what is happening in our region:

We have passed out all the information that World recently sent us – they have all been given copies of the discussion questions for this cycle. We are setting up workshop times to get prepared to attend the WSC. We just set up a new budget for the coming year. There was an ad-hoc committee made to review current policy. They made another ad-hoc committee to

review cost and contracts with the phone line that we use. We are trying out on line business meetings.

Our web site was down for 9 days and hopefully this has gotten worked out and won't happen again.

We had 93 people at our recent convention and we had a great time. We had a few issues and we are still working these out. The 2008 convention will be held in the Black Hills Area.

We hosted our annual campout during the Sturgis Rally. They had 15 campers and many visitors from all over the US.

Our region forwarded \$100.00 to Plains State Zonal.

We discussed donated literature from NAWS during the Zonal meeting at Rosebud, SD.

USE AREA: reported having 20 meetings per week and meetings are going well. They have position open.

WEST RIVER AREA: WRA service committee of NA is doing well and operating full speed ahead to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. They are looking to fill position. They have recently drafted new area service guidelines.

EAST RIVER AREA: They still are suffering at area meetings but there are a few of us that will continue to keep the area up and running. One group has been contacted by an area out of ND to move into their area but no decisions has been made at this time. We are working on starting a new meeting on the Flandreau Reservation and have it up and running by 1-1-08.

In Loving Service
Wes – RD
Rita – RDA

Mid-America Region

Hello family,

H.P. has been working double time in the Mid-America Region these past five months. Two items that stand out are 1) An area convention that was left with an incredible debt, and 2) A World Unity Day event that almost never happened.

While the 2nd item created no controversy but only left us scrambling, the 1st had our region buzzing. One area, Fellowship for Freedom, was left with an outstanding debt in excess of \$4,000.00 with the hotel where their convention was held. Though it was not requested by the area or any member from that area, a motion was presented and passed at our May RSC to formulate a promissory note and eliminate the debt to avoid it being turned over to collections. After monies paid by the ASC, our region paid a total of \$3700.00 and at our August RSC an audit was held on all convention books. At the request of the area, an audit was also held on the ASC books at that time. As of this date, \$1,900.00 has been paid on that note and their convention has been discontinued. This incident caused quite a lot of emails to be sent around either with questions for further understanding or in many cases, opinions. World Unity Day was about three weeks late getting the hook up due to miss-communication, thankfully NAWS was able to help us out and as a result about 50 addicts participated and made some noise during the "live" hookup portion.

It seems travel has caused some trying times for at least one of our areas, and I hope to draw some suggestions or ideas on how to help them from some of you with geographically large areas, like the OK Region. Our Western Area has experienced groups dying out and lack

of participation at ASC and RSC. We blame the fuel costs partly but would like to know if other large geographic spread areas are still getting the services done and how.

Our website currently has a small committee watching over it to ensure changes and updates are being acted on in a timely fashion, so please check it for upcoming events, current minutes, policy, Mid-America Newsletter, or whatever. We are also trying to piece our history together and since some of you were a part of that we are hoping to get copies of minutes, newsletters, flyers, or any other forms of communication dating from the 1970's and early 80's. I have also brought a large stack of the current edition of the MAN; please feel free to take them all. In Rod's May report he mentioned we were having our meeting lists printed at a correction facility, we are also having the MAN printed there, at about 1/4th of the cost, which means larger quantities to distribute.

MARCNA XXV is scheduled for April 4th-6th, 2008 in Lawrence, KS. which also will host another area's convention, the Miracle Area, this November. Both events as well as many others are listed on our website www.marscna.com.

Last but not least, the planning stages for the next meeting and CAR workshop are in full swing and I have brought a few flyers to take back with you. As of Oct. 18th we didn't know who the World Board participation would be and Elaine @ NAWS said there would most likely be two members coming. I will also mass email the PDF version flyer out and include it in the minutes.

Gratefully Serving



Tim Stewart
Mid-America Region Alt. Delegate

Nebraska Region

Hi family,

The Nebraska Region is holding about 160 meetings a week and some areas are struggling with attendance and lack of trusted servants. Some are doing several new H&I and PR commitments. After much discussion and debate our region was able to purchase insurance that would cover the regional functions, areas and groups! All positions are up at regional level except RD and Alt RD which will rotate in July of 2008. There are nominations for all positions except Treasurer. The convention NRCNA24 in Kearney was successful and NRCNA 25 will be in Grand Island in Sept. NRCNA 26 in 2009 has had been bid for by the Senana Area with a tentative date for mid Sept. There are several functions going on across the state, please go to www.Nebraska.org to look up time and places.

Brian S.

PLAINS STATES ZONAL FORUM OF NA - TREASURER STATEMENT!

DATE	CHECK # FOR	DEBIT	CREDIT	TOTAL
5/12/2007	BALANCE - TURNED OVER TO RITA!			\$1,672.06
5/12/2007	550 Barry Barbour - web site	\$14.23		
5/12/2007	601 National Council on Problem	\$400.00		
9/16/2007	602 Swina Activities-Zonal meeting in IA-start up	\$50.00		
9/16/2007	603 Quality Inn Metro - start up money IA	\$150.00		
9/24/2007	604 VOID - VOID - VOID -- VOID			
9/25/2007	DEPOSITED FROM SDRNA		\$100.00	
9/25/2007	605 NAWS - WSO	\$672.06		
	BALANCE OF 9-25-07			\$485.77
20-Oct	Donation from OK #2743		\$80.00	
10/20/2007	Donation from Iowa		\$80.00	
10/20/2007	Donation from Neb		\$80.00	
10/20/2007	Function start up	\$20.00		
10/20/2007	Door money		\$313.20	
	Raffle		\$275.00	
	Coffee donation meeting		\$10.00	
	selling pop		\$71.30	
	Band DJ Dusty	\$150.00		
	Expenses- pop - decorations	\$113.82		
10/21/2007	#606 Tim Stewart - Zonal start up money - KS	\$200.00		
	BALANCE OF 10-21-07			\$911.45

Secretary Note: Please consider these minutes as a "first draft" copy. I am still waiting on one more report and will re-send these once added. Otherwise, the business section is complete. Thank you.

Service Motivator: "Everything that occurs in the course of NA service must be motivated by the desire to more successfully carry the message of recovery to the addict who still suffers."

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