

# Plains States' Zonal Forum

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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Tim S. (proxy for Misty) opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The 12 Traditions – Carol P., 12 Concepts – Steve P., and Service Motivator – Amanda M.

## **Roll Call:**

- Iowa- Amanda M. & Bob K.
- South Dakota- Carol P. & Steve P.
- Nebraska- Pat W.
- Mid-America- DeWayne K.
- OK- RCM - Gary V.
- Best Little- David S. Chair of Best Little
- Web Servant- Absent
- Treasurer-Absent
- Secretary-Pat W.
- Facilitator- Proxy Tim S.

## **VISITORS PRESENT:**

Jerry W. Mike N., Jim S., Greg J., Cindi B., Debbie F., Mike C., Cindy, Bobbie B., Keith T., Sandi H., Trey J., Kevin C., De L., Bob K., Kyle B. **If I missed any visitors...I'm sorry but welcome!**

**Review of Minutes/Approval:** Minutes to be redone with information given at October PSZF.

## **Elections:**

Facilitator – Do we have willingness for the Facilitator position? **Amanda M.** nominated. Amanda's Service Resume is as follows: **Qualifications for Amanda M.:**

**Clean Date:** 10/5/98

## **Service Positions held (or currently holding):**

Chair for meetings  
GSR for Group  
Treasurer for Group  
Treasurer for Area  
Secretary for Area  
Chair for Area  
RCM for Area  
Literature co-coordinator for Area  
Secretary for Area H&I Subcommittee

Lit Coordinator for Area H&I Subcommittee  
Panel Member for Area H&I Subcommittee  
Panel Coordinator for MECCA treatment facility H&I Subcommittee meeting  
Chair for Area H&I Subcommittee  
Vice-Chair for Area PR Subcommittee  
Budget Coordinator for Area PR Subcommittee  
Chair for Ad Hoc Area Policy Subcommittee  
Treasurer for Area Activities Subcommittee  
Auditor for Area Treasury account  
Co-facilitator for many different workshops  
H&I Subcommittee member for Region  
Secretary for Region  
RDA for Region

I have a Higher Power

I have an NA Sponsor and sponsor others

I have a working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts

I practice spiritual principles in my daily life, usually to the best of my ability  
Unanimous vote for **YES.** *CONGRATULATIONS AMANDA!!!*

**Open Forum:**

- No Open Forum

**Old Service/Business:**

- **The Consensus Based guidelines** adapted from Southeastern Zonal Forum will be reworded to fit our Zone and placed into our policy by the secretary.
- **Workshops – Topics and Procedures** for Selecting Topics Discussed by various members:
  1. It would be nice if we could find out what workshops will be given so we can let our region know in case they would want to attend,
  2. SD would like some input on what some of the work shops could be at their zone rotation,
  3. It was also pointed out that a full day is necessary in order to get the workshops or information out to regions,
  4. It was suggested that a workshop on who, what, and how, with some history would be nice. This was done in Northfolk, maybe we need to do this every

couple of years. Money matters also.

- 5.** We had a list of all the people doing workshops, this helps so you know what workshops you can help with,
- 6.** If our goal is to inform the different regions ahead of the zone workshop to participate we would need information out at least 3 months in advance in order to get the information out to all of the regions,
- 7.** The question was asked, “Does the zonal forum put on these workshops or the region itself?” Answered, “It is the hosting region.”
- 8.** Brought up that it is important to have workshops that present what is going to be happening at the world level more than one time so if the first workshop is missed a member can still get the information at a different workshop,
- 9.** The town hall format was an excellent way to lead into the different information, it allows the different members to participate,
- 10.** It’s important to continue the workshops to give the members a chance to receive the information,
- 11.** Our future is gearing toward one of the structural parts that zone is a big part, we will need to understand those structure changes, and we will need the training on zone, **12.** It was suggested that the format of doing the zone in the am and then just a short informative one on zone, then into the other workshops, and the town hall, **13.** It seems that some years ago that part of the workshop idea was to focus on the particular problems of that particular region or area, but that didn’t really happen, that’s why it was thought initially that it would be good if the host region sets up the workshops cause they know where their individual problems are and what would be helpful. It has not really turned out that way.
- 14.** We need a vision of what our zone will be, is it a vision of local service or a vision of the whole zone. Our purpose has been always to pull our zones and regions together, our regions are all basically rural. We pull our zone together to meet those issues. Some of the zones make a good training ground for trusted servants, and I know I’ve gained a lot of experience having been around these people with lots of experience, and I couldn’t of had this experience without zone.
- 15.** Also additional topics suggested where whose missing, where are all the old

timers going, we are old timers in our area, and we have 7 years so whose missing is a big deal. Mentoring and leadership. Is everybody okay with these three topics at SD, whose missing, self support is along the same lines as money matters, and mentoring would be part of leadership. This sounds like we have a good start to go on.

- **Projects – PI/PR Efforts –**

1. We did have a presence at the governors. Does any one have any information on any up coming conferences? Answered: We have one coming up in November, so I don't know if we are going to do that one, there is one in the spring, and then there will be two more.
2. Things have changed, NAWA will no longer be able to send us mass quantities of literature upon request, things have changed, and they are no longer able to afford that.
3. We also don't have the manpower for an individual to set up a booth in zones name. We were setting up with the showme region, is this something that this body wants to pursue? Remember it takes a good year; it is not something that is immediately set up.
4. It was pointed out that while there is several opportunities out there for us to be present in a PR type status, that it is more a manpower issue than a monetary issue. Our PR can no longer be a "One Man Show".
5. It was suggested that it would be helpful if we form a pool of members willing to work on this, right now we don't have anything to draw from. We could take it back to our regions so we have even more people to draw from. It was thought that the pool should be an open pool. We could get a form to put on our website. World has a form from for a sign up sheet for pool members. Even newcomers could sign up on the pool sheet, even if they are just handing out meeting list it is a great way to get newcomers involved. We will need to have a single point of accountability, in case anyone has questions.
6. We will want to add a PR coordinator to elections to have a single point of accountability.
7. Requirements for the PR Coordinator position discussed: **a. Make sure you**

*have someone educated and well spoken, because the professionals out there make judgments before they come into contact with an addict. This sucks, but they do make those judgments and we have to work with that. It's all amount being able to relate to the person we are communicating with. b. the coordinator shouldn't have to man the booths, c. attend every zone meeting...our policy says that any officers at zone with the exception of the web master has to be at zone.*

This point caused much discussion. 1) If there is not a conference coming up why would they have to attend zone? If Zone is going to require that they attend Zone, will Zone be paying for their travel? I don't see why a report wouldn't work if we don't need them. If we have something coming up then they would need to be at Zone. 2) There are certain requirements for every position, requiring someone to come to zone 2 or 3 times a year is not out of order. We aren't requiring them to go to each conference, but they do need to be at zone. Does this limit the people we draw from? Yes, but it is needed. If the member is not willing to travel to Zone then that's okay, but don't do the position. None of the officer positions are funded by Zone for travel. That's why our RD positions are often our officers. Our Regions typically fund us to attend the Zone. I think it would be ideal if the person could come to Zone each time. Maybe we could consider something where we fund them, but then we would need to fund everyone. 3) There is technology today that would eliminate a lot of the traveling expenses. A meeting online is just one example.

8. Roughly...what we are asking for this positions is: **a. To** research and maintain a list of upcoming professional conferences with in the Zone, **b. To** maintain a list of human resources available from Zone, **c. To** coordinate services with the regions to provide the information at those conferences, **d. Help** to coordinate the literature used at these conferences, **e. Be** a liaison between World and Zone, 9. Perhaps what we need to do is find a middle ground. All positions in NA service are required to stand in front of the body they serve so that body can inspect their recovery. Make sure you are clean. That would be a requirement for any position. 10.

We will call for a straw poll for “**How members are in favor of this position**”

**following our guidelines the same as the other positions.”** (This would mean if this member, while in this position, would be replaced if he or she misses two consecutive Zone meetings) ***4 RDs are for the member in this position following the same attendance guidelines that the other officers have to follow. 2 RDs are against the member in this position following the same attendance guidelines that the other officers have to follow.*** That tells everyone where we are at with this. Although according to Consensus Based Decision making we need 80% to carry a vote through, and with (6) RDs 80% would be a vote of (5) to carry the vote. We still know where we as a majority stand on this issue, due to the straw poll.

**11.** We actually don't have guidelines on this position. Unity is about compromise, it's about working together. (Again it was pointed out that with modern technology, a member does not have to be present to communicate or turn in a report. Internet and Skype were also mentioned. )

**12.** We can include in the policy for this position that if we accepted contact via conference or internet that would be accepted as attendance. (They should be present to be elected)

**13.** Attendance according to our current policy would be 3 meetings in 2 years which is not a whole lot to attend. We would understand if an emergency comes up. We could then see why they wouldn't be able to attend Zone. We as a Zone can't know someone through a computer. It's important that we able to know our service members. That's why it's important to have someone here. Part of my commitment is to come to these meetings. Once we allow this what do we become? Everybody sitting around on computers communicating, what are the visitors? Sitting staring at all of us on the computers. I don't want to take a position knowing the least I have to do. I think the requirements need to be very clear. I don't want someone that is only going to do the minimum of any service position. Not everybody has the funding available to travel. In some Regions/Areas travel is required for the RD and RD Alt, but pay for that travel is not. I wanted to be RD Alt and couldn't due to the travel required. Some positions you can't take if you can't fulfill those requirements. This doesn't mean

I can't be of service, it just means that I can't be of service in that position.

**14.** I'm torn between those two opinions, they both have points. Some Regions/Zones do use Skype regularly because funding would be impossible, I think they only meet personally once a year, I'm pretty sure that they still meet by Skype. This sounds really good and even sounds more expedient, I feel that one day we may come to that in the future.

**15.** Maybe we could compromise with the attendance. Would the members insisting on attendance at all Zones consider that one of those could be done using Skype.

**16.** We have options. We shouldn't look at just one option. With the Web Servant we made an exception. When we are looking at something like this we need to look at funding, that's why I brought up what I brought up. Remember that nothing is free. Well Skype is free, but may have other consequences.

**17.** The facilitator should be able to coordinate with the PR Coordinator and let them know if they will be needed at each Zone. If it is a PR workshop then of course they would be needed, if not a report would work just as well. After all we are not asking them to be a participant here at Zone. We are asking them to be a participant out there. The region funds us to come here, why should we stifle them if they can't travel. If they are coordinating with our regions but don't need to be here, why are we asking them to be here? We need to utilize what we have. If they are not doing what they are suppose to do we have the right at the zone to remove them. I've seen this work. When will we be willing to implement some of the changes that World is telling us about. This same type of situation happened in Wichita. Our PI Chair let the ball fall. We went in and talked to the people who needed to be spoken to. Someone else stepped up, every thing worked out.

**18.** I disagree that they're not a participant here. They should be a participant here. It is important that they be a participant here.

**19.** In the spirit of compromise, PR Coordinator must attend PSZF annually. Failure to submit a report to any two consecutive PSZF meetings would necessitate a replacement. Should be available via phone or internet at all meeting

times.

**20.** Sometimes we forget that there are two sides, one is to coordinate, and the other is to report back to PSZF about what has happened. What funds are needed. To receive any directions from PSZF that are needed. Otherwise that person is making all the decisions on their own. That person has to answer to the Zone. Are we going to let the person make all the decisions? If the PR Coordinator doesn't report to this body we are in trouble. Otherwise you are taking the decision making away from this body.

**21.** We need to remember that one of the main requirements to a service position is to be present at the committee. There are a lot of members who want to serve but can't make that commitment. We have requirements, we need our officers to be here. We need to define what is considered "here". We can't want to move forward and be afraid to try new concepts. We are limiting our selves with who can serve in these different positions. **(It was decided that the secretary would take the requirements listed for the PR Coordinator position during this conversation, and put them in the minutes so each region will have them. Also a reminder to each region that nothing is set into stone and if a change is wanted or warranted by any region a proposal is possible at the next zone.)**

- **Funding** - Where do we stand money wise? \$200.00 start up fund is usually what is done for the hosting region, but that was never done for OK.
  - 1.** At our last region meeting we had agreed to make a budget of \$1000.00. We didn't discuss requesting any amount of a refund from PSZF. There was some discussion on some seed money coming back to OK from PSZF. , I assume that the amount was the 200.00 seed money that we are now talking about.
  - 2.** Just to throw another wrench in the mix...The OK Region sent PSZF a check for \$300.00 which was never cashed. That check still out there, so we wanted to know if we could cancel and rewrite that check. We're assuming it got received. (PSZF hasn't heard anything and there is nothing in our records) OK will void check number 2931 in the amount of \$300.00. (Since OK is to receive \$200.00 back seed money, if you write a check for \$100.00 to PSZF it will be even) OK to write check number 2971 in the amount of \$100.00.

## NEW SERVICE BUSINESS:

- **Web Master** – Barry is willing to take the position back on. Someone from NE was willing to take on the position of the Web Master and disappeared.  
**Question:** Can we open it up for people again, because I sent out email and did not receive any response. **Answer:** I think its an excellent idea to open it up for people, and use Barry as pro-temp Web Master. I know he is willing to work with anyone. ( A discussion of the clean time requirements for this position, which is three years clean. Also that who ever is nominated must have a working knowledge of computers and networks.) ***It was decided by this body that we will go with Barry pro-temp and open up the position for nominations to be brought back at next zone.***
- **Service System** – NAWS is limiting the representative they send out due to expenses. It is unlikely they will get approved to travel so we need to use our resources, or even neighboring Zones. Remember though, NAWS said don't forget to ask, their may be someone close that could come. We do have resources available. Also remember we will be putting the resource pool list up on the web site.
- **Review of guidelines for Regions for hosting PSZF** – **a.** Start up funds for the weekend event is \$200.00 **b.** Only Zonal money is to be used at these events **c.** If the RD or RDA needs more than \$200.00 they must request if from the Treasurer – Treasurer must obtain approval from 2 members of the Zonal Board to forward the requested money if the funds are available and approval must be documented (This is in keeping the Zonal events self – supporting and not having to pay back regions for Zonal events) **d.** Zonal meetings will be 2-3 day events...**i.** Friday night recovery meeting, **ii.** Saturday – workshops, issues that your region is dealing with, **iii.** Saturday night – dance, speaker, auction, raffle, etc (hosting RD and RDA to plan), **iv.** Sunday morning – Zonal business meeting, **e.** Treasurer to bring \$100.00 in cash to Saturday night event for change for the door, raffle, etc., **f.** If Zone supplies money for meals, coffee, etc. this money comes back to the Zone (If a region, group, etc. supplied the money for

these items, the money will go back to them), **g.** Non-zonal merchandise guideline – after PSZF fundraising or raffle is completed non-zonal merchandise can be sold.

1. It was pointed out that OK spent a lot of money to do this event, but this is not what is expected for every event. the 200 is to hold place and then there are other expenses, but then again the function at sat night, what ever fundraising we have off sets zone experiences...this particular circumstance is a lil different, when we were selling our merch. no one can sell theirs tell ours gone...so what are the
  2. Expenses are mainly providing a place for the event to happen. Usually a place for workshops, dances or entertainment.
  3. Our area pays rent on a place that would we could do everything at, including the workshop. It will hold 100 people. (Just remember transportation) We can arrange transportation, if it's needed.
  4. One of the reasons that OK didn't go by these guidelines was because we didn't have them. We were in kind of that catch 22. We didn't know if we had a treasurer at PSZF, or didn't have a treasure. Now that we have established guidelines we would follow them.
- **Prudent Reserve** -- We didn't discuss the prudent reserve. With the last two or three Zonals that has been an issue.
    1. I believe we decided to keep it at what it was at, (Section #8, FUNDS, item d, "All funds over \$1000.00 be sent to the World Service Office) It was attempted to double it, and that wouldn't be good.
    2. Actually, I believe it was tabled until Jamie could do a budget work up, or budget of expenses. I know that the proposal that was put out, did not get passed. I believe Jamie did turn in something like that at World.
    3. Amanda texting right now to find out if we can get that information, to get it resubmitted to PSZF. Apparently that information that he put in at the World Conference would have been given to Mary R., but no one has access to that information now. Amanda to ask Jamie to send information to the Zonal Secretary. *Issue to be discussed at next Zone meeting.*

- **Treasurer Position** – Discussion regarding Mary R. for Treasurer and the current issues experienced. Discussed about the current family issues that she has going on that may make it difficult for her to continue in this position. (Absent from this PSZF, due to those family issues).
  1. Letter from current Treasurer read to PSZF body.
  2. Secretary Called Treasurer regarding the position and her willingness to serve or not serve.
  3. Pointed out that it is a two signature card. **Question:** If this Treasurer is not going to work out and we need to vote in another member, someone who is here and willing to serve, does that need to go back to Regions? **Answer:** According to our policy, it does not. It can be voted on here.
  4. Mary has been a very trusted servant. Although she is willing to serve, it sounds as though she has a lot on her plate at this time. I suggest that we have another member take over the position of Treasurer, then when Mary is able to step back into service to the PSZF and give it her complete attention, she can. Let her take care of her mom, that's a big thing to deal with.
  5. We realize at Zone that no one wants to quit a position. Especially if they have been a trusted servant at that body. But it is not fair that we as a body ask her to tear herself in two, in order to serve the PSZF. She already sounds conflicted.
  6. We need to give her the dignity and allow her to step down and take care of her mom. That's where she needs to be right now.
  7. Secretary calls Mary R. at this time as asked. Reported back conversation from Mary R. While she does currently have a lot on her plate, she does know that she made the commitment to serve as PSZF Treasurer and will do so if the PSZF wants her to continue. She is willing to do her best to continue and will follow the wishes of the PSZF. If however, the PSZF does vote that someone else needs to take over the position of Treasurer, she will certainly be willing to go with that too. She said her feelings won't be hurt and that she will understand. *(After much discussion it was decided that a letter be sent to Mary R. informing her that the PSZF wants to allow her to take care of her mother and step down*

*from Treasurer at this time. PSZF would also like to thank her for all her service and work at this level. Our Prayers are with you, at this difficult time. A new Treasurer will be decided on at this time.)*

- **Treasurer Position Now Open** – Brought forward for nomination—Sandi H. for the position. Sandi H. accepts the nomination. Over 5 years clean, 6 in February. I am available to attend all PSZF meetings. **Questions asked of Sandi:** **1.** Do you have computer/internet access? Yes. **2.** Do you have any type of experience in this area? Yes, I have bookkeeping experience. **3.** Will you be able to attend the World Conference? Yes. **4.** Have you ever misappropriated funds from a group/area/or region? **5.** Have you ever been removed from a served position, for any reason? No. **6.** Are you aware of the responsibilities and duties of this position, and willing to meet all of these responsibilities? Yes. **7.** Are you aware of the current PSZF standing and the bank information? Her information is as follows: My service positions are Group GSA, Group Treasurer, Area Secretary, and Area Co-Treasurer. The current bank balance as of 10-31-10 is \$2,701.77. My personal information is as follows:  
Sandi H. My phone number is 580-231-0417. Email is slhodes02@yahoo.com. Please ask all RD's to notify their regions of this new information (for donation purposes). If I can be of further assistance to you please let me know. See you in January. ILS, Sandi H Unanimous vote for **YES!** **CONGRATULATIONS SANDI!!!** (Tim gave Sandi the information on the bank account)  
***(Many questions regarding the bank that is used and why it is not central. It was decided that we will currently stay with the bank that we have. Sandi will research the different banks that will work best and bring back information to next Zone. Also had signature cards for the current bank signed by the Treasurer, New Facilitator, Secretary, and Tim. Tim is on due to the fact that it is necessary for him to get information. It also helps with Tim on account due to him being local to bank if there are any questions)***
- **Jamie's response** – **Question:** Did you come up with an operating or prudent reserve for zonal, at World Conference? Do you have a record of it? **Answer:** Yes, I turn it over. We looked at it. Because of the way that the record keeping was done the Treasurer decided that it would not be accurate. Steven from Texas was going to look at it, if I have it right. **(So we are currently at a stand still with the prudent reserve issue until we can get more accurate records of what our operating expenses are. Perhaps a copy of the bank statements will help in this matter. Bank statements will now be changed to go to Sandi H. house, as treasurer. In January, at next zone, the new treasurer will get with Rita to see if there are any other records to be obtained.**

**NEXT PSZF MEETING AT SOUTH DAKOTA REGION** – January 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> 2010. Sioux Falls, South Dakota (*more to be revealed*) A check for \$200.00 issued for the South Dakota Region to hold next PSZF.

**Motion to close** – Made by Carol, Seconded by Mike

**Reports:**

**Secretary's Report:**

*Just a reminder regarding the requirements for the PR/PI Coordinator Position, which will be added into the PSZF Guidelines and Policy under number 10.*

Requirements for the PR/PI Coordinator Position:

- A. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- B. Willingness to serve
- C. Willingness to give time and resources necessary to fulfill duties required
- D. Previous Zonal participation (may be waived)
- E. 3 years clean
- F. To research and maintain a list of upcoming professional conferences with in the Zone
- G. To maintain a list of human resources available from Zone
- H. To coordinate services with the regions to provide the information at those conferences
- I. Help to coordinate the literature used at these conferences
- J. Be a liaison between World and Zone
- K. PR Coordinator must attend PSZF annually.
- L. Must submit a report to PSZF. Failure to submit a report to any two consecutive PSZF meetings would necessitate a replacement.
- M. Should be available via phone or internet at all meeting times.

***Best Little Region...***

Representative really has no knowledge. The Best Little Region convention is coming up in a month, and would love to see everyone. We are beginning to revise our regions policy and procedures, and are changing our RD and RDA to 4 year cycles. All our trusted servant positions are filled at region level. We are having more and more participation in region and it's really great! That's really all for now.

David S.

Best Little Region Chair

Also from BLR...

Hello all,

I apologize I will not be able to attend David S. BLRNA Chair will be attending for me. Hope to see you all soon.

In Loving Service,

Steve S.

Regional Delegate

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**OK Region:**

No report received...will send if receive at a later time.

**Iowa Region:**

**Iowa Regional Report  
October 10 2010**

Greetings zonal family, I apologize for not being with you today due to changes at my job. I have complete faith we will be represented well by Amanda who is taking over my position in November and RDA nominee, Bob K. Hope all has been well with you and yours.

Our regional website has been undergoing some updates which include links to NAWS projects and literature. We have incorporated a link where by you can sign up to have the regional meeting list emailed to you each time it is updated. It is more up to date and useful than it has been in a while and is still a work in process.

We have continued with our booth at the Iowa State Fair this last August and are looking into future PR opportunities such as the Governor's Conferences. Specifically those are on Addictions and Gambling in April 2011 and are in Des Moines, on Mental health in September 2011 and are in Ames, on Prevention in November 2010 and are in Ames. The Corrections Association will be having a Spring Conference, which will be in Davenport May 11-13, 2011.

We have elections in November for most of the executive committee positions. We had a successful Iowa Regional Convention XXVII in Dubuque this last July. Our next convention (XXVIII) will be in Davenport in July. We brought flyers with us and can get you more information if interested. We have started doing a concepts workshop at region and have plans to continue this. We have started discussing how to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our region in October of 2011. More will be revealed on that later. We will continue to discuss the service system project as it evolves as I am sure you all will be too.

ILS,

Jamie F.

Iowa Region RD

Amanda M.

Iowa Region RDA

**Nebraska Region:  
Plain States Zonal Forum  
Nebraska Region Report**

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Greetings to everyone here at Zone,

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I would like to start out my report with an apology to the zone regarding that minutes for the zone that was held at the world conference. Since I was unable to attend I thought that I would receive notes from someone to do the minutes and get them sent out to you. This did not happen. I did not receive any written notes on what happened, what was discussed, or even who was there. The only information that I received was a verbal report from Mary R., which reported...nothing happened besides Mary R. being voted in for Treasurer and that the next Zone wouldn't be till November or later. I did receive some reports from some of the different regions, which I did put into the minutes.

Recently in our region we voted on new service positions. I am now the new RD and our new RDA is Mark B. Mark could not attend this zone because one of us needed to attend our region meeting which is also being held this weekend.

Mark and I both look forward to the year ahead in recovery and service. Our RDA and myself will also be attending the World Service Structure Workshop in Orlando Florida this month.

Some of our areas have expressed an interest in workshops to learn more about different service positions and Mark and myself, are in the process of setting up those workshops.

The Nebraska Region continues to hold about 176 meetings a week in nine (9) areas. As is the case in most regions, some of our areas are struggling with attendance and lack of trusted servants. We continue to reach out to the addict and carry the message through H & I, and PI commitments.

Our PI subcommittee is reorganizing our meeting list...it's been interesting...good thing we "need not be organized."

We just finished our annual region convention, which was a great success. We had approximately 245 addicts registered, and over 1,600 years clean at the convention. We experienced some great experience, strength, and hope. Not to mention a lot of fun, fellowship, and great speakers. We will be sending out flyers and information for our next annual regional convention, which will be in October of 2011.

There are several functions going on across the state, please go to [www.Nebraskaana.org](http://www.Nebraskaana.org) to look up time and places.

**ILS**

**Pat W. RD**

**South Dakota Region:**

Received at PSZF via memory stick. This secretary unable to open. Sent a message to SD to please resend report. Have not received at this time. Will send out to Regions when I receive this report. Sorry. Sometimes my computer does not play nice with other applications. Pat W.

## **Mid-America Region:**

Mid-America Region Report

Greetings Plains States Zonal Forum!

The Mid-America Region has been busy since we last met. We finished our regional inventory, the numbers were tabulated, and we had members from the Nebraska Regional facilitate our discussion at our August RSC. We found areas where we were doing well and some that needed improvement. All in all, it went very well and will be a useful tool for our future quest to carry the Message of recovery.

At our May RSC we voted to change the RD and RDA terms to the off year from the conference in an effort to not 'lose' any information from the conference. This means the current RD team will serve for 3 years instead of 2. Before, the RD changed over in May, right after the WSC.

The Mid – America Steering Committee has been working on the revisions to our regional policy. Though new tasks seem to come up, they are diligently working to finish this project and get a policy in place.

Our regional H & I and PI committees have been quite busy. The H & I committee finished a project of purchasing Introductory Guides and distributing them to the 8 area H & I sub-committees around the region to be distributed as each area decided. We hope to be able to reach addicts in places where we are unable to carry meetings. PI has been having workshops with areas and at professional conferences around the region. They have also been making efforts to share our message of recovery and what NA offers to those who are unaware of whom we are.

There have been many areas holding Living Clean Workshops and offering feedback. The last two chapters are available for Review and Input. We are very excited about this project and many people are getting involved in the process.

It was great to see many of you at the Service System Workshop in Texas. I know I got a better understanding of the project. Tim S. and I did a workshop before the workshop and we are scheduled to do another at our Regional service assembly at Goodland, KS Oct. 16, 2010. There been some interest in the project and some members opposed to the changes but I (Misty) think there are some good points and needed changes to our current system. With our participation at the WSC and SSW we are in a position to assist each other with workshops around our Zone. NAWS has wanted to cut back on their participation at events because of the economy and this is an opportunity for us to assist in that.

The Mid- America Region is going strong, holding meetings, functions and furthering our Primary Purpose.

See you all in South Dakota!

In Loving Service,

Misty K. and Dewayne K. (RD and RDA)

**Treasurer's Report:****Verbally given by Tim S. per reports given to him**

The previous treasurer did mail everything she had. Reports the balance is \$2601.24, which is a little off according to what the bank statement says. So that is what we have in our account. That is what our resources are currently at. We do have checks with us so we can handle business today.

**Web Servant's Report:**

Greetings in Recovery,

I noticed that the web site has not been maintained. Since it sets on my server and I have to keep the URL fees current, I accessed the site and removed some old stuff off the web and posted the flyer for this zonal. I was going to attempt to be at this zonal, but the situations beyond my control have prevented this. I would be willing to serve as the Web Servant. If you have someone else in mind or another volunteer I will provide the entire log in information to that person.

The web site has been updated and I'm now receiving email for the Zonal web site. The updates that have been made are: The Documents page has a NAWS Publications links that include; the NAWS News, The NA Way, and Reaching Out. It also has a Service Link that includes links to; Living Clean Project, Service Structure Project, and Literature Survey. The Other Zones page was updated with the Canadian Assembly members being corrected (This was from an email from a member of the Canadian Assembly). I'm currently looking for the original art work on some of my old hard drives. This is needed for continued flow with any changes or some updates.

Any ideals for any changes or documents to be posted would be appreciated.

ILS, Barry B.