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November 19, 2023

Wayne S. opened the meeting at 9:00 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read.

**AREAS Quorum 8/9 is met. NP=Not Present**

Central Kansas	Jeff R.
Just for Today	Travis C.
Miracle	Brandy R.
Never Alone Fellowship	Kristi S.
OZ	Kristen B.
Primary Purpose	Brandon
Unity	Stephanie
Western	Jeff S.
Wichita Metro	Angie

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**SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

**Elected date**

Archivist	Linda M.	2/23
Campout	Cameron B.	8/23
In-coming	Wayne S.	8/23
Convention	Ben T.	2/23
In-coming	Rich C.	5/23
Fellowship Development	Bobby B.	8/23
NAWS Contact	Rich C.	5/23
PO Box	Tim S.	11/22
Public Relations	Jeffrey	8/23
Soul to Soul	Alan B.	11/22
In-Coming	Shelley W.	11/23

**Administrative Officers**

Facilitator	Wayne S.	5/22
Co-Facilitator	<b>OPEN</b>	
Secretary	Aimee K.	5/22
Co-Secretary	<b>OPEN</b>	
Treasurer	Matt M.	5/22
Co-Treasurer	<b>Open</b>	
Regional Delegate	Jacob K.	5/23
Alt-Regional Delegate	Ron	8/23
Treasury Oversight	Angie	8/23

Last RSC minutes read by Aimee K. M/S/P. Quorum is set.

### **Area Reports**

**Central Kansas Area:** Hello from the Central Kansas Area Recovery is happening. We have a few upcoming functions Christmas Dreams Dec. 9 2023 710 Woodside McPherson Ks. Potluck bring your favorite dish, Chili Bowl Jan. 13 2024 Friendship Center Salina, Ks. New Year's eve 710 Woodside McPherson Ks. New Year's Eve Salina 1102 Armory Rd. We have a Donation to Region \$5.000  
In Service Jeff R.

**Just For Today:** Hello all, I hope everyone is having a wonderful Holiday season. Things are going well in the Just For Today Area. We have a total of 11 groups in our area and all but one was present at our recent area meeting and the one group that was absent did, however, send in a report so all were accounted for. We have numerous events as an area as well as the individual groups have many activities scheduled in the near future so for all the goings on in our area you can visit our area website, [jftareana.net](http://jftareana.net). It has a detailed activity list as well as all of the meeting locations and times. It also has the minutes from our previous area meetings. Scott F. has done an incredible job maintaining the site over the years, as well as maintaining our literature inventory and orders, but in the spirit of rotation Tonia R has taken over our Web service duties and Rob L has stepped up to become literature chair. A big thank you to them both. Rod D is our new Alt RCM. Our area maintains our own literature inventory that services the needs of all our groups. Our MOM campout will be held Sept 27-29 at the Big Hill Lake in Cherryville. We have been having PR/ H&I fundraising events throughout the year that have been extremely successful, the most recent was the chili cookoff held at Emporia and our next one will be on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Second Chance in Arc City. On motions 08202023-02 and 08202023-01 we voted to approve both of them. We have a \$500.00 donation to the region. As well we have a new business item to be added to today's agenda.  
In loving service, Travis C.

**Miracle:** Hello Family

All is well in our Miracle Area. We have had a few meetings that have closed down our Wednesday 8pm New way

2 spirited 630pm Wednesday and Friday meeting.

New purpose 9 pm candle light meeting

Upcoming events

Area Thanksgiving gathering November 25 1 to 6 Turkey and ham will be provided asking for sides

There will be 50/50 Texas hold 'em and corn hole and other board games. Speaker.

Countryside living clean will be having a fundraiser for funds for their upcoming anniversary December 31.

Ignite retreat May 31- June 2 at camp Chippewa

Sponsorship banquet Jan 27 more will be revealed

We are starting monthly bowling beginning Dec 1st at 9 pm.

We have had a facility reach out to us about getting meetings into a facility in valley falls, Kansas. We don't have much willingness from our area. Don't know if any area close to there might.

We also have a new treatment center in Lawrence that is very interested in H&I coming in. We are trying to put that together.

We have a 200 donation. We voted yes to both motions that went back to groups.

In loving service Brandy R

**Never Alone Fellowship:** RCM report

Our groups are going well and recovery is thriving in Topeka. Our new area is coming along nicely and we are working on developing new policies to put in place.

Our activities committee at the area level is struggling and we are trying to recruit new members to support a New Year's Eve function that is in the planning.

Serenity Sisters is hosting a Santa workshop on Dec.

Late night is hosting a game night later this month.

Our H&I committee is doing great and taking meetings all over. We are prepared to even take meetings during the holidays.

In loving service. Kristi S

**Oz:** Greetings Region,

Meeting attendance has been up and down throughout the area. We are working on a flyer drive to spread the word there are meetings and when they occur.

We are working with Valley Hope of Norton to bring in meetings for the patient group. This will probably be twice a month.

The H&I training day went well.

We are still supporting the St Francis meeting on Mondays.

The Norton Correctional Facility has a need for literature. We voted as an area to support this request.

Upcoming events in Oz Area:

Colby Christmas Party first Saturday in December. Will post the flyer to the region Facebook page.

Oz Area votes yes on both motions.

In Service, Kristen B.

**Primary Purpose:** Dear Mid-American Region,

Good Morning Family. I'm grateful to be upright sucking air and Clean and Grateful to be of service to Narcotics Anonymous and the Primary Purpose Area. Our Area has put on some successful events this past quarter including Lyons Night flyers back from the Void and Newton HOW's Annual Turkey feed which had over 100 people in attendance. Thanks to all that showed up!

We have some meetings struggling but also some meetings thriving. Florence has stepped away from service, but I believe I still have a meeting on Wednesday at 6:30 that needs our HELP!! Also, Lyons Night Flyers is in need of help with meeting attendance. We were trying to get them in our Area rotation but lost contact yet again. El dorado is reporting an increase in meeting attendance and will be having a Christmas

Party on Christmas Day. Newton How's is adding a women's meeting the first and third Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm on a trial run. Which is exciting stuff! We are working on updated meeting lists!

PPA added a New secretary Leah L to our area. Primary Purpose will hold our annual function The Blue Ball Ball Dec 9 at First Mennonite church theme biker. Doors open at 3pm. We will eat Hamburgers, hot dogs, chili and all the fixings will be provided at 5pm. Speakers at 7pm Dave S and John F. \$5 person Kids 12 and under eat free! No Addict turned away. You can bring a side or dessert but most importantly bring yourself.

Thank you, family, for allowing me to be of service. Love Brandon H

**Unity:** Good morning family glad to be here to represent.

Our former RSC has stepped down. We have not yet voted a new one. Sadly I have to report that Clean and Crazy is struggling, we have had no meeting attendance in the past few months, and I have been asking for help. There is just no willingness.

Clean and Serene in Abilene is thriving and has celebrated several months of clean time.

We voted that we will donate 10% of what area brings in, to Region. We have a 25.00 donation today.

I am asking to have minutes of this committee meeting ne sent to me at [sweller937@gmail.com](mailto:sweller937@gmail.com)

I also need the address to mail the check to region.

Yours in Service, Stephanie W.

**Western:** Our Area is in need of a service structure uplift. Our last attempt at an area meeting was unsuccessful and willingness to participate sits in the hearts of only a few local members of the Dodge City group. I will not be discouraged and will continue to move towards developing interest and solutions. Any suggestions and assistance is welcome! There has been discussion this weekend of bringing a zonal event to Dodge City and I am gong to run with that as a Kickstart to gather up enthusiasm.

Against All Odds – Dodge City

Halloween Boo Bash had a successful event with around 50 people and celebrated various lengths of clean time. Visitors arrived from various groups and the message was carried well. Thank you for your support! 13 meetings are held each week and local support continues to be strong. Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Against All Odds is having a Thanksgiving Potluck and Gratitude meeting, meal at 6, meeting at 730. The 2023 NA Roundup takes place December 1,2,3 at the Silver Star Hall in Dodge City, 4 speakers, meetings, chili feed/ contest, auction and raffle. Your Support is appreciated!

Garden City group is down to 1 meeting/ week Saturday at 4:30 pm at the Presbyterian church, support for them is needed.

Nothing else to report at this time.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service and continue to seek my recovery!

**Wichita Metro:** See Attached

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Archivist:** Personal Note: In the archives, I found information about the Regional Newsletter. I only remember publishing one newsletter, but I found several issues I helped publish in 1984! Fun!

#### ACTIVITIES THIS QUARTER

- Dry-cleaned historical t-shirts
- Worked with website, Curt S., to develop plan to integrate website with the Archives Google drive
- At Marquette, reorganized files and scanned in RSC minutes for 1993-1996.

#### REQUESTS

- Move the filing cabinet (with the MOVE post-it) to the other side of the room for general storage.
- Retire or trash the oldest filing cabinets (with RETIRE/MOVE post-its)

In loving service, Linda M.

**Campout:** Hello all,

Campout is on schedule according to the timeline. We currently have pre-campout shirts available @ \$20 each. We will have metal camping style coffee cups available soon and the campout shirts are getting ordered this week. The itinerary is set with 4 speakers throughout the weekend, a workshop Friday, activities Saturday. Spad meetings every morning campfire meetings to end each day. We have the catering finalized. Official flyer to be uploaded soon. The January interim meeting is scheduled for January 13 @ 10am in Solomon KS. Looking forward to the 45 annual Mid-America free campout July 4-7 at Pomona Lake Wolf Creek group camp.

Grateful to serve NA, Wayne S., Cameron Brewer

**Convention:** \*\*\*Open Positions :

Arts & Graphics-2yrs and Co-chair-1yr Co-Entertainment-1yr CO-Merchandise 1yr  
Co registration-4yrs Co Merchandise-1yr Hospitality- 1yr

Pre Registration Ends February 18 2024 ( Regional weekend)

Convention is April 26-28 2024 Wichita KS

Registration is on regional website

If you are an early bird and want to order merchandise please select early ( no Charge)  
answer question ... .will only charge you for merchandise.

Hotel Link is in the first part of registration – Hyatt in Wichita Ks

Submitting A Bid for 2025 & 2026 for Topeka, Ks

Fundraising Events: Dec 30 2023 Pioneer Group- Emporia

Fundraising Event: March 2 2024 Hutchinson KS ( M2BR)

Fundraising Event: July 2024 OZ area (M2BR)

\*\*\*Meeting Location Pioneer Hall 882 W 5<sup>th</sup> Emporia Kansas 66801

\*\*\*\* Virtual Meeting ID: 496 411 9404

PW: 1953

\*\*\* Check Regional Website and Regional Facebook for Updates

Any Question contact Ben T. or Rich C

convention@marscna.net

**Fellowship Development:** Hi everyone. ,I'm Bobby and I am an addict. Yesterday was the thanksgiving fellowship dinner and gratitude meeting. Soul to soul has filled all service positions. Lawrence and Lyons meetings are struggling New Groups: Midway NA in Ken sley Sedan by Emporia Living Clean in Wichita Closed groups: New Purpose and New Wave Savior Please take back to your area that the fellowship development following positions are open: Co-facilitator Man editor Co man I am requesting a reimbursement of \$161.17 for supplies and dolly for fellowship development. The service assembly is set for June the 15th. We will have our first work group on December 17th at 2:00 p.m. using the RSC numbers and password. Please take back to the groups we would like to hear what topics they would like to see for the service assembly. Predatory and disruptive behavior are already one we will be having. Thank You for allowing me to serve, Bobby B.

**NAWS Contact:** Hello family,

Nothing to report. I am not sure that we need to keep this position on this committee in the future. The main responsibility of this position was to update meeting information with NAWS. That has been done through BMLT integration since I have held this position. If I understand correctly, the changes to the NAWS database in the future will be updated by the RD team with each area/region's website information.

I am still willing to serve. I am asking for directions.

In loving service, Rich C.

**PO Box:** I have brought all the contents sent to the PO Box, whether it was already dealt with or not. The list gives the actions taken with each piece of mail.

August to November 2023

Sept	Phil O.			MARCNA Programming	brought to RSC
Sept	Bob Perkell card			MARCNA Programming	brought to RSC
Sept	Pioneer Group	\$100.00		Pioneer Group donation	deposited
Sept	JFT area	\$200.00		Just For Today Area donation	deposited
Sept	AAI			Insurance Invoice (copy)	scanned and emailed
Oct	NAWS			Receipt from donation	brought to RSC
Oct	AAI			Insurance Invoice (copy)	scanned and emailed
Nov	Nebraska			Close Encounter Flyers	brought to RSC
Nov	NA-Soul, Pratt			letter to Phoenix group	hand delivered

Gratefully serving NA, Tim Stewart

**Public Relations:** Open at 3:45 with moment of silence

Three New Members attended

Elections—

Secretary – read qualifications and duties – no willingness

H&I Coordinator - read qualifications and duties – no willingness

*Lively Group Discussion discussing what the role/tasks of the H&I coordinator's within the PR committee. Ideas included; data collection, Collaboration with Area H&I, Coordinating Virtual Meetings at Jails. It was also mentioned the fact that we have had no H&I participation, maybe a silent conscience that H&I at the regional level is not needed.*

Presentations Coordinator – read qualifications and duties – no willingness

Media Coordinator - read qualifications and duties – no willingness

PR Co-facilitator - read qualifications and duties – no willingness

### Reports

Chair: Meeting was well attended and had much experience strength and hope.

Media: no report. I would ask the guidance of the body, but I would like to dissolve this position. Only potential duties would be PR Committee Facebook and I think this could be reassigned to the PR Co-facilitator.

H&I: No Report

### Phone Line:

*Phoneline Statistics: For the period of August 1 to October 31, 2023.*

*Calls*                    122

*Minutes*                252

*Voicemails*            10

*August bill*            \$10.76

*September bill*      \$10.75

*October bill*           \$20.85



Total quarter \$42.36

*Volunteers We have 18 live addict volunteers, Please take back to groups need more phone line volunteers. Requirements are 1 year clean and have served in some service position at either the group, ASC, or RSC in the last year.*

*From the records, the calls are being answered by volunteers and the call blast methodology is working. Reading the data, the voicemails all come from people leaving a message, as opposed to an unanswered call. In this quarter, all the voicemails were for people seeking meeting information. In this period, the majority of calls are from the 316 area code (67). Roadmap Develop a runbook for managing Twilio/Yap.*

**Newsletter:** Hello and good day,

Once again, the newsletter was published and is available for areas to take back to their groups. The cost this quarter was \$319.77 for 500 copies printed, stapled, and folded. I received very little input this quarter so once again used a lot of filler. I have also been having fun creating designs for the covers over the years, just when I think I am all out of ideas something pops up, this time an ugly sweater.

Besides the bundles brought to RSC for areas, I also mail 10 copies to the Hole in the Wall group in Oregon State Penitentiary, and to date haven't sought out reimbursement. Mailing costs continue to rise so if I continue that may change. Digitally the newsletter gets posted to our website and at least three Facebook pages or groups, plus I email a copy to a member in Iran. I used to have an email list compiled to mass send the newsletter, but a few automatic updates my computer felt it needed made it disappear. I chose not to recreate it.

I still recommend Fellowship Development ask for "up to \$350.00" for the next issue. If a new editor is elected, they may have a local print shop in mind to get quotes from, which could alter the cost.

Gratefully serving NA, Tim Stewart

**Website & Phone Line:** Last Quarter Activities

- Updated meeting information, events and the MAN page as needed by incoming requests.
- WordPress and plugins updated as new versions became available.
- Worked with a representative of the Convention committee to set up and deploy the 2024

Convention page. The page includes a new plugin called "Hurry Timer," that provides a countdown to the end of the pre-registration period. The timer provides a button that links to the Google E Commerce transaction page created by the Convention committee. It will automatically stop working on the pre-registration termination date, and show a message that Convention Pre-registration is closed.

- As a result of the choice of Google, several WooCommerce plugins and their associated data were purged from the site. Several other unused plugins were also purged.
- Researched and worked with MARSC Archivist to select and test plugins for integration of Google Drive. This will allow us to provide archival information on our website by integrating web pages with the Region's storage of documents on Google Drive. A motion will be provided for \$29.00 to cover a year's subscription to the plugin, "Integrate Google Drive."
- Google Analytics: developed single page overview report, and added quarter-by-quarter

comparative analysis of data. See attachment.

## Roadmap

- ASC confirmation of meetings. We ask each Area to continually review their meeting information on the regional website and report any adds, deletions, or changes for the meeting information. Our mutual goal is to have one single database that will be used by all. Please have whoever is responsible in your Area for meeting information contact either PR Facilitator or Web Coordinator so that we can establish a best practice in keeping this information updated.
- Area meeting guides from BMLT: We can extend the ability to each Area to utilize the BMLT server with Bread plugin to create area meeting lists. Again, the idea is to have a single source of meeting information so that the Regional and Area guides are always in sync. Utilizing BMLT can prevent this from occurring!

Areas using BMLT to generate their meeting list: JFT, Miracle, Oz, and Wichita Metro. We will also be creating a BMLT version of the Unity Area's meeting list for the Regional website..

- Website Guidelines: We have a preliminary set of guidelines and will present them at the

## February RSC.

- Archivist: Work with Archivist to install Integrate Google Drive plugin into WordPress and develop archival pages.

- Analytics: Continue to develop reports on the new Google Analytics platform.
- deploy a sandbox version of the site for testing and possible theme update.
- Develop a runbook for the website. (for graphics **see attached**)

Blessings, Curt S., Web Coordinator 408-892-6564 info@marscna.net or curtisls@me.com

### **Soul to Soul:** Closing report soul to soul 23

Hello family and it's with great gratitude to allow me to serve with a group of very special people.

Though there are not as many people there as in past years I know all have a great time. We had 45 registered 4 no shows and even though we raise it to \$100 for 2-nights lodging and 5 meals breaks down to like \$6 a day for meals not to mention the peace and serenity.

A good job to our catering out of the 2000 for food they gave back 572.14. Had elections and all positions are filled at this time and we are nominating Shelley W for the 2024 chair. Thank you once again for stepping up.

Due to some positions changing we are updating the signers on the checking account.

Dates for next soul to soul are Oct 11 thro the 13<sup>th</sup> and our theme will be (Leading the way with spiritual principles Honesty, open mindedness, willingness, humility, and gratitude)

Hope to have registration fliers out soon.

With artwork. After all expenses deposit for camp and \$ 2000 seed we are at this time giving the region \$400.51 wish it was more, but it is what it is.

In service

Alan B

### **Officer Reports**

**Treasure:** Hello Family!

Please find attached the November RSC Treasurer Report. This is the balance at the start of business today.

I have also attached the closing report from August RSC.  
In Loving Service, Matt M (620) 366-0891

**RD:** Good morning region

Firstly, I'd like to apologize for not being there with you today. Not many things would keep me from being there, but family is one of them and that's why I'm not there.

The majority of what I'm going to be reporting on today is one of the IDT sessions I attended while at the multi zonal symposium. It was suggested to me that for the sake of time and attention you would be better served by breaking this information down into digestible chunks.

Ron will be filling you in on the zonal check-in and the NAWS update meeting. As well as handling our requests for funds for the January zonal meeting in Iowa. Yesterday was the C.P. meeting and the minutes have yet to be uploaded to Dropbox. I have submitted receipts to the treasurer for the full amount plus a few dollars but I'm requesting no reimbursements. There may be some things that we ask you to decide on today, such as dates, or locations, or funding. I know that this might get frustrating or uncomfortable but due to the nature of the cycle between region and zone I'm afraid it's just the reality of the situation. I'd also like to take just a second at the top of this report to remind everyone to go to the website [na.org](http://na.org), and under the "for our members" tab click on the "projects and surveys" link and take a few minutes to participate in direction of our shared future. Also, some of the material I will be talking about will have workshops, and material either available already or becoming available soon at [na.org](http://na.org) in the "for our members" section

MZSS this last October was my second opportunity to attend a multi zonal and the first opportunity to be there as part of the R.D. team. I want to give a heartfelt thank you to both you as the regional body and to the members of your areas and home groups for allowing me to go on your behalf. These experiences I keep having are ones I hope to remember forever, and I'm in your debt for them.

The first thing I can say is, if YOU ever have the chance to go, and you're not a frequent traveler who knows exactly where the Economy parking lot is at the airport, add another 45 min to your travel time or you'll end up missing the check in period and thereby your flight adding at least 8 hours to your day. At least that's what happened to me, and by the time I laid down that Thursday at around 8pm I'd been awake somewhere around 24 hours.

IDT: DRT/MAT as it relates to NA.

This IDT will soon be available on the website, but they're still compiling the information from the sessions.

Even though this is a contentious issue some of the things we can all agree on are that this issue isn't going away anytime soon, some people are mandated into drt/mat by their corrections/probation or treatment plan, and if they aren't in the rooms, they lose the opportunity to experience recovery as we know it. Here is some data to back that up

According to the last membership survey the members responded that:  
63% came through either treatment or drug court.

87% stayed because they identified with other members.

71% stayed because of a welcoming and supportive group

64% stayed because of other members

Some of the questions that this data presents and challenges we need to look at considering that data are.

What does it mean to be a member of Narcotics Anonymous? How do we build a common bond when some of the doorways that lead to us have these medication issues built into them? How do we help new people feel welcome enough, to stay long enough, to choose to become a member? How do we confront our own fears and judgments and biases against people who come to us on drt/mat? How do we carry our message in this new atmosphere with empathy but without compromising it? How do we communicate that message of freedom without diminishing the efforts of those who aren't yet free?

The above was the information presented, and the questions we were asked to grapple with. The feedback we provided, and the results of the survey will all be incorporated into forming the IDT that will soon be available to you. Again, if you want a say in the direction of our common program, I implore you to make your voice heard through the survey.

**Alt RD:** Hello family,

During the past three months I have been a deer in the headlights trying to learn the ropes. Nov. 6th we had a zoom zonal meeting, in the meeting multiple topics.

Iowa is hosting the next in person Plain states zonal Jan 5 6 7 in Sioux city.

Five workshops, gender neutral, h and I virtual, IT/BMLT, predatory and disruptive behavior and reimagining service.

Sponsorship behind the walls has had 14 new letters in the last two weeks

Bid for MZS if region wants to host

Vote on 3yr cycle from region

PSZF location and dates

Environmental scan due the Friday before our region meeting. This has been

Ok region PSZF in Oct no specific dates as of yet.

We also had a CP meeting discussing the new meeting locator tool on NA.org/phoneweb this is a test site to see the information NAWs has for areas and regions. Currently we as a region only have two locations: Miracle Area and our regional body. Though Miracle area information is incorrect. What's being requested is for areas to please give us your website information and geographical center city of your area so that we can get this information updated. This new meeting finder is not using the BMLT to pull information as more than half of our worldwide fellowship is not currently using BMLT.

The Rd team will be requesting travel funds for January's plain states zonal meeting in Iowa.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this region, in loving service, Ron Z

## **Open Forum**

\* RCM's will be having a zoom meeting to learn about BMLT. Be on the lookout for info from Jeffrey.

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\* About the vote to send money to P3 last May. Wayne has acknowledge that it wasn't done in the best way. It should have been sent back to groups. But at this point it is said and done. We will know/do better in the future.

\* It was stated that P3 is part of NA and the do a lot of work with NA so it's not bad to send them money.

\* It was not in policy to send them money. That is why it should have gone back to groups.

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\* Tresurary Oversight: As far as the 22/23 audit for the region - It's done. Should I go further back than that?

\* The Treasurer thinks it should go back to when he became the treasurer.

\* Another addict doesn't think it's necessary.

\* Another addict thinks since it's done once a year we are fine.

\* Another addict pointed out that an oversight check is done once a year. An audit should be done when money positions change hands.

\* As a group we think it's best to go back to when our current treasurer took over.

\* As part of the audit of the campout it was found that a t-shirt invoice from 2023 was paid over and the Tresurary oversight thinks the campout should be reimbursed for the money but campout does not want to be.

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\* We are losing boundaries. When people reach out for help we should try and help! Ask them what literature do you need? If they are far from a group/area tell them about some zoom meetings they could attend. Don't just say "sorry".

\* We have areas struggling because they don't have the technology to stay involved/connected.

\* Ark City had been struggling but Topeka and Lawrence pulled their recourses to help them.

\* CKA has a group that doesn't want to be involved in the area so they are not on the meeting list but they are on the Regional meeting list.

\* PR said they will take care of Valley Falls.

\* An addict doesn't understand not putting a group on a meeting list. That doesn't help an addict who needs a meeting.

\* An addict said if we all collaborate we can get stuff done. For example, Valley Falls is between 3 areas. People are avoiding doing service because people don't want to hand out with us.

## **Old Business**

**Elections:** Co-facilitator no willingness!  
 Co-treasurer no willingness!  
 Co-secretary no willingness!  
 Soul 2 Soul recommends Shelley W. Passed Thank you!!!

**THE FOLLOWING ARE OPEN POSITIONS ON THE RSC FLOOR AND IN THE**

**SUBCOMMITTEES:**

**Open Positions for February '24 RSC:**

**RSC Officers OPEN**

Co-Facilitator

Co-Secretary

Co-Treasurer

**Open for May 2024 RSC Officers**

Facilitator

Secretary

Treasurer

**Within Subcommittees OPEN**

**Convention:**

Arts & Graphics chair and co

Co-entertainment

Co-Merchandise

Hospitality

General Members

**Fellowship Development:**

Co-Facilitator

Secretary

MAN Editor

MAN Co-Editor

**Public Relations:**

Co-Facilitator

Presentations Coordinator

Media Coordinator

Phone Line volunteers

Old motions brought back:

#08202023-01 6/0/2 **Passed**

#08202023-02 4/1/2 **Failed**

Why did 2 groups abstain? They were not at Aug RSC and didn't not take the motions back to their areas. One area didn't even get the minutes to know what to take back. The chair asked if we wanted to table the failed motion to give time for the other

groups to take it back. Some were not in favor of this. The RCM vote allowed for the **table**.

So **Take back to your groups motion #08202023-02** Per RSC direction, a sub-committee has finalized a CAR motion

to establish a new service center – the NA Museum. Motion to approve CAR motion, and submit to next Zonal or Multi-Zonal forum.

Intent of motion: The WSO has invested no money in maintaining the archives for over 20 years. We must act now to save our history.

Once this goes to the World Board the wording might change.

## **New Business**

- \* Bids for the 2025 and 2026 convention.
  - \* NAF gave bid/contract to Convention co-chair.
    - \* We should read the bid meaning have it in front of us to know what we are approving.
      - \* This has been reviewed and recommended from the convention committee. They have dealt with contracts and bids for years and know what they are doing.
  - \* An addict read the bid aloud.

### ***PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED BID/CONTRACT***

- \* We will not make the same mistakes as in years past.
- \* At this point we don't have any other bids and we are late.
- \* Is this place accessible? Has someone actually walked the place? We have an aging membership that can't get around as well.
- \* We need to have bigger spaces too.
- \* If we do this contract it will be cheaper the 2nd year.
- \* An addict asked why is Topeka better than where we've been?
  - \* It's cheaper! Topeka wants us. Not too many groups (not NA but other entities) hold events in Topeka anymore.

\*Voting on the bid: 8/0/0 **PASSED**

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- \* Do we have ideas about hosting a zonal meeting? An ad hoc was set up. The details we know so far are: it will be in Dodge City July 19 - 21. Yes we know there is a conflict with an area event but it couldn't be helped.
  - \* An addict wanted to make sure the ad hoc was aware that on Friday of the zonal meeting the host region puts on a PR presentation. Yes they know.
- \* The Alt RD wanted to do a vote to allow for a 3 year cycle for the RD and ARD.
  - \* The world is wanting to do a trial 3 year conference cycle and would like to RCM's to vote to match that.
    - \* An addict thinks this has already been discussed and agreed upon.
    - \* At this point we don't need to change our policy. We can vote after world decides what they want to do.
      - \* An explanation was given how it used to be done and basically the RD's would hold their position for one year after the conference. But the term limits are not in the policy. An ad hoc was formed to find if has been added to policy and the secretary just



missed it. No ad hoc needed. An addict found that term limits were added in the May 2023 minutes during elections.

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- \* It was brought up that we need a policy committee!
  - \* We had a steering committee but was whittled down and then dissolved but the responsibilities were never really given to others.
  - \* Secretary is supposed to keep up with policy changes or revisions.

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- \* Multi-zonal in 2026. If we bid on hosting that meeting Wichita is the only city in our region that meets the requirements: International airport; able to shuttle people to the hotel; hotel with restaurants within walking distance.

- \* RCM vote if we want to do a bid for this. 8/0/0 **PASSED**

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- \* MZSS is requesting to change to a 3 yr cycle approximately 4-6 months following the in-person WSC. RCM vote to agree with this. 8/0/0 **PASSED**

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JFT brought a letter forward to the floor:

Re: Request for redress and explanation of \$5,000 sent to P3

Bothers and sisters in recovery,

The Just for Today Area Service body received the August 20, 2023, MARSC minutes. The minutes demonstrate an internal controversy has been created due to considerable funds being approved and sent to a non-service structure entity, despite strenuous objections that were summarily dismissed. Despite valid concerns expressed the service body violated written policy established by the Mid-America Region NA fellowship. Fellowship approved RSC policy and procedure is the voice of Region groups that entrust the service body to execute the Fifth Tradition in all matters. The RSC's actions have produced division within our fellowship, through a clear violation of Tradition Four, Tradition Nine, Concept Eight, and Eleven. Tradition Four makes clear while the MARSC has autonomy bestowed by Region groups to make decisions, actions taken by the MARSC are to be guided by fellowship approved policy and procedure. Picking and choosing whether a policy is followed based on convenience effects NA as a whole and diminishes the MARSC's integrity. Concept Eight indicates our service structure depends on integrity and effectiveness of our communication. Several members faithful to our traditions and concepts communicated obvious conflicts with RSC policy. At the point of communicating the conflict, the RSC should have tabled the motion to send money to P3. Requesting approval from the groups to approve the expenditure or update policy, would have been the prudent course of action. Effective communication vital to our primary purpose was not valued or sought after as our Traditions, Concepts, and fellowship approved policy requires. Tradition Nine speaks to our service committees serving members and groups, not creating bureaucracy, or governing. The principle of humility described in Tradition Nine makes clear committees and boards are established to serve, not govern, directly responsible to the groups and always subject to the explicit direction of the groups. No

harm would have occurred to ask the groups to decide. Harm has occurred to our unity in fulfilling our primary purpose.

Concept Eleven states, groups delegate the authority to coordinate the allocation of service resources at each level of service. The Concept further states, "Accountability is an essential aspect of responsible NA financial management. When the members of Narcotics Anonymous provide groups, committees, offices, and conventions with funds, our service structure is responsible to account for how those funds are used." Accounting where monies were spent and on what, is only partial accountability to the fellowship. Holding all actions to the standards of the traditions, concepts, and fellowship approved policy/procedure, is full accountability. In our personal recovery when we are wrong, we promptly admit it. Failing to admit when we are wrong ensures we will repeat our behavior.

The JFTA Service Committee requests clarification on the following:

1. Is MARSC committed to following fellowship approved policy and procedures?
2. What circumstances would necessitate the RSC to disregard established policy and procedure?
3. What is the reasoning for approving an expenditure not established by MARSC policy?
4. If there is a question regarding how a policy or procedure is practically applied, who is the arbiter of the practical application? Fellowship approved policy establishes and maintains our unity, trust, and integrity.
5. Why was the motion not tabled for group review and approval once a policy-based objection was voiced?
6. Does the RSC study the Traditions or Concepts as a part of the normal business process?
7. Is P3 a service committee recognized in the NA service structure?
8. Does the MARSC understand and accept our concerns?

We cannot change the past, but we damn sure better learn from it. If we do not review the P3 decision-making processes and learn the lessons from breaking the Traditions and Concepts, it's not if but when we begin to govern, not serve.

Our common welfare comes first, Just For Today Area Service Committee  
We had lots of discussion to follow:

- \* We, as a region, need to make a living amends and not do it again.
- \* At the time we talked about it and thought it was a good idea.
- \* JFT's point is it was out of order. We (as a body) went back after we said how much money we had to give away and changed who and how much we were giving away.
- \* The nine RCM's and chair should reply in writing and do a regional inventory which hasn't been done in a long time anyway.
- \* We all should answer the 8 questions (RCM's and elected persons)
- \* An addict apologies for his behavior during that discussion that day.

- \* Another addict suggests that in the future Areas should put a motion about where money should go to then be taken back to groups and brought back at the August RSC.
- \* If an issue becomes a conflict it should always go back to groups. Not just money conflicts either.
- \* Should we ask past RD's to help with our inventory?
- \* Take this back to your groups and come back in February to talk about it and talk about doing an inventory.

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- \* Redress of motion #08202023-02 - it **PASSED** because it was not a policy change we didn't need a 2/3 vote.

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- \* Treasury report and money 8/0/0 M/S/P

**MOTION to CLOSE 1:34 pm**

**Mid-America Region**

**310 Swedonia St. Marquette, KS**

**Saturday, Feb 17, 2024**

**10 AM to 12 pm: Fellowship Development (Events, MAN, Soul to Soul)**

**12:00 pm to 1:30 pm Lunch**

**1:30 pm to 3:30 pm Convention/Campout**

**3:45 to 5:45 Public Relations (H&I, Web, Phone-line, Communications)**

**6 pm Evening Activity - Convention fundraiser**

**Sunday, Feb 18, 2024**

**Regional Service Committee Meeting**

**9 am to?**

**Reports, Open Forum, General Business, Funds**