

July 2023 Minutes

Saturday 7/8/23

12 traditions: Dave

12 Concepts: TJ

JFT: Kirby

Service Prayer: Christina

Roll Call; Roll call of Trusted Servants: (those present)

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Regional Delegate

Regional Delegate Alternate

Secretary

Vice Secretary

Treasurer

Vice Treasurer

Outreach Chair

Phoneline Coordinator

Policy Coordinator

12 Step Retreat Chair

12 Traditions Retreat

Convention Chair

OCNA Advisory Committee #1

OCNA AC #3

Roll Call of Regional Committee Members: (those present)

BLASCNA

COASCNA

DASCNA

FRASCNA

GCASCNA

HAMASCNA

MEASCNA

MOASCNA

PUASCNA

SASCNA

SBASCNA

STACSNA

SVACSNA

Administrative Reports

Chair report: None at this time

Vice Chair report: None at this time

Secretary Report:

Thank you everyone for your patience and understanding while we maneuver through the hiccups of learning this position. We believe we have it under control we appreciate all who send their minutes early. We hope to get the minutes out in a timely manner in the future.

Vice Secretary Report:

Thank you for the ability to serve at the regional level to back up the secretary. I look forward to being of assistance. Please feel free to reach out any time.

RD:

Hello family, let me start by saying thank you for allowing me to be of service. For me, another year has come and gone with ample opportunities for me to have practiced the principles learned in this program. And in doing so, I am here today celebrating 12 years clean today, and for that I am grateful.

Now down to business, let me start with the funds provided for the RD/RDA team to attend the WSC. Since the WSC would only fund the RD, I divided the \$3,265 between the RDA and Charles F who was voted into mentor us through this process. They will account for those funds themselves.

To give you a glimpse of what it looked like, there was 139 voting members participating at this WSC - 126 delegates and 13 World Board members. In addition, there was 103 alternate delegates, plus 4 HRP members, 2 cofacilitators, 5 in-person translators and additional virtual translation. Eleven RDs, 2 ZDs, 1 World Board member, and 25 alternates joined the conference as virtual participants.

This was the first WSC that Minas and Northwest Russia participated as seated members. Chile, El Salvador, and Spain were not in attendance.

This year's conference participants were from 45 countries speaking 28 languages (based on Serenity Prayer languages at the close of the First Things First session).

Five regions were seated at the conference: Brazil Central, Iran Region #1, Nordeste Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul, and Thailand. Truly a worldwide fellowship, and still reaching.

Now the motions:

Motion #1 World Board

Original Motion: To approve adding zonal delegates from seated zones to the Settlor and Trustor of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT).

As amended by 1a1: To approve adding zonal delegates from seated zones to the Settlor and Trustor of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) in Article II and to clarify the description of Recovery Literature in Article III of the FIPT as reflected in Addendum B.

Intent: To reflect the decision at WSC 2018 to make delegates from seated zones voting WSC participants and honor the six-month Fellowship review of this proposal that occurred from December 2020 through May 2021.

Initial Straw Poll: RD: 99 yes -6 no -2 abstain -1 present, not voting 92% (ZD vote: 5-0-0-0)

Final Vote: 111-3-1-1 94% Consensus Support (ZD vote: 6-0-0-0)

Motion #1-a1 World Board

Amend, CAR Motion 1

To add to the end of Motion 1 the following:

. . . in Article II and to clarify the description of Recovery Literature in Article

III of the FIPT as reflected in Addendum B.

Motion 1 would read as amended: Motion 1: To approve adding zonal delegates from seated zones to the Settlor and Trustor of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) in Article II and to clarify the description of Recovery Literature in Article III of the FIPT as reflected in Addendum B.

Initial Straw Poll: RD: 82-8-7-11 84% (ZD vote: 3-1-1-0)

Final Vote: 107-6-3-1 91% Consensus Support (ZD vote: 6-0-0-0)

Motion #2 World Board

To approve the revisions to the FIPT Operational Rules contained in Addendum B.

Intent: To revise the Operational Rules to reflect discussions at WSC 2018 about the Inspection of Trustee Activities and to reflect current practices, terms, and language.

Initial Straw Poll: RD: 92-8-4-4 88% (ZD vote: 4-1-0-0) Final Vote: 93-20-0-3 79% [82%] Strong Support (ZD vote 5-1-0-0) Note:

WSC policy states that when there is consensus in the initial straw poll, the conference can decide on a motion without entertaining any amendments if participants wish.

Decision: Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendment to Motion #2: 48-64-3-2 41% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #3 World Board

To approve the revisions to NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1 contained in Addendum D.

Intent: To revise this bulletin so that it provides more direct and clear guidance, and so that it reflects current practices, terms, and language.

Initial Straw Poll: RD: 97-6-4-1 90% (ZD vote: 4-1-0-0)

Final Vote: 104-12-2-2 86% [88%] Consensus Support (ZD vote: 5-1-0-0)

Motion #4 World Board

To acknowledge that an NA meeting that meets regularly in person or virtually can choose to be an NA group if they meet the criteria described in The Group Booklet, including the six points for an NA group, and are consistent with NA philosophy as expressed in our Traditions. (Footnotes will be added to The Group Booklet and GLS, reflecting the decision of the WSC, if this motion passes, and referencing Virtual Meeting Basics as a possible resource.)

Intent: To recognize NA groups that meet virtually, including online and by phone.

Initial Straw Poll: 107-5-0-1 95% Final Vote: 114-9-1-0 91% [92%] Consensus Support

Motion #5 World Board

To revise A Vision for NA Service, changing the phrase “his or her own language and culture” to the phrase “their own language and culture.” (If this motion passes, A Vision for NA Service will be revised in future printings, including in Fellowship-approved recovery literature.)

Intent: To revise the Vision Statement to be more inclusive.

Initial Straw Poll: RD: 93-12-1-2 87% (ZD vote: 4-1-0-0) Final Vote: 101-13-0-1 88% [89%]

Consensus Support (ZD vote: 5-1-0-0)

Motion #6 World Board

To approve a change to World Services Translation Policy in GWSNA to allow the possibility for up to six locally developed personal stories to be included in translated Sixth Edition Basic Texts, if the stories have first been published in the Little White Book of that language. These stories would be placed in their own section in Our Members Share with the following language preceding them:

A Vision for NA Service looks forward to a day when addicts around the world have the opportunity to experience our message in their own language and culture. In pursuit of that vision, communities or language groups that have published local stories in the Little White Book may include up to six of those stories in the Basic Text if they choose. These [fill in the number] stories were originally published in the [fill in the language] Little White Book in [fill in the year].

Intent: To better reflect our Vision that “every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in [their] own language and culture...” in our primary text.

Initial Straw Poll: RD: 107-0-0-1 100% (ZD vote: 5-0-0-0) Final Vote: 118-1-1-0 98% [98%]

Consensus Support (ZD vote: 6-0-0-0)

Motion #7 World Board

To extend the six World Board members’ terms currently expiring in 2024 through the end of the upcoming World Service Conference cycle.

Intent: To accommodate the change to the WSC cycle that has already occurred and avoid World Board terms ending in the middle of a conference cycle.

Initial Straw Poll: 102-6-2-3 92%

Final Vote: 119-5-0-0 95% Consensus Support Decision:

Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendments to Motion #7: 41-82-0-1 33% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #8 World Board

As a result of the COVID pandemic, to suspend the World Convention of NA (WCNA) rotation policy after 2024, to allow the World Board to determine what is possible and practical moving forward and then seek approval from conference participants.

Intent: Given the disruption in the rotation of WSC and WCNA that has already occurred, the increases in event costs, and the other changes brought about by the pandemic, to allow an evaluation by the World Board and approval by conference participants for what is possible and practical in the future.

Initial Straw Poll: 89-15-3-6 83%

Final Vote: 107-13-2-4 87% Consensus Support

Motion #9 World Board

To approve a three-year World Service Conference cycle on a trial basis following WSC 2023 through WSC 2029. Following 2029, the WSC cycle would return to two years, unless another decision is made.

Intent: To put into practice some of what we’ve learned during the pandemic so that we can shift more resources to work that more directly carries the message. This would bring the WSC resource allocation in line with other changes that have been made in World Services—cuts in staff levels and a 50% reduction in in-person board meetings.

Initial Straw Poll: 90-15-3-5 83% Final Vote: 98-22-1-3 80% Consensus Support

Decision: Do you want to decide on Motion #9 without entertaining any amendments: 81-41-0-2 66%
Lack of Strong Support

Motion #10 World Board

If Motion 9 is adopted, to approve an interim virtual WSC in the middle of the conference cycle for decisions that are legally necessary and those that conference participants choose to address. As was done in the 2020-2023 cycle, material would be posted on na.org under the same deadline policies as the CAT (ninety days prior) and all voting conference participants would be polled to choose the items they wish to address.

Intent: To allow conference participants to address some WSC business between in-person conference meetings.

Initial Straw Poll: 101-5-3-4 92% Final Vote: 114-7-2-2 92% Consensus Support

Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendment to Motion #10: 54-69-1-1 43% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #11 World Board

If Motion 9 is adopted, to approve a change to the release of the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) to be thirty days earlier than the current policy of 150 days prior to the start of the World Service Conference. The new CAR release day would be 180 days prior to the in-person WSC meeting for English, 150 days for translated versions. The deadline for the finalization of regional and zonal motions would be 270 days. The Conference Agenda Report will be posted on na.org at no cost to members.

Intent: To release the CAR earlier to allow more time for its review.

Initial Straw Poll: 109-1-0-3 99% Final Vote: 117-7-0-1 94% Consensus Support

Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendment to Motion #11: 63-61-0-0 50% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #12 World Board

To change the current policy of NA World Services automatically funding delegates from seated regions and zones to the WSC to funding available upon request.

Intent: To encourage service bodies to fund their delegates but ensure that regions and zones that need the funding are able to have it.

Initial Straw Poll: 101-9-0-3 91%

Final Vote: 110-12-0-3 90% Consensus Support

Motion #13 Argentina Region

To direct the World Board to create a project plan for the next World Service Conference (WSC), for the development of a new IP for daily personal inventory of gratitude.

Intent: To create a new resource for the fellowship members, through a new IP for the daily personal inventory of gratitude.

Initial Straw Poll: 76-29-5-3 69%

Final Vote: 88-29-3-2 73% Strong Support

Motion #14 Sweden and Australia Regions Comakers: Northern California Region, Wisconsin Region, Ontario Region

To direct the World Board to create a project plan for consideration at the next WSC to investigate changes and/or additional wording to NA literature from gender specific language to gender neutral and inclusive language.

Intent: This motion will give the conference and the Fellowship the ability to meaningfully discuss changes to our literature to be more inclusive of all our members.

Initial Straw Poll: 75-34-2-2 67%

Final Vote: 92-31-1-1 74% Strong Support

Motion #21 Free State Region Original Motion:

To direct NA World Services to remove the Hospitals and Institutions Handbook from the inventory. As amended by #21-a1: Create a project plan for the next WSC to update the Hospitals and Institutions Handbook and remove outdated terms and references.

Intent: To remove an outdated service manual from WSO inventory

Initial Straw Poll: 24-82-2-5 22%

Final Vote: 109-13-3-1 87% Consensus Support

Motion #21-a1 South Florida Region Co-maker: New Jersey Region

Amend, CAR Motion 21

To substitute the wording of Motion #21 with the following:

Create a project plan for the next WSC to update the Hospitals and Institutions Handbook and remove outdated terms and references.

Initial Straw Poll: 71-24-3-15 72%

Final Vote: 89-28-3-6 74% Strong Support

Motion #26 World Board

To approve the project plan for New Recovery Informational Pamphlets.

Initial Straw Poll: 108-5-3-10 93%

Final Vote: 124-10-0-0 92% Consensus Support

Motion #27 World Board

To approve the project plan for Revising Existing Recovery Informational Pamphlets.

Initial Straw Poll: 112-3-3-8 94%

Final Vote: 131-2-1-2 97% Consensus Support

Motion #28 World Board

To approve the project plan for Issue Discussion Topics.

Initial Straw Poll: 111-3-6-6 92% Final Vote: 127-5-2-0 94% Consensus Support

Motion #29 World Board

To approve the project plan for New and Revised Service Tools.

Initial Straw Poll: 113-1-4-8 95%

Final Vote: 122-11-1-0 91% Consensus Support

Motion #30 World Board

To approve the project plan for Future of the WSC.

Initial Straw Poll: 109-3-4-10 93%

Final Vote: 130-4-1-0 96% consensus support

Motion #31 World Board To approve the project plan for Invest in Our Vision.

Initial Straw Poll: 108-2-6-10 93%

Final Vote: 127-6-2-0 94% Consensus Support

Motion #32 World Board To approve the 2023–2025 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., Budget

Initial Straw Poll: 109-3-7-7 91%

Final Vote: 129-5-1-0 95% Consensus Support

Motion #33 World Board

To use the following terminology to describe straw poll and vote outcomes, for WSC 2023 only:
Unanimous support Consensus support (meaning 80% or greater support) 80%–20%–0%–20% No support

Intent: To simplify the terminology to describe voting and polling outcomes and make it less potentially confusing.

Initial Straw Poll: 106-1-3-3 96%

Final Vote: 119-1-2-1 97% Consensus Support

Motion #34 World Board

For WSC 2023 only: If a participant appeals a decision of the Cofacilitator, the Cofacilitator will explain why they ruled as they did, the participant making the appeal will explain why they are appealing the ruling, and then the body will vote. The voting threshold required to uphold a decision of the Cofacilitator under appeal will be 50% plus 1 in favor of the Cofacilitator.

Intent: To clearly define the process for a participant to appeal the chair, thus maintaining checks and balances.

Initial Straw Poll: 94-10-5-4 86%

Final Vote: 102-17-1-3 85% Consensus Support

Motion #36 World Board

To adopt, for WSC 2023 only, the following approaches for New Idea Discussions [See page 6 of the CAT]

Initial Straw Poll: 94-1-7-11 92%

Final Vote: 106-3-10-5 89% Consensus Support

Motion #37 World Board

To adopt the 2023–2025 Reimbursement Policy.

Initial Straw Poll: 112-1-5-8 94%

Final Vote: 132-1-2-0 97% Consensus Support

Motion #38 World Board

To approve the 2020 and 2022 World Service Conference minutes.

Initial Straw Poll: 100-0-6-7 94%

Final Vote: 116-1-1-5 98% Consensus Support

Motion #39 France Region Co-makers: South Florida Region, Israel Region, Netherlands Region

To seat Iran Region #1 at the World Service Conference.

Initial Straw Poll: 102-5-7-12 89%

Final Vote: 116-12-4-3 87% Consensus Support

Motion #40 South Florida Region

To seat Brazil Central region

Initial Straw Poll: 76-18-12-20 71%

Final Vote: 88-32-7-9 69% Strong Support

Motion #41 South Florida Region

To seat Nordeste Brazil Region

Initial Straw Poll: 89-9-12-16 80%

Final Vote: 112-13-3-9 87% Consensus Support

Motion #42 South Florida Region

To seat Rio Grande do Sul

Initial Straw Poll: 91-7-11-17 83%

Final Vote: 111-13-3-10 87% Consensus Support

Motion #43 South Florida Region Co-maker: Asia Pacific Forum

To seat Thailand Region

Initial Straw Poll: 91-12-9-14 81%

Final Vote: 119-14-1-3 88% Consensus Support

Motion #44 World Board

To use the following terminology to describe straw poll and vote outcomes: Unanimous support
Consensus support (meaning 80% or greater support) 80%–20%–0%–20% No support

Intent: To simplify the terminology to describe voting and polling outcomes and make it less potentially confusing.

Final Vote: 131-1-0-0 99% Consensus Support

Motion #45 World Board

If a participant appeals a decision of the Cofacilitator, the participant making the appeal will explain why they are appealing the ruling, the Cofacilitator will explain why they ruled as they did, and then the body will vote. The voting threshold required to uphold a decision of the Cofacilitator under appeal will be 50% plus 1 in favor of the Cofacilitator.

Final Vote: 123-10-1-0 91% Consensus Support

To simplify it all for the sake of our region, we voted yes on all motions except motion 17, 21, and 25.

WSC 2023 ELECTION RESULTS (LAST NAMES REMOVED FOR THIS RECORD)

WORLD BOARD

Carla W – Upper Rocky Mountain Region
Jack H – Washington-Northern Idaho Region
Jose Luis A – Region Del Coqui
Tim S – Australian Region
Veronica B – Sweden Region

HRP

Ron M – Florida Region
Sam L – Northern New England Region

COFACILITATOR

Louis H – Chicagoland Region

RESULTS OF WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2023 PLANNING SESSION PRIORITIZATION

Conference participants broke into small groups two discuss the internal and external factors that may affect our ability to achieve our vision. Small group results were consolidated and then the full group prioritized the factors as below. What factors (trends, issues, etc.) are shaping the environment in which

NA strives to achieve its vision? (Consider factors in such areas as social/demographic/cultural, technological, economic, legislative/regulatory/political, legal, environmental, etc.)

POLL 1 – EXTERNAL FACTORS

- EVOLUTION OF TECHNOLOGY – PROS AND CONS 76
- GENERATIONAL/CULTURAL DIFFERENCES 61
- HARM REDUCTION MODEL/APPROACH 58
- GEO-POLITICAL DYNAMICS 46
- INCREASING FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS/CRISIS 41
- LEGALIZATION OF DRUGS 33
- ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS FOR ADDICTS 29
- RECOVERY FOR PROFIT 26

What factors (trends, issues, etc.) are shaping the environment within NA that will impact the ability to achieve our vision? (Consider factors in such areas the effectiveness of service bodies, the atmosphere of recovery, funding, unity, illicit literature, etc.)

POLL 2 – INTERNAL FACTORS

- DEVELOPMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF TRUSTED SERVANTS 90
- SENSE OF SAFETY, WELCOMENESS, AND INCLUSION 58 • RESISTANCE TO CHANGE 46
- REDUNDANCY AND LACK OF COHESION IN THE SERVICE SYSTEM 42
- DISRUPTION AND BOTTLE-NECKS IN THE FLOW OF FUNDS 41
- GENERATIONAL DIFFERENCES/GAPS 21
- IMPACT OF ILLICIT LITERATURE 21 • IMPACT OF THE RISE OF VIRTUAL NA 20

OCNA 39

As we are all aware that OCNA 39 was held at the Polaris Hilton May 26, 27, and 28. Being the treasurer of this event I kept detailed record of all income and expense up until the days of the event. At that time the co-treasurer took charge as I had a pre-arranged commitment to attend. That said, on 6/5 Erica made the final deposit of \$1,896.00 bringing our balance to \$2,623.46. On 6/28 the Hilton Polaris took \$3,011.62 as final expenses making the total cost of the hotel \$23,150.00 and sending our account in overdraft of \$388.16. On 6/29 there was an overdraft fee of \$34 applied to our account. On 6/30 I personally went to the bank to inquire about the account and at that time the overdraft fee was taken off and I paid the balance of \$388.18 and on 6/5 I closed the account. I will be asking this body to reimburse me the \$388.16.

Thanks to Dave L the following is scheduled.

Midwest Zonal Forum of Narcotics Anonymous Planning Session

When: August 19-20, 2023

Where: Hope Hotel & Conference Center P-51 Mustang Room

Address: 10923 Chidlaw Road

Wright Patterson Air Force Base

Fairborn, OH 45433

Hybrid Meeting:

Zoom ID: 845 2138 4077

Passcode: MZF1987

MZSSNA V

October 13th – 15th, 2023

Doubletree Hotel 5801 Southfield Freeway Detroit, Michigan

The 2023 Multi-Zonal Service Symposium

World Convention

Washington, DC, 29 August – 1 September 2024!

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Marvin H RD

RD/RCM/Report:

July's 2023 RD/RCM

Hello family, the RD/RCM meeting went well and was very informative. The first order of business looked at ideas as to how to handle storage for our banners.

Ideas as to how do we handle storage for banners:

- Get a bigger storage locker
- Can we ask for an upgrade climate control
- Heard someone got rid of some things and may have room now
- Some banners are very fragile
- Buy more tubes
- Typically passed to next committee

When all was said, the common thread was to get a bigger storage unit that will be accommodate our need. And we can get more tubes for those fragile banners.

OCNA AC input concerning convention:

- Make sure areas know you can partner with other areas to put on event
- Points to present to areas, experience, growth, and generate excitement. Check out chamber of commerce.
- Looking at May 2025
- HAMASCNA next up GCASCNA every area takes it back to groups
- OCNA AC send something to all areas to assess willingness future schedule is one thing, next convention is another
- Put in the minutes that areas could work collaboratively

Chillicothe's issue with meeting location.

- Groups are upset due to facility treating NA unfairly
- Could possibly go to a park during warmer weather to buy time to locate space
- Two-way communication between home groups and facilities
- Find out and address even little issues in order to keep facilities
- Talk to other facilities that have hosted 12 step meetings
- Representative approach facility to find out the exact nature of issue
- Most counties have a local opioid task force you can go to
- PR can step in and make presentation to facility

This can certainly be a starting point even if some points have been tried keeping in mind, what's appropriate for one phase of our recovery may not be for another – or vice versa. Also, the letter Jo spoke of can be a tool to help facilitate another approach.

Motion to reimburse RD \$388.16 for OCNA 39 overdraft

Motion to increase per dim from \$30 to \$45 to contend with the rising costs

Motion to fund RD/RDA team to the MZF in Fairborn, Ohio \$500 8/19 & 20

Motion to fund RD/RDA team to MZSSNA 5 in Detroit Michigan \$550 – 10/13-15

Motion to finance 2 rooms at the MZSSNA 5 for any member in our region who wants to experience such event and learn about service.

FRASCNA – had a gratitude picnic that was more than enough to be talked about.

MEASCNA – having issues getting trusted servants to turn in reports and some things are not being reported at all. We are hosting the next regional meeting and hotel is not charging for meeting space. Zanesville free event 7/15.

STACSCNA – talked about a cover letter to approach different facilities contact Jo if interested. Also, we are having trouble getting people to serve.

I thank everyone for helping me get through the learning process.

In loving service

Marvin H

RDA:

Good Morning NA Family,

First I would like to thank the Ohio Region of Narcotics Anonymous for the privilege to represent the Ohio Region as an Alternate Region Delegate at the 2023 World Service Conference in Woodland Hills, California. It is with extreme gratitude that I can say that I have had one my recovery goals accomplished. I never wanted to a Chairperson, Main Speaker, Convention Speaker, DJ a function or even become a World Board member. I was able to go to the 2nd largest convention in NA, the Southern California Convention with approximately 40 days Clean and all I ever wanted to do was to read one of our readings at any convention. So, I was able to read one of our readings at the opening of the World Service Conference. Because it is the readings that we hear at the beginning of our meetings that convinced me that I belong and needed NA in my life.

There were over 20 different languages on one room all experiencing the love of the fellowship of NA. Giving the social climate in this world there were Brothers and Sisters who were Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Russian, Ukrainian, sitting next to one another yet there was not one fight, bomb, gun drawn or even harsh words towards one another, in fact it was quite the opposite. Who says hugs aren't important probably never really had one or gave one. Based on regional and Zonal reports to WSC 2023 and NAWS database when available worldwide there are 71,815 weekly meetings.

From the discussions tables that we had through out the week our fellowship suffers from internal and external issues. From the ten external issues facing Narcotics Anonymous; FINANCES, D.R.T. / MAT, HARM REDUCTION, GOVERNMENT, SOCIAL ACCEPTANCES, EXPLOITING NA MEMBERS FOR FINANCIAL GAIN, LEGALIZATION OF DRUGS. The top three external issues were **GEO POLITICAL, TECHNOLOGY and CULTURAL DYNAMICS.** As far as the nine internal issues facing Narcotics Anonymous; LACK OF 7TH TRADITION, LANGUAGE, STRONG PERSONALITIES, VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT, IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE, DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR. The top three internal issues were **LACK OF TRUSTED SERVANTS—P.R., WELCOMENESS & SAFETY IN MEETINGS and RESISTANCE TO CHANGE.**

Therefore, with that information there is not a lot that we can do about the external issues that we face. However the internal issues that we face in Narcotics Anonymous it is up to us as trusted servants to look at ourselves, our home-groups, our areas, our commitments and communities to the best of our ability to do our

part to honor our 5th tradition and strive to have a purposeful life of carrying the message to the still suffering addict.

Before I get into the financial part of my report. I would like the Region to maybe reconsider, with the rising cost of almost everything, how much we are given as Per Diem. NAWS gives delegates \$60 a day we give our trusted servants \$30 a day. In California the average lunch is \$20 theoretically that would leave approximately \$10 for dinner and there is no breakfast at the hotel. I believe that it would fair and reasonable to meet somewhere in the middle of \$45 per day Per Diem. Also, as I had mentioned before about having the region consist of only one day with that being said.

I was given \$1,632.50 by the RD for my share of expenses from the region.

My plane flight round trip plus luggage was \$368.40; Hotel stay was \$646.38; gasoline for transportation to and from Cleveland Airport \$45; Food cost allotted \$270 (spent \$349.04) (NAWS allotment \$540 proposed allotment \$405) food cost not included any Starbucks our special meal with world board members. Total expenditures \$ 1,329.78. I will make a check available to the Region today of \$302.72.

In loving service, Kirby M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

H&I – no report (vacant)

Outreach:

Ohio regional outreach report for 07/08/23

Hello family I'm an addict named Matthew S I am currently the Ohio outreach chair, and very grateful to be able to serve this region. Since our meeting in April; I have talked to many areas and many meetings throughout Ohio, including Scioto Valley area service committee of narcotics Anonymous, the recently added area.

I have also traveled to HAMASCNA (Hamilton and Middletown area service committee of narcotics Anonymous) and MOASCNA (mid Ohio area service committee of narcotics anonymous). Both areas are

doing really well with their hospitals and institutions committee panels. HAMASCNA has had sudden HAI change dew to illness. Sending prayers.

I still haven't heard much from NWOASCNA (northwest ohio area service committee of narcotics anonymous) and i will keep reaching out to their groups to be of service.

This is about all I have for this quarter so grateful to be a part of this fellowship and be able to serve ORSCNA!

with loving service Mattie

Phoneline: no report

Policy Coordinator – no report

Public Relations – no report

Webmaster:

Webmaster Report (7/8/2023)

Hello ORSCNA family,

Here are some of the things that were completed over the last quarter:

- I shut down the OCNA-39 website during the convention since the pricing on the website was lower than the price they were charging in person. The convention website account is currently suspended, but can be reactivated and set up for OCNA-41 when the time comes.
- I shut down the Spring Retreat website after the Retreat. Similar to the OCNA website, the Spring Retreat website can be reactivated next spring and it will be a lot easier to set up again assuming they use the same PayPal account and bank account.
- I set up the Fall Retreat website so users can download the flyer and register online. The website is <https://retreats.naohio.org>.
- I set up the new SVASCNA area on our website including the Areas of ORSCNA page and a meeting list page for them. I worked with Matt and Sean to get them access to their BMLT meetings so they can manage those themselves.
- NAWS has pulled our BMLT data directly several times since last quarter. They compare their data to ours and have sent us several update files that I import into our BMLT database to keep things in sync. They are doing this for both the Ohio and Buckeye regions.
- I still need to follow up with getting the rest of the regional trusted servants using the email addresses that I set up.
- I emailed the Host Gator invoices to TJ & Sam.
- As always, lots of flyer updates and other requests for changes to the website.
- I didn't receive a new version of the policy to put up on the website given the changes for Motion 2023-05 for the new SVASCNA area and the other motions from January. I didn't reach

out to Nonya either so I will follow up on that in the next couple of weeks so we have the latest version of the policy on the website.

- I have put together the website statistics for the NAOhio website and the BMLT website. They will be included with the minutes. The Spring Retreat website and the OCNA-39 website are shut down now and the Fall Retreat was just opened up again. I will include the Fall Retreat statistics in October.

As always if anyone has any flyers or meeting updates, sees any issues with the websites, or has any requests to add/change/remove content, please email webmaster@naohio.org.

Thank you so much for allowing me to serve.

In loving service,
Mark R.
ORSCNA Webmaster

Quarterly Stats for NAOHIO.ORG (APR-MAY-JUN 2023) Quarterly Stats for BMLT.NAOHIO.ORG (APR-MAY-JUN 2023)

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12Step Retreat:

ORSCNA Fall 12 Step Retreat 2023 Report for 7/8/2023 ORSCNA Meeting Hello ORSCNA committee! • Preparations for this year's 12-step retreat are well on their way. Registration is now open online at www.retreats.naohio.org • Please register and spread the word, I've brought flyers for RSC's to take back to their areas and hand deliver to GSR's for announcement at their meetings – this may seem archaic but we believe that “word of mouth” still tends to be the best way to get the message out. Addicts may choose to register online but first they have to get the word about the function. • We have had three committee meetings with the next meeting scheduled for noon July 15th at the MEASCNA Summer Function held in Zanesville. • I completed an inventory of the storage facility to assure that we utilize supplies available and have provided to the committees to include in their budgets. • Plans are being made to remove last years Committee chair Dave C. and Registration Chair from the bank account while adding Mark R. This will most likely happen the day of our next committee meeting 7/15. • We did vote to increase the cost of registration/attendance as this has been something that has been brought up and considered for past retreats & committees but this year it's all but unavoidable with inflation impacting almost everything that we see and do. The price increase is an additional \$10 for cabins, \$10 for Tents, and \$5 for children's registrations. Though the cost of just about everything has increased, we will see this most in the cost of providing meals. • Last but certainly not least, I am supporting and nominating Mark R. for Vice Chair. I did ask a female addict who has been part of the committee for a number of years, but she declined the opportunity at this point. Mark has been an outstanding committee member for many years and brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, leadership, and energy to the committee and event.

In loving service, Gerry O. 937-681-3164

12 Step Traditions Retreat:

Hello Family,

Addict named Mike C Spring Traditions Retreat Chair

With inclement weather in the forecast for the weekend of the event we still had a pretty good turnout, 148 addicts and children registered for the event. Shout out to Mark for helping our treasurer get the PayPal setup with the website.

We had some difficulties with the restrooms in the lodge all weekend, the parks maintenance man worked his butt off trying to resolve the issue but was never able to find the problem.

We held 2 fundraisers before the event earning \$1387 to help with Pre-Event expenses.

We were able to raise \$6,039.95 at the event which with low attendance we thought was awesome.

After all expenses (gators/gfs/t-shirts/DJ/committee member reimbursements) we have an ending balance Of \$2884.49 I will be bringing a Check in the amount of \$884.49 to Region and we will retain the \$2000 prudent reserve in the bank, the account will be turned over to next years Chair and Treasure ASAP....

This event was a big learning experience for me, and I truly appreciate my predecessors that helped guide me through it. A lot of people don't know my back story with Tar Hollow, but the retreat holds a very special place in my heart. I look forward to serving in the future.

I cannot attend the Saturday portion of the regional meeting due to work but will be there Sunday.

In Loving Service
Mike C

OCNA Convention – no report

Ocna Committee Report:

OCNA Advisory Committee Report

Hello family,

OCNA 39 is in the books. The Convention went well with only a few minor glitches. However, financially the convention struggled. It was barely able to pay its bills and will not be able to repay region or provide seed money for the next OCNA. The hotel was not accommodating and, I believe, tried to take money from us that wasn't owed. I examined the final invoice and discovered that the hotel increased food prices by 30% between May 11 and the convention. I insisted that the final bill be adjusted and was told that it would be. The hotel never sent me an updated invoice and instead took funds directly from OCNA's account causing an overdraft. It does appear that the amount taken from the account was about \$1,000 less than the initial final bill that I received, but I never got to review it.

OCNA 40 does not look like it will happen next year. The Buckeye Region as a whole does not have the willingness to put it on and no area in Buckeye has stepped up.

Believe it or not, this region need to start looking at OCNA for 2025. A committee will need to be formed by early next year in order to avoid some of the issues that this convention suffered regarding limited hotel options. Although it got confused last year, I believe that the next two areas up are NWOASCNA and MEASCNA in that order. I would like to know whether either of those areas are willing to host OCNA in 2025 by next regional meeting.

This brings me to my next topic. The OCNA AC is considering making a motion at an upcoming regional meeting to change policy regarding the frequency of OCNA. There simply does not appear to be a willingness to have a state convention every year. There are two different options that we are considering. One is having a state convention every two years, alternating regions. The other is to have no set convention schedule, with a state convention being put on when an area or region expresses a willingness using a process which we will establish. I have a couple of sample motions attached to this report. We are not making any motions at this time. We just felt that it might be useful to look at some language.

ILS,

Aaron

RCM REPORTS:

BLASCNA:

BLASCNA Report to ORSCNA

Hello family, my name is Tom, and I am the addict RCM for the BLASCNA area. The BLASCNA area is doing well and surviving on group, 7th Tradition donations. We currently have 25 meetings in Lucas County and 2 in Fulton County. We usually have 8 to 12 represented at our monthly ASC meeting. We did have one newer meeting fold and another new meeting start up in the past three months. Elections for our executive body is coming up in September. We purchase monthly, \$600 to \$1100 worth of literature from either the Michigan Regional Service Office or NAWS. We continue to do 7 H&I panels every week. We have no Activities, Public Relations or Outreach Subcommittees. Our TACNA committee is working hard to pull off the Toledo Area Convention on the first weekend in February. I did bring some registration flyers along with flyers for a fund raising Game Night that they put on the first and third Friday of each month. My area has sent a check for \$300.00 for a donation to the region.

In Loving Service

Tom B.

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COASCNA:

July 2023

COASCNA RCM REPORT

Scot Holmes- (614)796-8444

Hello Family,

The Columbus Ohio Service Committee of NA serves Columbus and the surrounding areas. We have 62 groups, hosting 70 in-person, 5 virtual, and 1 hybrid meeting per week. We have added a new meeting that focuses on Unity Through Service Work, which applies the Study Guide to Local Services, 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts. We welcome all from outside the area to attend our meetings and you can find an updated schedule at nacentralohio.org

COASCNA donates monthly to ORSCNA and has donated a total of \$484.88 over the past three months.

Elections were held for our area trusted servant positions last month. Administrative positions are currently filled with one vice position being vacant. Our subcommittees chair positions are filled, but we still have a few other subcommittee positions still open till after this next month. We are excited to have new addicts in these positions, as they help the area grow and reach as many addicts as we can.

Our H&I committee has been successfully working to get back to all the facilities they were working with prior to COVID. They are now back in every facility except Delaware County Jail, but they have had a temporary pause on a few because of staffing issues. Currently, each month they reach:

Approximately 50 inmates across 4 jail facilities

Approximately 400 inmates across 4 prisons

Approximately 180 clients across 12 detox and treatment centers

COACNA 30 (Central Ohio Area Convention of NA) is working hard to bring our area convention to life. The convention will be held January 5, 6, and 7, 2024. I have brought flyers on reserving your hotel rooms now and we ask that you take a few and share with your area homegroups. You can also find more information on this event as well as many other exciting events at nacentralohio.org (click the events calendar).

Finally, our Writing Steps for Recovery Committee is still looking for volunteers, especially men, to write steps with inmates in Ohio. The identities of the step guide and inmates are anonymous. It is not necessary to live in the Columbus area to be a step guide. If you meet the requirements, please fill out the application on our website: nacentralohio.org.

In loving service,

Scot H.

COASCNA RCM

DASCNA:

Hello family addict named Gary, like to thank you all for allowing me to serve as RCM in the Ohio region. Our area is currently serving counties in Montgomery, Greene County. At this present time, we have 41 meetings in our area, there are 5 H&I panel meetings at this time and we are working on going back into other facilities as well and is working on putting together a learning day. At our last area meeting we had 8 groups present and no new groups and no groups reported folding. Literature office is located at 1124 Germantown St Dayton Ohio open on every Wednesday from 4:30 pm till 6:00 pm and after the Area meeting every month. We have a donation of 250.00 dollars. We recently had a Convention fundraiser last week. Our area convention is July 8th-9th.

In Loving service Gary B.

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FRASCNA: no report

GCASNA: no report

HAMASCNA – no report

KORASCNA – no report

MEASCNA:

MEASCNA Report to the Ohio Region July 2023

Regional Committee Member Team

Regional Committee Member (RCM) – [Angel M 740-403-6507](tel:740-403-6507)

Regional Committee Member - Alternate (RCMA) – [open](#)

MEASCNA Area The geographic area served by the MEASCNA Area is [Licking, Muskingum, Fairfield, Guernsey, Coshocton, Perry, Athens, and Knox counties](#). Our area presently has 26 groups, 34 meetings, and 3 H&I panels.

At our last Area Service Committee meeting, 17 groups were present.

In the past three months, 1 new group has been started in our Area: Come As you Are Group located at 105 South 7th Street in Zanesville, Oh meets every Wednesday at 7 pm

In the past three months, no groups have folded.

An updated meeting list can be found by visiting our website at www.meascna.naohio.org

Our area trusted servants are:

CHAIR: Jeannette V

VICE CHAIR: open

SECRETARY: Cylinder K

VICE SECRETARY: open

TREASURER: Doug H

VICE TREASURER: Heather M

Subcommittee members are: Activities- Katie O, H&I- Dave C, Outreach- Dave D, Webmaster-Brandon H, Scheduling and Vice webmaster

We are making a \$100.00 donation this quarter

Challenges

The area is not posting meeting minutes, treasurer reports to the website in a timely manner in order for the RCM to report effectively.

Upcoming events:

- July 15, 2023 FREE SUMMER FUNCTION at 5880 Friendly Hills Rd, Zanesville, OH starts at noon
- August 5, 2023 WE CARE GROUP at 324 Gay St, Lancaster, OH starts at noon
- August 12, 2023 Zanesville's 7th Annual WORK THE STEPS AND TIE-DYE at Zane's Landing Park on West Market Street, Zanesville, OH 43701 starts at 2pm

In loving service, Angel M

MOASCNA: no report

MVACNA: no report

PUASCNA:

Regional Report 7/2023

Hello Family, I'm an addict called Nichole,

The Phoenix United Area is doing well. We continue to have 7 meetings per week, one meeting each day, and are averaging anywhere from 4-12 members per meeting. Our attendance is smaller, but our recovery is strong, and atmosphere continues to thrive while we carry the NA message. At the area level, we have held elections and have our positions filled besides the following: Secretary, Secretary Alt, RCM Alt, and Vice Chairperson. Our PR/H&I Chairperson is doing an amazing job with getting literature into the Logan Co. Jail and we are hoping to get a meeting started within the jail within the next year once a week. \ Our Activities Committee has been meeting monthly, and our next activity is our 6-year anniversary cookout which will be Saturday July 29th at Southview Park (601 W. Lake Ave) Bellefontaine, OH 43311, from 1pm-7pm. We will be having hotdogs and burgers \$2/piece or \$3/piece with a pop included, potluck style sides, cornhole tournament from 2pm-5pm, \$10/team or \$5/individual, and a meeting at 5pm. It is going to be a lot of fun and we are excited! Our area will not be making a donation at this time. Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

In loving service, Nichole K.

SASCNA:

SPRINGFIELD AREA

Hello family hope all is well.

The Springfield area currently has 12 meetings serving Clark and Champaign county. We have three H&I commitments at this time. This month they will start going back into Madison prison. All groups was present at our last area meeting. We have positions that have recently become vacant. We have a donation of \$1,000 this quarterly. Our area convention is two months away. We are very excited. Our last fundraiser is July 15th, 2023. You can visit workthemordie.com to register for our convention or to purchase t-shirts from our fundraisers. Our fun in the sun area picnic is August 20th, 2023.
in service craig s

SBASCNA:

1. Date: July 2023

Report to Ohio Region

2. Sandusky Bay Area: we currently serve the Erie, Huron, Wayne, Ottawa & Sandusky areas. Our Area meets in Norwalk at First Baptist Church at 4:30PM 1st Sunday. We currently have 16 groups with 18 meetings per week.

3. Upcoming Activities: posted to our local website www.sbasna.naohio.org and Ohio Region Website:

1. Heart to Heart Group of NA, is having a Taco Tuesday on July 25.
2. 21st Annual NA Recovery Fest, JULY 29 2023, Mill Hollow Park
3. We started Capture the Flag. We are trying to get more people to visit other group.
4. Subcommittee Activity:

1. PR Report 2 group from Mansfield have requested to be added to the SBA meeting schedule since they do not have a functioning area at this time.
2. Literature: Lynne reports that there was an issue with the website when placing the order for literature but was able to process the order today (06/04/2023).
3. H&I Juan O absent. Nothing new to report.
5. Donation to Region: Sent \$125.00 to the regional

SEOASCNA – no report

STASCNA:

From: STASCNA Date: July 8, 2023 Good morning. STASCNA is the Stark, Tuscarawas & Carroll County area. We have meetings in 5 counties, including those already mentioned, as well as Wayne and Summit Counties. As of this time, we have 17 groups with 18 weekly meetings, including one virtual meeting. Meeting attendance has finally started to go back up again. First, we would like to mention that we did not receive minutes from the April ORSCNA meeting. We know that the Secretary has our email address, because we were contacted to re-send our April report. During this cycle, we had one meeting close and two open. We were glad to welcome the Wednesday night Outta the Ashes meeting in Wooster. We have several open positions at the area level. We currently do not have an area Vice-Chair, Secretary, H&I Chair, PR Chair, or RCM-Alt. It also appears that we have lost the one and only H&I meeting we had going – through no fault of our own. The individual who is currently running the facility is driving off employees in droves, including the two who were setting up the Zoom meeting. The trusted servant who has been facilitating that presentation has made multiple phone calls to the facility to try to keep it going. However, to date, he has not gotten the courtesy of a reply. Despite not having a PR Chair, we have willing members who will attend at least one community event on Labor Day weekend. We are trying to drum up support to attend another event on the last weekend of August. We voted to donate \$250 to ORSCNA this cycle. Our treasurer should have sent that to the PO Box. A list of our trusted servants is attached at the end of this report.

In Loving Service, Jo D, RCM

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Literature Chair Vacant

SVASCNA:

SVASCNA

Scioto Valley Area

Hello family addicted name Matt, The Scioto Valley Area would like to express are gratitude for the support received from other areas, which has contributed to our growth and success in carrying the message of recovery. We are pleased to report that our area now has established policies in place. The last time we meet we had 7 meetings with 6 group. We have added 3 new groups with 11 meetings weekly. The meetings have been well-attended, and we continue to see an increase in participation and commitment from our members. H&I is struggling to make their way into facilities but are working diligently to move a meeting into CCI. After are first speaker jam, we were able to raise enough funds to purchase all groups IP's and literature along with providing a \$100 donation to region. Our area is excited to announce that we have scheduled a Speaker Jam event for August 26th We would like to see you all.

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Old Business

Nominations accepted.

Sunday 7/9/23

New Business Motions

Nomination for Fall 12 Step Retreat: Mark R form accepted .

RCM to ask each area their willingness to host OCNA. Due to decline of Buckeye next year and rotation area declining. Areas can work together to host. Determination of 2025 or 2024 still up for discussion.

Motions:

2023-008 P RD/RDM Per Diem

2023-009 P Remove area NWOASCNA and SEOASCNA from Agenda

2023-010 P Fund RD/RDM \$550.00 for MZSS team

2023-011 P Fund RD/RDM \$500.00 for MZF Fairborn

2023-012 P Reimbursement of \$383.00 to Marvin for OCNA overdraft of account that he paid and then closed account.

2023-013 P Creation of ADHOC Committee to review Policy for proper audit procedures of Region Events. EX. OCNA and Retreats

2023-014 P Cost of up to \$600.00 for 2 extra rooms to MZSS for up to 4 individuals to learn about this area of service.

2023-015 P Reimbursement of hosting area. Dayton. Without receipt due to convention. \$400.00

2023-016 P Dave L approved to take OWL to next region. As to show Midwest forum how it works and benefits of getting one.