

MRSCNA Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2010

Hosted by West Shore Area

1. Opening

- a. Patty K. opened the meeting at 9:00 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- b. The Twelve Traditions were read by Marianne G.
- c. The Twelve Concepts were read by Dave T.

2. Roll Call

- a. Absent – Flint Area, Greater Muskegon absent, Livingston Area, Saginaw Bay Area, Treasurer, Website Contact
- b. Visitors – Josh – West Shore Area, Will – West Shore Area, Chris – West Shore Area, Adam – Greater Grand Rapids Area, Lisa – Jackson Area, Robert – Southwest Area, Jim – Washtenaw Area, Todd – Northwest Area.

3. Chair Report

February 14, 2010

Hello Family and Happy Valentine's Day. I usually don't prepare a report because my job is to facilitate not to talk. Which as most of you know is quite a challenge for me. However I feel as though I have grown soooo much in this position and am so grateful for the opportunity to serve here that words really can't describe. Before coming here I was serving in my town and stuck in "what we always did" mode and had no idea that there was so much. I mean I definitely heard about region and world but to sit here and experience all of your experience has been humbling. So I wanted to just say thank you for teaching me and allowing me to serve here. On that note if you all see fit to allow me to continue to learn I would gladly accept a nomination to either continue right here or as co or really whatever you see fit. I am not done learning how to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. and through some further prayers and meditation it has also been brought to my conscience that I may also want to serve as RDA which is open in June. I leave my fate in the hands of the Regional body.

Thanks again for guiding me through and believing in me and wanting to help me in my recovery.

In Loving Service

Patti K

4. Secretary's Report – Minutes Accepted

Hello Family,

Serving at the Regional level of Narcotics Anonymous as this body's secretary has truly been one of the greatest blessings of my recovery. I so enjoy attending Regional meetings to learn, to serve, and to see the family members from all over the state that I so rarely get to see.

The time sensitive nature of the work I get to do as this body's Secretary has both kept me accountable and allowed me to work on some of my character defects, namely procrastination. At this point in my journey, I, quite frankly, can't imagine not having Michigan Regional meetings in my recovery and in my life.

	\$6,584.31	\$10,547.89
	\$6,483.30	\$4,064.59
Bank balance on Dec. 31, 2009		\$4,387.59
Outstanding checks totaling =		\$323.00
Current Balance =		\$4,064.59

MRSCNA Feb. 2010 Treasurer's Report

	Credit	Debit	Balance
Bank balance on Jan. 1, 2009			\$3,963.58
	\$6,584.31		\$10,547.89
		\$6,483.30	\$4,064.59
Bank balance on Dec. 31, 2009			\$4,387.59
Outstanding checks totaling =			\$323.00
			\$4,064.59

Deposits/Credits

Chk #	Source	Description	Dep.Date		
					\$3,647.10
3109	Flint Area	Area Donation	12/8/2009	\$29.10	\$3,676.20
3126	Flint Area	Area Donation	12/8/2009	\$30.50	\$3,706.70
3119	Flint Area	Area Donation	12/8/2009	\$12.91	\$3,719.61
3129	Flint Area	Area Donation	12/8/2009	\$29.54	\$3,749.15
2750	CASCNA	Area Donation	12/8/2009	\$10.30	\$3,759.45
2755	CASCNA	Area Donation	12/8/2009	\$12.25	\$3,771.70
	Battle Creek				
4136	Area	Area Donation	12/8/2009	\$10.00	\$3,781.70
	Washtenaw				
1654	Area	Area Donation	12/8/2009	\$1,004.17	\$4,785.87
927	SMMANA	Area Donation	12/8/2009	\$150.00	\$4,935.87
1000	Westshore	Area Donation	12/8/2009	\$50.00	\$4,985.87
	North Woods				
295	Area	Area Donation	12/8/2009	\$50.00	\$5,035.87
1226	NWMASCNA	Area Donation	12/8/2009	\$200.00	\$5,235.87
	Saginaw Bay				
1172	Area	Area Donation	12/8/2009	\$50.91	\$5,286.78
				\$1,639.68	

Payments/Debits

Check #	Source	Description	Chk.Date	Cleared		
						\$5,286.78
3826	MZF	Regional Donation	12/5/2009	N	\$100.00	\$5,186.78
3827	Les P.	RDA Airfare to WSC-2010	12/6/2009	Y	\$312.40	\$4,874.38
3828	Dave H.	Co-Chair mileage & lodging	12/6/2009	Y	\$157.91	\$4,716.47
3829	Dave T.	RD mileage & lodging	12/6/2009	Y	\$123.88	\$4,592.59
3830	Patti K.	Chair mileage	12/6/2009	Y	\$63.00	\$4,529.59
3831	Marybeth G.	Co-Treasurer mileage	12/6/2009	Y	\$96.00	\$4,433.59
3832	Lizzie S.	Secretary mileage & lodging	12/6/2009	Y	\$146.00	\$4,287.59
3833	Jim B.	Webservant mileage	12/6/2009	N	\$63.00	\$4,224.59
3834	MSO	20 CAR Reports	12/20/2009	N	\$160.00	\$4,064.59
					\$1,222.19	

Happy Valentine's Day Family:

The only anomaly in this report is that Livingston County Area's October regional donation did not get deposited in our account until 2010. (The gremlins that reside in my lazyboy chair/sofa took it hostage for a couple of months)

We are \$101.01 richer than we were at last year's February meeting.

I would like to propose a rule of thumb: That every time region meets we send a minimum of 10% of the area donations we receive to WSO. This would not limit the amount we could send, but would help provide a steady cash flow to NAWS.

The current MRSCNA account balance is \$4653.25.

The current MRCNA account balance is \$6176.61.

YLS,
Bob P.

6. RD Report – Accepted

RD Report 2/14/10

Hello Family, Les and I attended the CAR workshop in Chicago last weekend and everyone here was conspicuous in their absence. I thought the MI Region would represent a little bit, oh well. The board members present gave a NAWS update Fri. evening and while they were very informative I can't remember a single thing they said. Not really but, there wasn't much that could be reported here. They did say that donations were down but lit. sales held steady in the last year and that NAWS is taking steps to cut expenses. Like sending one board member to functions like this instead of two plus an assistant. Of course there were three at this one, only because two of them live in the area. An adjustment to how and where the NA Way is distributed is also a way they are trying to cut costs. Les is reporting on the CAR so I will concentrate on the CAT or conference approval track. The CAT is basically the new business known at this time, primarily budget requests. There are twelve motions in the CAT, seven concern budget requests for projects that are already underway as in the new IDT's, public relations, service system, living clean, leadership, service material, and the world services budget. Two concern the seating of Lithuania and Denmark to the conference and finally changing the moratorium on seating US regions resulting from a split to a moratorium on seating any new regions until 2012. This would mean no new region would actually be seated before 2014. One motion concerns the NA Way magazine, they want to take out the lines in the guide to world service that says they will automatically send a paper copy to every registered group and trusted servant. They also want to change the language to make it easier for the WCNA workgroup to help put on the world convention. Where before there was a group of local addicts primarily in charge, with help from the WB, now the WB would be in control with help from the local addicts. There will, of course be many more motions in new business but, this is what we know so far. I guess at this time I would like to make a suggestion for topic discussion, which is our vote of confidence.

I have the inventory sheets or soon will anyway and would like to ask for willingness to total the results and have them for our next meeting. Unless we want to count them up here today, this may take some time.

The next three chapters of the "living clean" book will be out for review and input in April, the work group would rather see addicts go to the discussion board at NA.org and add input before the book is written.

A question, are we still sending a quarterly donation to world? If not why not? Speaking of money does this body want to send any cash to Chicagoland region to offset the cost of putting on the CAR workshop? Since I'm on the subject of money I have a budget request today for \$237.69 for lodging and \$99.75 for mileage, for a total of \$337.44. Since I am traveling with my Valentine this weekend and didn't take advantage of the reduced rate hotel I will not be requesting any budget for this meeting.

I just received a package from NAWs with the annual report (available for browsing) the new products available and the basic H&I guide and the PR Basics drafts. These will be out as approved material after the conference but are available now if Marianne would like a copy.

I will be facilitating a CAR workshop for the Northwest and Northwoods areas Mar 13 and have the willingness to help any area which asks for it. Please get those requests in early as we don't have a lot of time to get this done. While the three board members made it last an entire day we could knock it out in less than three hours I would think.

Well I'm sure I left out some real important stuff but I can't for the life of me figure out what it is so that's it for now.

ILS Dave T

7. RDA Report – Accepted

RDA Report

Greetings Family, attended the CAR Workshop in Chicago last weekend, and was very pleased to find myself as comfortable as I was with the CAR and the whole procedure this time. I felt like I understood what was going on and wasn't attending a foreign language class, as I have in the past. Not quite so with the CAT and the entire budget reporting, but up to speed enough to do Car Workshops here in Michigan. I believe I'll be facilitating one in Washtenaw on Feb. 27th. Please get your requests in early, so we can plan accordingly. We were very fortunate to have 3 World Board Members there to Co-Facilitate for us. It brought in a very personal, first hand, approach that only one facilitator couldn't have possibly brought to the event. There was Ron, World Board vice Chair, who was supposed to do it by himself. Then Jim, our World Board Chair, who is from Chicago, volunteered his time for the whole weekend, and Mark, from up the road as he put it, Milwaukee, I think, a Board Member of long standing and very involved in fellowship development, gave us his time and energy for the weekend also. All in all, we had three very dedicated members there to facilitate for us, what was being called the "Training for the trainers", I was very impressed. I was very surprised that no one from the Michigan Region, other than Dave and me, was there. You missed an all inspiring Weekend. There were 50 in attendance through out the weekend.

As for the meat of it all, I hope all Areas have gotten there CAR's that were mailed out last December. I won't hold you all hostages today, but will hit some highlights I picked up on. On Friday night we were given a NAWs update. We are looking at ways to better distribute the NA Way. Too many sitting around unopened, at a great expense to us. We want to start with a new data base on who gets mailing. Regional seating is what is being called an uneasy perch. 55,000 Meetings. Will be motioned to give us a two year moratorium to discuss how to best handle this challenge. It would actually be four years with out any seating. As mentioned in the past, all RD's now have a personal contact on the Board. World Convention changes are coming. May go entirely on pre registration. Meetings by mail are being discontinued. The internet and phone meetings have taken over the need for this. Upcoming World Conventions are: 2011 San Diego, 2013 Philadelphia.

In motion 1, where we're looking at changing the World Vision Statement, this is being called the tip of the iceberg. Discussion on our Service Structure moving to a Service System, which will make us more efficient. Changes in areas of Geo Political boundaries, where maybe an entity between Groups and Areas would help. Things like one size don't fit all, why are we doing things that don't work (that the way we always do it). Changes, looking at changing any thing that isn't working. Lots of discussion on the seating motion. Steering the growth of NA world wide, should represent diversity, not over represent certain Areas. Russia has 11 time zones. Iran the largest Region in the world.

Antarctica the only continent we're not on. Not an emergency yet, but soon will be. Need to make decisions now, not when we're in a crisis. No Sacred Cows, as they put it.

Resources and production. NAWS operated at loss for the last 2 years. 4 areas of focus: Travel and Fellowship Development (less travel to help NA develop around the world). Literature distribution (\$750,000 spent). Publications (NA Way 42,000 copies). World Convention (pre registration, solid figures to work with). Maybe having them every 4 years.

Don't want to hold us hostage, the CAR's are out, we'll gladly facilitate workshops around the Region. Would like to end my CAR Report on two things. One thing was, all the Regional Motions that come in try and take us in a different direction than we're trying to go. The warm fuzzy feelings came when Cisco, an ex RD from Sweden got up and said how amazed she was at this whole process we have going on this weekend, when in Sweden there just lucky to have a Home group to attend.

For our MZF Meeting all Regions were present for all three days. Stressing to any one with 5 years or more to submit the Service Profile and become members in the World Pool. You can find them on line. I'm not sure what the cost was when Michigan Region hosted the CAR, but it was \$3,500 this time. There asking that any donations to the cause are sent to: Make checks payable to CRSC. (New business).

CRSC

C/O Remy Martin RDA

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Maywood, IL, 60153

If mailing donations to the MZF, mail to Blynn M., our newest treasurer. We can get that address out of our Zonal minutes. We meet informally at the Conference next, then in Detroit on September 11th and 12th. The 1st meeting in 2011 will be in Greater IL, then it's our turn, and it was suggested we do it at MRCNA in July.

Lots of discussion on Convention speakers. Good tapes, disrespectful speakers. Suggestions were plentiful, get to know speaker by interviews, get others opinion on speaker, get references, speakers are leaders, so choose wisely. And last but surely not least, if it happens, go up and turn off the mic.

During announcements I asked us to go back to our Regions and discuss rather or not we're ready to discuss sending Zonal Delegates to the Conference instead of RD's. What do we think of this idea? (New Business).

Dave C. couldn't be here and asked me to read his report. ILS, Les P..

8. MRCNA Report – Accepted

Hello Family,

Sorry I'm not able to attend this month's regional meeting. Thank you to whoever reads this report. Everything is going very well at monthly planning meetings. I'd like to be submitting our annual budgets however the treasurer has not yet gotten them to me. They are in and we'll get them to Bob asap. Our entire committee has been working really hard and I believe we're right on target. We have art work to go with the slogan, "Our Message is Clear... We Do Recover" hats, T-shirts, etc. will be going into print soon. The next fundraiser will be held in Lansing on March 6th. I can't remember the name of the location but it's the same place we had the Lansing Regional meeting. Once again, I apologize for my absence. My life and recovery wouldn't be complete without all of you.

Greater to be of loving service, MFer

- Concern voiced from members of Capitol Area that 1. Capitol Area has no idea that there is a fundraiser planned there and 2. Capitol Area has not been a successful place to raise money in the past.

9. Webservant Report - Accepted

The latest issues that have held up our web migration have been solved. This is thanks to the efforts of Jeff S and Doug H in Metro Detroit Region.

This seems to be the last hurdle. Jeff and I have agreed that the target date for 'turning on' our files on the new server will be Feb 21. On (or shortly after) that date, when people browse the web to our web sites they will see files hosted on Just Host not I2K. Jeff and I will copy any changes made to the Area web sites before Feb 21. If you logon to I2K and make changes after Feb 21 the changes will probably be lost.

Before Feb 21 I will provide logon ID's and passwords for the Michigan Area webservants.

As I have warned before, any files you may have saved to the I2K email server will probably be lost. Please download them to your home computer if you still need them after migration.

Once we are sure the migration has gone well and any problems have been solved we will begin the installation of the Basic Meeting List Toolbox.

Once the migration has been accomplished the Michigan Regional email account will NOT be unity@i2k.com. I will set a new email account on the "@michigan-na.org" domain.

Any questions or concerns you can reach me at

In Loving Service,

Jim B

10. MSO Representative Report - Absent w/report

MSO Board Report
February 13, 2010

Hello Family. The MSO Board met January 19 at 6:30 pm. Elections were held with most positions being filled. We also discussed new office hours and we will stay with the cut backs until things pickup. We are open to any suggestions. Please note the new hours are just temporary. Online sales are slowly increasing please let your area know that they can order on line @store.michigan_na.org. The board wants to be financially responsible that is why we made these cuts. The DACNA convention is coming up and this should help sales. We are dealing with the tough times the best we can. At this time a lot of cost cutting measures are necessary to make it thru them. We are hoping that the economy will turn around soon. More will be revealed.

ILS. Chris B.

Michigan Region MSO Board Member

11. PR Report

Public Relations – PSA Ad Hoc Report

PR Report

- Star Commonwealth contacted our RD who forwarded their request on to me as PR contact. As a result, I was notified that a meeting already exists there but there may be some issues going on with it. Another addict from Albion will make a connection and get back with me.
- PSA project is taking longer due to production issues and the traveling of Dave C., he will keep us posted.
- Spoke to Jeff K. regarding the 800 regional phonenumber – he has not given up on the project and is in contact with the developer to see if this project will move forward or not – he will keep us posted.
- Was honored to participate in the regional event last night. It was well attended and great fun, food and fellowship was had by all who attended.

ILS,

Marianne

PSA Report

Our original goal was to have 4 new PSA ready by February Midwest Zonal Forum alas this was an unrealistic goal as it was to be a short 4 months from an Idea to finish product. Well I have learned much more about the process and production of making Public Service Announcements and can fully understand why NAWS did not rush into the project.

With the Scenarios that we created we started to research locations that could be used we contacted a local Hospital and Institutions Committee that have an excellent working relationship with a County Jail. After speaking with several officers we were told that we could come and use the Jail but they would prefer that we used Video Production Company that has prior experience with their Jail.

Upon discussion with KND Video Company the cost of the project increased by several thousand dollars that removed that warm fuzzy feeling. Although they were very much more professional in their approach to the project and sparked a vision of what the PSA could be.

Being a newcomer in the industry of Film / Video Production, I contacted a member of the fellowship who has some experience and had suggested some ideas that were possible alternatives to the process of accomplishing our project.

He suggested that we hold a contest explaining what Narcotics Anonymous is and offer a \$1500.00 prize to young and upcoming film students for the best 30 second PSA. Now I'm not sure what all that requires one would think they would want to be able to use the PSA as part of their accomplishments for resumes. As I'm on vacation have not been able to sit down and discuss this at length don't know all the details as of yet.

Peace and Hugs Dave Cracchiolo 313-779-2921 dgracchiolo@hotmail.com

12. Area Reports

a. Battle Creek Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Name: Randy M
Date: 14 February 2010
Area: Battle Creek
Area Meeting Location: Maple United Methodist Church
Area Meeting Day / Time: 4th Sat, March 27 @ noon

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups.....11
Number of Meetings.....28?
Number of H&I Meetings.....1
Total 7th Tradition Collected.....\$196.12
Region Donation.....10% of 7th tradition collected or what's over prudent reserve

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

RCM Randy M
RCM alt _____
Area Chair _____
H&I Chair _____
PI Chair _____
Web Servant _____

Our expenses were almost as high as our donations. We have had many disruptions at meetings.

MWBR

b. Capitol Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Name: Brian H

Date: 14 February 2010

Area: Capital

Area Meeting Location: St Lawrence Hospital board rm

Area Meeting Day / Time: 2nd Sunday 15:00

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups.....31

Number of Meetings.....48

Number of H&I Meetings.....12 per month

Total 7th Tradition Collected.....not much

Region Donation.....10% of 7th tradition collected or what's over prudent reserve

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

RCM _____

RCM alt _____

Area Chair _____

H&I Chair _____

PI Chair _____

Web Servant _____

Addict named Brian

Here as help line rep, thought I'd report seeing how I'm here.

The Capital area as far as meetings and attendance goes is doing well. We do struggle at the ASC. It's quicker to list the filled positions than the open ones, 4 filled 10 open. We will hopefully have the open H&I filled by the time we return to area today.

I try not to project personal opinion into reports but to stimulate conversation, it seems the Capital area is lost when it comes knowledge of service in every aspect from home group to the ASC?

The things that are going on in the Capitol area have been happening for years and I believe this is a forum to discuss these issues? We had 12 groups attend the ASC out of 31. Out of those 12 groups 8 at most had donations. Our activities continue to loose money at times in hundreds of dollars. I've had the privilege of attending the last 4 ASC's and am impressed with the maturity and efficiency of the addict attending. Saying this, at present the Capital ASC is not the area circus.

I know we have a full plate today but if possible I would like to discuss in more detail some of the issues we are having in the Capital area? I hope we can elect an RCM soon?

On the liter side, I want to remind everyone that we will be having our annual Memorial Day picnic and hog down. This event is always a success with good food and lots of fun for the whole family and of course will be hel on Memorial Monday.

That's about all I got for now

In service

Brian H

c. Flint Area

Absent – no report

d. Greater Grand Rapids Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

**Michigan Regional Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report**

Name: Ryan M

Date: 2/14/10

Area: Greater Grand Rapids

Area Meeting Location: Faith Lutheran Church

Area Meeting Day / Time: 4th Wednesday of the month 7:00 PM

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups.....	<u> 19 </u>
Number of Meetings.....	<u> 30 </u>
Number of H&I Meetings.....	<u> 6 </u>
Total 7 th Tradition Collected.....	<u> unavailable </u>
Region Donation.....	<u> quarterly </u>

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM	Ryan M		
RCM alt	Open		
Area Chair	Fred S		

Treasurer	Cat L	
H&I Chair	Terrance W.	
PI Chair	Mike B	
Activities Chair	Charles	

Dear Region,

All is well in our area. We have currently filled pretty much all area service positions. We do need help with PR answering the area phone line. We also voted on last area meeting on starting up a literature committee. Also have the regional inventory questionnaires with me that have been filled out. What do we exactly have to do to access the world website to update it and how often can we.

Upcoming Events

- March 13th – Dance, Speakers @Faith Lutheran Church
- March 27th – Bowling Night @ Northview Lanes – Plainfield
- June 19th – Picnic – Kellogg’s Park

e. Greater Muskegon Area

Absent – no report

f. Livingston County Area

Absent – no report

g. Northwestern Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Name: Tim C

Date: 2/14/10

Area: Northwestern

Area Meeting Location: 5th and Oak, Traverse City

Area Meeting Day / Time: 3rd Sunday @ 4pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 17

Number of Meetings..... 35

Number of H&I Meetings..... 5
 Total 7th Tradition Collected..... n/a
 Region Donation..... \$400

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM <u>Tim C</u>		
RCM alt <u>Guy R.</u>		
Area Chair <u>Jake T.</u>		
H&I Chair <u>Zack W.</u>		
PI Chair <u>Ben E.</u>		
Web Servant <u>James B.</u>		
Retreat Chair <u>Dave T.</u>		

Greetings from Northwestern Area. Things are happening in our area. Our meetings seem to be growing, more addicts attending. Groups are encouraging more addicts to get involved in service at the group and area levels. Activities Committee is doing well, they reported that the New Years Eve Bowl Burning Ceremony went well until the bowl started burning. The skiing, snowboarding, tubing event went so well we are doing it again all day @ Mount Holiday for \$10 and a canned food item Feb. 21st. They did however pick the Tshirt design. They are having a pancake breakfast on Feb. 20th. Area made up the difference on their dance so they broke even. Literature Committee is doing well and reports the MSO is paid in full. I have fliers for our retreat in June 18-20. All roads to Recovery Begin as Trails. We are also hosting a CAR workshop with Northwoods Area followed by a spaghetti dinner an dance on March 13th @ UAW Hall in Traverse City.
 Thanks.
 TimC.

h. Northwoods Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

***Michigan Regional Service Committee
 of Narcotics Anonymous
 Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report***

Name: George S
 Date: 2/14/2010
 Area: Northwoods
 Area Meeting Location: Rotating
 Area Meeting Day / Time: Third Sunday / 3:00 pm Lunch – Meeting Follows

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 11
 13

Number of Meetings..... 19
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 2
 Region Donation..... \$50.00

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM			
RCM Alt.			
Area Facilitator			
CO-Facilitator			
Treasurer			
Co-Treasurer			
PR/PI Chair			
Web Servant			
H&I Chair			
Secretary			
Co-Secretary			
Activities			

Hi Family all is good in the Northwoods Area. First I would like you to all welcome our RCM Alt. Keith. Most Groups have good attendance with the exception of a couple. The members at the Recovery In The Valley Group in East Jordan are asking to have another meeting started, which the way it seems probably won't be long before it happens. We still don't hear much from the UP Groups, but they did send a report for the next area. We had our Annual Sledding Party, Potluck & Game Night, Saturday, February 6, 2010. We had a great speaker and a great turn out. Our Area is struggling financially right now but we continue to trust the process and carry the message where we can. We will be having a CAR Workshop in conjunction with the Northwestern Area on March 13, 2010 in Traverse City. We are having a Northwoods Area 20th Anniversary speaker and dance on April 10, 2010, flyers are on the table and I have e-mailed it to Lizzie also for distribution.

In Loving Service & With Gratitude

George s.

- i. **Saginaw Bay Area**
Absent – No Report
- j. **Southern Mid-Michigan Area**



M.R.S.C.N.A.
 Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Name: Marianne G.

Date: 2/14/10 _____

Area: Southern Mid-Michigan _____

Area Meeting Location: Rotates, Tri-City in area _____

Area Meeting Day / Time: 4th Weekend of month _____

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 9 _____

Number of Meetings..... 24 _____

Number of H&I Meetings..... 8 _____

Total 7th Tradition Collected..... n/a _____

Region Donation..... n/a _____

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	Marianne G		
RCM alt	Linda S.		
Area Chair	Kenny		
Treasurer	Don D		
H&I Chair	Russ B		
PI Chair	Lisa B. – Jackson, Linda S. – Adrian, Karen C. - Hillside		
Web Servant	Guy R.		

- One of the two homegroups in Jackson moved and opened more meeting days and times. So our # of meetings has increased.
- Area Elections were postponed last month, will take place Feb. 21st instead.
- Lots more interest in getting involved in the ASC recently, we'll see how that goes and if it lasts.
- Lost a long time member, John, "Trapper John" Whiting last month.
- I forgot to bring my area's inventory so I will email tat to Dave.

ILS,

Marianne

k. Southwestern Michigan Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Al L.
Date: February 14, 2010
Area: Southwestern Michigan

Area Meeting Location: South County Community Center, Vicksburg, MI
Area Meeting Day / Time: 4th Sunday , 3:00pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups.....36
Number of Meetings.....73
Number of H&I Meetings.....12
Total 7th Tradition Collected.....\$1066.24
Region Donation.....\$0

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM	Al L.		
RCM alt	Dave W.		
Area Chair	Maxwell M		
Treasurer	Charlene L		
H&I Chair	Eric S.		
PI Chair	Doug D.		
Web Servant	Jim B.		

Hello family. Our Area meetings were held on December 20, and January 24, 2009 in Vicksburg, MI.

Home Group 7th traditions have been up for the last two months, and we are once again on the verge of being able pay our bills and stay above our prudent reserve.

I have received one Regional Inventory form from a home group. They gave us a rating of 5 in all areas. Nice to see, but I wouldn't really call it a representative sample.

For those of you who wish to submit speaker tapes for our convention, SWMACNA V, or know someone who does, the cut-off date has been changed to June 30, 2010. The convention will be held October 29-31, 2010. Convention Committee would like to request that all Areas in this region please download some registration forms from the Southwestern Michigan Area website and distribute them to home groups. I have also brought some hard copies for anyone who would like to take some home from this meeting.

Our convention committee is having a golf outing in June at the Gull Lake Country Club. This is a very nice, usually members-only course. Contact Mark J. at 269-492-8072 for details.

Remember that R&R at the Fort is coming up this summer, and there will be other fun events in the South Western Michigan area to attend. Check the website for flyers, and see you in Southwest!

In Loving Service,

Al L.

Washtenaw Area



M.R.S.C.N.A.
Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Name: Jim E.

Date: Feb. 14th, 2010

Area: Washtenaw,

Area Meeting Location: Peace Neighborhood Center, 1111 N. Maple St., A², MI 48103

Area Meeting Day / Time: 5:00 pm. Normally Second Sunday of the month

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups.....28_____

Number of Meetings.....19_____

Number of H&I Meetings..... 7_____

Total 7th Tradition Collected..... \$877.96 in Dec. 2009 & Jan. 2010

Region Donation.....\$131.15_____

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

POSITION

PHONE

EMAIL

RCM	Jim E	
RCM-Alt.	Frank D.	
Area Chair	Nicole W.	
PR Chair	Brett W.	
Activities Chair	Thomas J.	
Web Servant	Rick D.	

REPORT:

Hello Family I am an addict name Jim.

Our area is doing fine. We do have a few meetings on Thursday that are struggling “Clean in Serene”, and “New Hope”.

In our last report we said that there was some misunderstanding with our RCM and RCMA. So at our Dec. Area meeting we had a special election and Jim E was elected to the position of RCM and Frank D. has been elected to the position of RCMA. We have a few nominees for positions open for election which is to be in this month (February). Those position our for Chair: Jason C., Co-Chair: Richard D., Kelly F., Shaun H., and Calvin B.; Treasure: Ben B.; and Co-Treasure: Keith S.

The Co-Signer on the checking account was discussed, it was decided that the Chair and the Treasurer would be the co-signers on the account. The guidelines that we have to govern the consensus of the group need to be changed.

Regional Inventory Sheets had been handed out to all the GSR’s a few months back. Only 7 groups filled them out. That’s not a good response with 19 meetings. I see we need to work more with our GSR’s.

Washtenaw Area will be having there Second Annual Woman’s Day Speaker Jam and CAR Workshop on Feb. 27th at local 735. There will have Snacks, Water, and Pop for Sale. The speakers will pass the message of hope from 12 noon until 8PM beginning at 8 PM there will have a dance, raffle, and food for sale.

The Sunday Night 7 PM meeting “Regardless of” will be having their 2nd annual Appetizer/Dessert Potluck on Feb. 28th.

We have a monthly Game Night at the Library for the Blind this month it’s on the 20th at 5Pm till 11PM. In the past, the turnout has been pretty good..

For H & I we started at a new facility at Cassidy Lakes in Chelsea, which the issue was discussed of making sure that people had a NA message of experience, strength, and hope in NA and it was dealt with by having other women from the area and SMMANA. There has been four meetings there and has gone OK. Words from Brett

In the next few months Brett W. will be stepping down from his position as PR chair as his term is up. By the way he has done a phenomenal job! I had to throw that in. Bob H or most of you know him as Detroit Bob has the willingness to fill Brett’s shoes by taking the position of PR chair... that’s if he gets nominated.

In our area we have 19 different meeting locations with 28 groups. We have 7 H & I meetings as well. We collected \$877.96 in 7th tradition and have a donation to region of \$131.15.

I am looking forward to the regional meeting in Battle Creek in April.

Thank You for letting me be of service,

Jim E.



Westshore Area

Name: Michelle D.

Date: 02.14.10

Area: Westshore

Area Meeting Location: Manna Church (9th & Central)

Area Meeting Day / Time: 3rd Sunday of every month 4:30pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups.....5

Number of Meetings.....12

Number of H&I Meetings.....0

Total 7th Tradition Collected.....Unknown

Region Donation.....None

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM <u>Michelle D.</u>		
RCM alt <u>Sandy P.</u>		
Area Chair <u>Josh R.</u>		
H&I Chair <u>OPEN</u>		
PI Chair _____		
Web Servant <u>OPEN</u>		
PR Chair <u>OPEN</u>		

REPORT:

Hello Everyone! Westshore Area continues to do great. At our last business meeting we did elections and now have all but three positions filled. We are updating our information on the world website, because all the meeting locations/times are incorrect by a few years. Also, thank you everyone who participated in our Region Function yesterday. Speaking for myself I learned a lot, and had a lot of fun! I'm sure this opinion is shared by others in Westshore Area, and other areas that showed up. So thank you again! Grateful to be here today, Michelle D.

I. Facilitator has given Robert D the floor to discuss the Sponsorship Behind the Walls Program

Sort of a pen pal relationship, but not a pen pal. Focus is on sponsorship relationships. 7 Sponsees, Constant need for recruitment of sponsors. Working on a database. Communications are often broken as people are transferred and mail is not forwarded. Information available on Regional Website Q&A

- i. Discussion
Lack of communication between willing participant sponsors and program. Robert recently took over the program and has had to do a complete overhaul. Areas have requested that Robert Communicate with their H&I Committees.
Concern that Robert will be flooded...should this program be taken over on a regional level?
Maryanne will connect with Robert and make this a joint project between SWMANA and MRSCNA

13. Old Business

- a. PSAs – Report from Dave C., read by Les P.
Film student contest discussed as a good and viable option.

14. Nominations and Elections

- a. Co-Secretary
Nominations - Michelle D – elected by consensus
- b. Secretary
Nomination – Lizzie S – elected by consensus
- c. Facilitator
Nomination – Patti K – elected by consensus
- d. Co-Facilitator
Nomination – Fred O – elected by consensus

15. New Business

- NAWS Donation/Prudent Reserve
 - a. Bob (Treasurer) is recommending a donation to NAWS of at least 10% of 7th Tradition collected from area.
 - b. Dave T. noted that old guidelines established that this body would send 12% to NAWS quarterly
 - c. Decided by consensus that 10% of MRSCNA 7th Tradition will be sent to NAWS every other month.
- Donation to Chicago for CAR
 - d. Consensus to donate \$350 to Chicagoland Region of NA to offset costs of last weekend's CAR workshop.
- Zonal Delegates to Conference instead of RDs.
 - e. Will be a future issue. Would we support this concept? Idea is to decrease costs to NA by reducing the # of attendees to WSC from 8RDs to 1 MZF rep. Consensus to give RD and RDA power of discretion.
- What to do about MRCNA committee and rogue fundraisers
 - f. Lots of concern voiced at this meeting about lack of communication between MRCNA Committee and Area representatives and MRSCNA.
 - g. Deeply concerned that a fundraiser is planned for Lansing. Lansing area is unaware of this fundraiser and most agree that Lansing is not a productive fundraising community. No communication between MRCNA Committee and anyone at Capitol ASC.
 - h. Fred O. and Patti K. delegated to contact committee chairs to discuss MRSCNA concerns regarding their operations.
 - i. Discussion followed regarding basic service strengthening.
How do we address groups that don't participate in ASC and/or don't want to participate?
Suggestions: email group ASC minutes to heighten awareness, attend home groups personally to carry the message of service.
Stronger service members should sometimes be willing to step aside to groom new trusted servants.
Strong Areas rely on strong homegroups. Strong homegroups rely on strong newcomers. It is each individual addict's responsibility to reach out and teach the newcomer.
- Phone Line Conference Call report?
Willard working diligently on phone line information and progress. Will expect a report from him soon.

16. Take Back to Areas

17. Meeting closed at ~2:00pm

Thank you for allowing me to serve.
Lizzie S.
Secretary
MRSCNA