

## MRSCNA Meeting Minutes

**June 5, 2011**

*Hosted by Battle Creek Area*

**1. Opening**

- a. Fred S. opened the meeting at 9:06am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- b. The Twelve Traditions were read by Dave C.
- c. The Twelve Concepts were read by Kitty
- d. The World Vision Statement was read by Heidi D.

**2. Roll Call**

- a. Absent – RDA, MRCNA Chair, Website Contact, PR, Capitol, Muskegon, Northwoods, Westshore
- b. Visitors –

**3. Chair Report - Accepted**

**4. Secretary's Report – Minutes Accepted**

**5. Treasurer's Report – Accepted**

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**MRSCNA Treasurer's  
Report  
5-Jun-11**

	Balance
MRSCNA Bank balance on Jul. 1, 2010	\$4,972.17
MRSCNA Bank balance on Aug. 1, 2010	\$2,614.23
MRSCNA Bank balance on Sep. 1, 2010	\$3,022.24
MRSCNA Bank balance on Oct. 1, 2010	\$3,538.51
MRSCNA Bank balance on Nov. 1, 2010	\$3,935.99
MRSCNA Bank balance on Dec. 1, 2010	\$3,935.99
MRSCNA Bank balance on Jan. 1, 2011	\$2,675.00
MRSCNA Bank balance on Feb. 1, 2011	\$3,216.70
MRSCNA Bank balance on Mar.1, 2011	\$2,907.06
MRSCNA Bank balance on Apr.1, 2011	\$2,907.06
MRSCNA Bank balance on May.1, 2011	\$2,702.69
MRSCNA Bank balance on Jun.1, 2011	\$2,682.58

Deposits/Credits				Credit	Debit	
#	Source	Description	Dep.Date			\$2,831.37
Cash	Heavenly Express	Group Donation	4/4/2011	\$30.00		\$2,861.37
705	SWMASCNA	Area Donation	4/4/2011	\$115.81		\$2,977.18
2812	GGRASCNA	Area Donation	4/4/2011	\$153.00		\$3,130.18
118	WSANA	Area Donation	4/4/2011	\$100.00		\$3,230.18
1272	Saginaw Bay Area	Area Donation	4/4/2011	\$100.53		\$3,330.71
1692	WASCNA	Area Donation	4/4/2011	\$445.79		\$3,776.50
5893	Heavenly Express	Group Donation	5/20/2011	\$30.00		\$3,806.50
2956	CASCNA	Area Donation	5/20/2011	\$16.95		\$3,823.45
2960	CASCNA	Area Donation	5/20/211	\$26.15		\$3,849.60
2821	GGRASCNA	Area Donation	5/23/2011	\$90.00		\$3,939.60
						\$1,108.23

<b>Payments/Debits</b>						
<b>Chk</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Chk.Date</b>	<b>Cleared</b>		<b>\$3,939.60</b>
3888	Chris Blevins	room for meeting	4/3/2011	Y	\$62.11	\$3,877.49
3889	Louise Aguina (MRCNA chair)	room/mileage	4/3/2011	Y	\$107.00	\$3,770.49
3890	Joanie Buono (co-secretary)	room for meeting	4/3/2011	Y	\$30.00	\$3,740.49
3891	Les Pollington (RD)	expenses for MZF	4/3/2011	Y	\$87.26	\$3,653.23
3892	Michelle DeBoer (secretary)	room/mileage	4/3/2011	Y	\$187.95	\$3,465.28
3893	Ryan Marshall (co-treasurer)	mileage	4/3/2011	Y	\$85.00	\$3,380.28
3894	MZF	donation	4/3/2011	Y	\$100.00	\$3,280.28
3895	Fred Schmidt (facilitator)	room/mileage	4/3/2011	Y	\$156.61	\$3,123.67
3896	Al Lemon (treasurer)	room/mileage	4/3/2011	Y	\$182.11	\$2,941.56
3897	NAWS	donation	4/3/2011	Y	\$113.42	\$2,828.14
	bank charge for deposit tickets		4/8/2011	Y	\$62.35	\$2,765.79
	bank charge for printed checks		5/31/2011	Y	\$83.21	\$2,682.58
					<b>\$1,257.02</b>	

Greetings Family:

I have not been able to get with Bob concerning the liability insurance. I may have to get the information from Dave C. and start over again. I have some questions for this body concerning our sales tax license and also the relationship of this body to the Convention Committee, as far as writing checks for their expenses and their accountability to MRSCNA. I'll bring them up under new business.

The current MRSCNA account balance is \$2682.58

The current MRCNA account balance is \$5041.13.

ILS,

Al L.

#### 6. RD Chair -

Hello Family, hope all is well with all of you. Where to begin? First thing I wanted to report was Brian H. having a triple bypass on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Bullet Points

Planning Basics.

Service System Proposals

Living Clean The Journey Continues

World Unity Day

MRCNA Workshop

MZF

We have a new 15 page booklet out called Planning Basics, #2116. If any of you remember we reported after the Conference about the Scanning Process World has been using it for years and we discussed its use in Barcelona. It is discussed in detail in this book and seems like a wonderful tool to use on any level.

The newest updated proposals for the Service System Project is out and just haven't had time to read all that's coming our way but a main highlight is Conference seating going State or National, not Zonal.

The Living Clean Book is out in Approval Draft form and may be purchased for \$8.50. I've had a chance to read about a third of it, and found some great reading. Called MSO and they only had 2 left on Wednesday.

Folks, I'd suggest we get ahead on our reading, because all this will be in the CAR. And the more informed/prepared we can be, the easier it'll make our Regions Conscience.

The World Unity Day is the Sunday closing speaker meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 10am till noon, Pacific Time. There is a \$50 hook up fee and a deadline of August 1<sup>st</sup>.

I know I asked for MRCNA Workshop suggestion from all Areas, but the committee wanted to get the schedule printed up as soon as possible. I was given a list of 9 suggestions from Washtenaw Groups and went with "Confessions of a Coffee Maker". Sounded like a catchy title and that was one of the things we were looking for. We will try to get new comers sharing grateful experiences with service. Hopefully, this may inspire others to do service.

OK, on to the MZF. Started off Friday evening by presenting a workshop titled "What is the MZF"? The original presenters got there late and the power point was not available, but God works in mysterious ways. I think the informal meeting we had was a turning point in my having a more favorable opinion of the MZF. The power point is supposed to be added to our web site soon. I would like to give a detailed description of the evening, but for brevity sakes, I'll report all the gratitude other RD's and RDA's expressed for the support and confidence they received to make there participation at the World Conference more informative and familiar. It enhanced there service so they can do service better. The one thing I've been missing is what a resource we are for each other. So much so that I forgot to put up as a topic to discuss the information I was going to get for us on Project Driven Areas and Regions. I'm in the process of addressing that by discussion board and or e-mails. Sorry that that slipped through on me. There's so much other Regions are doing, like drug courts, Skype hook ups, video cams, Fellowship Development, Rural Development Workshops. I did bring back a profile being used for Rural Area Development for any one wanting to see. Wisconsin is willing to facilitate one if asked.

Saturday we meet from 10 till noon. Kathy B., from Chicagoland, attended by video cam. There were 6 Regions and 12 addicts in attendance. Treasurer reported \$1,179.80 before weekend started. Web contact reported 369 visits from 300 visitors.

## Reports

Chicagoland: GSR Assemblies and a couple Areas disbanding.

Indiana: Set agenda for next MZF at CIACNA. This will be September 16-18 in Indianapolis.

Ohio: Agreed to send representative to next Fellowship Assembly. Reported good attendance of 13 of 14 Areas present at Region and getting prepared to host the CAR in February.

Wisconsin: Discussed at there Region the possibility of pulling out of MZF. Had 4 motions on attendance and donations that were all blocked by one Area and are looking for input from other Regions of how to get around this sort of high jacking in a Consensus Base Body. They will rotate there Region and start doing workshops with the rotation. They are H&I, PI, Activities, and Literature. Sound familiar. It's what others and I think is missing in Michigan. They also reported a Regional Helpline for 17 Areas for only \$175 a month.

UMW: All positions filled and Wes was nominated for HRP again.

Minutes approved and elected J.J. as our Co Facilitator.

There was USSC Workshop that was one of the Retreat Workshops. I had to leave with Wes and missed a good share of it, but don't think they converted anyone, but they did open some mines.

## Sunday

Started with recovery meeting from 8-9, then again from 10-3. 11 in attendance with 6 Regions. Set agenda for Indiana where J.J., who sits on the Service System Project at World with facilitate a workshop on same. Set possible Ohio Car Agenda: Perrysburg, February 10-12.

## Discussion topics

Rural Recovery Workshop: this was a workshop the hosting committee asks the Zone to facilitate. It was scheduled for later in the day and I left as soon as our meeting was over. But did bring back a profile and they are also willing to travel and put one on for us.

Drug Court surveillances: was asking for input on Parole officers sitting outside meetings taking attendance.

Discussed Web Attendance: went from one to two. Big discussion on voting and actual attendance and who and how many could join this way.

Discussed creating a tri fold on what is the MZF.

Discussed Consensus blocking and verbiage. Do we have any input that would help?

Have receipt for donation.

Ending balance after budgets submitted, \$183, very expensive weekend. Now for the hard part, I said I probably wouldn't submit a budget because of it being a bike, camping trip. Well Mother Nature didn't help any and I was forced to change every thing on the fly. If approved, I'm submitting a budget of \$180 for gas, 1,800 miles, \$100 for hotels, \$20 food. A total of \$300.

I think I'll wrap it up with that, ILS. Les P.

PS: IDT's for next Conference Cycle just announced yesterday. I e-blasted them out.

## 7. RDA Report -

Greetings regional family, I'm an addict named Brian

I'm sorry to inform you that I will not be able to attend the regional meeting this month due to an illness that is really becoming an inconvenience to my life! Probably most of you don't realize that last October I had some minor heart surgery and had some minor blockage and a stint was placed in an artery in my heart. Well I had some of the same symptoms occur again a few weeks ago and further test confirmed that I more blockages has occurred and that I will need double or triple bypass. So as Micha is reading this report I am hopefully out of the SICU (surgical intensive care unit) and in a regular hospital room on my way to full recovery.

It is only through the program of NA that has taught me to be responsible enough to listen to my body, seek help through a power greater than myself (close friends and doctors) and have faith that all will be as it is supposed to be.

As you can most likely figure my good friend Les will most likely make the trip to Fargo (the upper Mid-West region) for the Zonal forum on his own and do a fine job. Barring no complications I will be able to help at the convention workshops and also be as interruptive as usual at the regional meeting in August.

I am grateful for all that you have done for me over the last many years that we have served together.

Always of service,

Brian Hughes

PS, no need to worry or visit but if you feel strongly about doing something a card or two would be great, don't forget all contribution can be made directly to me, cash or checks will be fine! Cash is always better, large bill preferably.

Love you all

## 8. MRCNA Report -

Hello Family, My name is Lou and I am a grateful recovering addict. My apologies from the heart, that I am not attending the Regional meeting. I have been really busy with work, school and just closed on a house on Friday. I had every intention to come to regional meeting but Life situations have really taken a toll on Lou. I feel like I need to grow bigger so I can send a little bit of self to the place that need me the most. LOL! Be careful what you pray for because you will get it when you least expect it.

MRCNA 27 is still coming along great. I hope Les has talked to Jennie about the 2 workshops that Region is set to have and I believe that MRCNA of 2012 and 2013 will be held in Shanty Creek. If you have any questions about anything, please e-mail or call.

Hope to see you all at the Convention. God Bless and take care.

In Loving Service,

Chair of MRCNA 27, 2011

Lou A

## 9. Webservant Report – No Report Received

## 10. MSO Representative Report –

Hello Family,

The Michigan Services Office is doing a little better these days. The sales for the last few months are better. We are looking for part time staff member that have food computer skills. If anyone is interested contact Sherry at the MSO. We have been informed by Narcotics Anonymous World Services (NAWS) that there will be a 5% increase in the price of all literature except the Basic Text starting July 1, 2011. The MSO will be raising their prices as of July 12, 2011. The website is <http://store.michigan-na.org>. And has seen an increase in orders from the web store. We are gearing up for MRCNA 27 in Midland. Hope to see everybody in Midland.

New items the MSO will be selling are the Decade Clean (granite) and Decades Clan (Purple) key tags. The MSO Board meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. The MSO office manager is requesting that all areas and the region please provide the names, phone numbers, and addresses of all newly elected trusted servants. The offices receives many phone calls requesting information for services that require staff to get in contact with the various area and region trusted servants.

ILS,  
Chris B

## 11. PR Report –



### **M.R.S.C.N.A.**

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics  
Anonymous

Name: Marianne G

Date: 6/5/11

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Hello Family,

Unfortunately, but fortunately for me if the weather cooperates, I will not be attending Region today due to a prior commitment of a Charity Ride I am participating in. I do, however want to give a report of all the recent activity involving the Sponsorship Behind the Walls Program (SBW).

Thanks to all of you, the SBW program has been getting a great response and has piqued the curiosity of many as well. I have had the recent opportunity to attend a Grand Rapids Speaker Jam in May where they gave me the podium to speak about the program and also attend Washtenaw's Area Meeting to present the info and Starter packets.

Unfortunately with the good, also comes the bad. While contacting the Sponsors assigned to write to some inmates back at the beginning of April, I found that although they did their part, we didn't do ours. Our letters from the PO box were retrieved but never sent to the Sponsors to continue writing. This causes a

breakdown in our program and the timeliness needed for the inmates that are waiting. With that said, this brings me to the open position of Coordinator and the need for that person to live in the vicinity of the PO Box. Otherwise, I would suggest moving the PO Box so that it can be checked regularly and letters sent to the appropriate people. Patti K from the Kalamazoo Area where the current PO box sits, has shared her willingness to be the coordinator for a period of time. She is not only familiar with the program, has access to the PO Box, but also has time available this summer to continue the efforts of growing this program. I would be willing to assist in any capacity needed. I have forwarded the databases to her so that she could take a look at the tools available to help her do the job at hand, if indeed we ask her to become Coordinator.

I have strong feelings that if we as a Region are taking on this program, we have the commitment to see it through. I would recommend we ask for regular updates of the program, and also fund it by providing mileage/costs to present it, postage, supplies, etc.

With the help of addicts in other Areas, we can keep the costs at a minimum and allow presenters to present/orientate members in areas close to their home location or by electronic means. Thanks to Jim B, the Starter Packet appears on the Region's Website now so please go out and take a look at it or point others to the info who request it. When the letters arrive from the PO box today, please make sure that the new coordinator take them so that they can be immediately sent to their assigned Sponsors and if it is NOT Patti K., Please send them back with someone from Washtenaw that is attending the picnic I am speaking at later today and I will continue handling them.

Phone line news is being brought with Fred today. Had a recent conversation with Jeff and we are excited about the progress made in this area.

In loving Service, Marianne G.

## 12. Ad Hoc Reports -

- Phone Line -

Good morning!

We are now in the initial testing phase of the regional phone line system developed for us by Workeasy, Inc. Although it has taken us quite awhile to get to this point, I am optimistic that the speed of this project will increase greatly from this point forth.

Here are the initial steps that will over the next two weeks:

1. I will configure the system to include all 13 areas in the Michigan Region. This will include recording all the menus and submenus for all the areas, and the infoboxes (which is the meeting times and locations feature) for a few of the areas. This will test the functionality of the system's administrative functions.
2. Test the internet and phone control panel interfaces for issues, as to ensure each area can access their own portion of it independently without affecting any other areas' portion of it.
3. Test the live call functionality.

Any issues found during this initial testing period will be reported to Workeasy, so they can resolve them. If no major issues occur during this time period and everything proves to be functional, we'll move into the next phase: group testing.

Group testing will involve multiple people accessing the system as regional and area administrators and as callers. As each success is logged, we'll increase the load on the system, which will include inviting more and more people to test it.

Satisfactory testing results will yield us a system capable of handling a number of calls greater than or equal to the total sum of calls our individual phone lines currently handle, while simultaneously interacting freely with the system at an administrative level.

What I'll need at this time are a list of volunteers to participate in group testing. If you or someone in your area is interested, please e-mail your contact information to me at [jeffandvon@gmail.com](mailto:jeffandvon@gmail.com).

Please be sure to include which area you're with, your availability to test, and whether or not you are likely to be responsible for your area's administrative portion of the system. It has been a long time coming to get to this point. Thank you for your patience with all this! I look forward to what comes next, and I hope you do, too.  
 In loving service,  
 Jeff K

**13. Area Reports**  
**a. Battle Creek Area -**



**M.R.S.C.N.A.**  
 Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous  
 Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Randy M.  
 Date: 6/6/11  
 Area: Battle Creek  
 Area Meeting Location: Maple United Methodist  
 Area Meeting Day / Time: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at noon

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups..... 13  
 Number of Meetings..... 23  
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 1  
 Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected..... \$266.44  
 Region Donation..... None

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	<u>Randy M.</u>		
RCM alt	<u>None</u>		
Area Chair	<u>Dave R.</u>		
Treasurer	<u>Chip V.</u>		
H&I Chair	<u>None</u>		
PI Chair	<u>None</u>		
Activities Chair	<u>Brenda E.</u>		

Yes, we had more donations this month than the last several months combined. We are very close to our Prudent Reserve which is enough to pay our bills for 6 months. I don't have the exact amount, but it will be nice to have some breathing room. The speaker event was a success thanks to our speakers; shout out to Fred S. nice job.

AT&T made some changes to our phone line service and we seem to have things worked out. Our old number still works, but any area that includes our helpline number on their meeting lists needs to change it to 269-969-5106.

Many of our meetings are held at the Fieldstone Center on Washington Ave. This facility will begin renovations soon, and all those meetings will have to relocate. It has not been confirmed if we will be allowed back when they are completed. I will be sending out the new locations as soon as possible. There are 7 meetings and 4 home groups involved.

We have had a home group ask to make a motion to make the Basic Text be made available in E-reader format. I would like some help in writing this motion. Maybe we can talk about it under new business.

In loving service,  
Randy M.

**b. Capitol Area –**

NAME: CHANCE R

DATE: 6-4-11

AREA: CAPITAL AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NA

AREA INFORMATION

NUMBER OF GROUPS.....31

NUMBER OF MEETINGS.....48

NUMBER OF H&I MEETINGS.....4

TOTAL 7TH TRADITION COLLECTED.....GET BACK WITH YOU

REGIONAL DONATION .....DONT HAVE ONE AT THIS TIME

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

RCM: CHANCE R

RCM ALT: DAN

AREA CHAIR: JIM P.

H&I CHAIR: KEN M.

PI CHAIR: NONE

WEB SERVANT: NONE

REPORT

HELLO EVERYONE MY NAME IS CHANCE. SORRY I WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL MEETING THIS MONTH DUE TO MY SON'S GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL. WE ALSO ASK FOR YOUR PRAYER'S FOR BRIAN H.. WE DISCUSSED "BEHIND THE WALL" AND WAS DECIDED A GREAT IDEA. WE WOULD LIKE TO GET ON BOARD. OUR AREA IS STUGGLING FINANCIALLY. THE ANNUAL PIG ROAST PICNIC WAS A SUCCESS SEEING SEVERAL NEWCOMERS HAVING A GREAT TIME. WE STILL STRUGGLE WITH POSITIONS NOT BEING FILLED IN OUR AREA.

THANK YOU

IN LOVING SERVICE,

CHANCE R.

(NEED MINUTE'S MAILED VIA ADDRESS: 1103 1/2 LAKE LANSING RD. LANSING, MI 48906)

**c. Flint Area –**

Flint area had a women's Speaker Jam that was well attended. Our Memorial Day marathon meeting was greatly appreciated by all. The activities chair is planning a softball game for the end of July.

Attendance has suffered due to the nice weather. Meetings are being shuffled, new ones open, existing failed meeting closed.

This will be my last meeting as RCM. I will step down in the spirit of rotation. The path before me leads to group service and sponsorship. It was an honor and privilege to serve as RCMA and RCM.

Thank You, ILS,

Heidi D.

**d. Greater Grand Rapids Area**



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

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

Name: Adam G.  
 Date: 6/6/11  
 Area: GGRASCNA  
 Area Meeting Location: St. Peter & Paul  
 Area Meeting Day / Time: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 pm

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups..... 24  
 Number of Meetings..... 37  
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 3  
 Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected..... \$537  
 Region Donation..... Quarterly (\$90)

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	Adam G		
RCM alt	Tony H.		
Area Chair	Mike K.		
Treasurer	Cat L.		
H&I Chair	Pep V.		
PI Chair	Jeff K.		
Web Servant	Doug H.		
Activities Chair	Fred S.		

Hello Family, I am an addict named Adam G.  
 We have 2 functions coming up, the first being August 6 at Richmond Park (1639 Tamarack NW) and is the "Unity V Free Family Picnic" and will run 9am-9pm. The second is the "7<sup>th</sup> Annual Campout at the Double R Ranch". This will be August 12-14 at 4424 Whites Bridge rd. in Belding. The cost is \$6 per person per night with horseback riding, canoe trip, golfing, available at extra charge. This is also a family and dog friendly event.  
 The 12 tradition speaker jam May 14 went very well with a lot of statewide attendance and a great NA message.  
 Our newly up and running Literature committee saved groups around \$100 last month overall. Our administration positions were open for election last month and were postponed due to several members not being able to attend the meeting. We did have Jeff K. step up and take over the PI chair position for Michael B.  
 Currently our bills are being paid but donations are down and we are running at our bare minimum near prudent reserve. Our quarterly donation has been mailed to Al B. Thanks to Battle Creek for the event last night.  
 ILS, Adam G.

- e. **Greater Muskegon Area** – No Report received
- f. **Livingston County Area** –



**M.R.S.C.N.A.**  
Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous  
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Chris B.  
Date: 6/6/11  
Area: Livingston  
Area Meeting Location: Livingston Alano Club  
Area Meeting Day / Time: 5:30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups..... 17  
Number of Meetings..... 19  
Number of H&I Meetings.....  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected.....  
Region Donation.....

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM <u>Chris B.</u>		
RCM alt <u>Jim S.</u>		
Area Chair <u>Marty I.</u>		
Treasurer <u>Jack B.</u>		
H&I Chair <u>John S.</u>		
PI Chair		
Activities Chair		

We are now in the Livingston County Jail as of April 29. Meetings are going well, been having about 30 to 40 inmates in attendance.

New activity chair Molly B. is planning our annual picnic July 23 at Island recreation area from 11am to 8pm. Please come and join us. We are adding a campout, will have more information next meeting.

ILS,  
Chris B

**g. Northwestern Area -**



**M.R.S.C.N.A.**  
Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous  
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Tim C.

Date: 6/6/11  
 Area: Northwestern  
 Area Meeting Location: 5<sup>th</sup> & Oak St. Traverse City  
 Area Meeting Day / Time: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 4pm

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups.....17  
 Number of Meetings.....36  
 Number of H&I Meetings.....5-7  
 Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected.....\$459.47  
 Region Donation.....\$100

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM <u>Tim C.</u>		
RCM alt <u>Kitty M.</u>		
Area Chair <u>Mike W.</u>		
Treasurer <u>Pat H.</u>		
H&I Chair <u>Dave T.</u>		
PI Chair <u>Michelle E.</u>		
Activities Chair <u>Nichole C.</u>		
Retreat Chair <u>Mike B.</u>		

Greetings from Northwestern Area. Our lasagna dinner, Mini Speaker Jam which many of you attended brought in a profit of \$203.70 which we decided to make a donation to MRCNA as we did not do a fundraiser this year. Our annual retreat NWACNA 15, It's in Tents is set for June 17-19 @ Ranch Rudolph in Traverse City, as of May 27<sup>th</sup> only 6/7 sites have been taken. We are asking that those planning to attend call and make a reservation. The committee will meet every other Sunday until the retreat. They still need help to make it happen. The Just For Today By the Bay Group canceled their Saturday night meeting, however they will host a beach meeting @ Bryant Park in T.C. on Saturday nights @7:30 until Labor Day (weather permitting). Canceled week of NWACNA. The Benzie Group is hosting a picnic on June 25<sup>th</sup> @ Betsie Pointe. The New Freedom Group from Cadillac is hosting a Picnic/Speaker Meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in July @ Kentwood Park. Lots of fun things are happening this time of year. H&I and PI are in need if support, struggling to keep things going. We seem to be struggling with getting people involved in service from the group level on down. Attendance @ meetings also seems to be down lately. Kitty and I are working on a service pamphlet for our area to encourage addicts to get involved. Sorry I can't be there with you all but I am having hip surgery on Tuesday. I hope to see you all in August. Thanks for listening. Tim C.

- h. Northwoods Area - No Report Received
- i. Saginaw Bay Area -

**SAGINAW BAY AREA**



**M.R.S.C.N.A.**  
**Michigan Regional Service Committee**  
**of Narcotics Anonymous**  
**Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report**

Name: Willard Y. (RCM)  
 Date: June 05, 2011

Area: Saginaw Bay @ SBASCNA, P.O. Box 51, Bay City MI. 48707-0051

Area Meeting Location: New Life Church of the Nazarene-1278 S. Center Rd- Saginaw, MI 48638

Area Meeting Day/Time: Saturday, June 25, 2011 @ 1:30pm

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups..... 48  
Number of Meetings..... 66  
Number of H&I Meetings.....10  
Total March/April Donations: .....\$ 597.94  
Region Donation.....\$ 52.54

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM	Willard Y.		
RCM Alt	Open		
Area Chair	Jason G.		
Literature Chair	Tom H. (Ad Hoc)		
PR Chair	Tim R.		
Web Servant	Bryan H.		
Activities Chair	Brett K.		

**SBASCNA Updates:**

The Saginaw Bay Area Service Committee Of Narcotics Anonymous serves 13 counties: 1) Arenac, 2) Bay, 3) Clare, 4) Gladwin, 5) Gratiot, 6) Huron, 7) Iosco, 8) Isabella, 9) Midland, 10) Ogemaw, 11) Roscommon, 12) Saginaw, and 13) Tuscola. **Only 17 of our 48 groups (35%) participated at our May, 2011 ASC meeting.**

Administrative positions have trusted servants except for Co-chair & Alternate RCM ... both positions received nominations to be taken back to the groups for approval. Active Area Subcommittees include Retreat, Public Relations (includes H&I and Public Information), Literature (with Ad Hoc Chair) and Activities. 20+ SBASCNA members are active MRCNA 27 participants. **On May 21, 2011 our Treasurer reported an ending balance of \$1,988.14 (April, 2011 balance: \$2,375.79).**

**Pending Area motion: To change the SBASCNA Guidelines to allow a Service Subcommittee Chairperson to serve more than one consecutive term in an elected position.** Intent: Utilize the experience gained in the first year of service to further the service commitment to carry the message to the still suffering addict.

Details for the MRSCNA meeting on August 7 (and activities on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>) that be hosted by SBASCNA are incomplete. **We are exploring the possible use of Valley Plaza in Midland (site of MRCNA 27) for both days and will distribute a flyer as soon as practical.**

My thanks to Les P., our RD, for providing (via email) The May 2011 NAWS Update - WCNA News. SBASCNA groups were provided with copies of Regional Proposals for the CAR and the discussion regarding the US Fellowship Assembly and Fellowship Copyrights, in addition to the attachment entitled, **Narcotics Anonymous Copyrights & Literature ... a terrific article detailing the history of the Basic Text.**

**Upcoming Area Activities:**

**Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am: Literature Sub-Committee Meeting at St. Alban's Church, Bay City.**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm - Public Relations Subcommittee Meeting at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2206 Airfield Lane in Midland.**

**Saturday, June 25 @ 1:30pm: SBASCNA Meeting at the New Life Church of the Nazarene at 1278 S. Center Rd in Saginaw.**

**Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>: MRCNA 27 at the Valley Plaza Resort on Bay City Rd. in Midland.**

**Literature Committee:**

We currently have three group starter kits available. The attached correspondence (see attached) from the Living Clean Project – The Journey Continues link updating the project is found in the [www.na.org](http://www.na.org) website under the 'What's New' link on the home page.

Instructions to download the approved Book Draft are found in the Living Clean Project – The Journey Continues link for Subcommittee review. The approved Book Draft review period is from April 2011 through April 2012 (or through our Region voting timeline). This pdf Document is protected and cannot be printed, cut and pasted or any notations made on it. Hard copies can be purchased for \$8.50. It is requested that two hard copies be made available to the Subcommittee using Area funds. This will enable the Subcommittee to make notations regarding the content of the literature as we progress through the readings and present the review findings and provide updated feedback at Area Meetings. The book drafts will be returned to the Area upon completion of the review process for storage and future reference. ILS Tom H.

**Retreat Committee:**

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual retreat was – once again – a smashing success. The final body count was 104. That's compared to last year's count of 122. And that's of a total 135 spots. We do not know whether the change in the week to one week after Mother's Day – the retreat's traditional date – or the economy affected the number of people attending. We plan to continue holding it at its new time next year.

We have not had our final meeting yet – so the finances & an area donation will be covered at the next month's area meeting. Will also nominate a chairperson for next year. ILS, Patti B.

**Public Relations Committee:**

- Phone line is getting almost 3 times the calls we were getting before the PSA's were being shown.
- Working to get an updated list of current Phone line Volunteers.
- Discussed getting informational booklets and possibly scheduling another Phone line Training session when we get enough volunteers.
- Discussed all H&I meetings; everything is well at this time.
- PI Discussion on meeting lists and contact people for different groups: this is important as it seems some groups want to call their meetings H&I when they are not following guidelines.
- And with that a little good news, I did not spend any of my prudent reserve this month so I'm not asking area for any money this month. ILS Tim R

**ILS, Willard Y.**

j. **Southern Mid-Michigan Area** -



**M.R.S.C.N.A.**  
Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous  
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Guy R.  
Date: 6/6/11  
Area: Southern Mid  
Area Meeting Location: Varies  
Area Meeting Day / Time: Varies

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups..... 9  
Number of Meetings..... 19  
Number of H&I Meetings..... 6  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected.....  
Region Donation.....

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	Guy R.		
RCM alt			
Area Chair			
Treasurer			
H&I Chair			
PI Chair			
Activities Chair			
Retreat Chair			

Look for Labor Day retreat info on Michigan-na site.

k. **Southwest Michigan Area** - No Report Received

l. **Washtenaw Area** -



**M.R.S.C.N.A.**  
Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous  
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Frank D.  
Date: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Area: Washtenaw

Area Meeting Location: Peace Neighborhood Center, 1111 N. Maple St., Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
Area Meeting Day / Time: 5:00 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

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AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups.....	<u>22</u>
Number of Meetings.....	<u>27</u>
Number of H&I Meetings.....	<u>11</u>
Total 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected.....	<u>\$440.25</u>
Region Donation.....	<u>\$47.00</u>

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

RCM: _____	Frank D.
RCM-Alt.: _____	Brittany G.
Area Chair: _____	Ben D.
Activities: _____	Natalie H.
PR Chair: _____	Thomas J.
Web Servant: _____	Rick D.


REPORT:

- Two ASC meetings have been held since the last Region. Elections were held in April for co-secretary and the position was filled however, in May our Area secretary resigned.
  - GSR's came up with quite a few MRCNA workshop suggestions. We are excited to see what the end result will be.
  - We added "Monday Night Recovery" to our meeting list. This was an already existing meeting in the Brighton Area, but when the GSR came to our ASC meeting in both April and May. They claimed that the Livingston Area would not accept the group as part of their area.
  - Marianne G. gave a great presentation to our ASC regarding the Sponsorship Behind the Walls Program. It was not only interesting but also informative and helpful. Thanks Marianne!
  - Recently there has been some confusion with our members in terms of our consensus process and the reasoning behind it. There was a suggestion to amend our LGS for greater clarification. A workshop was held June 1<sup>st</sup>; we will be discussing how that went during our June ASC. It has also been suggested that we bring back written motions; discussion on this topic will continue.
  - Our new activities chair and her committee held their first event May 14<sup>th</sup> yet sadly only eight members of our Area were in attendance. We are open to suggestions as to how to hold cheaper activities while simultaneously increasing participation.
  - Our Area's 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donation for the months of April and May was lower than they were for the previous two months. We are wondering if anyone has an idea of how to boost donations, as Flint had mentioned doing recently.
- Frank D. and Brittany G.

**m. Westshore Area** – No Report Received

**14. Old Business**

- Email Blast – Use Blind Carbon Copy (BCC) to do an email blast, any more questions contact Jim B. Les wants to know if we can utilize the Michigan Website to eblast, that way if someone's email gets hacked we won't all get spam emails.
- SBW Facilitator – Patti K. was nominated for this position, she accepted. It was discussed that since it is an ad-hoc, that the facilitator appoints this position. Patti K. was appointed to the facilitator position.
- SBW funding – What should we fund for this program? Willard suggested we let Patti start to figure out the program, and then come back next regional with expense recommendations. We will reimburse Patti for mileage if she needs it.

## 15. New Business

- IDT's this year can now be found at na.org, and Les e-blasted them out. NAWs decided to instead do the IDT's on already made IP's for feedback this cycle.
- Sales tax license for 2007 has expired. – Al has called the Michigan Department of Treasury, we are delinquent since 2008, and our account is not in good standing. If we are using outside vendors we just have to let them know. Al believes that is not the case, and everything we sold in the last few years needs to be paid back. We may have to pay penalties as well. More information will be coming hopefully, as Al emailed the accountant all this information and they will hopefully respond soon. Based on VERY rough estimates, we could owe \$300-400 per year (~\$1600), plus penalties, plus accountant fees. Adam mentioned that for regular businesses it can be fees of 25% & 30%. Willard wondered if non-profit could acquire a waiver on sales tax, we do get waived on paying sales tax when we BUY stuff, but if we SELL it, sales tax is required. Dave C. brought up that we would also need to take into account merchandise sold in other states as they have different sales tax rates. Will the money come out of our account or MRCNA's account?? Because this is all for merchandise that MRCNA sold.
- Al is wondering why MRCNA needs to ask this committee for checks. It was probably done for accountability, but it has caused even less accountability because they are just paying cash. Les suggested we wait until Brian H. can give some insight into why we switched in the first place. MRCNA guidelines are currently being revised. But the approval won't come until the October regional meeting. Al should be receiving MONTHLY reports on their expenses. Fred said he is willing to show up to the next MRCNA meeting and tell them that they need to start to follow the guidelines. Instead, they will attend the August MRCNA meeting as it is too late to really enforce anything for this MRCNA in just a few weeks. We need to make sure that along with these new guidelines, we need to *enforce* them.

## 16. Please discuss at your business meeting

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## 17. Upcoming Regional Meeting information

- August – Regional will be hosted by Saginaw Bay on August 7<sup>th</sup>. More information will be emailed ASAP.
- October – Regional will be hosted by Southern-Mid Michigan on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. More information at next Regional.

## 18. Meeting closed at 1:00pm

ILS,  
Micha D.