

# MRSCNA Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2009

*Hosted by Southwestern Area*

## 1. Opening

- a. Patty K. opened the meeting at 9:00am 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 – Battle Creek Area, Greater Muskegon Area
- b. Visitors – Lisa D., James M., Chance G.

## 3. Chair Report

No report

## 4. Secretary's Report - Accepted

## 5. Treasurer's Report – Accepted

				Credit	Debit	Balance
MRSCNA Jun. 2009 Report						\$3,117.73
Deposits/Credits						
Check						
#	Source	Description	Dep.Date			\$3,117.73
1157	Saginaw Bay ASC	Area Donation	8/3/2009	\$300.48		\$3,418.21
1644	Washtenaw Area	Area Donation	8/3/2009	\$366.33		\$3,784.54
1204	NWMASCNA	Area Donation	8/3/2009	\$200.00		\$3,984.54
2641	GGRASCNA	Area Donation	8/3/2009	\$126.22		\$4,110.76
cash	GMASCNA	Area Donation	8/3/2009	\$20.00		\$4,130.76
3103	Flint ASC	Area Donation	8/3/2009	\$39.00		\$4,169.76
3106	Flint ASC	Area Donation	8/3/2009	\$10.00		\$4,179.76
	Battle Creek NA	Area Donation	8/3/2009	\$10.00		\$4,189.76
286	North Woods Area	Area Donation	8/17/2009	\$50.00		\$4,239.76
2891	CASCNA	Area Donation	8/17/2009	\$19.80		\$4,259.56
3088	Flint ASC	Area Donation	8/17/2009	\$30.00		\$4,289.56
	Flint ASC	Area Donation	8/17/2009	\$44.58		\$4,334.14
				\$1,216.41		
Payments/Debits						
Check						
#	Source	Mileage	Chk.Date	Cleared		\$4,334.14
3815	Chris B.(MSO Rep.)	Mileage	8/2/2009	Y	\$36.00	\$4,298.14
3816	Patti K.	Mileage	8/2/2009	Y	\$62.00	\$4,236.14
3817	Dave H.	Mileage and lodging	8/2/2009	Y	\$129.59	\$4,106.55
3818	Marybeth G.	Mileage	8/2/2009	Y	\$99.60	\$4,006.95
3819	Dave T.	Mileage and lodging	8/2/2009	N	\$108.64	\$3,898.31
3820	Sienna Heights	Rent	8/2/2009	Y	\$50.00	\$3,848.31

	University					
3822	State of Michigan	Non-profit Filing fee	9/18/2009	N	\$20.00	\$3,828.31
3823	Alan R. Wazny	2008 accounting services	10/4/2009	N	\$1,115.00	\$2,713.31
					\$1,620.83	

Discussion on whether there should be another signer for the MRCNA account. Motion to discuss under new business.

Request for a mailing address for Regional donations when Area is not represented at MRSCNA Meeting. Treasurer's address to be used.

## 6. RD Report – Accepted

*We, the Convention Committee for the Area #3 of Iran Region, are reaching out to the fellowship outside our country. Area 3 is one of ten areas that make up the Iran Region and is comprised of three Iranian states; Tehran, Ghazveen and Semnan.*

*On Thursday October 22nd 2009, we are holding a convention and expect about 40,000 addicts to participate. Ideally, we would have loved to invite some speakers and other participants from outside Iran. Unfortunately due to our present political climate and restrictions on obtaining visas, we are unable to do so. As a result and in the spirit of unity and love, we have decided to reach out to other NA communities and ask them for their support in the form of messages that could be sent to us via email. We would then read these messages during our convention and have a geographical countdown of the participating NA communities. We feel this is the best alternative available to us considering our circumstances.*

*So we humbly ask you to participate in our effort to make us feel like a part of the worldwide fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. You can contact the convention committee using the following information: committee chair : Mahmoud Ch.*

*email address: [magicxch@yahoo.com](mailto:magicxch@yahoo.com)*

*We thank you in advance for all your efforts in propagating this message throughout the fellowship and any responses that you may send us. Please note that the deadline for this campaign is October 15th.*

*Love*

*Mahmoud*

*Convention Committee Chair for Area 3 of Iran Region*

## 7. RDA Report – Accepted

### RDA Report

Greetings Family, hope all is well with each and every one of you. First off, I'd like to thank South West Area for inviting me to face my worse fears and do an open talk last night. Since this is written before the talk, I'm not sure how sorry they are about it now, but thanks anyhow.

It may seem early to bring it up, but we should start thinking about the CAR in February, and the Conference in April. Time has a habit of slipping by on us. Dave and I will discuss any financial business that may need to be put on the agenda.

Other than that, it's been a pretty uneventful two month interim. Nothing more report on.

Love you all, Les.

## 8. MRCNA Report – Accepted

Hello Family,

We are three months into planning for the 2010 MRCNA. We are excited and have generated a great deal of enthusiasm thus far. Every subcommittee chair and most co-chairs are filled. The necessary subcommittees have a good number of committee members. We meet every third Sunday of the month at Valley Plaza. 11:00am subcommittee 12:30 planning meeting. We are trying some very difficult hopefully innovative approaches to things such as an extra few dollars to each registration that will include entertainment for everyone at the convention. 800 people x \$5.00 as an extra \$4000 revenue right off the top. Maybe a BBQ style banquet with three entrée choices and salad bar at a reduced rate to get more people involved. Larger numbers of people create more unity participation and a sense of togetherness and belonging.

I've been pressing to get budgets submitted and we haven't decided on a theme or a logo yet. I would like to thank the Regional Treasurer for attending the planning meeting two months ago but there is still a great deal of confusion and lack of clarity as to how subcommittees go about getting operational funding. Like to request some assistance in that area today.

We have a few groups of people who are de3dicated to faithful service to this body and I'd hate to see any of them get discouraged lest problems of money property of prestige divert them from our primary purpose, which is to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

Notes: Convention guidelines not lining up with other regional adhoc committees to help refresh current guidelines.

October 10<sup>th</sup> fundraiser valley plaza horseshoe tournament 1:00pm, 5:pm potluck. Comedian @ 8 right after speaker.

- Concerns voiced about entertainment costs. The entertainment lost a considerable amount of money last year and this body is concerned that this not happen again this year. Entertainer will be a comedian, and the MRCNA Treasurer will be very mindful of entertainment costs.
- Will there be an increase in registration costs?
- Concern about ambiguity of guidelines for both MRCNA and MRSCNA.

## **9. Webservant Report - Accepted**

### Regional Webservant Report 4Oct09

This has been the most distressing 2 months since I became webservant. Our site was offline for 24 hours, then restored inaccurately, then we could not update or edit the site for 2 weeks, and throughout this time we were mostly unable to reach the host company or their responses were untrue and inaccurate. Details:

Sept 14 – host company server failed, statewide NA website system went offline, and I got emails from multiple sources

Sept 15 – site restored from backup by host company, backup is over a week out of date (from ~Sept 7), and so recent updates were lost. I sent out email to everyone that everything was OK but was soon disappointed

Sept 16-30 – I tried to contact web host company reps with little success. I was given inaccurate information by their CSR's several times. Finally I sent an email to a tech administrator of theirs. He told me the server our sites were on was "out of date" and he wanted to "migrate" the sites to another machine. I did not get any accurate info about how long we would have to wait for updating access. Finally the site was available on Wed Sept 30. We all soon discovered that our problems weren't over. The fix at the host had eliminated ALL THE USERNAMES AND PASSWORDS BUT MINE!

Sept 30 – Oct 2 – I had to teach myself how to create new usernames and passwords for all webservants in Michigan, fortunately I was able to share this chore with Jeff S. the new Metro Detroit Regional webservant. Statewide sites were finally restored and available to update.

Jeff and I have discussed the issues revealed by this problem. We believe the host company should be dropped and Michigan NA should purchase web host and domain name services from a national provider with proven customer support ratings. This would solve several problems:

- 1) Modern, up-to-date equipment would be available with first rate back up and restoration of the sites. Industry standard is that server failures are restored within minutes or hours, not days or weeks.
- 2) Prompt and truthful customer support can be expected. Several of the companies we have checked out are rated excellent in CSR response
- 3) Ease of use and free software for updating
- 4) LOW COST. We've found that the entire Michigan NA web system can be hosted for less than \$200 per year. MSO Manager has stated the office is prepared to cover the cost of web host and domain name services (per previous Regional and MSO Board action)

Consequently I submit a motion that the Michigan Region authorizes moving the web host services from i2k to another company to be determined by agreement of the MRSCNA and MDRSCNA webservants, and MSO manager.

I am also moving that Region authorize me and Jeff to install and test the BMLT (basic meeting list toolbox). MDRSCNA has already authorized installation and testing. This web system software was developed and offered for free by NA members to provide a better meet search tool on websites. I am displaying an example of how it works here at the Regional meeting. Jeff and I have agreed we would not change any current meeting list information until we can test and demonstrate to the two regions that the tool will work for Michigan NA. After deployment of the toolbox any Area who wants to stay with their current static meeting list display would be free to do so.

I am ready to install the pages for the new Westshore Area. We (their webservant and I) hope to accomplish installation today and their site should be available to view this evening.

Region has chosen to keep personal email addresses and phone numbers off the website. This is because personal info is associated with Narcotics Anonymous in Google and other searches. If an individual gets into trouble this can cast a shadow on NA in public. AND if an employer or bank does a Google search on an individual they may find out about that person's participation in NA and create an unintended problem for them.

SO.....I'm asking the RCM's to bring this matter up in their Area meetings to see if they will remove personal email addresses and phone numbers from their sites and any documents in their web folder.

In service, Jim B

**10. MSO Representative Report**

Hello Family

Things at the MSO Office are moving very slowly. Hopefully by now they are online and are selling supplies. It has been a slow moving process, but it is going in the right direction. We are getting ready for Metro Detroit Convention Thanksgivings Weekend downtown Detroit. Please come and join us. Other than that not much else to report on.

In loving service,

Chris B.

<http://store.michigan-na.org>

**11. PR Report**

Nothing new to report at this time. Other than that, Wanda from Flint area called and left a message that a person from the media was looking for info that she provided...she would connect with this body if she needed further help. Washtenaw also connected about an issue.

**12. Regional Inventory Ad Hoc Committee Report**

## Regional Inventory

RCM's may decide to send this to home groups in their Areas or simply answer the questions themselves using the 1 - 5 scale such as:

1. Not at all 2. Needs Improvement 3. Adequate 4. Outstanding 5. Excellent

When the numbers are totaled for each question, the Region can see what most needs improvement, and what is working well.

### How well does the Region serve the Areas?

How well does the region communicate with areas? \_\_\_\_\_ -

How well does the region respond to the needs of areas? \_\_\_\_\_

How well is the region managing the funds entrusted to it? \_\_\_\_\_

How well does the region mentor its trusted servants? \_\_\_\_\_

How well does the region encourage areas to ask for help? \_\_\_\_\_

How well does the region assist areas with public relations issues? \_\_\_\_\_

How well does the region foster communications with areas? \_\_\_\_\_

How well do RCM's improve that communication? \_\_\_\_\_

How well does region assist areas in outreach? \_\_\_\_\_

The following questions are to be answered in a paragraph or two.

What function does region provide other than putting on a convention?

Should the convention be held on a holiday weekend?

How can the region improve the way information is passed on to areas?

Should the regional meetings be held quarterly rather than bi-monthly?

Should the regional body host more workshops/learning days?

What suggestions/solutions do you have?

## For the Home Group Member

What is the regional body's primary function?

How well are you informed of regional activity?

How well does information flow from areas to home groups?

How well does the regional body serve the areas?

### **13. Area Reports**

a. Capitol Area



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

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Name: ..... Pablo P

Date: ..... 10/4/09

Area: ..... Capitol

Area Meeting Location: ..... St. Lawrence Board Rm 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Area Meeting Day / Time: ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday/Month

### AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 34

Number of Meetings..... 42

Number of H&I Meetings..... 10/month

Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected..... \_\_\_\_\_

Region Donation..... \_\_\_\_\_

### AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	<u>Pablo P.</u>		
RCM alt	<u>Mari Martinez</u>		
Area Chair	<u>Jim P.</u>		
H&I Chair	_____		
PI Chair	_____		

Web Servant James McKenna



Greetings Family,

I have invited two new people here today. Mori is the RCMA and James wants to help with the website. He is the Area Webmaster. We have a 70s costume dance on Halloween night. We have asked Les to speak.

Our meeting number is in flux at this time despite my bringing it up at every area. I have not received any feed back on any of the things I have brought from this body.

H&I, PI did produce some discussion but since those positions are unfilled did not go anywhere.

We have lost Deerfield H&I due to the facility closing. The Revendale Facility would like us to increase the # of meetings but without a chair it is all we can do to maintain what we have now.

The men's side of the jail is filled every Sunday. The women's side is a little sporadic.

Did the treasurer get a donation from us? (yes) Last month we went over our prudent reserve for the first time in over a year.

In loving service,

Capitol Area RCM

**b. Flint Area**



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

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

Name: Ron Winters

Date: 10/4/09

Area: Flint

Area Meeting Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Area Meeting Day / Time: Last Sun/month @ 1pm

### **AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups..... 38

Number of Meetings..... 58

Number of H&I Meetings..... 11

Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected..... \_\_\_\_\_

Region Donation..... \_\_\_\_\_

### **AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM	Ron Winters		
RCM alt	Heidi Dayringer		
Area Chair	Kip Peck		
Treasurer	Pam Hamilton		
H&I Chair	Ben		
PI Chair			
Web Servant	Gary Reed		

c. Greater Grand Rapids Area



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

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

Name: Ryan Marshall  
Date: 10/4/09  
Area: Greater Grand Rapids  
Area Meeting Location: Faith Lutheran Church  
Area Meeting Day / Time: Wednesday @ 7pm

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups..... 11  
Number of Meetings..... 31  
Number of H&I Meetings..... 5  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected..... \_\_\_\_\_  
Region Donation..... \$100

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM	Ryan Marshall		
RCM alt	open.		
Area Chair	Fred S.		
Treasurer	Cat L.		
H&I Chair	Terrance W.		
PI Chair	Michael Bos		
Web Servant			

Dear Region,

Our area is doing really well! W finally filled some much needed service positions when we held elections last month. We got a new secretary and activities person. We still have some positions open that we are trying to fill. We have a regional donation of \$100 to give today. I also had some people with concerns of what's going on with the phone line? We need an H&I workshop in Grand Rapids. Our H&I is struggling a little bit. Maybe we could also do a PI workshop with it as well? Other than this our area is doing very well. I am very grateful for this opportunity to be of service.

**d. Greater Muskegon Area**

n/a

**e. Livingston County Area**



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

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Name: ..... Chris B

Date: ..... 10/4/09

Area: ..... Livingston

Area Meeting Location: ..... Livingston County Alano Club

Area Meeting Day / Time: ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday/Month 5:30 pm

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**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups..... 11

Number of Meetings..... 11

Number of H&I Meetings..... 14/month

Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected..... n/a

Region Donation..... n/a

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM <u>Rob B</u>		
RCM alt _____		
Area Chair _____		
H&I Chair _____		
PI Chair _____		
Web Servant <u>Chris B</u>		

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New Meeting Wednesday @ noon in basement of Livingston County Alano Club, 5754 Whitmore Lake Rd, Brighton, MI 48116

**f. Northwestern Area**



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

Name: ..... Tim C

Date: ..... 10/4/09

Area: ..... Northwestern

Area Meeting Location: ..... 5<sup>th</sup> and Oak, Traverse City

Area Meeting Day / Time: ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 4pm

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**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups..... 14 + 1 homeless group

Number of Meetings..... 36/wk

Number of H&I Meetings..... 4 - 6

Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected..... ?

Region Donation..... 0

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	Tim Carlisle		
RCM alt	Guy R.		
Area Chair	Jake T.		
H&I Chair	Zack		
PI Chair	Ben E.		
Web Servant	James B.		
Retreat Chair	John W.		

Hello Everybody. I'm an addict named Tim C.. I was elected the RCM @ our ASC elections in August as of September. We have filled all of our positions except for Co-Treasurer. Things seemed to have calmed down in our area after things became somewhat heated due to the Living Clean Group losing their meeting place. The living Clean Group has a new location and three new groups were formed. # more groups means more opportunities for service. Addicts are being encouraged to get involved with the new groups. We have more addicts attending our meetings than ever before but not many more doing service H& I and PI continue to struggle. Area donations from groups are down. Our new Activities Chair Cathy T. has been working hard and has 3 activities planned for October, a color tour/nature hike on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Pumpkin Carving and Corn Maze on the 24<sup>th</sup> and a Halloween Dance on the 31<sup>st</sup>. This should help promote some unity. Recovery remains strong in our area. Thanks for letting me serve, Tim C.

**g. Northwoods Area**



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

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Name: ..... Jim Clifford

Date: ..... 10/4/09

Area: ..... Northwoods

Area Meeting Location: ..... Rotating

Area Meeting Day / Time: ..... 3rd Sunday/5:00

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups..... 5

Number of Meetings..... 23

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

Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected..... unknown

Region Donation..... \$50

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	Jim Clifford		
RCM alt	open		
Area Chair	Mike		
Treasurer	Gene		
H&I Chair	James		
PI Chair	Robert		
Web Servant	Mike		

Hi Family, good to be here clean and serving the fellowship. Northwood's area is struggling but still serving the groups to the best of our ability. Our last campout was a success even though we had less than 50 addicts attending. We are currently sending a motion to the groups to conduct area with full consensus and no tie breaker w/any motion allowed to be sent back to groups. Time will tell if the groups agree and will allow us to follow what some believe is the spiritual principle of "Group Conscience and full participation in that conscience". Other than that I have no more to share.

Yours in fellowship and service,  
Jim Clifford

**h. Saginaw Bay Area**



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

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Name: .....     Matt F.    

Date: .....     10/4/09    

Area: .....     Sag Bay City & Midland    

Area Meeting Day / Time: .....     4<sup>th</sup> Sat/month    

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**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups.....     36    

Number of Meetings.....     21    

Number of H&I Meetings.....     3    

Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected.....     \$523.00??    

Region Donation.....     \$176.20    

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	<u>    Matthew D Fair    </u>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
RCM alt	<u>    M.W.B.R.    </u>		
Area Chair	<u>    Rob M.    </u>		
H&I Chair	<u>    Steve M.    </u>		
PI Chair	<u>    M.W.B.R.    </u>		
Web Servant	<u>                                    </u>		

We've combined H&I, PI, and Phone Line  
 Still disunited between Bay City and Saginaw. We are working towards trying to find resolution  
 but yet to find any. Suggestions please.  
 Grateful to be of loving service,  
 Matt F.

i. **Southern Mid-Michigan Area**



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

Name: ..... Marianne G.  
 Date: ..... 10/4/09  
 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..... 10  
 Number of Meetings..... 17  
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 9  
 Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected..... ?  
 Region Donation..... \$150.00

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
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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.

Hello Family,

We held our Area business meeting last Saturday and discussed the following:

- Lack of Unity – Members are not supporting our Area’s events and meetings. Adrian members reported that there has been a lot of relapsing of late and that sometimes the only members showing at meetings are those who just came back or those with little clean time. Area and group members shared their experience, strength and hope: making a commitment to support those meetings struggling especially, and attending business meetings of those groups when possible. Also to attend the Washtenaw Unity event so that other Areas can share their experience with us too.
- Upcoming events of our Area: Bonfire potluck at Linda S. Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, Unity Day speaker at Washtenaw Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, Halloween chili potluck and hayride Oct 24<sup>th</sup>.
- H&I has been having issues with lack of members participating, liaisons not doing their duties, etc. This has been spoken about and resolved for the time being. Members with experience shared that they feel it is better to not go in than to go in and do it wrong. We end up giving NA a bad name.

**j. 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: October 4, 2009  
 Area: Southwestern Michigan

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

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups.....	37
Number of Meetings.....	75
Number of H&I Meetings.....	12
Total 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected.....	1140.00
Region Donation.....	200.00

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM	Al L.		
RCM alt	Dave W.		
Area Chair	Eric S.		
Treasurer	Todd L.		
H&I Chair	Al L.		
PI Chair	Benium J.		
Web Servant	Jim B.		kascna@michigan-na.org

Hello family. Our Area meetings were held on August 23, and September 27, 2009 in Buchanan, MI.

Our elections for trusted Area servants will be held in October. We are fortunate to have addicts with the willingness to serve in all positions, although few of them will be contested.

We are pleased that we have been able to get our checking account balance above our prudent reserve, and that we are able to make a donation of \$200.00 to the Region this meeting.

I included the proposal to produce PSAs and accompanying estimate of cost in my report to the Area, but there has not been enough time for home groups to get the information and discuss their views on this subject.

The issue of the Narcotics Anonymous name on a facility sign that I included in my last report has been addressed by the home groups that meet at the facility, but the facility has refused to remove our name from the sign. Perhaps more will be revealed in the future.

We are grateful for the opportunity to host the Regional meeting here in Kalamazoo and hope that everyone enjoyed the fundraiser last night.

In Loving Service,

Al L.

**k. Washtenaw Area**



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

Name: ..... James East

Date: ..... 10/4/09

Area: ..... Washtenaw

Area Meeting Location: ..... Ann Arbor

Area Meeting Day / Time: ..... 2nd Sun/month @ 5pm

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups..... 5

Number of Meetings..... 24

Number of H&I Meetings..... 5

Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected..... \_\_\_\_\_

Region Donation..... \$179.69

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM			
RCM alt	<u>James East</u>		
Area Chair			
H&I Chair			
PI Chair			
Web Servant			

Hello Everyone, I am an addict named Jim from Washtenaw Area.

I am not prepared for this and am in the process of learning how this works. The RCM could not make it and was put in my lap not long ago. So I am throwing this together.

I am not sure on how much money was brought in the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition as I did not bring or print area minutes but Washtenaw area has \$179.69 to donate to region. We are below prudent reserve.

We have about a dozen IP racks being checked and filled in throughout Washtenaw Area.

We have 5 H&I meetings weekly and are doing good.

All our service positions are full.

We are in the working on putting anybody who gives an open talk on the web, if a consent form is signed.

We are having a "Unity Throughout Michigan Oct 17, 2009 starts at 7pm. There will be speakers from neighboring areas with dance following.

Thanks for letting me be of service

Jim E.

**I. Westshore Area**



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

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

Name: Lizzie S.

Date: 10/4/09

Area: Westshore

Area Meeting Location: Manna Church, 9<sup>th</sup> and Central

Area Meeting Day / Time: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun/month @ 4:30pm

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups.....	<u>5</u>
Number of Meetings.....	<u>12</u>
Number of H&I Meetings.....	<u>0</u>
Total 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected.....	<u>n/a</u>
Region Donation.....	<u>0</u>

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM	<u>Michelle D.</u>		
RCM alt	<u>Sandy P</u>		
Area Chair	<u>Jeff S.</u>		
H&I Chair	<u>Chris D.</u>		
PI Chair	<u>Dave G.</u>		
Web Servant	<u>Nick S.</u>		

Greetings Family,

Westshore Area continues to thrive. All service positions remain filled. Our Treasury is growing and we anticipate that it will not be long before we will be able to make a Regional donation. Our Annual Retreat was a great success. Through an Area Scholarship program, we were able to provide the Retreat experience to two addicts, and one of our groups, Road to Recovery, was able to provide funds to send 4 home group members.

Our next event will be our October 30<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party followed by our Annual Gratitude Dinner (formerly a Road to Recovery event) which will be held the Friday after Thanksgiving. We provide a gorgeous free thanksgiving dinner for our NA family followed by a gratitude meeting.

Nothing else to report as things are going well in our newly established area.

ILS,

Lizzie S.

#### **14. Old Business**

**a.** PSA's – NAWS has responded that due to increasing cost of technology, perhaps this is a task that should be undertaken by regions.

- The R&R committee has pledged \$1000 to the production costs of PSAs under the stipulation that the monies be used within six months.
- Copyright to be held by Narcotics Anonymous
- Can be done for significantly cheaper? Local actors willing to donate time? Public access networks with free rental of equipment?
- Metro-Detroit Region has pledged to cover half of \$4000 cost for 4 PSAs
- Motion to commit \$1000 of MRSCNA funds to get this done by February. (Treasurer noted that the region is below prudent reserve)
- MOTION PASSED – PSAs WILL BE PRODUCED BY FEBRUARY

**b.** Alternate Webservant position

Dear Family,

I am submitting this letter of willingness to be Alternate Webservant .

I will celebrate over 4 years of clean time and have a sponsor and am working the steps with him. I have been the Webmaster for Capital Area for the last year and am willing to work with the current Webservant to help in any way that will support region.

In Loving Service

James M.  
Capital Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous  
Webmaster  
RD, RDA to take request for funds to MZF.

#### **15. New Business**

**a.** Additional signers on two MRSCNA accounts?

- Additional signers on MRCNA account? Currently MRSCNA Treasurer and MRSCNA Treasurer onto MRCNA account?  
Additional signer on MRSCNA account?  
NO

**b. WSC**

- RD will be funded by WSO
- RDA to be funded by this body – research to be done to estimate budget

**c. CAR Workshop in Chicago same weekend as February Regional Meeting hosted by Westshore Area**

- \*\*\*\*\*Move regional meeting to Feb 14<sup>th</sup> \*\*\*\*\*

**d. Regional Inventory**

- Post on website, Hard copies sent up service structure,
- Hand out at activity functions  
\*APPROVED AS WRITTEN (see above) – RETURN BY FEBRUARY MRSCNA meeting

**e. MRCNA Guidelines**

- Ambiguity of guidelines a big problem for MRCNA Committee  
Takes extra time and effort to interpret – leaves MRCNA Chairperson as ultimate authority – not group conscious.  
MRCNA Guideline Ad Hoc Committee formed – will be meeting with each individual sub-committee.  
What decisions about MRCNA are made by MRSCNA?  
Fundraiser Chair has requested \$600 seed money. MRCNA Treasurer objected and has requested input from MRSCNA.  
Petty Cash – Receipts for accountability, to be distributed one event at a time.

**f. Website**

- Request to change web service providers (\$60-\$100) to a more efficient source.
- Request granted.

**g. Nomination for Co-Webservant – James N.**

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– Elected. Congrats James!

## 16. Take Back to Areas

- a. February MRSCNA meeting has been moved to FEBRUARY 14th
- b. Regional Inventory Form
- c. Would Areas like to match Regional procedure of removing last names and contact information from Regional website. Can have email address created by Jim (e.g. westshore\_activities@michigan-na.org)

Thank you for allowing me to serve.  
ILS,

Lizzie S.  
Secretary  
MRSCNA