

MRSCNA Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2011

Hosted by Southern-Mid Michigan Area

1. Opening

- a. Fred S. opened the meeting at 9:07am 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 Paul
- d. The World Vision Statement was read by Guy R.

2. Roll Call

- a. Absent – Co-Treasurer, RDA, Capitol, Flint, Greater Muskegon, Northwoods
- b. Visitors –

3. Chair Report - Accepted

4. Secretary's Report – Minutes Accepted

5. Treasurer's Report – Accepted

MRSCNA Treasurer's Report

2-Oct-11

	Balance
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
MRSCNA Bank balance on Jul.1, 2011	\$1,623.63
MRSCNA Bank balance on Aug.1, 2011	\$1,802.16
MRSCNA Bank balance on Sept 1, 2011	\$9,028.06
MRSCNA Bank balance on Oct. 1, 2011	\$9,100.70

Deposits/Credits

Credit Debit

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#	Source	Description	Dep.Date		\$1,802.16
730	SWMASCNA	Area Donation	8/8/2011	\$69.20	\$1,871.36
1315	NWMASCNA	Area Donation	8/8/2011	\$100.00	\$1,971.36
1293	Saginaw Bay Area	Area Donation	8/8/2011	\$55.05	\$2,026.41
1000	GMANA	Area Donation	8/8/2011	\$20.00	\$2,046.41
965	MRCNA	Convention	8/8/2011	\$8,833.97	\$10,880.38
1752	WASCNA	Area Donation	8/20/2011	\$68.00	\$10,948.38
2972	CASCNA	Area Donation	8/20/2011	\$12.87	\$10,961.25
2975	CASCNA	Area Donation	9/24/2011	\$74.14	\$11,035.39
		Group			
2311	Heavenly Express	Donation	9/24/2011	\$10.00	\$11,045.39
				\$9,243.23	\$11,045.39

Payments/Debits

Chk

#	Destination	Description	Chk.Date	Cleared		
						\$11,045.39
3904	Tim Ragan	meeting room	8/7/2011	Y	\$100.00	\$10,945.39
3905	Patti Kanipe (SBW)	mileage	8/7/2011	Y	\$114.00	\$10,831.39
3906	Michell DeBoer (secretary)	room/mileage	8/7/2011	Y	\$199.61	\$10,631.78
3907	Karl F Schmidt (facilitator)	mileage	8/7/2011	Y	\$67.99	\$10,563.79
3908	Dave Thomas (convention chair)	mileage	8/7/2011	Y	\$36.60	\$10,527.19
3909	Brian Highes (RDA)	mileage	8/7/2011	Y	\$50.00	\$10,477.19
3910	MZF	donation	8/7/2011	Y	\$100.00	\$10,377.19
3911	NAWS	donation	8/8/2011	Y	\$1,069.97	\$9,307.22
3912	Al Lemon (treasurer)	room/mileage	8/78/2011	Y	\$195.02	\$9,112.20
	Bank service charge				\$11.50	\$9,100.70
					\$1,944.69	\$9,100.70

Greetings Family:

I am happy to report that I was able to complete the form for the insurance company and am currently waiting for their response. Fred and I were able to get together and add him as a signer on the checking accounts per our new convention guidelines. Les brought up an interesting point regarding adding him as a signer on the accounts. Perhaps we should add Brian H. instead, as he will soon be the new RD, and will be so for the next two years.

The current MRSCNA account balance is \$9,100.70

The current MRCNA account balance is \$. \$4,738.25

ILS,

Al L.

6. RD Chair -

Hello Family, hope all is well with each and every one of you. I've been having trouble with my computer lately. It taking me many tries to write, save, print, and send this report. Hope this is the last attempt.

Attended the MZF last month in Indianapolis and most Regions were in attendance. We even had the Buckeye Region show up and see what we're all about. They are thinking of joining us, but want to report back to there Region before a decision is made. That and with UMW joining us last year, we are expanding. We meet all day Saturday and Sunday till Noon. Ohio reported on and we all went over the CAR Agenda. I have flyers for each of us. Please get them copied and out to your respective Areas. I'm hoping for a better Michigan turn out at this CAR than the last one. MetroDetroit reported rotating there Meetings and very poor turn out at Service System Workshop. Wisconsin reported very interested in USFA and will have a power point presentation at there next convention. They will also ask to host the next USFA. Chicagoland funded two members to attend the MZF to get a broader perspective of what it's all about. They asked if other Regions are interested in doing the same.

We had been asked to host a Service System Workshop at the Convention that we held our MZF in conjunction with. The only attendance was us, period, no one else showed up. I'm glad we didn't do one at MRCNA. The MZF is in need of a secretary. It can't be an RD or an RDA. If there is any willingness amongst us I'll gladly help get you in touch with our out going secretary and mentor you into the position. We have

also created a resume. I thought it was just for MZF participants, but it is for all members to fill out so we can have our own pool as NAWs does. I'll try and find it on line and see if I can bring copies.

It's getting time to start thinking about our Conference Report. I'd like to ask for each RCM to update me on number of Meetings and H&I Meetings. Our topics of discussion were:

1. Where we will meet next. Ohio for the CAR in Feb. 2012, and Wisconsin will host us on the 3rd weekend in August, 2012.
2. Preparing our MZF Conference report.
3. Our ongoing MZF threefold.
4. Zonal nominations to World. Bob M. will be submitted for Co-Facilitator.
5. Time slot at Conference. It was a very diverse and confusing discussion. Spent over an hour and ended up split on decision.
6. Discussed how to get participation at Service Workshops. Food, lying, communication, charisma, face to face, stress positive side. All boiled down to Home Group/Sponsorship communication. Make sure the topic targets the audience.
7. Updating our web-site.

Have donation receipt and am submitting minor budget for attending. Split room with Metro's RD for only one night, plus gas, \$75.

I'll end my Zonal report with a plea to please plan on attending the CAR and bring others with you.
ILS, Les P.

7. **RDA Report** - With great regret I will not be at region this meeting because my son is getting married on Saturday and we are celebrating my mother's 80th birthday with a big shindig of a party on Sunday. I will make it up to them at the next meeting and talk twice as much!
Brian H.

8. **MRCNA Report** -

9. **Website Contact Report** -

10. **MSO Representative Report** -

Hello Family

The Michigan Services Offices is doing much better for the month of August. Sales were up 15% and hope they will continue to stay that way. Please keep those orders coming in and let us know how we can improve are service to all areas and your home groups. Our website is <http://store.michigan-na.org>. We have some mew items we are trying out to see how they sell. We did buy the remaining 300 luggage tags from MRCNA 27. We still are closed on Fridays and plan on stay that way for the time being. My term is just about over is has been an honor and a learning experience to serve the members of Narcotics Anonymous.

In Loving Services

Chris B.

11. **PR Report** - Nothing new to report, as always if you want me to come to your area's and give any kind of presentation, I have that ability, so please ask! That's all I have.
Marianne G.

12. **Ad Hoc Reports** -

a) **Sponsorship Behind the Walls** -

b) **Phone Line** - There was talk at the last meeting about setting a go-live date for the phone line. Before we do this, I believe we should first address three issues: testing, training, and participation.

I received a few calls over the past few months for training requests, but I am hesitant to move forward with training until people take more time to test the system. Testing, really, consists of determining how long it takes for you to get the information you need, placing a live call, and doing anything you can to break the system. Be creative!

Training will be offered in two parts:

Technical - this relates to how to manage your area's portion of the system.

Functional - this relates to how to best handle live calls placed to the phone line.

I can provide this training in person prior to the next regional meeting or online. Please contact me using the information I've provided below to inform me of who needs to be trained and their training preference.

Currently, not all of our region's areas are on board with the phone line. I would like an opportunity to listen to your concerns either here or at a time and place that works best for you.

ILS,
Jeff K.

13. Area Reports

a. **Battle Creek Area** -

b. **Capitol Area** -

We have RCM's but no admen at all, no chair, secretary, or treasurer. To say the least the Capital area is a mess.

Brian H.

c. **Flint Area** -



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

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name:

Date: 10-2-11

Area: Flint

Area Meeting Location: The Bridge

Area Meeting Day / Time: Last Sunday of month at 1:30

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups.....

Number of Meetings.....

Number of H&I Meetings.....

Total 7th Tradition Collected.....

Region Donation.....

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	David S.		
RCM alt	Don N.		
Area Chair	Mae		
H&I Chair			
PI Chair			
Web Servant			

e. 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: 10-2-11 _____

Area: Grand Rapids
 Area Meeting Location: St.'s Peter & Paul Parish on Hamilton
 Area Meeting Day / Time: 4th wed 7 pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 35
 Number of Meetings..... 39
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 2
 Total 7th Tradition Collected.....
 Region Donation..... \$120.00

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	Adam G		
RCM alt	Tony H		
Area Chair	Barb P		
H&I Chair	Lisa M		
PI Chair	Jeff K		
Web Servant	Doug H		

Greetings NA family,

Subcommittee elections went smooth with the only change being the election of Lisa M. for H & I chair. We continue to have co-chair and co-secretary positions open.

We had a campfire meeting two weeks ago and it had a great turnout and went very well. Coming up we have a hike planned next Saturday and a paintball youth event planned for the 29th of October.

The month before last some of the Young in Recovery meeting members approached area with the wish to begin a Young People's activity committee. It was suggested that they attend the current activities committee meetings and attempt to use the support of that committee before moving forward. So far that has happened and the paintball activity is that first event.

Area guidelines are currently under review for housekeeping reasons.

Also region motion #100 concerning reimbursement of region officers was discussed in length and our area has agreed to vote against the motion.

ILS Adam G

f. Greater Muskegon Area – No report received

g. Livingston County Area –

Hello family,

I'm Jim S. have been elected R.C.M. for Livingston County Area. Elections went good and all positions have been filled. We currently have 16 groups with 18 meetings. We have 2 H/I meetings, Brighton Hospital, Livingston county jail. I have a regional donation of \$162 today which is up to date from Jan our last donation.

In Loving Service

Jim S.

h. Northwestern Area –



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

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Kitty M.

Date: 10/2/11

Area: Northwestern

Area Meeting Location: Fifth & Oak

Area Meeting Day / Time: 9/18/11 @ 4:00

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 17

Number of Meetings..... 35

Number of H&I Meetings..... 5-7

Total 7th Tradition Collected..... 177.70

Region Donation..... \$100

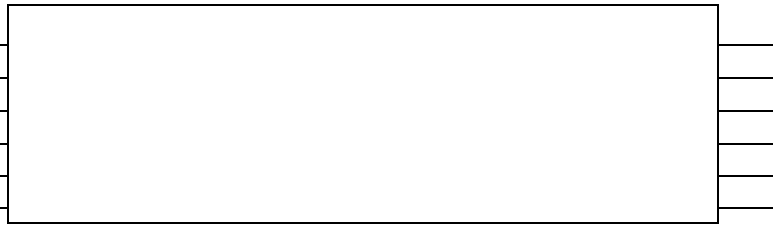
AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME

PHONE

EMAIL

RCM	Kitty M.
RCM alt	Eric H.
Area Chair	James B.
H&I Chair	Brain A.
PI Chair	Chad L.
Web Servant	Dave W.



Hi Family, I am so grateful that I was able to attend the World Convention in San Diego, CA. Spirit of Unity. I was overwhelmed with love and appreciation for our fellowship.

Elections and open positions:

Brain A. was elected Literature Chair and Nicole C. was elected Retreat Chair. We are now looking for a new secretary.

Discussions held at our Area business meeting:

- Phone Line/PI/PR person to contact Jeff K. to set up training. Our PI chair Chad L. has been in contact with Jeff K. to schedule training.
- Motion #100 – MRSCNA to reimburse for all mileage, if further than 90 miles cover 50% of hotel. If less than 90 miles then no reimbursement. We sent the motion back to the area groups to vote and the results were given at our last Area meeting, which are: 3 abstain, 2 no, 1 yes. We had a very good discussion surrounding the issues of this motion, which I would be happy to share with the Region body.
- To give feedback to NAWS not regional on their new service pamphlet, i.e. Disruptive Behavior. I relayed this information at our business meeting and the GSR's took the information back to groups.

The following are upcoming activities for October:

- Pancake Breakfast Retreat Fundraiser:** October 8, 9-11am at 5th & Oak *\$5 suggested donation
- Corn Maze:** October 15 meet between 7-7:30pm at Jacob's Corn Maze (off of M-72) **flashlights needed**
- Halloween Dance/MRCNA Fundraiser:** October 28, 8pm at the UAW Hall on the corner of Rose & Hannah Streets

All information is listed on our website. I also notified the Web Servant and Activities Chair to forward all event information to our Region Secretary to update the Regional calendar.

Retreat Update:

Our retreat will be held the second week of August 2012, 8/10-8/12. I made a suggestion that we try to plan our area events around other Michigan Area events, per our discussion at our region meeting. I know R&R at the Fort is also held this weekend, and I made the announcement at our Area meeting in August. However, the Retreat Committee made a decision that this would be the best weekend.

H&I Committee:

We have a new chairperson, Brian B., who is very committed to making sure our panel leaders of various H&I meetings make sure to attend the monthly H&I meetings or at least make contact with the chair to provide an update. He is also committed to making sure members follow through on their H&I commitments. We had an excellent turn out at the last H&I meeting. We had multiple people expressing willingness for our meetings, especially for the Grand Traverse County jail women's meeting. We are in the process of getting people cleared for the jail. Dakoske treatment

center meeting is currently being taken in by men & women. Benzie County Jail is being attended once a month. Camp Pugsley and Kalkaska County Jail are not being attended at this moment. However, the inmates at Pugsley have their own NA meeting regardless if we show up.

PI Committee:

As stated above, our PI chair has been in contact with Jeff K. regarding the phone line. There was some discussion about social networking and NA. We had limited time to discuss the idea of putting Area onto Facebook. We discussed the importance of anonymity as it pertains to the internet and how critical it is to uphold. The PI Chair is researching this issue further. I mentioned the new proposed service pamphlet on our 11th Tradition and how it relates to our using the web for NA that was brought up at our last Region meeting.

ILS,
Kitty M.

- i. **Northwoods Area** – No report received
- j. **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: October 02, 2011
 Area: Saginaw Bay @ SBASCNA, P.O. Box 51, Bay City MI. 48707-0051
 Area Meeting Location: New Vineyard Church: 1014 E. Ashman St., Midland, MI 48642
 Area Meeting Day/Time: Saturday, October 22, 2011 @ 1:30pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 50
 Number of Meetings..... 70
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 10
 Region Donation..... \$137.10

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM	Willard Y.		
RCM Alt	Tim R.		
Area Chair	Jason G.		
Literature Chair	Beverlee C.		
PR Chair	Vacant		
Web Servant	Bryan H.		
Activities Chair	Ty M.		

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.

Upcoming Area Activities:

- **Every Saturday 9:30am:** Literature Sub-Committee Meeting at St. Alban's Church, Bay City.
- **August 22nd @ 5:30pm:** Public Relations Subcommittee Meeting at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2206 Airfield Lane in Midland.

Procedures & Administration Meeting:

Purpose: Improve Services for Member Groups & Increase Group Participation at ASC

Recommended Actions:

1. Prepare list of historical SBASCNA approved motions for reference at ASC meetings (**Complete**)
2. Place copy of current SBASCNA Guidelines on website (**Complete**)
3. Continue to meet monthly, but move SBASCNA meeting to 3rd Saturday of month for improved consistency (P&A motion for the Groups to decide) ... (**Complete**)
4. Split Public Relations into 2 standing subcommittees (PI/Helpline and H&I) to simplify and reduce the service tasks required (Straw vote today; if favorable, prepare motion for groups at August meeting).
Motion pending
5. Contact non-participating groups to address issues and encourage participation (RCMA/RCM) ... **ongoing**
6. Review locations of outlying groups to identify opportunities for informal 'sub-Areas' which would allow multiple groups to be represented at SBASCNA meetings by a single representative (RCMA/RCM) ... **ongoing**
7. Explore technology (e.g., Skype, video conference) that will allow groups to participate in SBASCNA meetings from remote locations/offsite (P&A Committee or establish an ad hoc Technology Committee) ...
further review
8. Prepare Area IP re: 'Being of Service' by combining Western Wayne's 'Being of Service' and SBASCNA's 'So You are a GSR ... Now What?' ... approved on 05/17/2008 ... P&A Committee/Literature ... **ongoing**
9. Change role of Literature Committee to include ordering and delivering NA literature at Area meetings in order to realize the cost savings of combined orders ... use Ad Hoc committees to review proposed NA literature (Straw vote today; if favorable, prepare motion for groups at August meeting). **Rejected in Straw Poll**
10. Update SBASCNA Guidelines (P&A Committee) ... **ongoing** ... **adjustments to split PR Committee**

Literature Committee:

We currently have three group starter kits available. We are approximately 75% complete with our review of 'Living Clean' book.

Retreat Committee:

- We are waiting for the final bill from the DNR Center, so the final financial report will be available at the August ASC meeting.
- Greg W. has been elected as Chair for the 2012 'Mothers' Day Retreat
- The DNR center has moved next year's (2012) Retreat dates back to Mothers' Day (**May 11-13, 2012**).

Public Relations Committee:

- In the process of splitting PR into Phonenumber/PI and H&I ... Area motion pending
- Fellowship Development: have visited 'outer' groups in St. Louis and Gladwin to provide support and encourage participation at Area meetings.

- Will determine the cost differential between 1) our current phone line system that uses an answering system to link callers with a 'live addict' and the Regional single number system ... set up with call forwarding to our answering service (if feasible) for the menu selection 'to speak with a live addict'
- Will use a map of Michigan and pins to create a 'picture' of our 48 home groups in the 13 counties that SBASCNA serves. We hope to visually identify locations not served by NA and to identify opportunities for 'outer' groups to work together (e.g., send 1 rep to Area on behalf of 2-3 groups ... aka ... sub-Areas.

ILS, Willard Y.

k. Southern Mid-Michigan Area -



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

Name: Guy R

Date: 9-2-11

Area: Southern mid Michigan

Area Meeting Location: varies

Area Meeting Day / Time: 3rd saturday

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 7
 Number of Meetings..... 17
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 5
 Total 7th Tradition Collected.....
 Region Donation..... \$200.00

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM _____		
RCM alt _____		
Area Chair _____		
H&I Chair _____		
PI Chair _____		
Web Servant _____		

Not much to report. A lot of time spent on trying to get some policy through. Hopefully I will get feedback next month on the phone line. We do have a hayride coming up, fliers available online. Retreat went well.

i. Southwest Michigan Area -



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

Name: Rebecca P
 Date: 10-6-11
 Area: South Western Michigan
 Area Meeting Location: South County Com. Ctr, Main & Prairie, Vicksburg
 Area Meeting Day / Time: 4th Sunday/Month @ 3:00 PM

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 36
 Number of Meetings..... 73/week
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 11/week
 Total 7th Tradition Collected..... \$1406.50
 Region Donation..... \$140.65

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	<u>Rebecca P.</u>		
RCM alt	<u>Dave H</u>		
Area Chair	<u>Todd L.</u>		
H&I Chair	<u>Janice S.</u>		
PI Chair	<u>Doug D.</u>		
Web Servant	<u>Todd W.</u>		

Hello from Southwest Michigan Area

We are currently having nominations for all service positions at our area and new trusted servants will be appointed next month. Our Activities Committee held a Golf Outing in August and it was a huge success, in September we held the NA Prom which also raised some money. Coming up October 29, 2011 is our 2nd Annual NA Idol.

Our area's H&I and PI are struggling and if there is anything this body could suggest to help out it would be appreciated.

We look forward to hosting MSSCNA in December and will send out hotel and event information as quickly as possible.

ILS
 Rebecca P.

m. Washtenaw Area -



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

Name: Frank D.
 Date: October 2nd, 2011
 Area: Washtenaw

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

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 22
 Number of Meetings..... 27
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 6
 Total 7th Tradition Collected..... \$673.00
 Region Donation..... \$204.00

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM:	<u>Frank D.</u>		
RCM-Alt.:	<u>Brittany G.</u>		
Area Chair:	<u>Ben D.</u>		
Activities:	<u>Heather H.</u>		
PR Chair:	<u>Jackie C.</u>		
Web Servant:	<u>Rick D.</u>		

REPORT:

WASC is pretty excited to hear about the progress that has been made in the development of the Region phone line. We've been having some difficulties with our service provider recently, so we are eagerly anticipating the launch of the Region phone line. Our PR Chair, Jackie C., is here with us today to see what training will be needed for operating the phone line.

- Elections for PR, Secretary, Co-Secretary, and Activities were held. All positions were filled.
 - WASC discussed the reimbursement of the Michigan Region administrators. We support the idea that limits should be placed on reimbursements and that costs should be reduced as much as possible. I was asked to find out how much the mileage reimbursement rate is currently and how that compares with Federal reimbursement rates. I was also asked to find out if there is a cap on hotel rates and how that compares with Federal per diem rates.
 - Check the WASC website for upcoming activities.
- Frank D. and Brittany G.

n. Westshore Area -

Hello family, greetings from Westshore Area. We have 6 groups and 13 meetings in our area. Our ASC meets each month on the 3rd Sunday at 4:30. Upcoming events include "When Miracles Meet" retreat October 7, 8, 9 at Long Lake Outdoor Center Yankee Springs Gun Lake, MI. On Thanksgiving day the Without Parallel group in Hudsonville will be hosting a Potluck dinner. On Saturday after Thanksgiving Westshore Area will be hosting a potluck Gratitude Dinner 5pm at 21st & Pine in Holland, MI. The Road to Recovery group is throwing a Halloween Costume Party on October 29th at 6pm, also on 21st & Pine.

ILS
 Jim B.

14. Old Business

- **Phone Line** – (see report) Jeff K. was approached to do a panel by Southwest Michigan Area. The only problem with a panel is that they aren't very well attended. We can connect with Jeff K. using Skype. KEEP CALLING THE NUMBER (866)717-7785. But remember DO NOT publish, this is a temporary number.

- **Motion 100 (mileage/hotel reimbursement)** – Please bring back! We took a vote but only 6 areas had already brought it back and were prepared to vote. So we will vote again in December. Marianne asked to consider the attendance of the Saturday night events. If people aren't getting reimbursed, they might not come for the event, just the meeting. Marty asked to also discuss pertinent issues such as how much we spend on reimbursements now.
- **HI Committee reestablishment** – Do we need an HI committee at the Regional level? Discussion about whether or not we should reestablish. Marianne said that as PR chair she isn't overworked or anything. Dave C. asked why this body even meets because it doesn't do anything or serve the areas. It was brought up that there may not be much for an HI committee to do. Others brought up that it could be the contact person for prisons and such. One concern is that H&I may be getting left behind. Patti suggested that PR could possibly be more proactive, and approach area's instead of waiting for them to approach us. Jim B. brought up that it's not an appropriate role for an area H&I to contact a state wide establishment, such as a prison. He also brought us that if the guidelines aren't specific and just see "acts as a resource" it leaves something to be desired. Perhaps look into changing the PR guidelines. General consensus seems to be to update guidelines, and then readdress if Marianne is too bogged down and PR should split or if it is still a doable amount of work for one person (PR). Willard also brought up that we should not be driven by nostalgia or "how it used to be". Kitty M. pointed out that we should consider how World Services addresses these positions. Marianne is going to look at regions and look at differences and what works better.

15. New Business

- **Members to MZF** – Les asked if the Region's willing to send other Regional members to MZF to get a better understanding of the MZF? The next meeting is the CAR, so Les suggested that if we do send people to MZF it should be at the one in August. Since this is so far away this will be talked about in the future. Also, start thinking about nominations for the next RDA.
- **SBW** – Patty asked for \$64 to buy things such as envelopes and stamps. Approved.
- **Web Servant** – Rick was nominated for this position. He stated his qualifications. Consensus elected him as our new web servant.
- **Co-Chair book** – Marty is trying to update the co-chair book, February 2007 to April 2010 minutes are needed.
- **Outside web links** – Can we link to a hotel for conventions and other events? Or should we stay with it only being NA websites. Willard pointed out that the guidelines do allow for this, because we aren't endorsing the hotels.
- **MRCNA Budgets** – Admin \$500. Convention Info \$200. Hotels & Hospitalities &5,000. Tickets & Registration \$7,500. Programming \$4,075. Entertainment & Fundraising \$2,000. Huggers \$1,200. Arts & Graphics \$700. Merchandise \$5,500. Total: \$26,675. Approved.
- **Past MRCNA budget** – Reports have different amounts that aren't matching up. There is a \$3,000 discrepancy in E&F. It states that they spent \$5,000, but Dave C. is confident they spent only around \$2,000. We need *detailed* accounting procedures. We may have a hard time correcting this.
- **Bank Account** – The account isn't as secure as we thought. One signer can do whatever they want, without any other signers. Al is going to find out the fee for getting a more secure account. Then the fee will make it the banks responsibility to check for two signatures. With this account, the bank would be liable if they cash a check with insufficient signatures.
- Concern was brought forth on if the co-treasurer was still willing to have that position. Fred will contact him and find out.

16. Please discuss at your business meeting

- Motion 100 (see old business)
- Trying out phone line number (see phone line report)
- Members who want to attend MRCNA **MUST** fill out the hotel form (see MRCNA report)
- Discuss putting on a MRCNA fundraiser

17. Upcoming Regional Meeting information

- December regional meeting will be held December 4th and be hosted by the Southwestern Michigan area.
- February regional meeting will be held February 5th and be hosted by the Washtenaw area.

18. Meeting closed at 1:23pm

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