

# MRSCNA Meeting Minutes

**April 5, 2009**

*Hosted by Northwest Area*

## 1. Opening

- a. Patty K. opened the meeting at 9:05am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- b. The Twelve Traditions were read by Marybeth G.
- c. The Twelve Concepts were read by Dave H.

## 2. Roll Call

- a. Absent – RDA- Les P. (with report)
- b. Visitors – Jeff C, Tina V, Gene R, Fred S, Dave C.

## 3. Chair Report

No report

## 4. Secretary's Report - Accepted

Minutes

## 5. Treasurer's Report - Accepted

				Credit	Debit	Balance
MRSCNA Feb. 2009 Report						\$3,963.58
Deposits/Credits						
Check #	Source	Description	Dep.Date			\$3,963.58
2609	GGRASCNA	Area Donation	2/3/2009	\$120.00		\$4,083.58
3063	Flint Area	Area Donation	2/3/2009	\$43.00		\$4,126.58
1128	Saginaw Bay Area	Area Donation	2/3/2009	\$25.00		\$4,151.58
1625	Washtenaw Area	Area Donation	2/3/2009	\$84.43		\$4,236.01
	Flint Area	Area Donation	2/27/2009	\$57.72		\$4,293.73
	My BAD	Unnecessary bank charges	2/27/2009	\$44.00		\$4,337.73
3073	Flint Area	Area Donation	3/30/2009	\$59.46		\$4,397.19
5636	Heavenly Express	Group Donation	3/30/2009	\$15.00		\$4,412.19
4943	RDA	Returned travel expense\$	3/30/2009	\$345.00		\$4,757.19
2867	Capital Area	Area Donation	3/30/2009	\$12.33		\$4,769.52
				\$805.94		
Payments/Debits						
Check #	Source	Description	Chk.Date	Cleared		\$4,769.52

3793	Kevin R.	Hotel	2/1/2009	Y	\$107.00	\$4,662.52	
3794	Marybeth G.	Mileage	2/1/2009	Y	\$59.40	\$4,603.12	
3795	Patti K.	Mileage&Hotel(80.00&125.39)	2/1/2009	Y	\$205.39	\$4,397.73	
3796	Dave T.	Mileage&Hotel(60.00&103.67)	2/1/2009	Y	\$163.67	\$4,234.06	
3797	MZF	Donation	2/1/2009	N	\$100.00	\$4,134.06	
3798	Dave T.	MZF Travel expenses	2/1/2009	N	\$400.00	\$3,734.06	
3799	WSO(naws)	World Donation	2/1/2009	N	\$400.00	\$3,334.06	
3800	Homewood Suites	Rent	2/1/2009	Y	\$75.00	\$3,259.06	
	Bank	Merchant Fees	2/4/2009	Y	\$20.00	\$3,239.06	
	Bank	New Deposit Books-My BAD	2/9/2009	Y	\$43.89	\$3,195.17	
					\$1,574.35		
		Ending Bank Balance as of Feb. 27, 2009 was \$3643.38.					
		Ending MRCNA Bank Balance as of Feb. 27, 2009 was \$6286.55.					
Greetings Family:							
My first official act as treasurer was to incur some unnecessary bank charges, which I have replaced.							
This report is not complete as I have not yet seen the bank statements for January or March.							
The deposit and airfare for the convention comedian was taken care of so the current MRCNA balance should be \$5386.55.							
Yours in respectful service,							
Bob P.							

## 6. RD Report - Accepted

### RD Report April '09

Hello family, I attended the learning day in the Buckeye Region and all went well. They had a good turnout for the workshops, dinner, and speaker. They even managed to come in \$10.00 under budget. I don't know if you could call it a multiregional learning day as ours was the only other region represented, but they truly appreciated our donation to the cause.

In other news I received a package of material from the WSO with the proposed new edition of "In Times of Illness" as well as the proposed self support IP's. One is a textual piece titled "Keeping It: and the other is a graphic piece called "Giving It Away". All of these pieces are out for review and input. They can be accessed at <http://www.na.org/conference/>. I have a copy of each with me for anyone interested in checking it out. I have already reviewed and responded to these and would be willing to help out if an Area wanted to do a workshop on them. I also received a work session format to do a workshop on the "Living Clean" project. For anyone not aware we are currently writing a book for and about addicts with substantial clean time.

I also brought copies of the form needed to register Area/Regional phone lines and websites.

I also received the NAWA Annual Report which is 108 pages long and available today for anyone wishing to peruse it.

I am pleased to report that I do not have a budget request of any kind at this time but just wait till June.

Were we going to discuss a method of making a consistent contribution to the MZF? To World?

ILS Dave T.

## 7. RDA Report – Accepted

### RDA Report

Hello Family, sorry I'm not there with y'all today, but I'm on vacation in Florida, getting off a cruise ship as you meet. Hope all is well and warming up in Michigan. Will be back in a few days, now on to business.

Attended the MZF in Merrillville, Indiana April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Since I live close enough, we drove up Saturday morning, and saved one nights Hotel cost. Plus my sponsor rode with me to attend ISNAC, so he split the expenses. I am returning \$345 along with the hotel bill. It was \$110.88. Half of that was \$55. That should make us even. There was a lot of discussion on staying at cheaper hotels close to the forums. I will try and do that at future events.

I'm sending a letter from Mr. Bill, (Parable Designs), for MRCNA. I imagine it's a bid for setting up at our upcoming Convention. There's also the receipt for our \$100 donation to the MZF. There were tons of Flyers there for upcoming events, but we'd have to make copies and distribute them, and there all out of state events and I didn't know the procedure on this so I mainly brought the most important one for us, the next MZF. It'll be in Columbus, Ohio on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be an informal MZF business meeting on Friday at 7pm. This was brow berated to death for an hour and a half. This is to see what help is still needed to make sure Saturday goes off smoothly. Saturday's event is called "A Series of Workshops", and there will be NAWS support facilitating the workshops. The flyer is self explanatory, so I'll let it speak for itself. After that we'll be at WSNAC with a 90 minute workshop on World Recovery. WSNAC is October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. Please note that both these events are on different dates than previously stated. They brought a prepared format with them that they worked up by incorporating some of the other IDT worksheets into what will work for them. Great idea, very nice job. There will be nothing else going on at this time, so there expecting a great turn out, 200/400 in attendance. Chicagoland will be hosting the CAR on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. I would request putting "moving our February Regional Meeting till the following weekend, the 14<sup>th</sup>" in new business. That would give all who wanted to attend a chance to do so. They put a tentative rotation schedule up for the next couple years, but there was some confusion, and Michigan will either be hosting the MZF in January/April or May/August, 2011. MWBR.

The workshops that the MZF facilitated Saturday at ISNAC went over well. We had a half dozen or so round tables and all flowed well. It helped me get over some of my fears of eventually facilitating these in Michigan. Not all my fears, but some, after all, I still suffer from low self esteem in case's like this. These workshops give the forum some credibility for me. That and the communication link it makes is raising it's credibility in my process of recovery. Since I'm not there, I'll keep my negative thoughts to my self.

Elections: we elected Derreck K., who I think was our treasurer, as one of the two co-facilitators.

### Regional Reports

Our report was read by the secretary. Dave had e-mailed it on ahead for us. Most Regions were not that well prepared, scrambling to do it on the fly. Not very impressive. Opps, sorry.

Metro Detroit reported MDRCNA having 1,800 attend the main speaker, and since it was Gene D. reporting the rest was about the MSO.

Greater Illinois was one of many members with concerns over the new NAWS Web site. There was much discussion on what we could possibly do to help World out on this and make sure they don't go changing things without asking our permission first. Does clean time equal recovery? Opps, there I go again. This was beat into the ground by the whole body, not Greater Illinois, They also announced changing there website and

mailing address. They were also concerned if there donations and expenditures for the MZF were being well spent. Asking for the direction the MZF is going. They were also asking for information of a "Sponsorship by Mail" project they'd like to start. I gave them info that's on our web site.

Chicagoland is hiring a book keeper and doing a financial audit. Asked for Mike T's. contact information to get an idea on expenses for upcoming CAR.

Indiana is reporting a new Area. Michindiana Area. These are some Groups from both the lower south west part of Michigan and part of Indiana. If any one wants more info on this, Dave can give you Derreck K's contact information. He did the reporting.

Minnesota reports going to a project based Region. Reported that there service office is in trouble. Walk in sales only. Also reported that every emergency room in the state has NA literature in them.

Ohio reports restructuring and reinstating standing committees.

We donated \$176.53 to World. We will ad hoc a budget for future events, meetings, and workshops.

Well folks, that about wraps it up for this report. Wish I was there to answer any questions, but there's cruises to be taken and some one has to do it. Recover well and I'll see ya on the flip side, Love Les.

One last thing, we gave our web master a vote of confidence to redo our website, host and all. His report is included in the packet I'm sending along with Bob if any one want to look it over. Lots of colored pictures for those who like that.

## **8. MRCNA Report – Accepted**

Greetings Family:

The biggest issue we have for this body at this time is the bids/contracts for next year's convention. In August there seemed to be a consensus in this body to have the convention at Valley Plaza in Midland. Bay City also expressed a willingness to host the convention. Valley Plaza was contacted in September for a bid. I will spare this body the details of the process from there. I have with me last month's H&H report along with the recommendation of the chair at that time. I only mention this date to remind you of how long this process has taken. At one point things had come to a stand still and Shomari asked me to solicit a bid from the Holiday Inn (now Causeway Bay) here in Lansing. This was meant primarily as a bargaining tool to use in the negotiations with Valley Plaza. I have that bid with me today. Last month MRCNA voted to accept the bid we had from Valley Plaza. After a lot of time and effort a verbal agreement was reached with representatives of the hotel and a date was agreed on for the signing of the contract. Last Monday Matt (MRCNA Co-Chair) Shomari (H&H Chair) and Jasna went to Valley Plaza to go over the contract and sign it. At that time there were problems with the contract that was submitted for signing. There were things in there that were not part of the verbal agreement. Hotel agreed to address those issues and send Shomari a contract for signing. We received the new contract on Thursday. I have that contract with me here today.

Right from the start the bid from Lansing was a lot better. But, as one addict pointed out it should not be all bout money and perks. I have brought with me along with the final contract for signing the two other contracts we were given by Valley Plaza. Now if it was just a matter of coffee, comp rooms, room price, and room blocks we could work around some of that. The guarantee of 150 for the Banquet was more troubling to me but Shomari said we did 146 last year so that was not that big an issue. However, despite being told that this provision was a deal breaker Valley Plaza insists on charging a deposit of \$1000.00. Another problem is that they are stipulating a lot of things for the Banquet, a lot of details on what they will charge there are no prices for the banquet. Considering this hotel's track record during negotiations that is a very real potential liability for us. Who knows what they will charge and we are obligated to buy 150/50 at \_\_\_\_\_ cost.

So, although the committee voted to sign the contract with Valley Plaza, the contract presented for signing was not the same contract we voted on. Consequently, the contract was not signed. Since MRCNA is a sub-committee of Region I have brought these contracts here for your choice and approval. Having been through this process several times in the past years, the biggest obstacle to the process this year was interference by an addict or addicts who were not designated to negotiate with the hotel. When this happens lines of communication get blurred. An already complex and lengthy process becomes impossibly so to our detriment as evidenced by the process of negotiation with Valley Plaza. This is why our 5<sup>th</sup> Concept stipulates that there be a single point of accountability and decision for each responsibility assigned to the service structure. I hope we can all take this as a lesson on what can happen when even with the best of intentions in trying to do the next right thing we collectively or individually ignore this concept.

Neither Shomari nor I have a dog in this fight. For his part Shomari has no intention of being on the committee next year. As for me, if all goes well I will have my teaching certificate by January of 2010. With the economy the way it is I do not even know if I will be in Mi. this time next year let alone in Lansing. With that said it is the recommendation of H&H that based on the contracts presented for signing, that this body accept and sign the contract for Causeway Bay. As for my own personal recommendation, I have none. My duties as MRCNA chair are to present and explain the alternatives as best I can with out bias. It is up to the RCMs who represent their Areas to decide how best to proceed.

At this time I also have the budgets for the different sub committees for your approval. The delay in presenting these budgets is entirely my fault. The chairs submitted their budgets in a timely manner. It was I who kept forgetting to put them together in one form and submitting them. My apologies for the delay. I have flyers for the last fund raiser at Crown Plaza.

RCMs, both E&F and Merchandising are having trouble contacting Area Activity Chairs. They would appreciate it if you could give us current contact information for those chairs in your Area.

In Loving Service

MRCNA Chair

#### Hotels & Hospitality Committee Report - March 2009

The honor to serve the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous, and the grace given to me by a loving higher power, and past and present sponsors, to practice the 12 steps and traditions, demands nothing less than honesty, open-mindedness, and willingness, to complete the work to be done, no matter how simple, or difficult it may be. So, hopefully, this report will take the high road to express the facts, make suggestions and recommendations that will allow us to move forward, and not get hung up on meaningless conversation.

If we have come prepared, then three proposals are available for review by this committee. The first was given to MRCNA planning committee from Valley Plaza director of sales, Eric Perela. To summarize the key points this proposal highlighted *\$84.99 a night room rate, free coffee (400 gallons), and most of the complimentary perks we have for this year's convention. The only concession that was pending was getting the hotel to hang our banners at no cost.* The Valley Plaza was sold before we got an answer about the banners and put us on hold until new management could make a decision about the banners. Eric Parela was replaced by another sales representative named Tina Joyce. Tina informed me that the new management was reviewing the proposal that Eric had given us, and considering the banner issue, but it might take some time. Tina also told me that she did not believe that we would have a problem with our proposal, and she would advocate on our behalf to expedite both issues.

In the interim, one of our MRCNA members approached the Valley Plaza and asked them for a proposal. During the time period when this member interacted with the hotel, numerous attempts were made to contact the hotel to get an answer to the banner question so that we could move from the proposal stage to contract review and signing. When the hotel finally returned my calls, I (Shomari) was told that the proposal was ready, they apologized, for not getting back with me, and informed that they had been communicating with “the member who had approached them”, and did I want “him” to pick up the proposal. We informed the hotel that the official representative already in negotiation with the hotel is Shomari M., and that the member who approached the hotel was not sent by the committee to negotiate, transact, or retrieve any proposals from the Valley Plaza, so they sent the proposal that they were going to give to member who had approach them. The proposal highlights were \$89.99 a night room rate, coffee at a discounted \$5.00 per gallon, and no mention of the banners at all.

Upon receipt of this proposal I (Shomari) contacted Pablo and asked him to get a bid from the Holiday Inn in Lansing, because the Valley Plaza manipulated the situation of their change in ownership, and our well-meaning, but misguided member who approach the hotel without a group conscious. I also informed the Valley Plaza hotel that the fact that they had rescinded on every important concession, that it was obvious to MRCNA that they were not interested in hosting our event, and that the business relationship was now damaged because trust in negotiation was now in question. The Holiday Inn had also been sold to new owners, but their *bid highlights include: \$79.99 a night room rate, 500 free gallons of coffee, 250 gallons of punch, and hanging banners no charge, The property is now known as the Causeway Bay Hotel & Convention Center.*

The same day we had communicated to the Valley Plaza that we would be seeking another bid and looking elsewhere, I (Shomari) was contacted by a newly rehired salesperson Sonia Wood, who practically begged for another chance to submit a bid. I informed her of what was important to us and her proposal is *\$89.99 a night room rate, free coffee (400 gallons), the hotel to hang our banners at no cost, no charge for rollaway, microwave or fridge (based on availability regularly cost \$10..00 per night, per item), and an apology that they could not at this time, do better.*

Both properties can hold all of our members in one room for clean time count down and roll call. Both properties are well versed at handling NA conventions. The Causeway Bay Hotel is obviously less expensive when it comes to room cost, offers more beverage, and is somewhat centrally located when we consider having optimal attendance.

The Plaza Valley however, offers far more in the way of recreation and relaxation between workshops, and provides the opportunity for the whole family to enjoy. Complimentary rollaway beds, microwave, and fridge also add to its attraction.

Our recommendation is that we act in the best interest of our members, and the Michigan region, of Narcotics Anonymous. Should the issues in the Bay City area be that the convention will somehow revitalize and help carry the message, in this part of the region then choose the Valley Plaza, especially since we have members with the willingness to do the work.

Should it not matter to the members of the Bay City area where they host their convention, and we believe that the Causeway Bay Hotel would be more economically attractive to our membership & the Michigan region, then choose the Causeway Bay Hotel.

We have an opportunity to solve many future questions so why not consider hosting MRCNA at the Valley Plaza for 2010 & 2011, and ask the Causeway Bay to change the bid dates to 2012 & 2013. Upon receiving what will probably be a similar bid (probably with a slightly higher room rate) choose Causeway Bay as 2012 & 2013 host site.

Going forward we would strongly suggest that a single member **never** take matters into his/her own hands and approach an institution, with whom we do business, without a group consensus, the results can be disastrous.

Finally, Michele and I completed all the details of our March 15, 2009 fundraiser, signed copies of Banquet Event Orders were faxed to the hotel, and I trust that everything went well. The current room pick up is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am sure we are well under the allotted gallons coffee & punch drank this same time last year.

In Faithful Service

H&H sub-committee & Shomari M

#### Convention Information

The budget for this Subcommittee totals \$435

#### Hotels and Hospitality

We've worked out a rough budget:

-Food

Banquet- \$3100.00

Brunch- \$700.00

-Hospitality

Welcoming Party-\$500.00

Suite- \$500.00

-Set up

-\$400.00

-Misc

Printing Tickets-\$130.00

Batteries-\$20.00

Total=\$5350.00

Arts And Graphix

Also, A&G is asking for a budget of \$1200, going off the previous two years.

Sign material \$300.00

Banner \$450.00

Memorial Banner \$450.00

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Total \$1200.00

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Budget for E & F:

DJ/ BAND FUNDRAISERS \$600

DJ/ BAND CONVENTION \$1000

COMEDIAN (TWO SHOWS) \$1850

AIR FAIR 2 TICKETS LAX TO GR \$800

BANQUET DÉCOR \$100

FLYERS \$100

SHOW TICKETS \$100

PHONE \$50

MISC. \$200

INK \$180

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TOTAL \$4980

Programming

## Breakdown

2300 for speakers  
800 for programs  
400 for banquet/brunch  
100 for printing

### Tickets and Registration

Pins 1000 @ \$1.60 = \$1600

Bags 1000 @ \$ 2.75 = \$2750

1<sup>st</sup> convention pins 500 @ \$.75 = \$375

Name Tags 1000 \$340

Postage \$800

Printing \$125

Total \$5990

## **9. Shared Services Report - Position open**

## **10. Website Contact Report - Accepted**

April 5, 2009 MRSCNA Webservant report:

Glad I finally had a day off for the Regional meeting.

I've been in communication with the Metro-Detroit Regional webservant, Hermine. With her encouragement and after the crash of one of their Area websites I have begun a practice of backing-up the Michigan-NA.org websites to disk and to an internet storage site. As of Apr. 1 I have the entire Michigan web system backed-up. I hope to repeat the back-up every month. This way, if there is a crash of one of our Areas' sites I can at least restore the site to its condition on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. I STRONGLY encourage Area webservants to back-up their sites. The Oakland County site was crashed when a new webservant attempted an update of the data on their site and somehow deleted all the pages.

I have our back-up saved to a CD and to a website that offers free storage space. The site I chose is called Nivio.com. This is not an endorsement, any free web storage site will do. Nivio.com offers 10 gigabytes of free storage space. If one of our Area sites crashes I can offer our Area webservants access to my most recent back-up of their website simply by entering their email address and sending them a message. I'm no computer or internet expert and I found their site simple and easy to use. So, if I can back-up this way then anyone can.

I've been participating with MDRSCNA's monthly Technology meeting. The meeting is held online through a free web meeting site called Yugma.com. This enables all of us to stay home and still share information together on the Yugma internet site. This may be something for the Region to consider for RSC meetings in future or for other sub-committees to consider for meetings. Anyone with internet access can participate. There's also the option of a conference phone call for those who don't have net access.

Dave C (MSO) and I and some others have been investigating payment history for our web service. The company we use to host our Michigan-NA sites is [www.i2k.com](http://www.i2k.com). We've been trying to find evidence of payments having been made to i2k.com and so far have not found any. Dale V told us that the original

arrangement was to have the two regions take turns paying a modest (\$20-30) monthly fee. Our treasurer has no record of payments being made recently. Dave is checking MSO records to see if they have been making the payment.

Before I contact i2k.com I'd like Region to affirm that I am the right person to speak to them. I'm not sure that this matter shouldn't be taken up by our Treasurer, MSO, or someone else. I am willing but don't want to initiate contact until I know I have the authority to finalize an arrangement with them. Please give me direction on this matter today.

Before the next Regional meeting I'm hoping to contact each of our Area webserver's to find out if there is anything I can do to help them. Progress should be in my next report.

Grateful to be of service, Jim B



### 11. MSO Representative Report

Hello Family,

Addict named Chris. Not much to report since I only attended one MSO board meeting. They are still having problems with web sales and they are putting a limit on 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Basic Text at this time. Not much else to report on at this time.

ILS,

Chris B.

### 12. H & I Report

No report

### 13. PI Report

I received a call from the Washtenaw area's PR chair recently with a few questions, but other than that there is nothing new to report at this time.

I have a document I will pass around that I would like you to place your best or most current PI contact information on.

In loving service,  
Marianne G.

### 14. 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: Andrew H.

Date: 4/5/09

Area: Battle Creek

Area Meeting Location: United Methodist Church

Area Meeting Day / Time: 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday/mo, 12 noon

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups.....	<u>8</u>
Number of Meetings.....	<u>26</u>
Number of H&I Meetings.....	<u>1</u>
Total 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected.....	_____
Region Donation.....	_____

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	Joe B.	_____	_____
RCM alt	Percy D		_____
Area Chair	Dave R.		_____
H&I Chair	Andrew H.	month to month	_____
PI Chair	Joe M.	month to month	_____
Web Servant	Rob H.	_____	_____

It's nice to be back around the region table after a short time away. Battle Creek has just elected all area positions in the month of February and I would like to introduce our new RCM – Alt, Percy A. Joe B. was elected RCM but could not make this meeting. Battle Creek has 26 meetings a week with at least 2 meetings every day and mostly three on most days. Our website is [www.michigan-na.org/battlecreek](http://www.michigan-na.org/battlecreek)

H&I is active in BC with a meeting every Wednesday from 8pm-9pm at VA Medical Center soon.

Thank you.  
Andrew H.

**b. Capitol Area**



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

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

Name: Pablo P.  
 Date: 4/5/09  
 Area: Capitol

Area Meeting Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Area Meeting Day / Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups.....	<u>29</u>
Number of Meetings.....	<u>34</u>
Number of H&I Meetings.....	<u>3</u>
Total 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected.....	<u>\$?</u>
Region Donation.....	<u>0</u>

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	Pablo P.		
RCM alt			
Area Chair	Jim P.		
H&I Chair			
PI Chair			
Web Servant			

Picnic Memorial day, flyer on website. Can that get posted on Region site?

**c. Flint Area**



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

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

Name: Wanda C.  
Date: 4/5/09  
Area: Flint

Area Meeting Location: My Brother's Keeper, Grand Traverse  
Area Meeting Day / Time: Last Sunday/mo, 1pm

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups..... 34  
Number of Meetings..... 48  
Number of H&I Meetings..... 7  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected..... \$495.50  
Region Donation..... \_\_\_\_\_

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	Wanda C.		
RCM alt	Lia C.		
Area Chair	Kip P.		
H&I Chair	Ben.		
PI Chair	Heidi		
Web Servant	Gary		

Our area voted yes for the region to do an inventory on themselves. Flint Area is holding a learning day April 18 at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Baptist Church 2-6pm.

**d. Greater Grand Rapids Area**



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

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

# Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Fred S.

Date: 04/05/2009

Area: Grand Rapids

Area Meeting Location: Faith Lutheran Church

Area Meeting Day / Time: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

## AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups.....18.....  
Number of Meetings.....31.....  
Number of H&I Meetings.....N/A.....  
Total 7th Tradition Collected.....1233.39.....  
Region Donation.....\$110.00.....

## AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

		PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	Fred S		
RCM alt	Open		
Area Chair	Richard		
H&I Chair	Open		
PI Chair	Michael B		
Web Servant	Susan S		

## REPORT:

Hello Family,

Grand Rapids is carrying the message of recovery at our meetings to the new comer and is growing strong in numbers. As with our growth in meetings we are experiencing minor pains in the process. Our service positions are still not all filled but we manage to get business done. We have recently made some minor changes to our guidelines in regards what qualifies a meeting to be placed on our meeting list. Also Mike B. has had some success in removing defunk meetings from the world web site.

With the economic struggles throughout the state we have also felt the crunch. We have had some difficulty paying our bills in our usual fashion and have made some decisions to be more frugal. We have paid some things monthly instead of quarterly as done in the past and have discontinued the ad campaign on the city busses. This has allowed us to stay ahead of the game and we are making a donation today.

Next business meeting is our area's ad-man elections and we will be moving forward with new faces in our ASC meeting. We do not have an Alt. RCM so if we elect a new RCM I will attend the next couple of meetings to pass along what I have learned about service at the region level. Thank-you for allowing me the opportunity to learn from you all and get to know some of you as friends. I know God will allow us to cross paths again along this journey of recovery that we walk.

In Loving Service,

Fred S.



Number of H&I Meetings..... 1  
 Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected.....  
 Region Donation.....

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

		PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	Marty D.		
RCM alt	John D.		
Area Chair	Joe B.		
PR Chair	Chris B.		
PI Chair			
Web Servant			

Livingston County is still growing slowly. We now have a new meeting on Wednesdays 7:00 PM called Recovery on the Lake held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Whitmore Lake. We have now taken over the H&I meeting at Brighton Hospital. Our Wednesday Get Honest or Die meeting is changing to Thursday night starting April 16<sup>th</sup>. We now have an activities chair and hope to soon have some upcoming events. The Area voted yes on the Region taking an inventory.

Thanks Marty D.

**g. Northwestern Area**



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

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

Name: Jason R.  
 Date: 4/5/09  
 Area: Northwestern Area  
 Area Meeting Location: Friend of the Light Meeting Place, 5<sup>th</sup> and Oak  
 Area Meeting Day / Time: 3<sup>rd</sup> /Sunday/month @ 4pm

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups..... 11  
 Number of Meetings..... 33  
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 8  
 Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected..... \$200.00  
 Region Donation..... 0

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	Jason R.		
RCM alt	open		
Area Chair	Jake		
H&I Chair	Ben E.		
PI Chair	Guy R.		
Web Servant	Pat H.		

Hi everyone,

I am an addict named Jason. Our area is definitely feeling the crunch of a tough economy, but we are staying afloat, although we have no Region Donation. A MRCNA fundraiser was held on April 4<sup>th</sup>, and \$240.00 was raised. Our annual retreat/campout NWACNA 13 Living the Dream will be held June 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> at Ranch

Rudolf here in Traverse City. H&I is going well, currently holding 8 meetings a week in 1 treatment center and 4 correctional facilities. PI needs support as usual, but continues to host an open speaker meeting the second Sunday of every month. The "Get Started" program is firing back up, as it turns out there needed to be a rep in the courtroom during sentencing, which is why we hadn't had anyone attending! Our Area is currently seeking to fill the RCMA and Co-Secretary positions. I brought flyers for a beach picnic/bonfire meeting, which is always great fun, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. It's a potluch dinner and that starts @ 6pm, the flyers, with directions are on the back table. Also, does anyone have a copy of the PSA disk? Ours seems to be missing. I'm wondering if someone somewhere is making Rogue PSA's in NA's name? Thank you.

ILS,  
Jason Raglin

**h. Northwoods Area**



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

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

Name: Jim C.  
Date: April 5, 2009  
Area: Northwoods  
Area Meeting Location: Rotation  
Area Meeting Day / Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat @ 2pm

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**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups: 23  
Number of Meetings: 6 per week  
Number of H&I Meetings: 2 per week  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: need to know basis!  
Region Donation: \$50.00

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

		PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	open		
RCM alt	Jim Clifford		
Area Facilitator	Mike W.		
PR Chair	James C.		
Web Servant	Mike W.		

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Grateful to be of service to our fellowship: My name is Jima nd I am an addict. Our area is struggling at this point in time, but we are alive and serving our groups. We have a few flyers of our unpoming events to provide to areas today. So please take the flyers and pass them out at your areas and help us make these events memorable and successful. Our met this past month, but did not have quorum.

**i. Saginaw Bay Area**



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

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

Name: Matt F.  
Date: April 5, 2009  
Area: Saginaw Bay

Area Meeting Location:  
Area Meeting Day / Time:

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### AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups: 46  
Number of Meetings: 4  
Number of H&I Meetings: 4  
Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: \$684.70  
Region Donation: \$68.40

### AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

		PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	Matt F.		
RCM alt	Marty W.		
Area Facilitator	Rob M.		
PR Chair	.		
Web Servant			

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Hello Family,

Everything has been going pretty well since we last met. We now have a new RCMA, Marty W. Our new Area Chair Rob M. is here today to observe how we conduct business at the region for one, we are discussing moving in the direction operating under a consensus basis. Our current way of doing business doesn't flow as well with Regional and World Business practices.

Grateful to be of service.  
Matt F.

### j. Southern Mid-Michigan Area



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

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

SOUTHERN MID MICHIGAN AREA

4/4/09

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# AREA MEETING LOCATION: ROTATES TRI-COUNTY AREA, 4<sup>TH</sup> SAT. EACH MONTH

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## AREA INFORMATION

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Number of groups:	11
Number of meetings:	17
Number of H & I meetings:	6 and one about to begin in a juvenile facility
Total 7 <sup>th</sup> tradition Feb/Mar:	\$631.00
Region Donation:	\$300.00

## AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

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RCM	Marianne G.	
RCM Alt	Linda S.	
Area Chair	Ken J.	
H&I chair	Russ B.	
PI Chairs	Linda S. -Adrian, Lisa B.-Jackson, Karen C.-Hillsdale	
Web Servant	Guy R.	

Hello Family,

Sorry we missed last region, we had elections and I am continuing to be RCM and Linda S is alternate...Welcome Linda!

Hillsdale MI hosted a taco dinner, speaker and dance in February and it was a huge success. Roger M from Grand Rapids spoke and R&R and MRCNA merchandise were sold there. Thanks for all who attended ☺

Our PI committee was invited to Jackson Community college to set up a table for their "wellness week" and also to go the a new juvenile facility to tell them who, what, and how and see if they indeed wanted an H&I meeting there. It looks like it is a go and will begin soon.

Our PI committee is also planning a presentation for the Lenawee County probation officers and have observed the Drug Court proceedings in Jackson to offer NA information as well.

Our H&I committee will be a "sponsor a book" project where we will purchase paperback basic texts and have them available at our area activities. The idea is that one addict will purchase the basic text , write a message of hope in it, and then donate it back to the committee to place in H&I facility libraries.

Our area is also questioning the time line for the regional 800 phone line, any news?

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

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April 25<sup>th</sup> Speaker and Movie night at Siena Heights University

May 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Picnic, speaker, Area Meeting at my house again this year

June 19-21<sup>st</sup> Canoe Trip at Upper Manistee State Forest Campground (see flyers brought today)

Please consult our website for more information

**k. Southwestern Michigan Area**



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

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

Name: Al L.

Date: April 4, 2009

Area: Southwestern Michigan

Area Meeting Location: Spring Valley Wesleyan Church  
5240 Mt. Olivet, Kalamazoo

Area Meeting Day / Time: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 3:00pm

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**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups:	36
Number of Meetings:	74 per week
Number of H&I Meetings:	13 per week
Total 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected:	\$552.00
Region Donation:	\$150.00

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

		PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	Al L.		
RCM alt	Dave W.		
Area Chair	Eric S.		
H&I Chair	Al L.		
PI Chair	Jim B.		
Web Servant	Jim B.		

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**REPORT**

Hello family. Our Area meeting was held on March 22, 2009 at the Spring Valley Wesleyan Church in Kalamazoo. We elected a new chairperson for Sponsorship Behind the Walls, Robert D., and a new co-chair, Brian C. We also elected a new phone line coordinator, Melissa P.

Convention Committee's report stated that they are still in negotiations for a facility to house our next Area convention.

They are considering various dates from March 2010 to October 2010 for our next convention.

There was some discussion about a home group sponsoring a stock car with the NA service symbol and the hotline phone number displayed on the car. It was decided to ask the home group to seek direction from NA World Service concerning whether this would be a violation of the Traditions. The area committee agreed to accept the World Service Committee's direction as the final authority on this issue.

A home group in Buchanan announced that they are going to contact the phone book for their county and list the Area NA hotline phone number in both the white pages and the yellow pages. The home group has volunteered to bear the financial responsibility for these listings.

There are lots of fun events planned in our Area for the coming months. Information on all of them is available on the michigan-na.org website courtesy of our web servant Jim B.

In Loving Service,

Al L., RCM

**I. Washtenaw Area**



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

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

Name: Bob P.

Date: April 5, 2009

Area: Washtenaw

Area Meeting Location: Peace Neighborhood Center, 1111 N. Maple St., A<sup>2</sup>, MI 48103

Area Meeting Day / Time: 5:00 pm. Second Sunday of the month, except May

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups.....	22	_____
Number of Meetings.....	28	_____
Number of H&I Meetings.....	6	_____
Total 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected.....	\$1053.00 in February 2009 and April 2009	
Region Donation.....	\$358.46	

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

POSITION

RCM Bob P.

RCM-Alt. Mike B.

Area Chair Nicole W.

PR Chair Brett W.

Activities Chair Thomas J.

Web Servant Rick D.

PHONE

EMAIL

**REPORT:**

Hello Family, my name is Bob and I'm an addict, Greetings from the Washtenaw Area:

Things are well in the Washtenaw Area, our ASC meeting continues to be well attended. We have merged the

H&I and PI committees into one committee on a trial basis and it seems to be working. Kudos to Brett W. Thanks to our Activities Chair Thomas J., has been busy, we continue to host Games Nights on the third Saturday of the month at the Library for the Blind, we held a Sweetheart dance on Valentine's Day, a Women's Speaker Day Jam/Dance on March 28<sup>th</sup> at WCC and Peace Neighborhood Center, and have a Bowling Night slated for April 25<sup>th</sup>. See our website for more information.

I asked our websevant if we posted our Area minutes and he explained that a couple of years ago there was a big push to purge the websites of all non essential materials, we were asked not to post minutes.

We have a \$358.46 donation to region today.

Yours in service,  
Bob P.

**m. Westshore Area**



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

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

Name: Michelle D.

Date: April 5, 2009

Area: West Shore

Area Meeting Location: Holland Alano Club 39<sup>th</sup> & Lincoln Ave.

Area Meeting Day / Time: 4:30pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month

**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>Unknown</u>
Region Donation.....	<u>0</u>

**AREA CONTACT INFORMATION**

	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM <u>Michelle D</u>		
RCM alt <u>Sandy J</u>		
Area Chair <u>Jef S</u>		
H&I Chair <u>Chris D</u>		

PI Chair Dave G.

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Web Servant OPEN

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Our newly formed area is doing great! We held elections for Trusted Servants and filled all but two positions. Co-Treasurer and Web Servant are still open, but will hopefully be filled soon. Our Area Retreat is tentatively scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. I will bring more details in June. If you didn't have one, didn't go, or don't remember, we proudly present OUR PROM! This is also tentatively scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, though the date may change since a MRCNA fundraiser is being held the same day. I will email the final information to the contacts as soon as I know. See you in June

Thanks,

Michelle D.

## 15. Old Business

### a. Artwork for MRCNA

- selected last month – moot point.

### b. Regional Inventory – yes/no

- Battle Creek – abstain
- Capitol – yes
- Flint – yes
- Greater Grand Rapids – yes
- Greater Muskegon – yes
- Livingston – abstain
- Northwestern – yes
- Northwoods – abstain
- Saginaw – yes
- Southern Mid-Michigan – yes
- Southwestern – yes
- Washtenaw – yes
- Westshore – abstain
- Majority – yes
- Concepts booklet outlines Regional inventory (as well as group and area)
- Jason R. briefly outlined Area Inventory suggested guidelines
- Discussion of forming Ad Hoc Committee –agreed that this is pertinent.
- Would help Areas to know what this body has done over the last few years. What have we accomplished, how are we evolving? History project or “we need to know where we have been to pinpoint where we are going”.
- Take issue back to areas requesting information on what they want inventoried?
- Dave T. appointed head of Ad Hoc Committee. RCMs to request what information Areas want included in inventory. RCMs to get collected information to Dave T. before next Regional meeting.

- c. Shared Services Position open. **Will not revisit Shared Services** until there is a need for a Shared Services position.

## 16. New Business

- a. MZF Regular Contribution - tabled
- b. Changing MRSCNA February Meeting 2010 – coincides with Multi-regional CAR which has moved to Chicago – there will be no change in date.
- c. MZF – fund RD and/or RDA for Columbus, Ohio and Wisconsin? - Tabled
- d. MRCNA bids – Lansing v Midland
- Valley Plaza (Midland) contract is not a legal document. No numbers. Want to lock us into \$1000 deposit and 150 at banquet.
  - NEED MORE INFORMATION
  - Need to negotiate contract further
  - Who has authority to sign contract? It has always been Hospitality Chair.
  - Issues with current Valley Plaza contract are
    - \$1000 deposit
    - No concrete banquet/luncheon price
    - Ambiguous language in contract
    - Requires large number of rooms to be booked
    - MRNA bylaws state that contract is to be brought to this body for a signature (Facilitator)
    - More than one contact person – should be **only one**
    - Motion to approve or deny current contracts – DENIED
- e. Personal Information on the web.
- Previously decided that personal contact information should not be posted on webpage, however, personal contact information appears on RCM reports contained within minutes.
  - Minutes will be posted w/personal contact information eliminated from original minutes. Contact information is available to members of this body in the official Contact List that is emailed out with the regional minutes.
- f. Webserver bill – whose responsibility is it?
- Consensus to give Jim B. the authority to deal with Webserver.

## 17. Take Back to Areas

- a. MRCNA Contract
- b. What do Areas want the Regional inventory to consist of?

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

ILS,

Lizzie S.

Secretary

MRSCNA