

## MRSCNA Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2011

*Hosted by Northwestern Area*

### 1. Opening

- a. Fred S. opened the meeting at 9:01am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- b. The Twelve Traditions were read by Dan
- c. The Twelve Concepts were read by Tim C.
- d. The World Vision Statement was read by Tim

### 2. Roll Call

- a. Absent – Co-facilitator, Website, Battle Creek, Greater Muskegon, Northwoods, Southern Mid-Michigan
- b. Visitors – Kelly, Jason,

### 3. Chair Report - Accepted

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

### 5. Treasurer's Report – Accepted

## MRSCNA Treasurer's Report

April 3, 2011

|                                     | <b>Balance</b> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| MRSCNA Bank balance on May. 1, 2010 | \$2,473.57     |
| MRSCNA Bank balance on Jun. 1, 2010 | \$4,287.59     |
| MRSCNA Bank balance on Jul. 1, 2010 | \$4,972.17     |
| MRSCNA Bank balance on Aug.1, 2010  | \$2,614.23     |
| MRSCNA Bank balance on Sep.1, 2010  | \$3,022.24     |
| MRSCNA Bank balance on Oct.1, 2010  | \$3,538.51     |
| MRSCNA Bank balance on Nov.1, 2010  | \$3,935.99     |
| MRSCNA Bank balance on Dec.1, 2010  | \$3,935.99     |
| MRSCNA Bank balance on Jan.1, 2011  | \$2,675.00     |
| MRSCNA Bank balance on Feb.1, 2011  | \$3,216.70     |
| MRSCNA Bank balance on Mar.1, 2011  | \$2,907.06     |
| MRSCNA Bank balance on Apr.1, 2011  | \$2,907.06     |

### Deposits/Credits

**Credit Debit**

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| #    | Source                 | Description    | Dep.Date  |          | <b>\$2,907.06</b> |
|------|------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
| 689  | SWMASCNA               | Area Donation  | 2/26/2011 | \$200.00 | \$3,107.06        |
| 459  | New Beginings Group    | Group Donation | 1/28/2011 | \$8.00   | \$3,115.06        |
| 5852 | Heavenly Express Group | Group Donation | 2/6/2011  | \$50.00  | \$3,165.06        |
| 1254 | Saginaw Bay Area       | Area Donation  | 2/6/2011  | \$102.21 | \$3,267.27        |
| 1291 | Northwoods Area        | Area Donation  | 2/6/2011  | \$100.00 | \$3,367.27        |
| 1690 | WASCNA                 | Area Donation  | 2/6/2011  | \$34.55  | \$3,401.82        |
| 2947 | CASCNA                 | Area Donation  | 2/13/2011 | \$35.40  | \$3,437.22        |
| 2951 | CASCNA                 | Area Donation  | 3/13/2011 | \$12.13  | \$3,449.35        |

**\$542.29**

## Payments/Debits

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| #    | Destination                   | Description       | Chk.Date | Cleared |                 |            |
|------|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|-----------------|------------|
|      |                               |                   |          |         |                 | \$3,449.35 |
| 3880 | Al Lemon (Co-Treasurer)       | mileage/room      | 2/6/2011 | Y       | \$147.19        | \$3,302.16 |
| 3881 | Patti Kanipe (Facilitator)    | mileage/room      | 2/6/2011 | Y       | \$154.00        | \$3,148.16 |
| 3882 | Fred Schmidt (Co-Facilitator) | mileage/room      | 2/6/2011 | Y       | \$152.72        | \$2,995.44 |
| 3883 | Les Pollington (RD)           | room for workshop | 2/6/2011 | Y       | \$52.06         | \$2,943.38 |
| 3884 | Courtyard by Marriott         | meeting room      | 2/6/2011 | Y       | \$143.70        | \$2,799.68 |
| 3885 | Michelle DeBoer (Secretary)   | room              | 2/6/2011 | Y       | \$77.76         | \$2,721.92 |
| 3886 | Jim Back (Webservant)         | mileage           | 2/6/2011 | Y       | \$69.00         | \$2,652.92 |
| 3887 | NAWS                          | World Donation    | 2/6/2011 | Y       | \$123.22        | \$2,529.70 |
|      |                               |                   |          |         | <b>\$919.65</b> |            |

Greetings Family:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, Michelle, Ryan and I were able to meet in Grand Rapids to get signature cards signed, so the correct people are on the account (Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, and Secretary).

The current MRSCNA account balance is \$2529.70.

The current MRCNA account balance is \$6991.32.

ILS,  
Al L.

### 6. RD Chair -

Hello Family, hope all is well with each and every one of you. Great to be back in Traverse City again, so soon! We Hosted the MZF in Washtenaw on March 19<sup>th</sup>. We had some local attendance of a few members, but you have to watch out showing up at NA Service Meetings, you may get elected to a position, right Frank. Yes, Frank D. was nominated and elected as one of our Co-Facilitators. Thanks for the willingness Frank. This whole election process was about as confusing as it could get. We are in the process of going from one year terms to two year terms. At the same time going from calendar year cycles to Conference year cycles. Elections now, but all this will start after the Conference in 2012. So the people elected today and last Meeting in Peoria will serve between one and two years. Now try and get 28 addicts on the same page with that and you'll have a good idea how the day went. The Meeting went a lot longer than I had planned for, but we got it all in by 6 and the speaker Meeting went over real well. Would have liked more attendance, but there were a couple of dozen there for most of it. The Zonal Forum had 28 in attendance, with all the Regions present but Minnesota.

We always start with a Recovery Meeting at 9am, and go into Business at 10. Our normal business is all reports by Admin, Regions, ad-hoc, elections, where we'll meet for at least the next 2-3 Meetings. Then we pick a few of the many topics brought up for discussion. The topics chosen to discuss this Meeting were: The United States Fellowship Assembly and Service Structure Project. I had to leave for a funeral service at the same time the USFA was on the floor, so Brian will report on that. We were brought up to date on the Service Structure Project by conference call, by way of cell phone loud speaker, by one of our Zonal Members from Minnesota, J.J., who couldn't be there, but is also on the Service System Committee at the World. They have a 32 page draft under construction with all the input changes from workshops around the country. The Conference Seating sounds like it will be suggested to go State, Providence, Country, over any type of Zonal Seating. The RDA not attending the Conference was taken off the table as well. This could possibly take up a whole day's discussion at the Conference. The GSU and LSU were suggested, if used, the two track model was preferred. The 32 page document should be out in June or later. We also discussed that when possible; we have the ways and means to support a Conference Call, and or Web Cam.

As for the Reports: Web contact, or web servant, I'm not sure which, we have one of each for reasons I forgot why. Brian asked and an answer was given and it seemed logical at the time, but for the life of me I can't remember what it was. Anyhow, he mailed in a report and his term is up. Bob M., who was one of our co-facilitators, was elected web servant, I think. We have a way for all MZF correspondences to go thru our web page by emails. This was suggested as the way to go because of spam emails coming from each other when our home computers are compromised. It has happened a lot. I get Viagra sales pitches from girls in the Zone and also members of this body. Either my wife has been talking or a lot of emails have been hacked. Chicagoland reports trying to transition to a project based entity, and also having an inmate step working program that is anonymous. Other Regions spoke of even changing addicts with each letter to get more diversity. This Project Driven idea is something we could take a look at to see if it is feasible for our Region or an idea that Areas alone could adopt. I'm not proficient enough to explain it at this time, but could gather information on it, if needed. Metro Detroit reports looking for Area input on what they really expect or want from there Regional Body. Ohio reported they are getting started on hosting the multi-regional CAR workshop in Feb. 2012. M.W.B.R. Wisconsin brought up the old standing question of "why are we here"? What do we do? This was decided to be the topic of a Workshop at our Meeting in Indiana. This will take place at there convention on September 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. I will be sure to take notes for my own satisfaction. They also suggested that with Upper Mid West joining the Zone we should break into two Zones, split right down the middle of Lake Michigan, to cut down on travel expenses. This didn't rally much support. Plus they brought WSNAC flyer. Upper Mid West, who will be hosting our next Zonal Forum on May 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, was looking for input on how to appeal World Board Members right to vote at the Conference. This has been an ongoing topic since its creation, and World has changed policy to only vote on new business motions and John H. spoke to the issue of all the rationale behind this. Very informative! They also reported an issue of sales of Red Bull at events in there Region being a very controversial issue. I'm planning on attending the next MZF in May by way of a motor cycle trip and it will be an extended one, so I may or may not be back in time for our June Meeting. I haven't planned it out that far yet, and probably won't. I like to keep them as spontaneous as possible. Our ad hoc on updated nomination/service profile forms were brought forward for approval. These are so we can have a resource pool to pull from if we are looking for expertise in a certain area. We are also updating our 401C with new President and Vice President. Our treasurer reported we started with \$1,373.44 and ended with \$929.86. We send 10% of balance to World as standard procedure, but have had trouble with checks not being cashed. One was even outdated so far that the bank would not cash it. Checks were reissued. This would probably be a good time to request the Hosting fee for this MZF Meeting. We had a wonderful room that every one was happy with for a \$60 donation, and refreshments of \$27.26. Totaling \$87.26. It looks like we did not make an MZF donation this time and I suggested to the Zone that this could be our scheduled donation. The finale decision rest with this body, but I hope we don't chase it around in circles like they did.

One last thing discussed was the possibility of working with Native Americans and translating literature. There is a need in the Upper Mid West for this and it could be done on the IP level to start. It was pointed out that any Group, Area, Region or Zone could possibly do this with no Intellectual Property Trust Fund infringements. Sounds like quite an endeavor. This will be talked about at next meeting.

One of the things I've mentioned to Brian and brought up in my Home Area was: What would the addicts in Michigan like to see for a Workshop at MRCNA? I don't think from past experience that the Service System Project would bring in any attendance. Yes, Area Workshops have good attendance, but not Conventions. I've already got one good suggestion by having it brought up at a Home Group that Area Inventory's could be explained. A helpful Workshop for addicts and/or Areas, plus a catchy title might give us better attendance than we've had in years past. At this point, I'm not even sure two workshops are necessary. I'm asking all RCM's to bring back suggestions from there Areas, and hope June won't be too late to title the Workshop for MRCNA Programming. If so, what is our deadline? If Jennie is still the program chair, I'll contact her personally to have things set in time for any deadlines.

Received my copy of NAWS NEWS, but could not figure out how to get it into and e-mail attachment to e-blast out to the fellowship. It wouldn't copy and paste in its original format, but it is available at the world's web site. I've went in an updated all my e-subscriptions so it should come as an attachment from now on, and I can better forward it. I suggest we all do the same, it is the 1<sup>st</sup> bullet point on the News letter,

and all five periodic publications can be done at once. A few of the bullet points were: Updates on the Service System, extended Literature survey deadline till end of April, reducing expenses by canceling there March Meeting, a 5% increase in all items except the Basic Text effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Living Clean approval draft will be available in late April and can be purchased for \$8.50. There are two pages on Regional Motions and a trial proposal for WSC 2012 on moving towards consensus-based decision making. Regional Motions/Ideas deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, and has gone from 150 words to 250 for the conference required format. And that about wraps it up, ILS, Les P.

## 7. RDA Report –

I'm an addict named Brian

My report will consist of the conversation we had about the USFA (United States Fellowship Assembly) at the MZF.

Let's have a short over view of the USFA. After NAWS came up with some proposed changes to our service structure last year (2010) but mainly changes that could affect seating at the WSC (World Service Conference). There are a handful of addicts that felt NAWS was taking away many regions/addicts rights to be heard at the WSC and decided that something needed to be done? In March 2011 this group of addicts decided to organize an assembly to talk about some of the issues they were having with the fellowship and what they could do to change things? The literature handed out at the USFA claims that they are now 300 strong, although only around 200 attended the assembly in Wichita. One other point, this group of addicts are not connected with any region, area, group, or zone in the fellowship of NA. They are just a group of addicts that don't like the way things are going and are trying to make some changes!

We had three members at the MZF who attended the USFA and had comments, not necessarily reports on the assembly and the MZF had conversation about what these addict had to say and about the literature passed out at the MZF. The comments from the addicts that attended the USFA said everyone who wanted to share had the opportunity to do so, they were very cordial. At least one of the attendees of the USFA shared that they felt the addicts in charge of the USFA may have had some resentments toward the WSO. The conversation by some of the addicts on the topic of having a United States Service Conference, or what the people that started this are trying to do was at times a little emotional.

No one at the MZF seemed to be in wide support of this movement and many seemed scared of what might happen to the fellowship if this were to happen. Would this cause a breakup of the NA fellowship?

Between the literature passed out at the MZF and what's available through reports on the internet, it looks as though the people who started this movement want more than just a United States service conference. They would like to have a separate service office and start writing literature. One of the proposed mandates of the USSC (United States Service Conference) would be to implement and maintain a national toll free helpline service that will save the NA fellowship \$800,000.00 annually. The most wonderful thing about doing this USSC is that it would free up the WSO of the financial burden of having to deal US fellowship and actually save them money. Statements like this and that it would have no financial effect on NAWS sent a couple attendees at the MZF off a little. The fellowship would ultimately be responsible for the financial obligation to this project through contributions of groups, areas, and regions.

Some of the literature written about the subject of starting a USSC, is that the WSO is to worried about the rest of the NA world fellowship and doesn't care enough about the US fellowship? One addict shared that we are an established NA fellowship and sense when did we get so self-centered that we stop caring about the rest of the world? Many of the members that attend the MZF are aware of who are at the helm of this movement and simply stated that if this does happen, the addicts that have ulterior motives would eventually be pushed out!

The literature passed out at the MZF spoke about how we have gotten away from the inverted pyramid. How because of NAWS the groups are no longer at the top of this inverted pyramid and the WSO is now considered to be at the top? The diagram illustrated in the information booklet given at the USFA shows an inverted pyramid with the groups TOP, area and regions LOWER and US, WSC LOWEST in service bodies. One addict shared that this goes against the 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition and that all service is equal and should be considered linier? Another addict shared about the use of terms like ASR (Area Service Representative)

and RSR (Regional Service Representative) instead of RCM and RD and said these guys are stuck in the 1980s! These terms haven't been used for over 15 years.

The people that are driving this movement also stated that a regional motion was brought to the WSC in 2002. This motion direct the NAWS to create a US assembly similar to those that happen in Europe, Canada, Asian Pacific Rim, and South America. This motion was not recommended by the world board, in fact the world board wrote back to the motion saying, in a nut shell, if the addicts in the US want a service conference they should make it happen as they did the zones. With that being shared another addict did a little research and found the MZF represents as many addict/groups as any of the other forums around the world such as the EDM, CANA, or APFNA. What I heard from the conversation at the MZF about starting a United States Service Conference was, the rhetoric written in the literature about this movement was conjectured fabrication or opinion. Now with having made that statement I will say this, all the conversation to this point about starting a USSC is opinion and that's all we have right now.

Perhaps we would like to enter this subject into a conversation part of the regional meeting?

As always, in gratitude

Brian H

- Further discussion on USFA.

**8. MRCNA Report – Hello Family,**

My name is Lou and I'm an addict. This is my second time here and I'm throwing this together before we start. I'm very honored to take the position of the new chair of MRCNA 27, 2011. Everything is going well and everyone is doing an excellent job working together to have a successful convention. Please everyone keep Josh in all our prayers.

With all of your support we are going to have an awesome MRCNA 27, 2011.

In Loving Service,

Lou A,

**9. Webservant Report – No report received**

Micha brought up the question on whether the contact information on the RCM's form should be kept in the minutes that get posted as some addicts are not ok with this. It was decided to keep the contact information in the emailed minutes to this body, but the secretary will take them out before the sending it to the website contact.

**10. MSO Representative Report – Hello family,**

The Michigan Service Office is doing a little better these days. The sales for January were \$18737. February sales were \$27889 thanks to the MSO power point presentation at last regional meeting. We have been informed by Narcotics Anonymous World Services (NAWS) that there will be an increase in price of most literature starting July 1, 2011, the MSO will be reviewing the upcoming increase and will update the fellowship in the future. The website <http://store.michigan-na.org> has continued to see an increase in orders from the web-store. DACNA is April 22-24. The MSO will be selling literature at the convention. New items the MSO will be selling are the Decade clean (granite) and Decades clean (purple) key tags in the near future. The MSO board meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. The MSO office manager is requesting that all areas and the region please provide the names, phone numbers, and email addresses of all newly elected trusted servants. The office receives many calls requesting information for services that require staff to get in contact with the various area and region trusted servants.

ILS,

Chris B.

**11. PR Report –**



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

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous  
PR Report

Name: Marianne G

Date: 4/3/11

Hello Family,

PR efforts in Michigan are pretty active. Recent news is as follows:

**Regional PSA's** are being used. I received communication from SWMASCNA that their ABC and CW stations began running them on March 31<sup>st</sup>. They are also going to be broadcast to surrounding areas of Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, and Lansing. To prepare for possible increases in phone line calls, they have printed area meeting lists for the those areas as well. We will share more as we find out info from that Area.

**H&I:** At least two Area representatives at last night's event asked me for "learning day" type of info for their more inexperienced H&I committee members. They will connect with me to possibly help facilitate these sessions.

**Sponsorship Behind the Walls:** I have been approached by MZF members as well as members in our MI Region Areas about sharing our Sponsorship Behind the Walls experience and progress with the program. I was under the impression from Robert D that he had constructed a database of MI Prison contacts regarding the program and the Area H&I chair people. When I recently connected with Robert for a report for Region of how the efforts are going, he shared that the program is stalled because he could not find sponsors. We then discussed the current guidelines and that we didn't feel it was a must to find sponsors in the cities the inmate addicts would be released to. I shared with him my PR experience regarding our need to stay connected and maintain relationships with the prisons as well as the inmate addicts seeking our help. He shared with me that he agreed we should use anyone willing to sponsor that meets the criteria and that would enable the program to get off the ground.

\*Robert's e-mail\*: Last week I discussed with Marianne G, the regional PR Chair, some new directions she wants to take with Sponsorship Behind Walls. This will require someone in my position who has skills that I do not have in the area of Public Relations, Public Speaking and Promotional skills. Additionally, my financial and transportation limitations would be severe liabilities were I to continue in this position. I am therefore submitting my resignation, effective when a replacement for me can be found. I wish we could clone Doug D. I will be continuing to work with Marianne and my successor in an advisory and technical capacity.

This will also allow me to pursue other personal and service commitments.

I am very excited about this as SBW has been moribund and it is time for new blood.

Robert D

Additionally, Robert could not locate any of his SBW info including the databases he prepared. I have since tried to connect with him regarding letters from inmates that he has been sitting on but have received no response. Robert also shared with me that this effort started as one addict's project and has just been handed down to whomever had willingness to continue. Since we have now made this a Regional initiative and have been receiving inmate /addict letters and sharing our info with others, I would like to step up and be the coordinator if no one else has the willingness. To this end, I have created the following:

- SBW starter packet
- Database of MI prisons and contact info
- Database of Sponsors (23 so far)
- Presentation materials to encourage support throughout the MI Region
- Prison/Inmate contact letters and supporting materials
- H&I member contact lists for consultation and continuous improvement of SBW program
- Orientation for new SBW sponsors

I have already presented this program to my own Area's H&I committee and have another presentation scheduled with Washtenaw. I am willing to present this program to any Areas that have an interest in learning more. I would like to add the SBW starter to the MI REGION website and ask that this body approve paying the cost of a post office box so that I can get letters to sponsors in a timely manner. I think it is critical that if we say we are going to sponsor

this program, that we follow through for the addicts that need our help.

I would also like to read a letter I recently received that to show you the need that is currently out there for our program.

I will send around the "starter packet" so that everyone can see what it looks like as well.

In loving service,  
Marianne G.

**12. Ad Hoc Reports -**

**13. Area Reports**

**a. Battle Creek Area -**



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

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

Name: Randy M

Date: 4-3-2011

Area: Battle Creek

Area Meeting Location: Maple United Methodist 342 Capital Ave NE

Area Meeting Day / Time: April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**AREA INFORMATION**

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| Number of Groups.....                          | <u>13</u>   |
| Number of Meetings.....                        | <u>23</u>   |
| Number of H&I Meetings.....                    | <u>1</u>    |
| Total 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected..... | <u>\$49</u> |
| Region Donation.....                           | <u>none</u> |

AT&T has installed changes to our phone-line number. So now it isn't working. So we have changed our minds after this and would now like to use the regional phone-line. I read in past minutes we might get a demonstration in June?

Our area treasury is back above \$500, I don't have the exact amount. Our new treasurer is working with someone to go over our books. I tried to tell them since I was doing everything, we only spent money on the phone bill, and paid the back rent of \$180. It sure is nice to have a chair, Dave R., co-chair, other Dave, treasurer, Chip V., co-treasurer, Matt R., co-secretary, Tammy B. and an H&I chair, Cedric. I can now be just the RCM and GSR of my homegroup.

We will be hosting the regional meeting in June at the Battle Creek Alano Club, located at 1125 Territorial Rd, June 5<sup>th</sup>. They are ok with the region writing them the check for \$50 at that time. As of yet, we don't have an event planned for the night before, but are working on putting it together. It should be there as well.

**b. Capitol Area -**



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

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

Name: Chance R.  
 Date: 4/3/11  
 Area: Capitol  
 Area Meeting Location: Board Rm St. Lawrence  
 Area Meeting Day / Time: 2/13/11 3/13/11

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups..... 31  
 Number of Meetings..... 48  
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 4  
 Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 Region Donation..... 5% of collections

2/13/11 A lot of people showed up for area. 16 groups present, 4 new people showed up. We discussed the importance of the newcomers and how fragile they are. Dan was voted in for RCMA and Jeremy for help line. Russel submitted a letter of willingness for activities. Also we got a call from a woman whose husband is deaf, wondering how to deal with that.

3/13/11 Russel was voted in for activities, Bob R. submitted a letter of willingness for webservant. We have NA Love in basketball April 16<sup>th</sup>. Clean time Café went well, had a good turn out. The men’s speaker jam is this Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> at the House of Commons. We’ll have speakers from 12-7 and a dance and dinner after from 7-10 and women are welcome.

Chance R.  
 c. **Flint Area** -



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

Name: Heidi D.  
 Date: 4/3/11  
 Area: Flint  
 Area Meeting Location: Bridge Church  
 Area Meeting Day / Time: Last Sunday 1:30pm

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Meetings..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of H&I Meetings..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected..... 277.04 Feb 549 March  
 Region Donation..... 33.24 Feb 63.12 March

Dear Family,  
 The Flint Area had a hard month in Feb. with weather and attendance issues we couldn’t meet all of our expenses. March was better with a very successful All Male speaker jam on the spiritual

principles of the 12 steps. Word went out that the area was broke and the addicts stepped up. We are now planning an "all white" speaker jam during Mother's day weekend. Flint area administration is meeting this month to review last year's treasury reports. The audit process is open to all, we will see who participates. PSA's are playing but we haven't noticed an increase in our helpline as yet. An addict asked region for input on the issue of people coming to meetings loaded continuously. What can be done?  
 ILS,  
 Heidi D.

**d. Greater Grand Rapids Area**



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

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

Name: Adam G  
 Date: 4/3/11  
 Area: GGRASCNA  
 Area Meeting Location: St.'s Peter & Paul Parrish Hall  
 Area Meeting Day / Time: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 7 pm

**AREA INFORMATION**

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|--|--------------------------------|
| Number of Groups.....                          | <u>20</u>                      |
| Number of Meetings.....                        | <u>37</u>                      |
| Number of H&I Meetings.....                    | <u>2 facilities 5 meetings</u> |
| Total 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected..... | <u>N/A</u>                     |
| Region Donation.....                           | <u>\$153 Quarterly</u>         |

Hello N.A. Family,

Recovery continues in G.R. area. We have elections coming up in May but currently most positions are filled. We did have our activities chair step down but have had quite a bit of interest in the committee and have hopes of the position being filled soon. We have a function coming up May 14 starting at noon at St.'s Peter & Paul parish hall being put on by the Traditionally speaking group and will have 12 speakers each sharing on a tradition. More information concerning that event is available on the G.R. website. Also Tony H. has been elected as alt. RCM. And Brian M. has filled the Co Treasurer position.

Thank you, ILS Adam G.

**e. Greater Muskegon Area – No Report received**

**f. Livingston County Area –**



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

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

Name: Chris B.  
 Date: 4/3/11  
 Area: Livingston  
 Area Meeting Location: Livingston Alano Club  
 Area Meeting Day / Time: 5:30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups.....17  
 Number of Meetings.....19  
 Number of H&I Meetings.....1 at Brighton Hospital  
 Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected.....No treasurer at last 2 mtgs  
 Region Donation.....???

Meeting with the Livingston County Jail trying to bring meeting in the jail. Meeting is set for April 11<sup>th</sup>, more will be revealed. New activity chair Molly B. is planning our annual picnic and adding a campout, will have more information next meeting.

ILS,  
 Chris B.

**g. Northwestern Area -**



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

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

Name: Tim C.  
 Date: 4/3/11  
 Area: Northwestern  
 Area Meeting Location: 5<sup>th</sup> & Oak St. in Traverse City  
 Area Meeting Day / Time: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 4pm

**AREA INFORMATION**

Number of Groups.....17  
 Number of Meetings.....36  
 Number of H&I Meetings.....5-7  
 Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected.....\$268.34  
 Region Donation.....0

Greetings from the NorthWestern Area. We have no donation for this month, however NW Area paid for this meeting room and coffee. Not really a lot to report this month probably as I have been unable to attend Area do to my surgery and recovery from surgery. Our activities committee has been pretty active the last couple of months. All systems are go for our annual Retreat N.W.A.C.N.A. 15 It's In Tents June 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> @ Ranch Rudolph in Traverse City. H&I committee is holding it's own. As always needs support. Some of our outlying groups are going to their county jails, Wexford, Kalkaska, and Benzie. PI is ok and in need of support. Our literature committee recently made a purchase and is all stocked up. H&I still needs a co-chair

and Kitty M. was voted in as our new RCMA. I suggested @ March Area that we try to hold NA events where they are handicap accessible. Also, the area meeting has way too many stairs. It is not just about me either. It's good to see you all up here in the North Country.  
 Thanks for letting me serve,  
 Tim C.

**h. Northwoods Area -**

Hello from the Northwoods Area. We are experiencing an untimely period of our ASC, struggling to acquire Trusted Servants. We are going to maintain as much of our services as we can continue. We have forwarded an updated meeting list and our next event flyer.  
 Hope your day continues peacefully and safely,  
 The Northwoods ASC

**i. Saginaw Bay Area -**



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

Name: Tim R. (Acting RCM)  
 Date: April 03, 2011  
 Area: Saginaw Bay @ SBASCNA, P.O. Box 51, Bay City MI. 48707-0051  
 Area Meeting Location: New Life Church of the Nazarene-1278 S. Center Rd- Saginaw, MI 48638  
 Area Meeting Day/Time: Saturday, April 16, 2011 @ 1:30pm

**AREA INFORMATION**

|                              |                 |  |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Number of Groups.....        | <u>47</u>       | <u>48</u>                              |
| Number of Meetings.....      | <u>64</u>       | <u>66</u>                              |
| Number of H&I Meetings.....  | <u>10</u>       |  |
| Total March Donations: ..... | <u>\$371.94</u> | (Groups \$355.05 + Activities \$16.89) |
| Region Donation.....         | <u>\$100.53</u> |  |

**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. Approximately 50% of our 47 groups participate at our monthly ASC meeting.

Administrative positions have trusted servants except for Literature and Alternate RCM. Active Area Subcommittees include Retreat, Public Relations (includes H&I and Public Information), and Activities. 20+ SBASCNA members are active MRCNA 27 participants. On March 26, 2011 our Treasurer reported an ending balance of **\$2,375.79** (previous month's balance: \$2748.37).

**New meetings (See Online Meeting List at [www.michigan-na.org/saginaw](http://www.michigan-na.org/saginaw)):**

1. Midland (2 Meetings, 2 New Groups) ... Daytime & Evening
2. Saginaw (1 Meeting, 0 New Group) ... Daytime
3. Mt. Pleasant (2 Meetings, 1 New Group) ... Evening
4. St. Louis (3 Meetings, 1 New Group) ... 1 Evening & Late Afternoon
5. Gladwin (1 Meeting, 1 New Group)
6. Tawas (1 Meeting, 1 New Group)
7. Standish (1 meeting, 0 New Group) ... Evening

**Activities Committee:**

Combined SBASCNA and MRCNA 27 fundraiser was held in Midland, MI on Saturday, March 12, 2011. Combined SBASCNA and MRCNA fundraiser held March 12th 2011 Poor attendance MRCNA lost \$57.32 and SBASCNA made \$16.89. At this time neither planning committee has plans for June.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

#### **Event: SBASCNA 'Week after Mothers' Day Retreat'**

**When:** May 13-15, 2011

**Where:** Ralph McMullen Conference Center, Higgins Lake, MI

**What:** Weekend NA Retreat for Men & Women

**How:** **Flyer is on our website ... including T-Shirt/Sweatshirt order form.**

#### **Event: MRCNA 27 Convention**

**When:** June 30 – July 03, 2011

**Where:** Best Western/Valley Plaza, Midland, MI

**What:** 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Regional Convention: 'Living Clean ... Living Free'

**How:** **Flyer is on our website.**

### **Retreat Committee:**

Retreat registration forms have been mailed out to past retreat attendees and are available at meetings. The Retreat will be held May 13-15 one week after Mother's Day. **Retreat registration deadline is April 22, 2011. Cost this year is \$148.00.** T-shirt designs, colors and prices have been approved and order forms are available. Balance of our checking account is **\$5,676.81** (\$322.46 is left over from last year's financially impaired fund).

### **Public Relations Committee:**

- The PR Committee meets monthly on the Monday prior to the Saturday on which the SBASCNA meets @ Aldergate Church, Airfield Lane Midland 5:30pm. Recent actions included:
- We continue to discuss NA with Riverhaven, the State coordinating agency for mental health & substance abuse funding for 6 counties in our Area.
- Still waiting to hear back from MDOC on people cleared to go to Freeland and Tuscola Correctional Facilities ... it's been a slow process
- We continue to distribute Sponsorship Behind the Walls materials to SBASCNA groups.
- Still need people with clean time to step up and go into Jail meetings and prisons to carry the message to those who can't go to regular meetings.
- I have also received an e-mail from Ogemaw County Correctional Facility about a meeting in their facility. I have already been to West Branch to a Sunday Meeting to try to generate interest for this and will try to make a Monday or Wednesday meeting this month. Hopefully, more will be revealed later.
- During 2011, the Phonenumber has had an increase in calls and could use more volunteers. We received 37 calls in January, 28 in February, and 26 in March.
- All H&I meetings are doing well and are stocked. I had an order for 110 Intro Guide Booklets and 280 IP's.
- Meeting lists will be reprinted this month with all the new meetings probably around the 13th seeing as area will be the 16th because of Easter. Please bring any changes your group has to my attention.
- Under PI, the PSA's have been seen on some stations already. We need volunteers for a poster drive in all areas of Saginaw-Bay.
- **We are unable to locate the SBASCNA H&I guidelines. So, we are asking all Areas (that have them) to forward a copy of their H&I Guidelines to our PR Chair, Tim R. at [2fartim@gmail.com](mailto:2fartim@gmail.com).**

j. **Southern Mid-Michigan Area** –

k. **Southwestern Michigan Area** –

l. **Washtenaw Area** –

m. **Westshore Area** –

## **14. Old Business**

- Phone Line – Fred read an email exchange between Jeff K. and Elaine that sounded promising. Jeff K. did request not to post the emails as there is private personal information in them. There was a question on if there would be a hearing impaired option.

### **15. New Business**

- E-mail issues – How to do email blasts. (Tabled since Jim B. is absent)
- Product driven – Should we as a region be more product driven? Les will bring back pamphlets with more information so RCM's can bring it back to their areas.
- Zonal Donation – We haven't donated since October 2010. We will be making a regional donation to the May MZF, and us hosting the March MZF will be considered our donation for that month.
- MRCNA workshops – Les had requested two workshop spots, and now doesn't believe he'll need it. Marianne suggested we use one of the slots as a SBW workshop. Tim R. said that he believes that there is already a SBW workshop planned as a special needs meeting. Heidi suggested a workshop about the internet resources and NA and offered willingness to help with that.
- SBW:
  - Fred asked if there was any willingness from addicts to be the SBW coordinator. Rebecca mentioned that someone from the Southwestern area may be interested and then the PO Box is already in the right place. Bring this open position back to your areas!!!
  - If the SBW coordinator is in a different area then are we going to move the PO Box? (tabled)
  - Is the region going to cover expenses that are required for the SBW coordinator position? (tabled)

### **16. Please discuss at your business meeting**

- [usfellowshipassembly.org](http://usfellowshipassembly.org) for more information on the USFA
- MRCNA NEEDS Arts & Graphics position and a co-chair
- Suggestions for regional workshops at MRCNA
- Bring back that we need a SBW coordinator position
- 5% increase in all literature except the Basic Text begins July 1, 2011

### **17. Meeting closed at 12:43pm**

ILS,  
Micha D.