

Minutes for Utah Region 4/13 (Unofficial)

Quorum Call 2 Executive Committee 7 RCMs 2 Subcommittee Chairs

Previous Minutes read by Dave A.

Secretary - vacant

Facilitator - vacant (RD acting)

Treasurer - vacant - (James is filling in) report attached, working balance of \$6304.55, H&I balance \$216.47.

RD - report attached, agenda is not set for Casper's zonal forum. Larry - Don't want to commit money to sending someone when agenda isn't set. Terry - Believes that zonal forum doesn't do anything for us so why should we send someone at all especially when they ignored our topics that we asked to be voiced. Russ has motioned to be reimbursed for traditions workshops for three remote areas out of the seven workshops that were done. THIS WAS TAKEN BACK TO GROUPS previously (no one could remember the decision of that vote) 14 cents per mile, precedent has been set according to Lou.

Webmaster - looking for more informational events to put on the website, need to update TUANAs website as an area. Our Region website has gotten hits from all over the world.

H and I - put "6 pack" (aka 6 basic texts, 6 step working guides, and 6 It Works: How and Whys) in each of the yellow places on submitted map. Wasatch is funding its own literature and Iron and Washington counties are part of Area 51 (Vegas) Davis County should also be yellow. Some areas choose not to put step working guides in their institutions, in this case the H and I coordinator should work with areas to spend the same amount of money on other literature.

PI – vacant

URICNA - changed meeting location to correspond with meeting. The committee hasn't finalized a location or set a date, there are fundraisers in Tumbleweed (May 5th, Talent Show) and in SLC (May 11th, Talent Show). The committee still needs to present budgets to region.

Campvention – flyers (pre-registration) passed out, website had wrong PO Box, but this flyer has the correct one on it. **Let people know that if they sent in their registration before this flyer then their stuff will be getting sent back.** The committee has two of the main speakers filled, still looking for a female speaker. The committee is still looking for blood, sweat, and tears. (It was suggested that the basket be passed for H&I (at main event meetings) or have a 2nd can set up by merchandise)

USSC – H&I/PI have all but one finished PowerPoint presentation. And they've finished the handbooks also. They've also put out 4 bulletins for approval. **Groups need to reregister for this committee**
USSCNA.ORG!!!!

Guidelines ad-hoc - report attached, needs feedback, not approval.

Central Area - nothing to report, SCORE convention is coming up

High Uintah – C.O.R. (Celebration of Recovery) is June 7, 8, and 9. The area is doing well

Lakeside Unity - going well, we have some motions for inclusion in CAR and one for By-laws change (new business), suggested H&I donation jar at merchandise table at conventions.

Northern - emailed web servant about all our announcements _____ in recovery 26th (on website) formed an ad-hoc committee to attend struggling meetings in Tremonton, Southern Idaho etc. (UWANA calls this ad-hoc committee an outreach committee – they will talk to Tracia from UWANA about resources, etc.)

Sasquatch – H&I doing well, will not be going into Summit County jail (no time for this) will continue going into Wasatch County jail. PI committee is doing well (will be financing 2 billboards in our area) flyer hanging days still happening, area groups have about doubled. Park City is still struggling (might be doing a speaker meeting once a month to encourage attendance). Area is submitting a motion to not support NAWS. Regarding the RD travel mileage we agreed to support the standard rate (but it seems like a better deal to have you supply a receipt) we want to keep it simple (Robert's Rules of Order for decision making process) (voted on later in the minutes).

Tumbleweed – May 5th Talent Show, we are re-writing the by-laws, area is doing well, meetings and service structure is growing.

UWANA - donated \$100 to region, meetings are getting bigger, committees are getting bigger, started going to House of Hope again. The area is looking at doing a learning day's workshop later in the summer. The area is submitting a request for 20, 20, 20 (basic text, step working guides, It Works: How and Why, and 20 Just for Today.) to be placed in the Draper Prison.

Votes on Administrative Committee being required to not be an RCM - 4 in favor, 1 dissention, and 2 abstentions – Passed, Administrative committee cannot be RCMs.

Nominations for:

Facilitator - Lou has 26 years clean, has service positions, has been region facilitator before, has sponsor. **LOU is ELECTED.**

Secretary – **POSITION OPEN** 3 years clean time required, and cannot be an RCM.

Treasurer - James has been treasurer for last year, never (knowingly) misappropriated NA funds, has sponsor, has job, 6 years clean time. **JAMES is ELECTED.**

RDA – **POSITION OPEN** 5 years clean time required, and cannot be an RCM.

PI Coordinator – **POSITION OPEN** 5 years clean time required.

OPEN FORUM

1. CAT (conference agenda track)/CAR (conference agenda report) creating group conscience - proposal to do 2 large workshops in late March early April (prior to the last regional meeting before the conference) on the CAT (released 90 days prior to Conference which is at the end of April) CAT group conscience would come from those who attend workshops, CAR would be presented to each Area at a workshop in January and February, CAR has enough time to get to everyone; CAT doesn't (TAKE TO HOMEGROUPS)

2. FaceBook page, would like to use this as a discussion point (use as a resource). There are some legal issues with being on facebook in some cases. This is not, however, the only option people have to learn about this, but it can be used as a resource for people to learn about these topics (CAR/CAT, etc.). We should have alternate forums to disseminate this information, not everyone has computers, and our Web page could include the information. Are we forming a secret group? (TRANSPARENCY ISSUES) There are other bulletin type places to discuss these things. (TAKE TO HOMEGROUPS - MICHAEL WILL LOOK AT CREATING A DISCUSSION BOARD)

3. WSLD in October - Western Service Learning Days sending a couple people in SoCal this year. They should do training and education on what they learned at these days. Then they are being held accountable to the region for the information they've learned, especially if we are footing the bill.

4. Reforming Standing subcommittees (doing regional assemblies) creating a subcommittee for those who attend WSLD to be accountable to. Newcomers aren't being forced to do service work like they used to be. Need people to fill these positions though... need direction for a committee... if we are just going to be doing a couple workshops do we need to form a committee or could we maybe even have an ad-hoc committee....

5. Mail box – World Conference is coming up in Philadelphia on Aug 29 na.org for more info. Kearny, NB Sept 27-29 NAWS Newsletter is “pretty cool”

6. RMZF – (aka Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum) should we send someone to this forum? They don't really do anything for us... we get the information from other places anyways. It's dysfunctional... but its purpose is first and foremost to be a discussion forum, which they are doing. They are supposed to work for us, not the other way around... (GUIDELINES CHANGE???? To not make it mandatory for us to attend every year).

Old Business

- 1. RD Participation on WSC discussion board - vote to allow participation Passed!!!**
2. Fuel reimbursement - votes to write the check
3. Paper replacement - votes to write the check at \$45
4. Decision making model - hybrid passes (mixture between Robert's Rules of Order and Consensus)
5. Travel policy – haven't had a written travel policy. Suggestion made that a budget be created for travel, and reimburse with receipts, or maybe we should standardize the per mile rate (mileage, meal, and board) move to have this dealt with in the guidelines meeting.

New Business

1. The UWANA area is submitting a request for 20, 20, 20 (basic text, step working guides, It Works: How and Why) to be placed in the Draper Prison. Books approx \$740 (TAKE BACK TO MEETINGS) have active meetings in the prison and need literature to work their recovery. We are being financially irresponsible by sitting on all this money. Area needs help getting literature out. And

the 6 pack isn't going to cover it, it is a prison, not a jail. The region would like to get areas involved with H&I chair to make a decision. They need step working guides. We should spend the money on the still suffering addict. We would transfer money into the H&I account to spend, we are not writing a check to an individual. **MOTION IS TABLED. \$\$\$\$ is to be split evenly between men's and women's prisons.**

2. Motion to add \$2000 to H & I Literature fund. (TAKE TO AREA)

3. Moratorium Motion - Look up service system proposal – Motion Attached

4. USSCNA monetary support motion – Motion Attached

5. WSC withdrawal motion – Motion Attached

6. Delegate travel budget - See RD report attached

7. Digital Recorder - Larry has a recorder to give to Lou the money we would be giving to Larry for the recorder give the money (\$150) to H&I for BT.

8. Transparency of traditions workbook input.

9. Motion to support by registering the Utah Region with the USSC

Questions as to whether the Guardians phone calls are publicly available. AMENDMENT TO THE MINUTES: "Will the Guardian Committee be opening meetings for Fellowship access and participation on the Guardian Committee conference calls? The guardians discussed this issue for the second time and the conclusion was to keep the conference calls closed at this time. In the USSCNA Service Guide it is explained that the guardians when established and the USSCNA Service Guide is approved by the registered voting members in October that they will have quarterly meetings after October 2013 where anyone can come to the guardian committee meeting and have an open forum where they can discuss anything they want. Until then we have a "contact us" section where any concern can be discussed. That process will begin in January of 2014 if USSCNA Service Guide is approved. Motion to keep the Guardian Committee Conference call closed at this time. The motion was unanimously approved by Guardians present." SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE MINUTES: There was never a statement saying such phone calls are public, it was said that it was believed that they were but that some research would be done and then the correct information would be given out at that time.

*Bolded sections are parts that I need to be sure to report to my Area.

**Italicized sections are parts that I started zoning out on, so the minutes aren't really up to my standards in these sections.

RD Report for April 13, 2013 Regional Meeting

Hi all,

Since our last meeting I have completed the Tradition brainstorming book input workshops in all seven areas, "Thank You" to all who attended, please remember to go to na.org and submit an online input response. I have been asked to scan and email the input forms. I will complete this task next week; does anyone in this body want me to send all the scanned copies to them? Yes, No, How. Also all seven area groups at their workshops where in the positive stance of this body asking for all the input submitted to NAWS on this project are posted online for the entire Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship to see and review as a step in transparency. Question to this body yes or no?

I have submitted a reimbursement request for my fuel cost to travel to the three most distance areas for the Tradition workshops (Vernal-\$107.50, Heber-\$38.53 & Price-\$109.80) the total request is \$255.83 a copy of the receipts has been turned into the acting treasurer. I am also requesting this bodies permission to purchase a case of paper for printing reimbursement for all the materials that were used during the workgroups, estimate \$45.00.

I am requesting a travel budget for the two RMZF meetings July 27, 2013 (Casper, Wyoming) and December 6-8, 2013 (Denver, Colorado). The following are my estimates for myself to attend: July Room 2 nights \$200.00, Fuel \$125.0 (Harley) & Food \$100.00 - \$425.00, December Room 2 nights \$200.00, Airfare \$225.00 & Food \$100.00 - \$525.00. This is a total of \$950.00. If this body sends two of us to Denver it would increase \$325.00 and to Casper \$210.00 - \$1,435.00.

The Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum in Casper, Wyoming will have NAWS participation, the agenda is not yet set, and in Denver the CAR will be presented.

I would also like to start a discussion under open forum as to how best to have the CAR/CAT Utah fellowship group conscience created. I will expound on this topic under open forum. I will also introduce three more points of discussion: 1. Participation at the WSLD in October. 2. The reformation of standing subcommittees at the regional level. 3. The use of the Utah NA Service Forum Facebook group to engage the entire Utah fellowship in discussions.

I have started building a Utah fellowship email list from the Tradition workgroups. I plan on using this list to keep the Utah fellowship members informed of any information that comes from the WSO or other regions. If anyone needs to be added to this list please email your name and email to **tdcdriling@aol.com**, I will send all correspondence through BCC to help protect all those on the list. This will be how I will post my WSC participates board input if this body gives its permission.

To finish this report I am reminding all the RCM's that if there is anything you or areas and groups need that I can be of assistance in please don't hesitate to ask. Effective communications is the most important device in building fellowship unity and kill the apathy that is like a cancer in the fellowship.

Humbly in service

Russ G

Motion to support and/or submit the following proposal as the Utah Region.

This motion is presented by the Lakeside Unity Area for consideration by the Utah Region areas. The areas are asked to review and return with a voice for or against group conscience at the June 8, 2013 regular Utah Regional meeting.

Motion: To submit the following proposal for inclusion in the CAR 2014 Report at Region in April.

Proposal:

To place a moratorium on implementation of the Service System Proposal and world board "transition plans for implementation" for at least 2 WSC conference cycles, in order to have time for a Workgroup to be formed to explore alternate means to reduce costs of the WSC instead of the "reduction of seating" et al, as proposed. We are asking that this workgroup be comprised of members experienced in technology, budget reduction and cost cutting practices and be facilitated by a qualified world board member.

Intent:

To establish a Workgroup that does not include a Corporate Consultant tasked with the responsibility to find viable alternate means to reduce the cost of the World Service Conference without the dismantling of Regions and Areas that were formed by need and "Group Conscience." To allow any Areas or Regions to incorporate into the current Service Structure any ideas from the SSP that may improve facilitation of service without "reduction" of seated regions. To allow for continued growth of the global fellowship using "Group Conscience" as the primary criteria for service related decisions.

Rationale:

We are a Fellowship of bright and creative members led by "Group Conscience" and defined by the Traditions. The Service System Proposal did not originate from a group, area or region and as such will create disunity and distrust within the Fellowship. Areas and Regions are formed by need, not mandates. It is impractical to decide for any Area or Region what their boundaries should be; the Groups have the final authority and know best what the needs are. It is not up to any service body outside of Areas or Regions to decide for them. The non-negotiable Traditions are the ties that bind us and to disregard them will cause disharmony. Our predecessors learned that lesson well. Final authority and autonomy resides with the Groups. It does not serve this Fellowship to ignore or override that. We will continue to learn, grow and evolve by respecting and following our Traditions. To do otherwise, is ignoring the spiritual principles that this program is founded upon.

The following is proposed revisions which are to be reviewed at least once every two years as per the current Utah Regional Guidelines. Presented by the Lakeside Unity Area

Motion to amend Article VII, Section 1, subsection a), subparagraph 1-6. To read as follows:

**ARTICLE VII
PROJECTS**

- Section 1. Priorities: The committee shall implement a list of priorities for funds. These priorities will be reviewed at least once every two years.
- a) Priorities as of 2013 are:
1. Donate 5% of all donations directly to NAWS.
 2. Donate 10% of all donations directly to USSCNA
 3. 15% of all donations will be used to provide literature for correctional facilities within the state.
 4. To assist in support of the RMZF, the Utah region will host the RMZF meeting on a rotational basis, and on that year, will cover meeting and other expenses. The region will also help support the RMZF website.
 5. Bills (rent for regional meeting, P.O. box, website, storage shed)
 6. RD and RDA travel expenses.

Intent:

The USSCNA service body has committed to be fully self-supporting through donations. As a service body that has endorsed the creation process of this service body, the natural conclusion is, that this body incorporate it into its fund flow priorities.

Rationale:

The support of the USSCNA by the Utah Region should also include fund flow as is the normal course of services supported throughout the Narcotics Anonymous communities.

That the Utah Region does not support NAWS and the WB financially till the world board and NAWS become transparent with WB minutes. all work group minutes, WSC discussion boards and information on WB candidates available to the fellowship

Sasquatch Area Motion

For Review

Proposed

Mission Statement

The purpose and intent of the Utah Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous (URSC) is to provide an open line of communication and unity between the area service committees and Narcotics Anonymous World Service (NA WS). The URSC will support the continued growth and development of the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous within the Utah Region. The URSC will provide support for services within the Utah Region.

Proposed

**Article III
Purpose**

Section I : To keep the communication link open between NA WS, the URSC and the area service committees.

Section 2: To support the areas and help coordinate area activities.

Section 3: To provide a forum for areas to seek solutions to issues and concerns.

Section 4: To participate in the following:

 narcotics Anonymous World Service Conference (WSC)

 Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum (RMZF)

 United States Service Conference (USSC)

 Other as decided upon by the URSC

Section 5: To provide one indoor and one outdoor convention.

Current

**ARTICLE/II
PURPOSES**

Section 1. To keep the communication link open between Narcotics Anonymous World Services (NA WS) and the URSC through participation in the World Service Conference (WSC) and NA WS-sponsored workshops.

Section 2. To support the areas and help coordinate area activities.

Section 3. To help promote unity throughout the areas by advising on the Traditions and policies used in other regions and the fellowship as a whole.

Section 4. To participate in the Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum (RMZF).