

## Southwest Iowa Narcotics Anonymous March 9, 2008

- I. **Open with prayer** –Mike V.P.
- II. **Reading of**
  - A. Service Motivation –Peg S.
  - B. Twelve Traditions – Jim B.
  - C. Twelve Concepts –Monica T.
  - D. **Roll Call / Visitors:**

### Roll Call:

#### Executive Committee:

Chairperson	Mike VP
Vice Chairperson	Absent
Secretary	Anita T.
Treasurer	Bart W.
RCM	Sari M.
RCM Alternate	Mick B.

#### Subcommittees:

Literature Chairperson	Open Position
Activities Chairperson	Mary R.
H&I Chairperson	Gina C.
Phoneline Chair	absent
Literature Audit Adhoc	Gary R.
Web Servant	Dave

#### Visitors:

Stacy M.  
Sandy  
Stacy J.  
Bryan  
Tim L.

#### Groups

Reaching Out	Absent
New Way	Tim C.
On the Right Track	Jeff S.
Stairway to Freedom	Absent
Visions of Hope	Dana W./alt. Rusty S.
Clean & Free	Absent
Miracle on High	Michelle B.
Straight & Grateful	Dean
Never Alone	Gina/Alt. Kevin
Nobody's Group	Matt O.
Miracles of Recovery	Peg S.
Clean & Serene	Jim B.
Discovery Group	Dave
Just For Today	Jennifer P.
Living Clean	Mike R.
Saturday Serenity	Lynn F./ alt. Kenny
New Freedom	Absent
Straight Edge	Absent
Straight Friends	Lori W.
Simple Recovery	Brian V.
Let It Be	Troy F.

**Corrections & Approval of Minutes:** MOTION: Gina C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn F. Approve February 2008 Minutes no corrections requested. 16/0/0 Passed.

#### Executive Committee Reports:

**Chairperson:** Hello Area I am Mike and I am an addict.

First I wanted to say that I attended Close Encounters in Omaha NE and was very inspired by the number of people who braved the trek across the river. The hospitality suite was abuzz with SWINA-ITES during our host time block. Speakers and workshops were very good. Kudos to the committee for such a good job.

I attended the Regional business meeting but due to impending inclement weather left that evening and did not stay for the CAR review. I showed up late and did not make it to subcommittees. I also attended the Area CAR Conscience yesterday which was informative and spirited at times. We owe a huge debt

of gratitude to Reid C for his insight and willingness to come a long way to insure that SWINA'S conscience could be carried. There is much that is undone and we have a pretty full Agenda I hope we get through it. I will do my best. ILS Mike VP ASC Chair

**Vice Chairperson:** We have a new Vice Chair Congratulations Stacy M.

**Secretary:** Greetings Area. Not much to report this month thanks for getting things done on time and I hope all went well with your minutes. I attended the convention as well and it was a blast a heartfelt thank you to all who helped out. Sorry I was not able to attend CAR workshop but I had to work instead, all part of living life on life's terms. If you need anything feel free to contact me. ILS, Anita T.

**Treasurer:** See (Addendum 1) ILS, Bart W.

**RCM:** Hello Area, I attended the Regional meeting in Des Moines February 16<sup>th</sup>. I was unable to stay for the C.A.R. the following day due to weather. I had stayed in Des Moines with a family member and upon my family's request, left at 8 a.m. to try to make it back before the storm. Didn't happen! Back to region. In open forum the IRCNA banner committee is hoping to standardize banners and materials used to create those banners with the intention of space and creating banners that will last currently some are made of materials that destroy each other. If any members have IRCNA property please contact Charlotte for its return. There was also discussion on the Governor's Conference in St. Louis. Currently 6 Zones participate and there is a cost associated. It was asked that if each region donated 25.00 in lieu of sending to world it would help with that expense. In the IRSC attachment A on the treasury review, the motion to make changes to section 12 passed 9-0-2. Attachment B on IRCNA standing committee policy clean up passed unanimously. The Insurance Adhoc committee discussion was lengthy. I believe that we will continue to look at the Insurance for Region but it will group functions. It was asked that an insurance agent come and explain all the benefits as we are not the experts. No money will be held back as we will be able to make installments if we go forward. The money that was previously held back was released, and a donation to world was made for \$1,000.00. For IRCNA XXVI we have received 2 bids: Dubuque room rate \$99.00 proposed dates June 27-29<sup>th</sup> 2009@ Holiday Inn, theme is as our recovery progressed, and they have a potential Chair Ryan H. and Treasurer Mark S.

SCANA room rate \$79.00 proposed dates July 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 2009 @ Airport Holiday Inn. Theme is "We are each others eyes and ears", and they have a potential Chair Pat D and treasurer David E. It has been 10 years since this Area hosted IRCNA.

Region has given their backing for Rod G. for co-facilitator at World and we discussed moving region to a consensus based decision making process. More will be revealed on that subject. I have a return of \$3.00 to Area for money not sued for gas for Region. I also attended the CAR workshop on Saturday. I am grateful to Reed for this time and knowledge he brought in facilitating our workshop. It was our areas consensus that was carried. I also want to thank some Kearny visitors that came but did not stay and hope they come back sometime. I personally walked away learning more than I did when I got there. Thank you to all. I will be typing up the notes from the CAR and will send them to Anita for her to send a copy to all in the next minutes. I will forward those to reid and have a hard copy to take to the Regional CAR gathering the first of April. I will not be able to attend and will need a trusted servant to carry our voice if the RD Alt is unable to go.

Here was the conscience on the Motions.

Motion 1: Approve, noting the process is not right in which the changing of the stories was made.

Motion 2: Opposed the changing of Book 1, Book 2, If truly a world wide fellowship every issue should be the same and translated from the same stories. 1-4-2

Motion 3: Allow World Board to update statistical information in preface-opposed 5-2-0. Information is currently updated on the web.

Motion 4: Just for today removal of citations- all opposed, want the just for today fixed.

Motion 5: Update and revise Index. Opposed. RD only gets to see and has to approve when they are at the world convention. Not enough time 2-4.

Motion 6: Approve specific copy edits. NA to NA foot note in tradition eleven. Approved as long as changes are submitted in advance for approval. 3-2.

Motion 7: Youth and Recovery IP. Approved 3-2

Motion 8: Parent or Guardians of young People approved 3-2

Motion 9: All current finishes of Roman Numeral medallions all languages to inventory. All opposed.

Motion 11: Financial support to New Jersey Region for \$36,000.00 for lawsuit, all opposed

Motion 12: Require all Service Pamphlets intended for Group and Individual use to be included in the CAR for approval- approved 4-1-1

Information on the CAT will be provided in the report I send to all and Reid for the Regional CAR.

On a personal note, it has truly been a learning and growing experience serving this area as your RCM.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. ILS Sari M. P.S. I have a financial Request for \$141.89 for the CAR workshop ( \$50.00 Expense, \$9.50 supplies, and \$82.39 printing cost)

**RCM Alt:** No Report

### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Literature Chair: Open Position**

**Literature Treasurer Report:** Literature cash on hand \$265.47. Literature is good. Literature on Hand equals \$1150.60. Including both total is \$1416.07 Report given by ASC Treasurer

**Activities Treasurer Report:** Included with Activities Report.

**Activities:** Good Afternoon ASC, ILS Mary

**H&I Chair:** hello SWINA from your new H&I Subcommittee Chair. I have been very busy trying to get the subcommittee up and running again. We met at 1 p.m. today and there were 17 of us present, there was a consensus given of willingness, clean time, experience and it was made very clear there is a lot of work to do. I have contacted Pottawattamie Co. Jail and they are happy we have rejuvenated. They would like us to be stable and committed and have a large pool of addicts from which meetings can be lead before we enter the facility. I have also been in contact with Shelby County. Jail in Harlan, they are req. 1 yr. clean time, and background checks completed. I would like to suggest willing addicts preferably Shelby County area residents, to keep the commitment logical and strong. Please contact me directly after this meeting. With a heavy heart, I would like to inform the AREA about my personal situation. As you all know I have waited patiently for this position and it is a very personal passion of mine to carry the NA message into institutions. It has come with great struggle however my father is 88 years old and his health is rapidly failing. My parents have been huge supporters of my recovery and throughout my life. I will be moving home to care for them in June of this year. I would like to continue to serve on this subcommittee until that time if this body will allow me. In closing I would like to address some concerns that were brought up regarding P.I. I personally have no knowledge and realize this body has merged the two committees. I would like to throw out the options discussed of 1) separating the two committees with willingness of addicts to do P.I. 2) to have P.I. trained addicts as resources for H&I to draw from as needed. I want to thank this Area for your support, and confidence in me as a trusted servant. I can only hope and pray I get as lucky in Colorado as I have been in Iowa, to be part of such a loving family. ILS Gina C.

**Phone Line Chair:** Absent

**Literature Audit Adhoc:** Absent

**Web Servant:** Greetings Area. Thanks to Michelle for responding to my request for site feedback. The ultimate weapon is recovering addict. I see the meeting lists as my most important function on the site. I would appreciate everyone checking their meetings online. I will update the printable at the same time. It will be current. Flyer information could be better. I have included the requirements on the Events page. ILS Dave

**Group Reports:**

**Clean and Serene Group:** Hi my name is Jim and I'm an addict. Hello Area from everyone in Carroll. Meetings are starting to pick up a little. We are now getting 10-15 addicts at each meeting. We had 1 newcomer and no birthdays this month. We have no donation or Lit. order at this time. ILS Jim

**Friday Night Discovery Group: (4 motions listed in sharing session)** Greetings Area. A bit chaotic, new location. Great meetings, good attendance, great recovery. No donation at this time as we sort our new expenses. We lost our facility due to children. We know the problems and do not point any fingers, but would like to suggest activities take children more into consideration in the future. This has been a continuing concern with no particular function at fault. ILS Dave R.

**Just For Today Group:** Greetings Area, From the Just For Today group. Our meeting attendance has been down a little due to all the illness going around. We have averaged about 7-13 members on Monday and Friday nights. Congratulations to Coleen for earning her multiple years key tag on February 21<sup>st</sup>. She celebrated 2 years of clean time. We are so proud of her! We currently do not have a donation or a lit order at this time. ILS Jennifer P.

**Let It Be:** Greetings to all here from Let It Be group in Council Bluffs. We want to give praise to all those who attended Area last month. It was well chaired, and the due process was a blessing. It was also enlightening to see and feel that Area can work as one entity. Our Monday thru Friday meetings were attended by 184 addicts with 6 newcomers welcomed in February. Our basic average is 6 to 8 per meeting. We are small but strong. At this time we have no Lit. Order or donation, but are sure we will in the future as we become more established. Our group will support Stacy M. for Vice Chair and I personally want to thank our Secretary Anita for her work and hand-delivery of paperwork to my home. Submitted Respectfully, Troy F.

**Living Clean Group:** Greetings Family, Steady membership. Looking forward to hosting the chili cook off. No donation or Lit. Order. ILS Mike R. 01/15/01

**Miracle on High: (see flyer 1)** Greetings from the Miracles Group. We continue to meet 7 days a week at 10 p.m. meeting attendance ranges anywhere from 3 to 12 addicts. We have had several newcomers this month with some 30, 60, & 90 day clean time celebrations. We also had a visitor celebrate 28 years of clean time with us this month. We continue to search for a GSR, until then we will continue to rotate representation for the group. P.S. We have a Speaker Meeting on the first Friday of the month. The next one is April 4<sup>th</sup> and will be Mark G. from Omaha. ILS Michelle B. Representative for the Miracles Group.

**Miracles of Recovery Group:** Greetings from Miracles of Recovery. Attendance has been a little down. We have had between 11 & 18 addicts. We have given out 2 newcomer key tags, 1- 30 day and 1- 1year. We have a \$100.00 donation and a lit stock order. ILS Peg S.

**Never Alone Group:** Hello Area from Monday Night Never Alone in Harlan. As you all know I will be stepping down from this position in May of this year, my Alternate Keven G has made the commitment to step up to GSR. We have no Area donation or Lit. Order at this time. Thank you again for being a determined area to carry the NA message. ILS Gina C.

**New Way Group:** Greetings Area from New Way Group of NA. Attendance has been good, recovery has been strong. We are currently on the 4<sup>th</sup> step from the Step Working Guide. We welcome all of you to attend. We have no Area donation. We have a small Lit. Order in the amount of \$54.56. We encourage your attendance and I thank you for the ability to serve. Tim C. New Way Group.

**Nobody's Group:** Hi everybody from Harlan's Nobody's Group. Meeting attendance holding steady. We gave out 2 newcomer tags this month. We have a small Lit. Order and a \$40 Area donation. ILS, Matt Oleson

**On The Right Track:** Hi Family. Recovery is live and well at our meeting. We have a small Lit. Order and will have a contribution at next Area. ILS Jeff S.

**Saturday Serenity:** Greetings SWINA from Saturday Serenity in Harlan. I attended Close Encounters of the Clean Kind and was totally in Awe. I heard good recovery and met a lot of cool people. Our meeting has averaged 5-10 people. We continue to have great sharing and recovery. We have made our meeting a candle light meeting. We gave out 3 newcomer key tags and 1-2 yr. medallion. We have a

\$15.00 Area donation today. Our meeting for Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> will be at 6 p.m. due to a conflict with the church. I'm grateful to be alive and clean. ILS Lynn F.

**Simple Recovery Group:** Greetings Area from Simple Recovery Group of NA in Tabor Iowa.

Meetings strong and simple. We had 2 out of towners' and a 4 year birthday. ILS, Brian

**Straight Friends:** Greetings Area: Straight Friends is donating \$20.00 to Area & has \$9.24 Lit. Order. Meetings are growing & stable! On a personal Note; I would like to thank Area for centralizing in Griswald this is much easier for myself to attend and be a part of. Much Appreciation ILS Laura W.

**Straight n Grateful:** Greetings Area Our meetings are good. There is a potluck on the 28<sup>th</sup> with a speaker meeting to follow come join us in Atlantic. Thanks ILS Dean O.

**Visions of Hope:** Hello and Greetings from the Visions of Hope Group- At our last home group business we nominated new executive officers for our group, and Rusty S. will soon be our new GSR; Amy- Literature; & Mike D. Treasurer. Our group has 2 nominations for SWINA Area officers; Sandy S. for Area Treasurer and Dana W. for RCM-Alt. We also have a motion that the Activities Subcommittee checking account be audited for the past 1 year of the Activity Committees term. We do have a Literature Order for \$123.34 and an Area donation of \$60.00. All of our meetings are going strong with high attendance, a lot of newcomer participation and group unity. ILS, Dana and Rusty

VI. **Financial Requests:** Request of \$141.89 RCM. For C.A.R. workshop expenses 16/0/0 passed, request for \$30.00 by Activities Chair for rent on facility for C.A.R. workshop. 16/0/0 passed. Request for \$73.15 by Secretary (approved operating expense).

Motion to break: unanimous by all.

V. **Sharing Session:**

A. Discussion about separating H&I and P.I.

H & I Chair -- was not aware of PI responsibilities to be included with H & I Subcommittee

- Representative Tabor--I agree good idea.
- Representative Council Bluffs--we need to get this going its our responsibility to promote NA.
- Representative Council Bluffs —we should take it to our groups.

Take back to groups for discussion & input:

- Discuss splitting H & I and PI Sub-Committees? If decision to split, it would require a motion. No official motion has been made yet.
- Discuss keeping H & I and P.I. combined; creating a pool of resources to do P.I. work. No motion required. The committees would continue to be combined & internally create pool of resources.
- P.I. Nominations if Sub-Committee is split. No official nominations have been made at this time. Requires a motion to open nominations for P.I. Chair, and subsequently a motion for nomination of a P.I. Chair.
- Michelle B. expressed willingness as either Chair or resource within H & I committee, as well as a mentor for any other interested nominee. No official nomination made in business.
- Anyone else with experience or willingness for PI Chair position?

VIII. **Unfinished Service**

A. Open Positions:

a. Vice Chair

1. Stacy M.15/0/1 Congratulations Stacy M.

B. Literature Chair

1. Motion to nominate Stacy J. by Mary R. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn F. Stacy declined nomination.

Motion to table nominations: Lynn F. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave R. 16/0/0

VI. **Current Service:**

A. Discovery Motion 1 (made by Discovery Group 2<sup>nd</sup> V.O.H.) **12/2/2 passed**

B. Discovery Motion 2 (made by Discovery Group 2<sup>nd</sup> Peg S.) **14/0/2 passed.**

C. Discovery Motion 3 (made by Discovery Group 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn F.)

Discussion requested by V.O.H. V.O.H. asked to add to motion to make it so only GSR 's get to discuss things. **Motion Maker declined amendment. Rules of Order** state that we must vote on current motion and then submit in writing motion with addendum then we vote on that motion. GSR from Miracles in Recovery called the vote. **12/2/2 passed**

D. Discovery Motion 4 (made by Discovery Group 2<sup>nd</sup> Bryan V.)

Discussion requested by V.O.H. GSR V.O.H. how long before Area?

Chairman—Good idea needs to be thought out.

No further discussion requested. **13/0/3 passed**

E. Executive Committee nominations;

Open Positions: Chairman-- Nomination by Mary R. of Stacy M. for Chairman 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt O.

Motion to close nominations for Chairman by Lynn F. 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt O. 16/0/0

Vice Chair— GSR Miracles in Recovery nominated Sari M. for Vice Chair Sari declined nomination

Motion to table nominations for Vice Chair Lynn F. 2<sup>nd</sup> Gina C. 16/0/0

Motion to extend Area GSR Miracles in Recovery **3/11/2 Motion failed.**

VI. **Announcements / Flood Meetings: none chosen**

VII **7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$21.30

VIII. **Adjournment:** Motion to close by default no vote needed.

IX. **Next ASC April 13th, 2008**

**If you would like copies of the addendums and flyers please email me and I will get them to you by US MAIL, however most of them can be found on the website. I will have hard copies of them at the next Area but to eliminate the confusion with the attachments unless you request them by mail they will not be sent by email.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Anita T.