

Southwest Iowa Narcotics Anonymous
Minutes for April 11th, 2010

The meeting opened @ 2:30 p.m. by Laura W. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer: Laura requested the following be read:

The Twelve Traditions were read by Brandon
The Twelve Concepts were read by Tim C.
The Service Motivation was read by Mike VP

III. Roll Call:

Executive Committee:

Chairperson: Laura W.
Vice-Chairperson: Vacant
Secretary: Charlotte S.
Treasurer: George R.
RCM: Mike VP
RCM Alt.: Mike R.

Sub-Committees:

Literature Chairperson: Matt O.
Activities Chairperson: Brian V.
IRCNA Bid Adhoc: Absent

PR Subcommittees:

H&I: Tim C.
PI: Mary R.
Phoneline Liaison: Absent
Web-Servant: Dave R.

Groups:

Clean & Free: Mark O.
Discovery Group: Dave R.
Just For Today: Absent
Living Clean: Brandon
New Freedom Group: Carol
Never Alone Group: Absent
Nobody's Group: Holly S.
New Way Group: Tim C.
On The Right Track: Absent
Reaching Out: Jeff
Saturday Serenity: Lynn
Stairway to Freedom: Brandon
Straight Friends: Absent
Straight Edge: Absent
Visions of Hope: Mary R.

Visitors: Bart, Barry & Don

For the purpose of voting the minutes reflect 9 voting groups at the ASC today.

IV. Correction & Approval of Minutes: Charlotte reported that April Minutes has Mary as the IRCNA Adhoc Chairperson, this is not correct it is Kim. Dave R. motioned to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Tim. M/S/C/U.

V. Reports:

Executive Committee:

Chairperson:

Greetings Area,

It's a great day to be clean and I believe Spring is here! (personal announcement made).

Looking forward to filling nominations and positions today and would like to remind everyone we still need members for IRCNA and SWINA Committees.

In Loving Service,
Laura W.

Vice-Chairperson: Vacant

Secretary:

Greetings ASC,

Minutes are out, and as you may have noted we have a couple of issues. The only service resume's that I have received was from Mike R. and that was received to today, and secondly, there is no treasurer's report. I received that on April 8th, well after the date required for me to get the minutes out.

It has been a pleasure serving you in this capacity once again, good luck to the new secretary.

In Loving Service,

Charlotte S.

RCM:

Greetings everyone from your RCM,

Grateful to be here on this beautiful day. I attended Regional in February 2010 in Des Moines.

We had a pretty short agenda. Quad Cities Area submitted a bid for IRCNA XXVIII (28) in 2011. They were the only area to submit a bid so we voted and approved Quad Cities to have the convention in 2011. We also approved their Chairperson and Treasurer. Congratulations QCANA.

The motion to have Regional 3 times a year failed. The next Regional is one day in Sioux City on the first Saturday in June.

I attended the H&I/PI Fair Booth Training in Knoxville, IA (SMANA Area). It was a good refresher for me. I also attended the CAR Conscience Gathering Day in Marshalltown (HANA Area) on March 27th, 2010. Unfortunately, I missed our Service Learning Day, but on the bright side our conscience did get carried. I will attach the summation of our conscience and the Regional conscience to my report.

Thanks for allowing me to serve. It has been a wonderful experience.

In Loving Service,

Mike VP

RCM Alternate:

Hello Family,

I would like to simply thank you for intrusting me to the position of RCM Alternate for the last 2 years and look forward to many more years of continued service to the Fellowship.

ILAS

Mike R.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Literature:

ASC,

Last months take was \$422.21. I deposited \$601.28, and made an order of \$604.86, for which I need George to co-sign a check. As stated last month changing circumstances in my life have made it time for me to step out of service. I will come through June ASC and then will be done, so we need to find a replacement to be voted on next month.

In Service,

Matt O.

Activities:

Greetings Area from Activities;

Thanks to everyone for showing up for the PI Learning Day/Chili Cook Off. Congratulations to the winners. I am still waiting to get the \$75.00 deposit check back from Issac Walden.

The next event is the SWINA Picnic April 24th, at Prairie Rose. I hope to see everyone there.

Thanks to Creston for stepping up and hosting the Anniversary Dance on May 1st, flier will be out soon.

The ENNA/SWINA picnic & softball game is on Sunday May 23rd now due to the softball fields not being open on the Saturday before that.

Mary has started a checking account for Activities, and we will be asking for \$250.00 operating funds.

Thanks for allowing me to serve,

In Loving Service,

Brian V.

IRCNA Bid Adhoc: Absent no report

H&I:

Greetings Area;

Everything is good. Not much is happening with H&I. We have a possible H&I handout/Pamphlet that could possibly go in our Literature Racks, take a look and give us a yes or no. I also participated in a learning day in Knoxville, IA, and after that sat in on the State Fair training, thanks for the ability to serve.

Tim C.

PI:

Hello Area;

Things are going well in PI. Have spoken to Jennie Ed again. They have put into plan a yearly budget of \$500.00 to buy NA literature. We are also planning another flier day on June 12th, 2010.

The PR committee will be getting in touch with the RCF and talking with them about recent issues with our meetings in Council Bluffs. Meeting lists are done and will be done again in 3 months unless we have 3 or more changes.

In Loving Service;

Mary R.

Web-Servant:

Greetings Area,

All is well on the website, as always I remind everyone this is your website. Please proofread everything you can. Constructive comments and corrections are appreciated.

In Loving Service,

Dave R.

Phone Line Liaison: Absent no Report

Group Reports:**Clean & Free:**

Greetings Area;

Clean & Free is doing good. Members are up and down but recovery is still strong. We have a small literature order and an Area donation of \$45.00.

Thank you for allowing me to serve;

Mark O.

Discover Group:

Greetings Area,

All is well in Discoveryville. Attendance holds steady at around 12-15. Recovery is robust and rewarding. Come on in and say Hey.

In Loving Service,

Dave R.

Living Clean:

Greetings Area and Fellow SWINA members;

The Living Clean meetings in Shenandoah are doing well, our numbers are averaging at about 15 and upwards to 20 attending Saturday nights, and Monday night meetings are averaging about 10-15 in attendance.

At this time we have no literature order and we would like to donate \$50.00 to area this month, and to thank everyone for their hard work and time. Thank you.

Yours in Service;

Brandon S.

New Freedom Group:

Greetings Area from Creston New Freedom Group;

I am so very happy to be back at Area, and doing service work again, my goal is to try and get Creston involved back in Area. We have three Narcotics Anonymous meetings going very well. Our Monday noon meeting is averaging 10-15 people, our new women's meeting on Wednesday night is "GREAT", we are averaging 10-18 women in Recovery, and our Friday night group is growing like crazy with 22 at this last Friday meeting, with an average of 10-18. A lot of newcomers and we are still seeing couples coming in together. Also our "senior" addicts have acquired 17 years, 26 years, and 16 years, and we are giving away a lot of 30, 60, and 6 month keytags. So point blank, recovery in Creston is growing and is great! And did I say that I am grateful to be clean and here today! Also we are happy to host the Anniversary Dance on May 1st, @ 403 W. Clark @ St. Malachy School right next to our meeting hall- will give info to Mary. We have no donation or no literature order.

In Loving Service,

Carol H.

Nobody's Group:

Hello Area from Thursday Night Nobody's Group;

Attendance is good, everyone is doing great. I have a small lit order.

Loving Service,

Holly S.

New Way Group:

Greetings Area from New Group;

We are still going strong with an average of 8-15 addicts per meeting. We still work from the Step Working Guide, and we continue to share our message of recovery. We have no literature order or no donation.

Thanks,
Tim C.

Reaching Out:

Hello All from Reaching Out Group;

Meetings are going well, sharing is good. We have a small literature order and no donation at this time.

In Loving Service,
Jeff W.

Saturday Serenity:

Greetings SWINA from Saturday Serenity;

Meetings have been steady this past month. We have had several newcomers and 2-60 day keytags. For this addict, recovery has been good. As you may know, Harlan's Wednesday group, Daylight Again, has been closed effective immediately. Daylight Again has a \$13.80 Area donation. As a reminder, this area is having a picnic on April 24th which falls on a Saturday. Harlan's Saturday Serenity meeting is open to all addicts beginning at 5pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 712 Farnum Street in Harlan. I hope to see you all there.

In Loving Service,
Lynn F.

Visions of Hope:

Meetings are going well, all positions are filled. Donations are down, but recovery is strong. We have a lit order but no area donation.

In Loving Service;
Mary R.

VI: Financial Requests: Charlotte requests \$23.33 for printing of the minutes. Mary requests \$70.00 for printing of the meetings lists. Approved expenses.

VII: Sharing Session:

A. Dave R brought up taking meetings off the meeting list that are still opened, but are no longer part of this Area, he feels that meetings are meetings, and that they should remain on the meeting list. Charlotte stated that groups are autonomous, and it is not our decision to keep them on, it should be the groups. Mary stated that Atlantic groups wanted to be removed from the meeting list. Mary will visit Let It Be, in Council Bluffs, and ask them for their conscience.

B. Charlotte brought up that when groups are absent we should open up a line of communication with the groups and see if there anything we can do.

15 minute break-reconvened with the Serenity Prayer

VIII: Unfinished Service:

A. Nominations and Elections:

1. Chairperson: Laura W. nomination made/seconded and accepted at March ASC. Lynn made motion to close nominations, seconded by Mary. M/S/C/U. Dave R. made motion for unanimous consent, seconded by Brandon. M/S/C/U. Congrats Laura W.

Laura W. Service Resume'

Clean Date 10/09/01

- working knowledge of the 12 steps
- sponsor two (2) sponsees
- have a sponsor
- GSR for Straight Friends on & off for 8 years
- Treasurer of Straight Friends 8 years
- ASC Vice Chairperson 1 year
- ASC Chairperson 1 year

I gladly accept a 2nd term nomination for ASC Chairperson and am ready, willing and able to serve to the best of my ability.

In Loving Service;

Laura W.

2. Vice-Chairperson: No nominations accepted at the March ASC. Charlotte nominated Mark O., seconded by Brandon. Mark accepted the nomination. Laura opened the floor for questions and answers. Jeff motioned to close nominations, seconded by Brandon. M/S/C/U. Mark was asked to leave the room, chairperson called for a vote. Congrats Mark O. (no service resume' submitted)

3. Treasurer: George R. nomination made/seconded and accepted at the March ASC. Mark motioned to close nominations, seconded by Lynn. M/S/C/U. Mike R. motioned for unanimous consent, seconded by Holly. M/S/C/U. Congrats George R. (no service resume' submitted)

4. Secretary: Lynn F. nomination made/seconded and accepted at the March ASC. Dave motioned to close nominations, seconded by Mark. M/S/C/U. Motion for unanimous consent made by Brandon, seconded by Dave. M/S/C/U. Congrats Lynn F.

Lynn F. Service Resume'

Clean Date-August 1, 2007

GSR Saturday Serenity 2006-2008 and 2010 to present

Treasurer Saturday Serenity 2008-2008 and 2009-2010

Treasurer Daylight Again 2009-2010

Prior Service-

Area Secretary 2002 (1/2 term)

GSR-Nobody's Group 2000 (2 terms)

Treasurer Nobody's Group- 2001 (2 terms)

Please note: the dates under prior service are not firm.

5. RCM: Mike R. nomination made/seconded and accepted at the March ASC. Brandon motioned to close nominations, seconded by Dave. M/S/C/U. Laura opened the floor for

questions and answers. Lynn motioned for unanimous consent, seconded by Brandon.

M/S/C/U. Congrats Mike R.

Service Resume Mike R.

Clean Date: January 15, 2001

Current Service:

Treasurer for Living Clean Group Shenandoah

RCM-Alternate SWINA

Group Services:

Chair – Living Clean & Basic Recovery (NebCity)

Treasurer – Living Clean (4 years)

GSR – Living Clean

Alt GSR – Living Clean

Area/Region Services:

RCM-Alt 2 years

Service Committees

So to better focus efforts on Narcotics Anonymous, I have relinquished service commitments I have previously held with other Fellowships.

I have an NA sponsor and NA sponces

I have been attending Region with Mike V.P. for the past 2 years.

I try to apply the Principles, Steps and Traditions to my everyday life.

Although I take my services commitments very seriously, I try not to take myself too seriously.

I feel that I can be trusted to accurately carry the conscience of SWINA to the Region and have the willingness and resources to do so.

6. RCM Alternate: Tim C. nomination made/seconded and accepted at the March ASC. Carol made the motion to close nominations, seconded by Holly M/S/C/U. Motion for unanimous consent made by Lynn and seconded by Brandon M/S/C/U. Congrats Tim C.

Service Resume' for Tim C.

Clean date 11-10-2005

I have an NA sponsor

I do NA service

I have NA experience

I am a GSR for New Way Group

I have H & I experience

Have been H & I Chairperson for 2 years

I have participated in the Regional H&I Committee for 2 years

I have the willingness to learn and serve

7. H&I Chairperson: No nominations were accepted at the March ASC. Lynn nominated Don N., nomination declined. Nominations still open for this position.

8. PI Chairperson: Mary R. nomination made/seconded and accepted at the March ASC. Lynn motioned to close nominations, seconded by Brandon. M/S/C/U. Dave motioned for unanimous consent, seconded by Lynn. M/S/C/U. Congrats Mary R. (no service resume' submitted)

9. Literature Chairperson: No nominations were accepted at the March ASC. Nominations remain open.

10. Phone Line Liaison: Mike VP nomination made/seconded and accepted at the March ASC. Dave made motions to close nomination, seconded by Carol. M/S/C/U. Dave motioned for unanimous consent, seconded by Carol. M/S/C/U. Congrats Mike VP. (no service resume submitted)

11. Web Servant: Dave R. nomination made/seconded and accepted at the March ASC. Mike VP made motion to close nominations, seconded by Lynn. Carol motioned for unanimous consent, seconded by Brandon. M/S/C/U. Congrats Dave R. (no service resume submitted)

B. Anniversary Dance: Anniversary Dance to be held May 1st, in Creston, IA see fliers.

C. 4th Step Retreat: 4th Step Retreat will be held at Manteno Park on the last weekend of June-see fliers.

IX. Current Service:

A. Swina Phone Line- It was stated that the phone line is currently working well for us, and that with recent changes with the actual phone, members from SWINA should be able to carry the phone. Brian brought up, that the phone line may be working well for the groups in Council Bluffs, but not for the groups outside of the metro. There has been research done in the past and Mary still has that information. Charlotte motioned to table this issue till May ASC, to give the groups more time to discuss this issue again, seconded by a few. 7/1/1. Motion tabled.

B. Hosting Hospitality Room at IRCNA XXVII: Charlotte stated that there will be a request from IRCNA XXVII asking areas to host a block of time in the hospitality room again this year and was wondering if anyone was interested in the Area to do this. Mary stated that she is willing to help, but does not want to do it by herself this year. Some members stated that they would be there to help. Mary made a motion to host a time in the hospitality room for IRCNA with a \$50.00 budget for this, seconded by Carol. M/S/C/U.

Motion to extend ASC for 5 minutes made by Lynn, seconded by Mary. 7/1/0. ASC extended.

C. Luau: Luau to be held July 17th, at Pioneer Park. Mike VP motioned to host a State Fair Booth training at the Luau, to begin @ 1:00 p.m., seconded by Tim C. M/S/C/U.

X. Announcements/Flood Meeting: Flood meeting is Reaching Out Group-Wednesday night 6:30 p.m. at the library in Council Bluffs.

XI. 7th Tradition: \$31.00

XII. May ASC: May ASC lands on Mother's Day, Charlotte asked what are we going to do. Mary motioned to have May ASC on the 3rd Sunday of May, seconded by Brandon. M/S/C/U.

XIII. Tim made a motion to close, seconded by all. April ASC closed at 4:35 with the Gratitude Statement.

CAR Conscience Gathering Day

Motion	SWINA Conscience	Regional Conscience
1. To approve “A Vision for NA Service” stated below to replace the existing “NA World Services Vision Statement” (World Board Motion)	Adopt	Adopt
2. To approve the draft contained in Addendum A, Money Matters: Self-Support in NA, to replace the existing IPs #24 “Hey What’s the Basket For?” and #25 Self-Support: Principles & Practice. (World Board Motion)	Not to Adopt	Adopt
3. To approve the draft contained in addendum B, Funding NA Services, as a Conference Approved pamphlet. (World Board motion)	Not to Adopt	Adopt
4. To approve the revisions to “In Times of Illness”. (World Board Motion)	Not to Adopt	Adopt
5. To direct NAWS to produce and add to inventory a purple decades clean and granite clean decade clean key tag in English only. (Show ME Region)	Not to Adopt	Not to Adopt
6. To add purple key tags for multiple decades of clean time to the NAWS inventory. (New Jersey Region)	Not to Adopt	Not to Adopt
7. To add Spanish (Castilian) line number large print Basic Text, in the current edition to the NAWS inventory. (Southern California Region)	Not to Adopt	Not to Adopt
8. The World Board is directed to develop a project plan for presentation to WSC 2012 for a Traditions Working Guide. (California Mid-State)	Not to Adopt	Not to Adopt
9. To direct the World Board to develop a project plan for presentation to WSC 2012, to revise the Just For Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts by replacing the 13 quotes (and meditation passages if necessary) that were taken from the 5 th edition Basic Text and Youth in Recovery with current Fellowship approved Literature. (Iowa Region)	Adopt	Not to Adopt
10. The World Board will post on the NAWS website the motions that pertain to the Conference Approval Track at the same time the Conference Approval track is sent out to the Conference Participants. (South Florida)	Adopt	Abstain
11. The World Board will post on NA.org all recovery literature workgroup meeting records in English within 30 days of any workgroup meeting. The WB will also link these postings to any project resources such as project discussion board, or similar resources. This post will include the projects timeline and schedule of workgroup meetings. The WB will also post their	Not to Adopt	Not to Adopt

meeting schedule and have the discretion to post an overview of the literature development process or any other additional information. (Greater New York)		
12. To add language to the end of the Approval Process for Recovery Material section of GWSNA, page 36, that says, “No more than two informational pamphlets or one booklet or one book length piece will be out for Fellowship review at the same time. (Free State)	Not to Adopt	? 3-4-2
13. To add language to the end of the Approval Process for Recovery Material section of GWSNA, page 36, that says “Review and input periods will be at least six months for informational pamphlets and booklets, and at least one year for book-length pieces of literature. (Free State)	Not to Adopt	Not to Adopt
14. To require 180 day review and input period for Fellowship Approved, Conference Approved, and World Board Approved material. (New Jersey)	Adopt	Not to Adopt

Since most ASC’s did not get a conscience on the Conference Approval Track materials-the conscience was to let the votes be at the discretion of the RD and the RDA.

