

# March 2024 WRSC Minutes

March 16, 2024

Approved May 18, 2024

I. Opening: Becky S 9:06am

- Moment of silence/Serenity Prayer (extra moment of silence RIP Deb W/KMA)
- Reading of the Servant Worker's Prayer – Joe D
- Reading of Concept 10 - dezzz g
- Introductions / Clean Time Anniversaries! Anniversaries Jan 21 - March 17 (Sunday)

John M- 33 years (3/15)

Roll Call

<u>Trusted Servants/Area Representative</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Trusted Servants/Area Representative</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Co Facilitator A	Becky S	<u>Badgerland</u>	
Co Facilitator B		<u>Big Rivers</u>	Deb W
Secretary/RA	Nichole M	<u>Chippewa Valley</u>	inactive
Co-Secretary		<u>Inland Lakes</u>	Ellen K
Treasurer	Rob T	<u>Inner City</u>	inactive
Vice-Treasurer		<u>Kettle Moraine</u>	Micaela O
RD	dezzz g	<u>Milwaukee/Waukesha</u>	Mike S
RDA	Tyler L	<u>North Central</u>	Eric B
WRSO Rep Even	Vicki P	<u>North East WI</u>	inactive
WRSO Rep Odd		<u>River's Edge</u>	
WSNAC Rep Even		<u>Scenic Bluffs</u>	
WSNAC Rep Odd	Jon F	<u>South East Family</u>	Joe D
Activities		<u>SWANA</u>	inactive
Fellowship Development	Chris W	<u>WOCA</u>	Jim L/Patty M
H&I		<u>Woods &amp; Waters</u>	Josh B
IT	Deb W/Big Rivers		
Literature			
Policy	Patty M		
Public Relations	Cheryl H - representing		

Attending: Gary K/Big Rivers

- 7th Tradition – Online members please use regional website Contributions – Wisconsin Region Of Narcotics Anonymous (wisconsinna.org)
- Review-Adjust Agenda – FD not open, remove ad-hoc archives as completed/tech issues
- Approval of Minutes January 2024 cycle - passed.
- Orientation – dezzz, Tyler, & Nichole
- Welcome Statement

## II. Reports

### Trusted Servant Reports

A. Co-Facilitator A - spoken

B. Co-Facilitator B (OPEN)

C. Secretary – as a reminder, approved minutes will be emailed to the Trusted Servants email list and posted in the Minutes channel of Slack.

Any new members should email [secretary@wisconsinna.org](mailto:secretary@wisconsinna.org) with your contact information, including a phone number and what role you are serving for which Area. Thank you for allowing me to serve. I am grateful to be alive and serving Narcotics Anonymous.

D. Co Secretary (OPEN)

E. Treasurer - Hello family,

At this point, there is a total balance in our bank account of \$20,872.87 which reflects both the working reserve and the prudent reserve of \$13,858.00 and available balance of \$7,014.87.

With that being said...

NAWS and MZF were both paid in the last cycle for \$170.00 each, for a total of \$340 Neither have cleared yet.

We Paid out:

Website payment of \$960

Travel expense of \$50.

Deposited 9 Regional Donations and last cycles 7th tradition of \$18 for a total of \$4618.98.

There should be no other outstanding withdrawals between now and the next region. If we are overlooking something, we will report it.

Currently the signers on the account are Tyler L, Becky S, and Rob T. I have the checkbook with me. As I was unable to attend in person I have sent the checkbook with Becky S.

Thanks for allowing me to serve,

Rob T.

F. Vice-Treasurer (OPEN)

G. Regional Delegate - Hello family,

I will not be in attendance in person this cycle, and I am grateful for the hybrid option. I planned on attending, but I have another commitment in another part of the state on Saturday night and I wanted to ensure that I got enough rest for my health as I am just recovering from pneumonia. My term as the RD will be coming to an end at our July region. I will still be around to help with the RD Team. Tyler and I spoke and while he is more than capable of handling the RD position, there is not anyone who has stated they might be interested in the AD position. I would really love in the interest of mentoring of service that anyone that is interested in serving in this capacity please get in touch with either Tyler or myself. I know that during my tenure in the RD and the AD position I have watched some members who got elected get burned out and I do not want this to happen to anyone else. NA service is for everyone, but I would love for it to be something that brings joy to the next crew. The last thing that I want to foster in NA service is frustration or despair. As this team has reported, we will be submitting updated guidelines for these two positions and with many changes coming as the world changes in the NA environment, please know that we only intend to keep the position guidelines current and sensible. I will help to submit a proposed budget at the July region for these two positions. The budget will be for a three-year period, as these positions will not be for three years, due to the new WSC cycle that is in place at this time. Tyler and I will also be attending a CP (Conference Participant) webinar on Saturday of this regional cycle. The time we will be in attendance of this webinar is from 1 PM to 3 PM. This is a requirement of these

positions, so please let us know if you need something from us before the beginning of the webinar.

With that, we will continue to have our monthly RD team meeting, although please watch for a time and date in the future. We do not know when the next one will be but will be sure to communicate to everyone when we make a decision. Also, on April 6 there is a webinar to discuss what zones do, and the date of April 6 is for the one that involves the Midwest Zonal Forum (MZF). Tyler and I were asked to attend this webinar as well as a different one to observe, and while we both attended the one to observe, we will be in attendance at the one on April 6. Anyone can attend this webinar, but NAWS (NA World Service) is asking that you go to [na.org](http://na.org) and preregister if you plan to attend.

Also the meeting lister that is provided through [na.org](http://na.org) has changed. There were several announcements that have gone out over the past several months. This is now in place. It is of most importance that you ensure that your local area website information is accurate and that our regional website is also accurate. I know that we do a great job, but please review the listing to ensure that all is up to speed and listed as it should be. This will help the still suffering addict to find their way to your home group and get to find a new way of life. I am also happy to report that online meetings are also listed on the meeting finder, and while this might seem like something that has been going on for some time, it is great that this is happening through the [na.org](http://na.org) website as well as the Narcotics Anonymous app.

I will be traveling to the UK from March 28 through April 18. I will not be reachable by my cell phone during that time, but will be accessing email, so if you try to call me and I don't return, please know that I will return your call when I get home from my travels. I will be attending a convention in London for NA and will be taking flyers from some of our upcoming events in the Wisconsin Region.

I appreciate this region so much and happy to be a trusted servant here in Wisconsin.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.  
dezzz G - Wisconsin Regional Delegate  
**Addendum to my original report.**

So grateful we read the 10th concept today, which has this quote that I read today "Our members, however, are only human", with that I apologize for putting in some acronyms that I did not spell out. Here they are...

RD - Regional Delegate  
AD - Alternate Delegate, which our guidelines reflect as RDA (Regional Delegate Alternate)  
NA - Narcotics Anonymous

thanks for allowing me to serve and thanks for allowing me to be human.

dezzz G

- H. Regional Delegate Alternative
- I. WRSO Rep Even - spoken
- J. WRSO Rep Odd
- K. WSNAC Rep Even - spoken

L. WSNAC REP Odd - spoken

### **Subcommittee and Ad-Hoc Reports**

- Activities (OPEN)
- Hospitals and Institutions (OPEN)
- Information Technologies (I.T.) - spoken
- Literature (OPEN)
- Fellowship Development - spoken
- Policy - March Policy Subcommittee did not meet due to my sister being in the ICU. The tabbed pdf of the WRSC Guidelines approved in January 2024 are being submitted this cycle. Thank you for letting me serve. (see attached pdf of guidelines)
- Public Relations - WRSC Region Report for WRPR March 2024  
 The Wisconsin Region Public Relations group has been very active.  
 We meet monthly-1st Sunday of the month (unless there is a holiday then we meet the following Sunday), at 7:00pm CST. (next meeting 4/7 @ 7pm, zoom ID [link](#))  
 We start with service workers prayer, introductions-when new members come, then read from the PR handbook, then follow with any new items to be added to the basic agenda. Things to remember from the handbook include but not exclusive are: Panel members need to be aware and open minded to the possibility of DRT/MATs possibly being used in a facility and to not have an opinion on these matters when presenting NA. Also, no matter what type facility we need to let them know that NA meetings are to be ran by NA members. PR Chair: nominations-Dean H (Big Rivers Area) sent an email declining his nomination for PR chair. PK nominated Cheryl H (Big Rivers Area) for chair and Cheryl accepted. Thank you for your service Dean.  
 If you have your Area's PR chair email or anyone interested in learning more about Public Relations please have them email [cheryl46581@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl46581@gmail.com) to receive meeting agenda and minutes.  
 Virtual Presentation/Contacts: Meeting ID: 979 0465 4272 Passcode: NA 2nd Friday of the month at noon-Gary K (Big Rivers Area) has a list of over 20,000 professional's emails he invites to come to learn about NA. There is an invite on the Regional Website. Matt L does follow up with the professionals that come to the virtual presentation with a resource email. This endeavor has been going on for 3 years and counting.  
 PSA-Public Service Announcement: Gary K has an mp3 of a PSA that can be used; if anyone wants it contact Gary [garykleinertz@gmail.com](mailto:garykleinertz@gmail.com). There is also a different PSA available and used in the Milwaukee/Waukesha Area contact PK @ [pegmoore55@gmail.com](mailto:pegmoore55@gmail.com) to get a copy for your Area to use. Mark S, Mike R and Liz B (Badgerland Area) have been working with NAWS to create a Continental US if not worldwide PSA for television Liz B read a letter Badgerland Area is using to send to Television stations.  
 211 has been updated to be more user friendly thanks to Matt L's (Milwaukee/Waukesha Area) efforts working with their operators.

\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*

The last few sessions we have discussed the upgrade for Areas to use the current Regional Helpline phone number 1-800-240-0276 for Area websites, flyers, postings, business cards and public relations efforts to get the correct number listed. This is a two-part effort: First is to have all the Area web-servants to update their web pages to reflect the 1-800-240-0276 Wisconsin Region phone number. There are several that still have their old NON-WORKING phone numbers listed. Cheryl H (Big Rivers Area) went through the list of Areas on the Wisconsin Region website. Where possible a note was sent to the available contact to please come to WRPR and if needed to update their number. See notes below.

Second is for every "old" number we need to comb the web for the use of the old area numbers-we are working on drafting an email/letter/(script-for calling) to send to facilities to request they update to the new phone number 1-800-240-0276, so the still suffering addict can reach a Recovering Addict for help.

The following was included in IT's Region report in January and mentioned before that. After the January WRSC meeting, all the old area helpline phone numbers are being deleted, with the exception of SEFA's number, which they asked to be retained. All the phone calls are handled by the regional helpline volunteers, phone number 800-240-0276.

You can help make sure the old numbers are out of circulation and every place is updated to use the regional number. We suggest the following:

1. Make sure your Area website and any printed material is changed over to the Region Wide Helpline number (800) 240-0276
2. Type in your Area old Helpline number into whatever search engine you use, Google etc.
3. Contact by phone or email any place where the old Helpline number is listed and provide them the Region wide Helpline number (800) 240-0276.

Here is a list of the phone numbers which are being discontinued:

(608) 258-1747 (Badgerland)-OK need web verified

(866) 579-7534 (Big Rivers)-OK need web verified

(888) 543-0924 (Chippewa Valley)-needs number updated and web verified

(866) 635-2254 (ILUA)-OK need web verified

Inner City= part of Milwaukee/Waukesha County Area-same website # needs updated and web verified

(888) 611-1813 (KMA)-OK need web verified

(866) 913-3837 (Milwaukee/Waukesha) -needs number updated-Matt L said he would contact webservant.

(866) 590-2651 (North Central)-OK need web verified

(866) 285-7830 (North East)-needs updated and web verified

(888) 796-2737 (Rivers Edge)-closed? Still need to do web search and taken off WRSC website

(866) 590-2648 (Scenic Bluffs)-needs updated and web verified

SEFA-has a working number

South West Area is still on website but not listed here?

(888) 205-1671 (Ozaukee County)-OK needs web verified

(866) 310-9077 (Woods and Waters)-Needs updated and web verified

In Loving service,

Cheryl H

Vice Chair WRPR

Suspended order to discuss WRSO pool candidate Greg R from Milwaukee

### **Area Reports**

- Badgerland - spoken
- Big Rivers – spoken/emailed

Big Rivers Area has completed a rewrite of our Guidelines. The new Guidelines are shorter and more straightforward. It was a long process but worthwhile.

For the time being we are focusing on basics and have reduced our subcommittees to just H&I and PR. Any other needs can be handled by a group or an adhoc. More Subcommittees can be added once our numbers increase and we are readily fulfilling these services.

- Chippewa Valley - inactive
- Inland Lakes Unity Area - ILUA RCM Report 2024-03  
 ILUA Area Information:
  1. Meetings
    - a. ILUA Total: 36
    - b. ILUA Hybrid: 5
    - c. ILUA Virtual: 1
  2. Activities
    - a. Spiritual Retreat
      - i. Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya
      - ii. Where: 13654 S Shore Drive, Suring, WI 54174
      - iii. When: Date: Mar 28 - 31 2024 Time: 3:00 pm - 12:00 pm
    - b. ILUA Softball Tournament
      - i. Where: Memorial Park 620 E Witzke Blvd, Appleton, WI 54911
      - ii. When; 9am Saturday May 25
  3. ILUA Service meets second Sunday of the month at Solution Center 621 Evans St Oshkosh and is hybrid via zoom: Meeting ID: 840 1151 8343 Passcode: ILUAArea
    - a. Policy subcommittee @ 10am
    - b. PR subcommittee@ 10am
    - c. Subcommittee meetings @ 10:30 am
    - d. GSR training @ 11 am
    - e. GSR Meeting @ Noon
    - f. Area Meeting @ 12:30
  4. Area Positions open: Alternate Treasurer, RCM Alternate, Merchandise
  5. Contribution sent to Region sent monthly
- Inner City - inactive
- Kettle Moraine – spoken (expected to host November 2024 cycle per rotation in WRSC guidelines)
- Milwaukee / Waukesha - spoken
- North Central - Grateful to serve  
 In our latest area meeting,  
 Topics discussed:  
 The area updated its liability insurance.  
 One of the questions asked was whether or not "of narcotics anonymous" needed to be added to the North Central Area needed to be added which will be discussed at our next area meeting.  
 H&I is taking place in Portage, Langlade, and Marathon counties.  
 Questions of whether or not individuals in probation could be a part of H&I also it was noted that there was a very large shortage of women involved with H&I.  
 We have a vacant position for Fellowship Development as Dylan resigned. We had 3 new nominations which will be voted on.  
 It's area events discussed  
 Rolling into Recovery  
 Flower Power  
 Clean Connections in Wausau  
 Thank you for letting me serve, I apologize in advance if I didn't report correctly as this is my first one.  
 Erik B/RCMA

- North East - inactive
- Rivers Edge
- Scenic Bluffs – Wes H emailed report

This should go to the Secretary of the Regional Service Committee. Was unable to attend due to a back injury. Just like everyone else we have only a few service positions filled. We have sent in a donation that has yet to be deposited from the last cycle. Before this, it took 6 months to get a donation deposited. Our area service committee is attended by less than half of the meetings and much of the information we get on meetings is coming from single individuals who happen to attend multiple meetings. We are still trying to get contact information for jails and institutions to find out if they would like BasicTexts sent to them.

- South East Family - Hello family, I'm Joe and I'm an addict. Nicole, our RCMA is present as well.

We have 18 meetings per week in our area. There were 9 GSRs in attendance at the last ASC meeting. There are two new groups in our area. A lot of our groups are in need of trusted servants. There were no concerns or issues brought up by the groups during their reports.

We discussed the issue of WSNAC changing locations. General consensus was for them to stay at the current location with them still investigating a possible new location.

All positions are filled at this time in our area. Our secretary may be stepping down. More will be revealed.

There is a learning curve working with our new policy. CBDM should bring a lot of excitement to our area.

Unity and activities is busy. The "Grill 'N' Chill" is scheduled for May 25th from noon until 6 PM.

We also have our campout and picnic scheduled. The information is on the regional calendar.

H&I is working hard at building a membership base to go into the facilities in our area. They have a learning day on May 4th from 3pm to 7pm in Racine.

ILS,

Joe D. and Nicole F.

- SWANA – spoken, not represented
- Washington Ozaukee Co. - Dear Family,

WOCA is doing well. We have Most of our group level positions filled. We are still looking for some newer members to step up and relieve some of the older member positions at the AREA level. We have 2 new positions filled Fellowship Development and Policy & Administration.

We have some upcoming events:

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, our annual "Piggin Out" will be held at Lac Lawrann Conservancy. In West Bend, from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm. This is an Indoor/Outdoor facility.

The Traveling Bags Tournament will be held at this event.

SIGN UP: At 1:00 pm

Tournament Begins: At 2:00 pm

Thanks

For Us to Serve

RCM: Jimmy

RCMA: Patty

- Woods and Waters - Our open positions are Vice treasurer, activities, outreach and policy. We had two more meetings join our area meeting list. One in negaunee Michigan and one in Crystal Falls Michigan, both can be found at [woodsandwatersna.org](http://woodsandwatersna.org) We also have bayfield Wisconsin attending our next area service to get on our meeting list. If that happens they have two meetings that will also be going on our list. Our next area service is April 6th at 2:30 p.m. in Iron River Michigan at the Windsor center. Journey's subcommittee is prior to that at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping Journeys

out you can attend via zoom. Zoom ID number is 617-454-1700, no password required

### III. Elections

#### Open Positions

- Hospitals and Institutions
- WRSO Rep odd – Greg R gave qualifications. Vote: ELECTED
- Activities
- Literature
- Co-Secretary
- Co-Facilitator B
- Vice Treasurer
- Public Relations – Cheryl H gave qualifications. Vote: ELECTED

#### Pools

- WSNAC
- WRSO

### IV. Financial Decisions

A. Treasurer – **Report**

B. Vice Treasurer - **Report**

C. **Budget Discussions - none**

D. Disbursements / Motions. – discussion of donation for cost of room today. Proposal to pay \$100 PASSED.

### V. Topics/ Discussion Board

Dezzz/RD suggested since we have been completing business so quickly that we should add work sessions to Saturday of Regional weekends, IDT discussion. Proposal: Every Saturday we commit 2 hours for an IDT (Issue Discussion Topic) vote: PASSED

RD Team requests to Proposal: Changing name on the guidelines for WRSC to reflect RDA to AD to match the name that World uses. Vote: PASSED

*Break for Lunch 11:55 – 1pm*

#### **Roll Call after lunch**

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<b>IT</b>	<b>Deb W</b>		
<b>Literature</b>			
<b>Policy</b>	<b>Patty M</b>		
<b>Public Relations</b>			

In attendance: Gary K & PK

*V. Topics/ Discussion Board (continued)*

Deb W showed the NAWS webpage so we could discuss which IDTs; straw polls for the 4 topics: Gender Neutral Inclusive language, dealing with disruptive and predatory behavior, DRT/MAT as it relates to NA, revitalizing & reimagining subcommittees. Our first IDT's will be DRT/MAT – \*Deb sent a [link](#) for the topic of Predatory Behavior to slack after the meeting closed

WRSO & WSNAC minutes - reps were asked to add [secretary@wisconsinna.org](mailto:secretary@wisconsinna.org) to their email lists

WRSO has outstanding debt from groups and areas; Area treasurers should contact the WRSO ([here](#)) for details and get balance taken care of

Deb W suggested we complete the survey for H&I literature due by 3/31; we completed the survey as a group, and it was submitted in real time.

WSNAC host site for 2026; many areas wanted WSNAC to explore new locations but did also like having WSNAC at Chula Vista

*VI. Closing business (Announcements, Next Meeting, Hugs, Prayer...)*

WOCA's Piggin Out is July 13, 11 am to 11 pm, Lac Lawrann Conservancy, West Bend, WI. Unity bags tournament

May (5/18-5/19) and July (7/20-7/21) WRSC meets on zoom only, same WRSC [link](#)  
PR meeting 4/7 @ 7pm, zoom ID [link](#)

WRSO meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 10:00 am CST on zoom - [contact](#) with questions.

Nourish your inner geek - come to the IT Subcommittee meeting!

Tell your areas the BMLT meeting finder app is the best one for looking up meeting on your phone. Or use the Regional website [www.wisconsinna.org](http://www.wisconsinna.org)

*Close of business: 3:20pm Saturday*

*VII. March Committee Focus: Outreach/Fellowship Development & Public Relations*

Cheryl H/PR & Chris W/FD talked about their efforts for NA service in Wisconsin.

Cheryl explained some information from her report. 1. Make sure your Area website and any printed material is changed over to the Region Wide Helpline number (800) 240-0276

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Chris/FD is gathering information about the Areas and would like to know the geographic boundaries, asking for Areas can reach out to him using [fd@wisconsinna.org](mailto:fd@wisconsinna.org)