

May 2024 WRSC Minutes

May 18-19, 2024

Approved July 20, 2024

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Moment of Silence/Prayer: 9:04AM

Reading of the Servant Worker's Prayer / Read Concept 11

Introductions / Clean Time Anniversaries March 18 – May 19: Michaela 9 Years Clean

Roll Call:

| <u>Trusted Servants/Area Representative</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Trusted Servants/Area Representative</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
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| Co Facilitator A | Absent With Notice | <u>Badgerland</u> | Present |
| Co Facilitator B | Open | <u>Big Rivers</u> | Present |
| Secretary/RA | Absent | <u>Chippewa Valley</u> | Absent |
| Co-Secretary | Open | <u>Inland Lakes</u> | Present |
| Treasurer | Present | <u>Inner City</u> | Absent |
| Vice-Treasurer | Open | <u>Kettle Moraine</u> | Absent |
| RD | Present | <u>Milwaukee/Waukesha</u> | Present |
| AD | Present | <u>North Central</u> | Present |
| WRSO Rep Even | Absent | <u>North East WI</u> | Absent |
| WRSO Rep Odd | Absent | <u>River's Edge</u> | Absent |
| WSNAC Rep Even | Absent | <u>Scenic Bluffs</u> | Absent |
| WSNAC Rep Odd | Absent | <u>South East Family</u> | Present |
| Activities | Open | <u>SWANA</u> | Absent |
| Fellowship Development | Present | <u>WOCA</u> | Present |
| H&I | Open | <u>Woods & Waters</u> | Present |
| IT | Present | | |
| Literature | Open | | |
| Policy | Present | | |
| Public Relations | Present | | |
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7th Tradition – Please use regional website: Cycle was held virtual; donations were made via WRSC website.

Review-Adjust Agenda: No adjustments were made.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved.

Orientation: Went over Slack during orientation.

Welcome Statement: Read by Deb W.

II. Reports

Trusted Servant Reports

Co-Facilitator A: Report sent

Co-Facilitator B: (OPEN)

Secretary: Report sent

Co Secretary: (OPEN)

Treasurer:

Hello family,

At this point, there is a total balance in our bank account of \$22,818.20 which reflects both the working reserve and the prudent reserve of \$13,858.00 and available balance of \$3,405.89. \$5,554.31.

With that being said...

NAWS and MZF were both paid in the last cycle for \$170.00 each, with an additional \$187.80 paid out which appears to be for participation. And \$97.97 from PAYPAL INST XFER ZOOMVIDEOCO WRSC INC.

A total of \$ 2,571.10 was deposited.

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.

Thanks for allowing me to serve,

Rob T.

262 455 0505 – please use my number for any questions you might have. I would ask that you use this number and let me know that you are

Vice-Treasurer: (OPEN)

Regional Delegate:

Hello Family,

Tyler and I met recently and discussed the upcoming things happening for our RD (Regional Delegate) Team. We don't have too much to report this month. I do plan on attending the Zonal Meeting on June 1 and 2, however I will be attending virtually. Even though our Zone is meeting in Chicago, I cannot take the time from my schedule to take the trip to Chicago. I do enjoy attending the meeting in person, but now that our zone has purchased a refurbished OWL (not an acronym, but a name of a video camera), this has made the experience of a hybrid meeting seem more beneficial for all who attend, whether in person or virtually. If anyone needs information about the meeting in Chicago, I am attaching it to the report for everyone to have. Please attend if you can, I think that our zone has a lot of good things that it does, and it can be quite a helpful tool to helping find resources that are available to us all through NA (Narcotics Anonymous)

I don't think there are many other obligations left for me in this position, but I will gladly stay on as a part of the delegate team after my term ends in July 2024. It has been a great privilege and an honor to serve this region, and I continue to pray that there is someone who is interested in being elected for the role of RDA (Regional Delegate Alternate) for our region in the upcoming cycle. It is an exciting time for our Fellowship, and we are always learning and growing as the world changes around all of us. I have had the honor of serving in this position through a worldwide pandemic. I continue to be amazed at how this Fellowship has taught me time and time again to remain in the solution, even when it does not seem that comfortable. I have learned the together we can, and together we will, and quite frankly it is amazing to know that all of my recovery up to this point has happened within the Wisconsin Region, and I have a deep love for the Wisconsin Region and each member that is clean and has gotten clean. I also will always keep the newcomer in my heart and good intentions, as that is how I have been taught by my predecessors.

Attached to my report are the proposed changes to the guidelines that both Tyler and I have worked on. My hope is to present them and have them added to our guidelines so that the next RD team will have these changes in place for them to make their job easier. I would also like to say that I thoroughly approve of Tyler L being elected as the next RD for Wisconsin. He has worked hard and has a good understanding of the requirements for this position. We have elections for this position in July, so I wanted to let everyone know what my experience has shown me about who would be a great candidate to consider.

Thanks for allowing me to serve the Wisconsin Region.
Addict dezzz G

Regional Delegate Alternative: Verbal Report

WRSO Rep Even: None

WRSO Rep Odd: None

WSNAC Rep Even: None

WSNAC REP Odd: None

Subcommittee and Ad-Hoc Reports

Activities: (OPEN)

Hospitals and Institutions: (OPEN)

Information Technologies (I.T.):

Helpline: After removing the unnecessary phone numbers* we have seen a significant financial savings. In the 3 months preceding the removal our total phone bill was \$146.53, an average of \$48.84 per month. In the 3 months after the numbers were removed, our total phone bill was \$36.99, an average of \$12.33 per month. (The bill varies per month depending on usage.) This multiplies out to over \$400 per year.

The phone bill is paid by depositing funds to our Twilio (our phone provider) account which then is debited as needed. Early last year we deposited the budgeted annual amount, but because of this savings that amount is not yet depleted. This year rather than again depositing the budgeted amount, I am watching the account and will add funds when needed. I will be contacting the Treasurer for the credit card information when that is needed. (Twilio can only be paid by plastic.) Next year's IT budget will be reduced to reflect this savings.

Meeting lists: The BMLT is our meeting list database. Reminder that each area has a BMLT Coordinator. This would be the person to advise of changes to your meeting information. NAWS is no longer maintaining a meeting list database they are referring to ours, so updating NAWS is no longer necessary and would just add a significant delay, as they update our Region only once every few months. Changes put in by your BMLT Coordinator happen virtually instantly.

If you have an independent meeting that is not part of any area you can update the Regional BMLT coordinator at bmlt@wisconsinna.org

Special Worker: Now that our website developer is a special worker it has come to our attention that we need a process established for approving/requesting changes to the website. With no experience on working with a special worker, we put this on the topic board for input from the Region before discussing and establishing a process at the Subcommittee.

IT needs volunteers. As terms end, positions will be vacant. Participating before terms end will allow positions to be filled in the future, and allow people the opportunity to train in these complex technical matters before being the point of responsibility. Every NA member is welcome to attend. We meet virtually at 6pm on the last Sunday of every month. We use Zoom and the ID is in this report.

Literature: (OPEN)

Fellowship Development: Verbal Report

Policy: Verbal Report

Public Relations:

Hello family

WRPR is doing well.

In April we read from the handbook.

We had two Areas request help in March Woods and Waters requested help doing presentations and Matt L stepped up and said he would help them-they have been doing some training. We also had a request for help from Badgerland Area-they are wanting to do a presentation at the capitol and Matt L said he and Tyler L would help. Later there was a request from Badgerland via email to request a flyer be put on slack communications which I did but didn't realize a letter was to accompany the flyer to explain there was also a t-shirt sale going on, I believe Mike R then asked Dez to either repost or add the letter. At the April IT meeting we were informed that Badgerland had requested IT to put up a t-shirt sales form (after it had been initiated). Mike R had questions about how the t-shirts were going to be paid for, and will be requesting funding from WRSC due to any money made for the t-shirt sale is to go to the WRSC general fund. The last day to order T-Shirts is May 31, 2024 see the order form on the website under members/PR...

The committee will be discussing whether or not to continue with this event in the future as an annual WRPR event. There was also a comment that WRPR should be doing an event for PR week, but when it had been brought up previously it was turned down due to Areas were doing events for PR week (the first week in June).

WRPR is wanting to know if WSNAC is wanting an information table or PR presentation at this years event?

Dez will be manning a table at the spring conference WATC/at the Dells.

We discussed the Area phone#ers and that they have been mentioned multiple times at Region and other meetings. Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date on your Area websites so that no addict misses our message of recovery and can get a hold of your Areas-thank you! It was mentioned that we are creating quite a savings by using the single phoneline compared to the every Area having their own number-Thank you for that information Deb W (IT Chair)

There were no milestones in April but in May Liz from Badgerland mentioned she is getting married May 9th- Congratulations Liz.

Also at the May meeting we welcomed Mike W from CEFA to the WRPR group thank you for coming, Matt L explained a little of what we do. Also that he is getting requests from facilities for more WRSC Business cards-we discussed this a little deciding that Region should provide the cards to the facility due to not everyone at the facility are from or stay in that area.

We continue to do a monthly presentation and are setting up information tables at some conferences, Thank you Matt L, Gary K and Leah.

Matt L will be checking on a conference price for an event in Appleton, WI Sept 29-Oct 1, 2024 and was wanting to know if WRSC will help support POP-UP Projects such as this unplanned conference.

We hope to see you all at the Badgerland event next month at the capitol-thank you Liz and Mike R for your willingness to be of service. Thank you to all the Areas that can make it to WRPR we need you. We meet the first Sunday of every month 7:00pm CST unless otherwise noted.

Grateful to be of Service,

Cheryl H (WRPR Chair)

Ad-Hoc Archives: Archives Ad-Hoc is closed

Area Reports

Badgerland:

We have 11 meetings a week virtually accessible, and 32 weekly in person meetings. We are planning to have a camp out toward the end of the summer months. Details will be passed on when available. There was an H & I learning day held in Racine on the 4th of May. June 15th there will be a recovery rally on the Capitol lawn in Madison, from 9am to 1:30PM. Other news can be found on badgerlandsdna.org. Our Area Service meeting is being held on May 19th. More information may be available following our monthly meeting.

Big Rivers:

We have completed the process of a complete rewrite of our Area Guidelines. It was a long process and a lot of work but the end results are worth it! If anyone is curious, our new guidelines are on www.bigriversna.org under the "resources" tab

Chippewa Valley: No report

Inland Lakes Unity Area:

ILUA RCM Report 2024-05

ILUA Area Information:

1. Meetings

a. ILUA Total: 36

b. ILUA Hybrid: 5

c. ILUA Virtual: 1

2. Activities

a. Softball Tournament

i. When: Saturday, May 25 9am

ii. Where: Memorial Park 620 E Witzke Blvd, Appleton, WI 54911

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: RCM Alternate, Merchandise

5. Distributed NA Rally information to GSRs to get out to meetings

6. Contribution sent to Region sent monthly

Inner City: No report.

Kettle Moraine: Verbal Report

Milwaukee / Waukesha: Verbal Report

North Central:

Hi everyone! We had our most recent area on May 2nd, 2024.

12 groups were represented .

9 trusted servants were present.

H&I subcommittee reported no ability currently to serve Waupaca Co jail, getting volunteer forms for wood co currently, and finally have enough women to do meetings 2 times per month in portage Co jail.

PR subcommittee is reaching out to groups that don't show up to area.

The group conscience on WSNAC was to let that committee decide.

Next area function is flower power!!!

Thank you and in loving service, Zac C

North East: No report

Rivers Edge: No report

Scenic Bluffs:

Our area like so many other areas struggles to fill all the service positions. Not all of our meetings that were a part of our area before Covid have re-opened. Otherwise, our area has been chugging along and functioning as best we can. We have no donation at this time. I did not receive a copy of the minutes from the last Region so as of right now I can not approve them. I have sent two requests to the Webservant and the Secretary for login information for the Zoom and have gotten no response from either of them. In my opinion this should be posted on the Website as this is supposed to be an open meeting to all members.

South East Family:

Good morning family,

We have 18 meetings currently running in our Area with one hybrid and one zoom. Our area meets monthly normally on the second Sunday of the month but because of Mother's Day, we met on the first Sunday this past month.

Our Activities Subcommittee is hosting a Grill and Chill May 25th from 12-6pm at 8017 Sheridan Rd. Kenosha, WI. Our Area PR would like to attend the next Regional PR meeting and is asking for information on the next subcommittee meeting.

In loving service,
Nicole F and Joe D

SWANA: No report

Washington Ozaukee Co:

Dear Family,

WOCA is 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.

Our Area Service meeting was held last weekend (2nd Sunday of every month). We have some new people filling Area level spots and some new GSR's therefore we had an orientation for the new addicts.

We have an upcoming event:
July 13th, 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. It is on the Wisconsin NA Event page along with the WOCA events page(wocana.org).

Thanks
For Us to Serve
RCM: Jimmy
RCMA: Patty

Woods and Waters:

Hello family, I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve. Currently our open positions are activities, outreach, RCMA and vice treasurer. I don't have much more to report. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Josh B

III. Elections

Open Positions

- Fellowship Development:** No Nominations
- Hospitals and Institutions:** No Nominations
- WRSO Rep odd:** No Nominations
- Activities:** No Nominations
- Literature:** No Nominations
- Co-Secretary:** No Nominations
- Co-Facilitator B:** No Nominations
- Vice Treasurer:** No Nominations
- Public Relations:** No Nominations

Pools

- WSNAC:** No Nominations
- WRSO:** No Nominations

IV. Financial Decisions

- A. Treasurer – None**
- B. Vice Treasurer - None**
- C. Budget Discussions None discussed**
- D. Disbursements / Motions. None discussed**

V. Topics/ Discussion Board

- 1. RD Team Guidelines:** Current: RD is coming to the end of their last term. Policy states that they can make policy suggestions in leaving the position. The suggestions for the changes in policy were submitted in the RD report and shared on screen during discussion. Suggested policies were adopted, and Policy chair will sequence were needed.
- 2. Guidance for Special Worker It Team:** Wisconsin currently employs a special worker for the IT needs, and it would be helpful to have guidelines on communication with them. Chicagoland employs a special worker, and the RD will reach out to them to gather their experience on this matter.
- 3. Raise the Budget for hosting WRSC:** Current policy hosting WRSC is \$400 for meeting space. Most meeting spaces are more than that. Some Areas have recovery clubs and other facilities that cost less but not all areas: Proposal to change the amount from \$400 to \$750 to go back to Areas for discussion and vote.

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Resumed Topic Board:

4. **PR Shirts:** PR is printing PR T-Shirts again using the same process as a few years ago. The process utilizes PayPal and WRSC currently doesn't have a policy for PayPal. The Policy subcommittee will draft a policy for using PayPal.
5. **Next topic for regional workshop:** Many different topics for the next workshop at the WRSC were discussed. It was decided that the next workshop topic will be Revitalizing and Reimagining Service will be the next workshop.
6. WRSC currently utilizes Consensus Based Decision for its decision-making process. The Sixth Concept is a great resource on what a group conscience is and there are multiple Consensus Based Decision Making (CBDM) workshops. A decision was made to do a workshop on CBDM at the September cycle of the WRSC.

VI. Closing Business: (Announcements, Next Meeting, Hugs, Prayer...)

VII. March Committee Focus: Outreach & Public Relations