

## MIDWEST ZONAL FORUM

November 19-21

Peoria, IL

**Friday** – Informal meeting 9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. or so. **Saturday** – Service System Workshop 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. facilitated by Kathy and Remy from Chicagoland. Business Meeting from 1:30 p.m. began with a moment of silence, the Service Workers prayer, introductions, roll call, agenda, and reading of the 11<sup>th</sup> Concept. **Sunday** the Zonal forum began at 10:00 am with a moment of silence, the reading of The Servants Worker's Prayer, introductions, 9th Tradition, and reading of the 9th Concept.

Roll Call: Sunday- All Regions were represented by an RD, RDA, or both. All trusted servants were present. There were about 32 participants in all.

### **II. MZF-TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:**

A. Co-FACILITATOR: Bob- Oral report given

Questions/Comments: None

B. Co-FACILITATOR 4<sup>th</sup> 1/4: Derrick -Absent

C. SECRETARY: Dianne - Minutes went out. An email will be sent telling you when the minutes are posted on the MZF website. Mailing list has been updated. Copy and mailing expenses of \$30.63 turned in.

Questions/Comments: .None

D. TREASURER – Blynn - The register and fund flow is attached. I am requesting reimbursement for Travel: \$43, copies: \$25.27, postage: \$15.04, and parking: \$22. In loving service, Blynn M Report explained. Electronic receipts added to discussion list.

Questions/Comments: .Checks not being cashed for 4 or 5 months by the MZF – Gene, Metro Detroit. When money is sent monthly and because everything is done by snail mail, the process may take longer.

Can you list all comments to debits – Will begin with this meeting.

E. WEB CONTACT- Joe – Hello Everyone, I hope that everyone is doing well. There hasn't been a lot to report since the last meeting. The forums, mailing list, and downloads appear to be working as intended. If you need access to download Minutes and Reports, send a message to me or use the link on the site to ask to be approved. The website has been receiving a decent amount of traffic. We did utilize the forums for the agenda discussion for this weekend's meeting. It seems to work if we ask people to come and join the discussion through the mailing list. However, I think once the discussion has ended, someone should inform the mailing list via an email. In this most recent case, something saying, "We've finished the agenda discussion. Here's what we came up with..." would have been excellent." Site Analytics: From March 1<sup>st</sup> to November 19, 2010, the site received 1,715 unique visits, with over 7,000 page views recorded. The majority of the site traffic comes from na.org (22%), with a smaller percentage finding us through Google (18%) and other search engines. On average we have 12 unique visitors a day. This is a significant drop from our previous numbers, but it's to be expected since the site was new and everyone was checking out the new features. Mailing List: To subscribe to the list, send an email to [mzfmembers-subscribe@mzfna.org](mailto:mzfmembers-subscribe@mzfna.org).

You can only send messages to the list from the email address you signed up with. In Service, Joe Y.

Questions/Comments: Jason is Web-Servant. Discussion took place regarding problems with uploading material. Any problems contact Joe. Joe approves all participation members.

### **III. REGIONAL REPORTS:**

A. **CHICAGOLAND:** Kathy – Oral report given

B. **METRO DETROIT:** Gene – Oral report given

C. **GREATER ILLINOIS:** Sally – No report

D. **INDIANA:** Mike – Oral report given

E. **MICHIGAN:** Hello Family, hope all is well with each of you. Also hope you're having better success than we are with Service System Workshops. Not counting those who came with the facilitators, we had one in attendance for most of the workshop, but not all. It was my first attempt to work with a power point presentation, and I was not as prepared as I thought I was. It didn't make it as easy as it looked when others did it. Anyhow, we have a \$100 donation and I'm not sure what else I should report on, but need to know if we're hosting the forum around July, 2011? And if so, it'll be at MRCNA, and what kind of arrangements do I need to make to ensure it comes off as well as possible. I know I'll need flyers with MRCNA information on it. I'm sure we'll want to present where we're at with the Service System Project at that time and believe we have a double slot reserved in the programming. Would anyone here be comfortable facilitating it? I have a few more scheduled in the near future, but working with power point and session profiles and pulling it all together could be done with someone more professional than me. Help. I've been in communication with Dave C., who could not be here today, but is also program chair for MRCNA. He does have us down for a double workshop slot on Friday. He also has us a room for all day Saturday, but would have to scramble to get us space on Sunday. The MRCNA Planning Committee is meeting this Sunday, so if I can call Dave with an update on what exactly we'll need, it'll be a great advantage to all of us. He won't be present there either, but will be in touch with MRCNA, and set it all up for us. One other thing, the contact list I have goes all the way back to when Jim Clifford and Lori were our contacts. Could I ask the Secretary for the most updated list so I can create a file in my e-mail address book? I was also left out of the loop on this meeting, and if it wasn't for Brian, I would not have known we were meeting here today. Please make sure I'm on the mailing list for the forum as well, thanks. In Loving Service Les P.

F. **MINNESOTA:** Caleb. New website. Pushing on with PR. Elections coming up. Concern about RDs being funded to travel and wants them to do MZF by conference call or web cast.

G. **OHIO:** Dave - .Hello Midwest Zonal Family and Greetings from the Ohio Region. Following the World Service Conference, our Regional Service Committee has met twice – on July 10th & 11th, in Covington, KY, with eleven of our fourteen areas represented, and on October 2nd & 3rd, in Chillicothe, OH, with all fourteen areas represented. In July we were

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informed that one of our member areas – the It Works Area around Tiffin, OH – which had been absent for several consecutive meetings had indeed dissolved and that the groups that had formerly made up this area had begun attending & participating in other neighboring areas. Also in July, I was elected to serve another term as Delegate and Charles F. was elected to serve as Alternate RD.

As with many RD's & RDA's from the Midwest, we attended the Worldwide Service System Project Workshop that was held in Detroit, MI in September. We facilitated a re-cap of that workshop on Saturday afternoon & evening at our October RSC meeting. Since that time, we have been facilitating local, multi-area workshops around the Region – in Columbus, OH on November 6<sup>th</sup> with app. 20 in attendance, in Cincinnati, OH on November 7<sup>th</sup> with app. 20 in attendance, and in Dayton, OH on November 13<sup>th</sup> with 40-50 in attendance. We are working to schedule a workshop somewhere in northwest Ohio, and another has been planned in Mansfield, OH on December, 11<sup>th</sup>.

Next year's Ohio Convention of Narcotics Anonymous (OCNA 29) will be hosted by the Buckeye Region. The convention site is the Metroplex Hotel & Conference Center in Girard, OH on Memorial Day (May 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2011).

I have assembled a list of upcoming events in the Ohio Region. Information on these and other upcoming NA functions may also be found on our Region's website – <http://www.naohio.org>.

Thanks again to my higher power and Narcotics Anonymous for another day clean, and for allowing me the opportunity to serve our Ohio Region and the Midwest Zonal Forum. In Loving Service, David L., ORSCNA RD

Following is a list of upcoming events in the Ohio Region:

- November 26-28, 2010, GCACNA XVIII (Greater Cincinnati Area Convention), Hyatt Regency Hotel, Cincinnati, OH
- January 7-9, 2011, COACNA XXII (Central Ohio Area Convention), The Columbus, A Renaissance Hotel, Columbus, OH
- January 8-9, 2011, ORSCNA Quarterly Meeting, Holiday Inn, Portsmouth, OH,
- February 18-20, 2011 TACNA XIV (Toledo Area Convention), Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg, OH
- April 9-10, 2011 ORSCNA Quarterly Meeting, (BLASCNA Hosting)
- May 13-15, 2011 ORSCNA's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 12 Traditions Retreat, Tar Hollow State Park, near Chillicothe, OH
- May 27-29, 2011 OCNA 29 (Ohio Convention), Metroplex Hotel & Conference Center, Girard, OH
- July 9-10, 2011 ORSCNA Quarterly Meeting, (FRASCNA Hosting)
- October 1-2, 2011 ORSCNA Quarterly Meeting, (MVASCNA Hosting)
- October 7-9, 2011 24<sup>th</sup> Annual 12-Step Spiritual Retreat, Tar Hollow State Park, near Chillicothe, OH

**H. UPPER MIDWEST:** Hello MZF. As I stated at the MZF this weekend I was sent by the UMR for two reasons. One to get the UMRNA seated at the MZF and to establish it so the MZF meets at Spiritual Refreshment 2011 on Pelican Lake, MN. I am happy, grateful, and thankful to say that both of these tasks have been completed. Here is a little information about the UMR and its Areas within it. The UMR meets quarterly in various locations throughout the Region, this includes locations in both North Dakota and Minnesota being this Region is an interstate region. Currently the UMR is in need of a Co-Chair, Fellowship Development Committee Chair, and a Treasurer. There are two areas within the UMR, Lewis and Clark Area and Lake Agassiz Area (the Lake Agassiz Area is an interstate area).

The Delegate Team has conducted two Service System workshops thus far within the Region; one at a Lake Agassiz event and the other at the UMRNA Convention the weekend before this last MZF. The workshop put on at the Lake Agassiz event had little attendance of only about six people the other workshop had an attendance of about 25 people. There is going to be a conjoined workshop with the UMR and its ever so generous neighbor, the Minnesota Region. This workshop is being held in Park Rapids, MN on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, flyers can be found on line at umrna.org.

The UMRNA Convention had great attendance and was held in Jamestown, ND the weekend of November 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. The UMR is unable to report anything further on this event being the last time the UMR met was the last day of the event and not enough time had passed for the Activities Committee to report to the UMR.

I am excited to report to the UMR all that has happened at the MZF this weekend, such as how great of a welcoming I felt for the UMR from all members and participants at the MZF. To say that the UMR is ecstatic to be a member of the MZF would be an understatement of the feelings felt by the UMR. We are looking forward to seeing you all at Spiritual Refreshment 2011. In Grateful Service, Jeremy T., ARD

**I. WISCONSIN:** Chris – WRSC Report to the Midwest Zonal Forum. Greetings Family. We would like to thank you for hosting us and the warm welcome. Bill sends his regrets for not being here, but he is at the WRSC and even Bill is not fast enough to be at two places at once. Not much is going on at the WRSC. We are moving ahead to fill the "black hole" of meetings on the map. We have done a few workshops on the service System and will do a few more as they are asked for. Thanks for letting us play. Bill and Chris, the WRSC RD team

### **IV. SUBCOMMITTEE / ADHOC REPORTS:**

A. SERVICE PROFILE- The approved version was handed out and read.

B. HISTORY- No report

C. POLICY CHANGES – John – Nomination form for an MZF pool was handed out. Give input next meeting.

Guidelines – A discussion took place and John will be doing some updating and have them available for the next meeting.

Questions/Comments: Blynn pointed out in financial guidelines – lodging should say ...\$50 per night maximum.

Service Profile guidelines need to be in the policy guidelines: Service Profile Guidelines (These will be added to the revised Approved Guidelines)

Any member of Narcotics Anonymous within the member Regions of the MZF may submit a service profile.

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At least one reference must be a member of the MZF at the time of submittal.

The trusted servants of the MZF will be responsible for checking the references at the time of submittal.

The secretary of the MZF will be responsible for maintaining the profile records.

The records will include the profile, the notes from the reference checks, and a brief synopsis of the candidate's qualifications by at least 2 of the current MZF trusted servants.

Any group, Area, or Region of the MZF may request suggestions for potential service commitments from the MZF.

The secretary will pull all potential candidates and provide their name, number, e-mail and the synopsis to the requesting service body.

Update and/or purge resumes every 5 years.

### **VI. BASIC SERVICES:**

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October minutes were approved.

B. ELECTIONS: Secretary – Dianne nominated and elected.

a. Treasurer – Blynn nominated and elected.

b. Co-facilitator A – John H. nominated and elected.

C. FINANCIAL DECISIONS: Electronic receipt emailed acknowledging that the money has been received. A hard copy would still be made to compare with the bank statement. John should add to the guidelines that an electronic receipt will be sent upon request. Blynn will let you know where to put it.

a. Web Contact will be a signer on the checking account. Two signers in the same household may not sign so we had to add a signer.

D. PLANNING FUTURE MEETINGS: Article 5: 1<sup>st</sup> page of minutes – Meet 3 times in off conference year, 2 times in conference year - ?could we meet 2 times every year? Why do we have zone during convention? Bob gave a little history and hosting region drives if we do. – Less often, more bang for the buck, thus providing more service by putting on a workshop. Adopted a priority of topics that hosting regions can pick from. – 3 years ago we decided to provide more service. – CAR/CAT service provided was most valuable as an RD. Most successful workshop was at the stand alone MN workshop done together with NAWs and MN; great promotion of the event. We want to be of service to the fellowship.

a. John put up calendar. – Blynn proposed 3 times in 2011, and 1 meeting in 2012 to take us through the conference.

Les objects but stands aside to let it happen. He feels we should vote on the rotation instead. So now we moved on.

### **V. PRIORITIZE LIST OF TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **VII. TOPICS / DISCUSSION:**

1. MZF Decision making – Les, wants to say that this meeting is not a viable justification for funds unless we will have a seat to world. How many know if there is a conscious from their regions whether the MZF should be a representative at the WSC instead of regions. 4 regions knew. WI no, MN yes, IN no, GR IL don't know, Chicagoland don't know but there is a fear of losing their voice, Metro don't know, Ohio don't know but the MZF would have to change their decision making process and the MZF territory might change because the number of delegates to each zone isn't determined, ND no.

2. Adding Upper Midwest to rotation – length of travel time for everybody. The history o this is we had several regions looking at the MZF to join so looking at the big picture we said that we would not tell a region they could not join and we need to be fiscally responsible and made a consensus that anyone that wanted to be a member could but we would freeze the rotation. In order for us to go up there about 5 regions would probably have to fly or take a couple days off of work to be there. Maybe this body could chip in some of the cost to get them here. The current trusted servants are funded so we have to think of the practical realities. -- Some think if they have to travel we should travel and they should be in the rotation. - Once every 3 years we would travel to MN. – Distance and funding shouldn't be an issue. -- Put them in. A straw poll was taken and it was decided that they will be put in rotation and next MZF we will decide where to put them.

3. Web-based decision making – discussion board

4. Electronic Receipts - Done

5. Upload permission – Roll into thread

6. Web Conferencing – Discussion on the Web

7. Service profile – 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. – Will be brought to next cycle.

**VIII. CLOSING BUSINESS:** None