

Ohio Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Quarterly Meeting Minutes

ORSCNA Meeting Minutes: Saturday April 4th, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by at 10:12 am by Charles F., ORSCNA Chairperson
 The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the *Serenity Prayer*
 The *12 Traditions of NA* were read by Rodney C-D., COASCNA H & I Chairperson.
 The *12 Concepts for NA Service* were read by Remane A., COASCNA RCM.
 The *Service Prayer* was read by all
 The *Daily Meditation* was read by Tim B., MEASCNA RCM

Roll Call

Administrative Committee		Subcommittee Chairs		RCM / RCMA	
Chair	Present	Convention	<i>Open</i>	Area 13	Present
Vice-chair	<i>Open</i>	H&I	Absent	BLASCNA	Present
Regional Delegate	Present	Phoneline Coordinator	Present	COASCNA	Present
RD Alternate	Present	Policy Coordinator	Absent	DASCNA	Present
Treasurer	Present	Public Relations	Absent	FFASCNA	Present
Vice-treasurer	Present	12-Step Retreat	Present	GCASCNA	Present
Secretary	Present	Traditions Retreat	Present	HAMASCNA	Present
Vice-secretary	<i>Open</i>	Webmaster	Present	IWANA	Present
		Vice-webmaster	<i>Open</i>	KORASCNA	Absent
		OCNA AC 1-year	Present	MEASCNA	Present
		OCNA AC 2-year	Absent	MOASCNA	Absent
		OCNA AC 3-year	Absent	MVASCNA	Present
				NWOASCNA	Present
				SASCNA	Present

Attendance

Name	Service Position	Name	Service Position
Chuck Wallen	DASCNA RCM	Karen Combs	HAMASCNA RCMA
Beckey Hertenstein	Area 13 RCMA/PI Chair	Leo Roberts	IWANA RCM
Bill McGroder	12-Step Retreat Vice-Chair	Lynette C-D	COASCNA PR Committee Member
Chad A.	OCNA 28 Fundraising & Entertainment Vice-Chair	Mark Roberts	ORSCNA Webmaster/OCNA AC
Charles Foulkes	ORSCNA Chair	Marketa Robinson	NWASCNA RCM
Christina McGroder	FFASCNA: RCM/Phoneline	Martha Burgess	ORSCNA Secretary
Dale Williams	ORSCNA RD	Merricle Herzog	MVASCNA RCMA
Dave Hall	12-Step Retreat, Vice-Chair	Michelle Schulze	ORSCNA Vice-Treasurer
David Lewis	ORSCNA RDA	Onica English	SASCNA RCM
Fred F.	ORSCNA Treasurer	Rachel R.	HAMASCNA RCM
Jeff Cromes	Spring Retreat Chair	Remane Armentrout	COASCNA RCM
Jeff L.	OCNA 28 Fundraising & Entertainment Chair	Rodney C-D	COASCNA H&I Chair
Jennifer Mills	Concerned Member	Terri Cromes	Spring Retreat Committee
Jody Wilson	Area 13 RCM	Tim Bixler	MEASCNA: RCM Alt/ PR Chair
Joe McDevitt	MVASCNA RCM	Vicki Williams	COASCNA RCMA
JP Zin	MEASCNA RCM	Willie J. Smart	Concerned Member

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Administrative Committee Reports

Chairperson: *Oral report.*

Vice-Chairperson: *Open position.*

Regional Delegate:

Hi family,

Last quarter I attended three service oriented events. They were MARLCNA, the worldwide workshop in Oakland and the MZF at ISNAC. Issue Discussion Topic workshops were held at all three. The importance of these workshops for our growth as a fellowship was reaffirmed. "Our Freedom, Our Responsibility" requires action on our part. The workshops were well attended and the participation was very informative. We can no longer sit and complain about "how things are and how they used to be" and expect a change. We are growing as a fellowship in numbers and information that needs to be shared. We as trusted servants can use the tools provided by these workshop to mentor future trusted servants. It was pointed out how new trusted servants need these tools to carry our message.

At Oakland delegates attended from coast to coast. We were able to talk with the Buckeye and Tri State regions about future activities between our regions. We also talked with members from NAWS and our world board about issues in the Ohio region. I also had the same opportunity at MARLCNA.

The MZF at ISNAC was very productive we have scheduled a workshop at WSNAC in October on recovery in rural communities. The MZF is looking forward to coming to the Ohio region in July. NAWS participation has been confirmed. We have flyers and a tentative agenda that is subject to change when NAWS contacts us with the final details of their visit. We need to form an adhoc committee to coordinate the weekend activities. This will be a great opportunity for Ohio region members to interact with members from other regions. We will discuss this at the RD/RCM meeting.

There was a lot of discussion about the new NA.org website at the MZF. There were some bugs that apparently have been worked out. The major concern was from some members who did not get feedback from NAWS about their complaints. I have used the new website and it is satisfactory in most areas. We gained a lot of information at the workshops that will be shared with our region at area workshops. These trips are valuable for our ability to more effectively carry our message. We facilitated a workshop in DASCNA that allowed us to use our skills that we had acquired at these workshops. The DASCNA workshop had a sensitive area of discussion about a possible split. After the workshop the DASCNA area was united in improving communication and cooperation to carry the message. A report of the workshop is available for anyone interested. This situation is not just isolated to our region. The results of the workshop were shares with other regions and NAWS. The focus was on talking about issues in the small group discussion format. I would like to thank DASCNA for their participation.

My expense totaled \$1300.64. I was issued a check for \$1200. My reimbursement is \$100.64 in loving service Dale W regional delegate

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CALENDAR FOR 2008–2010 Worldwide Workshops

20–22 November 2009: Boston, Massachusetts
Dates in Japan and the Middle East still to be determined.

Deadlines

15 February: Travel requests for April–June 2009

15 May: Travel requests for July–September 2009

1 March–30 May 2009: Review-and-input period for *In Times of Illness* and Self-Support

1 April 2009: Deadline for request to be recognized as a new conference participant at WSC 2010

1 August 2009: Regional motion deadline (*Motions must be received by this date and be in CAR-ready form by 28 August. We encourage all delegates to begin a dialogue*

with the WB ahead of this deadline. We will attempt to help you find ways to get your issue discussed by conference participants.)

31 August 2009: Deadline for WPIF submission or update to be considered for WSC 2010 HRP nomination

31 October 2009: Deadline for region, zone, and World Board candidate submissions to the HRP with the new submission form

25 April–1 May 2010: World Service Conference 2010
WCNA 33

20–23 August 2009: WCNA 33 in Barcelona Spain, Amor sin fronteras, Love without Borders

22 August 2009: World Unity Day

Regional Delegate Alternate:

Hello ORSCNA Family!

It's another good day to be clean. It's been a fairly busy quarter since our last meeting.

On February 22nd, at the request of the Dayton Area Service Committee, Dale W. facilitated a "Leadership" workshop that was attended by at least 36 NA members. Notes of the discussion were compiled and made available to the Dayton ASC via their web-servant.

Thanks to your financial support, Dale W. and I were given the opportunity to attend the most recent NA Worldwide Workshops held in Oakland, CA (February 27th-March 1st). Of particular interest was a session on the "*Living Clean*" project. This is the new book-length piece of literature being produced by the fellowship, with a targeted completion date of 2012. We've made plans to include a similar session when our Region hosts the upcoming Midwest Zonal Forum Workshops on Saturday, July 25th, in Columbus, OH. Other workshops that I was able to participate in were: "Building Strong Home Groups", "The Critical Links: GSR & RCM", and "The Planning Process".

On March 13th-15th, we attended the Indiana State NA Convention (ISNAC 16) and participated in workshops on "Leadership" and "Communications" that were facilitated by MZF members. During the MZF business meetings, we were able to discuss arrangements & distribute flyers for the MZF Workshops to be hosted by our Region in late July. We also discussed plans for the Wisconsin Region to facilitate a workshop on "Recovery In Rural Communities" when they host the MZF in mid-October of this year, and plans for the Chicagoland Region to facilitate a Multi-Regional CAR Workshop in early February next year.

Due to family obligations, I was unable to attend the Buckeye Region's Multi-Regional Service Learning Day that was held last Saturday in Canton, OH.

Another "plug" for the July 25th MZF Workshops: Flyers for this event are being made available here today for distribution throughout our Region and it has been posted on our website. Please make every effort to attend this event and encourage any former, current or prospective "service junkies" you know to be there as well.

In response to our discussions at the January RSC meeting, plans are being made for an OCNA 28 Fund-Raiser that evening and members of that Subcommittee will be on hand to sell pre-registrations & pre-convention merchandise. I've had the opportunity to attend meetings of the OCNA 28 Subcommittee as they develop plans to host a wonderful convention next year.

I had hoped to be able to attend the upcoming 12 Traditions Retreat; however, I've recently discovered that I may have to work that Saturday.

In case you haven't noticed yet, NA has a new face on the internet. Our Fellowship's website (www.na.org) has been given a whole new appearance. Information on the site has been re-organized; and it seems to be much more "user-friendly".

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Thanks again for affording me the opportunity to be of service to the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous and our Ohio Region.

In Loving Service, David L., RDA

Upcoming Service Calendar Events/Deadlines: (** some dates & locations are still tentative*)

May 8, 2009	ORSCNA PR Event (National Alliance for Mental Illness) in Columbus, OH
May 8-10, 2009	Ohio Region's 2nd Annual 12 Traditions Retreat at Tar Hollow State Park
May 22-24, 2009	Ohio Convention (OCNA 27) - hosted by Buckeye Region in Hudson, OH
May 30, 2009	Deadline for Review & Input on "In Times of Illness" and "Self-Support"
July 11-12, 2009	ORSCNA Meeting & Annual Elections to be hosted by DASCNA
July 25-26, 2009	MZFNA Meeting / IDT Workshop - hosted by Ohio Region in Columbus, OH
August 1, 2009	Deadline for submission of Regional motions for consideration at 2010 WSC
August 20-23, 2009	World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous (WCNA-33) in Barcelona, Spain
August 28, 2009	Deadline for "CAR-ready form" of Regional motions for consideration at 2010 WSC
October 3-4, 2009	ORSCNA Meeting to be hosted by MEASCNA
October 9-11, 2009	Ohio Region's 22nd Annual 12 Step Spiritual Retreat at Tar Hollow State Park
October 16-18, 2009	MZFNA Meeting to be hosted by Wisconsin Region in Stephens Point, WI
October 31, 2009	Deadline for Zonal, Regional & Board nominations for 2010 WSC
<i>* November 7, 2009</i>	ORSCNA H&I Service Learning Day <i>* in Columbus, OH</i>
November 20-22, 2009	NA Worldwide Workshop in Boston, MA
November 25, 2009	2010 "Conference Agenda Report" (CAR) becomes available
January 9-10, 2010	ORSCNA Meeting to be hosted by FFASCNA
January 25, 2010	2010 "Conference Approval Track" (CAT) becomes available
<i>* February 6-7, 2010</i>	Multi-Regional CAR Workshop / MZFNA Mtg. to be hosted by Chicagoland Region
March 1, 2010	Deadline for Submission of Regional Reports for 2010 Conference Report
April 10-11, 2010	ORSCNA Meeting to be hosted by HAMASCNA
April 25-May 1, 2010	2010 World Service Conference (WSC) in Woodland Hills, CA
April 28, 2010	Informal MZFNA Meeting to be held at WSC
May 7-9, 2010	Ohio Region's 3rd Annual 12 Traditions Retreat at Tar Hollow State Park
May 28-30, 2010	Ohio Convention (OCNA 28) to be hosted in the Ohio Region by MVASCNA
July 10-11, 2010	ORSCNA Meeting & Annual Elections to be hosted by GCASCNA
October 2-3, 2010	ORSCNA Meeting to be hosted by Area 13
October 8-10, 2010	Ohio Region's 23rd Annual 12 Step Spiritual Retreat at Tar Hollow State Park

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Treasurer

Treasurers Check List

01/15/09 - 04/05/09

Beginning Balance, start of Saturday Session: \$ 1,352.14

RSC Vice-Chair/Chair/RD comparing bank statement:

RSC Vice-Chair/Chair/RD ensure all check payees are reported by treasurer

Expenses:

#2105	MCI	\$	112.00
#2104	Townhall	\$	210.00
#2103	Martha B.	\$	47.35
#2106	Marketa R.	\$	180.00
Total Expenses:		\$	549.35

Area/Group Donations:

HAMASCNA	\$	169.97
GCASCNA	\$	111.00
MEASCNA	\$	200.00
New Alive Group	\$	39.00
AREA 13	\$	50.00
FFASCNA	\$	284.50
Total Area Donations:		\$ 2,139.27

NWOASC	\$	200.00	Atmosphere of Recovery	\$	29.00
MVASCNA	\$	100.00	Free Today Group	\$	30.00
MEASCNA	\$	150.00	Serenity Down South	\$	27.00
DASCNA	\$	100.00	Clean & Serene	\$	96.71
SASCNA	\$	100.00			
COASCNA	\$	452.09			

Other Donations:

Total Other Donations:	\$	-
Total Donations:	\$	2,139.27
Balance before NAWS:	\$	2,942.06
Balance end Day 1:	\$	2,500.76

15% of Balance **\$ 441.30** #2113

Beginning Bal	\$	1,352.14
- Bank Charges	\$	-
- Expenses	\$	549.35
- NAWS Donation	\$	441.30
+ Area Donations	\$	2,139.27
+ Other Donations	\$	-
Ending Balance	\$	2,500.76

Treasurers Check List (continued)

Beginning Balance Day 2 \$ 2,500.76

Additional Donations:

B.L.A.S.	\$	50.00
MEASCNA	\$	50.00
NO AREA 13	\$	50.00
Total		\$ 150.00

All Checks stamped for deposit only

Request for funds:

#2107	Chuck Miller	\$	81.00	#2115	COAONA	\$	550.00
#2108	Fred Fago	\$	40.50	#2117	OCNA 28	\$	1,000.00
#2109	Becky Hertenstein	\$	162.00				
#2110	Wingate	\$	81.00				
#2112	Dale Williams	\$	99.76				
#2114	NAMI Ohio	\$	200.00				
#2116	David Lewis	\$	34.08				
Total:		\$	2,248.34				

RSC Vice-Chair/Chair/RD will verify checks written during business.

Beginning balance	\$	2,500.76
+ Additional Donations	\$	150.00
- Request for Funds	\$	2,248.34
Balance before NAWS	\$	402.42
Additional NAWS	\$	-

Ending Balance Day 2: \$ 402.42

Signatures	ORSCNA Position
Reconciliation/Books	Book Balance
\$ 402.42	

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Secretary

Hello Family,

I'm happy to be here today and to be able to participate in life rather than being a zombie!

January ORSCNA Regional minutes:

1. I emailed the minutes to everyone I had an email address for.
2. I made hard copies of the minutes for people I don't have a definite email OK and I hand carried copies to those I see regularly.
3. I forgot to mail the rest.
4. It's not a total loss since I usually need to make extra copies for the regional meeting.
5. I'm asking to be reimbursed \$44.46 for copies.

I understand that some trusted servants do not have access to a printer and you have every right to request a hard copy be mailed to you. However, it cost us \$3.45 to print each copy of the minutes with contact information. I have scrunched and squished all I can to make the minutes shorter without changing the content of any reports.

Since no one called to say they didn't receive the minutes or they wanted a hard copy I'm choosing to assume this will be OK in the future. Please confirm if you can accept the regional minutes in an email to reduce costs.

I sent a thank you letter to the Holiday Inn Express in Marion as discussed at the last regional meeting. I'll add a copy of the letter to the minutes.

I have registration forms for the Spring Traditions Retreat. If you plan to go to the retreat, please support our region and the function by preregistering so we can be fiscally responsible (and comfortable)! See you at Tar Hollow in May!

Thanks for the opportunity to serve the fellowship that has done so much for me.

Martha B.

I ♥ NA

Regional Committee Member Reports

Area 13:

Greetings Family,

All is well in Area 13. The Area has elected new officers for the ensuing year. The Area is experiencing steady growth. The Area has three new meetings. The Area has also added Nelsonville, Ohio to our family. There are new comers showing interest in our area service. The P.I. Committee is starting a poster drive. Our regional donation is \$50.00. We have formed committees for service workshops in the not so distant future. The Area is also donating \$50.00 to the Regional P.R. Committee. This year is going to be one of learning and service. The Area has formed a guideline committee to keep the Area in contact with our Higher Power, the 12 steps, the 12 traditions and the 12 concepts of N.A. It is a pleasure to serve this Area as the elected R.C.M. for 2009. The alternate R.C.M/ is Becky H.

In Loving Service,

Jody W.

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BLASCNA (Best Little Area):

Hello Region,

I'm happy to say the BLASCNA Area is doing well and we're making good progress in filling empty service positions. We've elected new H & I Chair, P.I. Chair and Phoneline. H & I and P.I. have filled the subcommittee positions. Our recent convention was a success. We made over \$6000. We're having a service learning day on the 15th of this month. Also P.I. has changed its name to be in concert with the name of the Region and the World. I apologize I have no donation at this time. It was a total oversight on my part and my Area. We were caught up in our own stuff and forgot to allocate our funds. I shall try and rectify this when I return home.

In Loving Service,
Kareem A.

COASCNA (Central Ohio Area)

Hello Family! Happy spring!!

The Central Ohio Area is growing again! We have added another five meetings to our Area since we last met in January. We now have meetings in areas of Columbus that were previously lacking.

We have formed an Ad Hoc Committee to look into alternate musical entertainment method to hiring a DJ. We determined that we roughly spend \$2000.00 on DJ's in a year's time. As with everything else in the country today we are looking for ways to decrease our overhead.

COACNA XX had in excess of \$1500.00 worth of merchandise left after the convention. This merchandise has been donated to the Area which we are selling at cost. The convention also took a heavy hit on the banquet dinner, contracting for 175 meals and only selling 125. All in all, we still consider it a successful convention.

Our Area Office has been quite busy assisting addicts seeking recovery and selling literature and supplies.

Our PR sub-committee has also been quite busy. Our public relations subcommittee has been looking for low cost ways to get our message of recovery out to more addicts and professionals. The committee could always use more people with the skills to be trained to interact with professionals and the public. We have started a monthly presentation for Transition Assistance Program (TAP) whose clients are addicts with solicitation charges. Our presentation to the TAP program has resulted in the program which is directed by the City Attorney's Office to require the participants to attend an NA meeting as a requirement for graduation. Our COTA (Public Transportation) poster contract was cancelled for the coming year. We determined that the money could be better spent in other areas. Our latest project is searching for web sites we can put our poster on that are frequented by drug users.

We have several open COASNCA Trusted Servant Positions with little interest from the fellowship to fill them.

Our Area's OCNA fundraiser will be held on April 18th. We are having our annual bowling party. I've brought fliers and we invite everyone to come and join us!

We will be holding a Leadership workshop on May 16th from 2-5 PM. You are all invited, fliers are available.

We have a \$452.09 donation for the Region.

In Loving Service, Remane A. RCM, COASCNA

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DASCNA (Dayton Area)

Hello ORSCNA family,

It is always a pleasure to serve in this way. The struggles in the Dayton area seem to be gradually getting better. New leadership tempered in selfless service, seems to be more in tune with the wants and needs of our groups and business is being conducted more fluently. Our Policy Coordinator formed a Policy Review Subcommittee (which is open to all interested members) to discuss current policy and suggest changes to go back to our groups. Financial struggles are getting better, we can at least conduct business as needed. Stronger personalities seem to be more tempered with a sense of loving service and unity. It gives me great joy to say that as I stated in my last report, "A new day **IS** on the horizon." It seems as though a great deal of what our area has been experiencing is growing pangs, and as we continue to grow it is my hope that the sense of unity that has been more present as of late will continue to grow as well. My area has sent with me a donation of \$100.00 and a couple of the groups in my area have sent a donation as well.

In loving service, Chuck W. (RCM Dayton)

FFASCNA AREA (Finally Free Area)

Happy New Year family! All is well in our area and recovery continues to grow and thrive. Our area held our annual Holiday dance this year on Dec. 31st. this function was well attended, featured DJ's, techno and electronic dance music, with laser and light show. This is also our area's new OCNA fundraiser. Thanks to Darnell from WRASCNA for sharing his experience, strength and hope.

The Bucyrus Living the Dream meeting celebrated their 3rd anniversary. It was a small intimate celebration, but a powerful message of hope was carried. Thanks to Kim O from NWOASCNA.

We have several other groups who are celebrating their anniversaries also, Sunday Circle of Hope is celebrating two years this Sunday and Monday night Rare is celebrating 4 years on Jan 31st. Also, the best group in the world, Friday HOW will be celebrating their 20th anniversary. This is also an OCNA fundraiser to be held on March 21st AQUA.

All speakers will have at least 20 years clean and this will be an all day event. Continental breakfast, lunch and spaghetti dinner will be served. There will be swimming, dance and game room. All of our area's events can be found on NAohio.org or FFASCNA.org as well as our current meeting list.

Also on Feb. 1st before ASC at 1pm, we will have our first Leadership Workshop, will be held on 12 N. Diamond St. Mansfield OH... to be facilitated by our RD Dale W.

Thanks for allowing me to serve...

In loving service, Christina M

GCASCNA AREA (Greater Cincinnati Area)

Hello Everyone,

Just a short report this month. Greater Cincy is still going through the same issues as we have been for awhile.

We have about forty home groups in Greater Cincy. At March ASC there were approx. thirty-two groups present. Due to the number of groups, ASC tends to be somewhat chaotic. Also, the Area is experiencing some financial difficulties. The Greater Cincy Area Convention did not do as well as hoped. This is the large reason for the situation. We as an area are trying to work on solutions to the situation. That's about it for this month.

Thanks, Kevin S.

RCM Greater Cincinnati

Also the first Abnormal Weenie Jam fundraiser is April 18, 2009 which will be a spaghetti dinner at St. James Church on Montana in Cincy. Dinner is at 6pm.

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HAMASCNA AREA (Hamilton Area)

Hello Family,

NA in HAMASCNA is alive and growing. Attendance at our Area meetings has been up with eleven out of eighteen groups represented at the last months Area. We are planning to host an IDT workshop in May. We will be asking the RDA to help facilitate.

Our activities and fundraisers have been doing well and bringing funds back to the Area. Our Area has been just getting by so we are looking at ways of saving money. We are looking forward to an Area picnic June 7th, Paddle to Recovery and our Serenity in the Woods fundraiser "Spring Fling" on April 25. Check the NA Ohio website for flyers on these functions.

This will be my last Regional meeting acting as RCM. My Sponsor and HP have other plans for me that still may allow me to attend the Regional in another capacity.

In Loving Service, Rachel R., RCM HAMSCNA

IWANA (It Works Area) Oral Report; Leo Roberts, RCM

KORASCNA RCM (Kentucky-Ohio Recovery Area)

Greetings Ohio Region,

KORA is alive and well. Our spring event will be April 25 in Portsmouth. The flyer is on the Web. We would love to see you all there. Our H & I is still growing along with our meetings. We have a \$100 donation to ORSCNA.

Thanks for letting me be of service.

Daddy Dave T., KORA

MEASCNA AREA (Mid Eastern Area)

Our Area has gathered to review and update Area Policy. The last update was in March 2007. We have proposed changes, additions and omissions to be taken back to Groups for input and approval.

There was some disappointment in lack of OCNA support for the St. Patty's Day dance.

Breaking News @ 9:41am 4-4-9:

Reps from OCNA shared regret w/Doug Hall & MEASCNA.

The construction of our Area website is on hold. Our St. Patty's Day dance raised a \$328 donation to OCNA. We have a \$50 donation to the PR Committee to support literature donations for NAMI. We have a \$150 donation to ORSCNA.

In Loving Service,
JP Zin, MEASCNA RCM

MOASCNA RCM (Mid-Ohio Area)

Hi Family, Sorry I'm not able to attend April meetings due to a special family event. I would like to thank everyone that supported the 23rd annual Psychedelic 60's Dance. It was a great success. We will be sending a donation to Fred soon. Our meetings are doing well. Next week we'll have FIVE Marion meetings. Our ASC is doing some restructuring. It's small, but strong. I miss you all, hope to see you in July.

John C. MOASCNA RCM.

(Note from Secretary: My sincerest apologies. I received the MOASCNA RCM's report before the Regional mtg and forgot to read it!)

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MVASCNA RCM (Miami Valley Area)

We are devoted to recovery in the Miami Valley. Mostly because there's nothing else to do there since they closed the putt-putt course out by the drive-in. Seriously, an additional meeting in another town (Piqua) puts us at 21 groups holding 24 meetings a week. That's not all. We've begun taking the necessary steps to create a website, start a phone line, as well as other public relations projects geared toward increasing NA presence in our communities. MVASCNA hosted Winterfest in February which also raised about \$500 for OCNA 27. A Service Learning Day was held in March and our Yellow Springs meeting celebrated its 29th Anniversary. We are making a Regional donation today of \$100. Some of our service positions (H & I, Vice-Chair) have remained unfilled for several months. Efforts are being made to strong-arm, I mean kidnap, I mean encourage, members of our Fellowship who are qualified but not so willing, to get involved. Although our ASC meetings are "full contact" if you don't have a helmet, we'll provide one for you.

As most of you know, MVASCNA has agreed to host OCNA 28 in 2010. Many of the details related to forming the committee, progress that's been made, and where we are at now, are included in my Chairperson's Report. As the RCM I can tell you that the Convention Committee's short term goal, of arriving at OCNA 27 in Akron with a hotel under contract, pre-registration forms, and pre-convention merchandise for sale, is well within our reach. If I receive a vote of confidence this weekend to Chair the Ohio Convention, the first thing I'll do is ask you for start-up funds in lieu of receiving seed money in June from this year's convention. MVASCNA has kicked in \$500 already. It will also be necessary to step down as RCM (per Regional Policy) and turn it over to our RCM-ALT Merricle A. If on the other hand, I do not receive a vote of confidence, that's cool. I'll stop spending most of my free time coordinating the efforts of 15 people, crunching numbers, preparing agendas and brow beating hotel sales managers. I'll just go back to watching digital cable, copying other people's step work and turning it in to my sponsor as my own. Either way, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve, because you people really straightened me out. Thank you for that.

In Service, Joe M.

NWASCNA RCM (North West Area)

Hi Family,

The NWASCNA Area is alive and well. We meet every 3rd Sunday of the month at 608 W. High St. Lima, Ohio at 5pm.

As we continue to come together to carry the message of recovery we still seem to struggle with filling Trusted Servants' positions on the Area level. We have made a decision to ask the Regional Delegate to present a workshop on leadership prior to our Area meeting in April.14.

We're looking forward to the regional meeting held in our Area in April. We've also planned an OCNA fundraiser while Region is here. Fellowshiping is important to the newcomer.

After a long time of short finances the NWASC Area humbly donates \$200.00.

Your Trusted Servant, Marketa R.

SASCNA RCM (Springfield Area)

Hello Family,

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, for the Springfield area. We currently have 12 meetings. We recently started the Wednesday afternoon meeting back up. We are having a speaker jam on May 9th, and we have set a date for our area picnic it will be on July 4th. We have started a convention committee for our up and coming convention 2011

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We have a donation of 100.00. H&I has added a new sight, they are going to Madison Correction center. We are having a hard time filling service position at the area level.

In Loving Service, Onica E.

Ad-hoc Committee Reports

Convention (OCNA XXVII) *Absent, No report*

Convention (OCNA XXVIII) *See April 4th Old business*

After submitting a nomination form to the Region in January, I began creating a set of guidelines for the Convention Committee using information received from Mark R. of the Advisory Committee. A meeting to form the Convention Committee scheduled for February 8 was preceded by announcements, phone calls and flyers distributed throughout the Miami Valley as well as the surrounding Areas. The meeting was heavily attended and included members from Areas outside MVASNA. The Interim Guidelines were distributed to the Advisory Committee and to those attending, for review and also for use in nominating and electing Administrative and Sub-Committee Chairs. All positions were filled and a discussion took place concerning potential hotel sites.

The second Convention Committee meeting was held on March 8. The list was discussed and sites that were unsuitable were eliminated. The Hotel Chair was directed to request proposals and arrange tours. The Interim Guidelines were reviewed and a few revisions were suggested. We estimated funding requirements for the next three months and the Treasurer was asked to begin taking steps to contact the Statutory Agent, open a bank account and a P.O. Box. Initial action was taken in the areas of pre-registration forms, pre-convention merchandise quotes, a theme and fund-raising strategy. Sub-Committee Chairs also updated us on their progress with Vice-chairs and sub-committee members.

Our third meeting was held on March 28. MVASNA's start-up check for \$500 was turned over the Treasurer. Our address is P.O. BOX 165 Port Jefferson, Ohio 45360. The bank account will be open soon. All the minor revisions to the Guidelines were reviewed and Committee approval seemed imminent until the issue of whether Hotels and Hospitality "could", "would", or "should" provide coffee at a convention was tabled till the next meeting (Don't get me started). A generic pre-registration form was approved. A vendor for pre-convention merchandise was selected. Fund-Raising was given a green light to arrange events after Memorial Day including one at the Mid-West Zonal Forum in Columbus. Submissions for the Convention Theme are coming in and being considered. Programming is casting a wide net for recordings of speakers. Arts & Graphics is working on designs for pre-convention merchandise which will be simple and limited to two colors. The cities within the geographical boundaries of our Area lack hotels large enough to host a state convention. Also, because of a major soccer tournament, there are basically no hotel rooms available in Dayton on Memorial Day weekend ever. The focus is now on two potential Convention Sites which are the Veterans Memorial Convention Center in Lima and the Roberts Centre in Wilmington. Members of the Committee including myself toured both sites this month. Written proposals from each have been received and we are in the process of negotiating the best possible terms before making a decision.

The OCNA 28 Convention Committee wishes to include as many members of the Fellowship as possible in planning and hosting this event. To that end, we invite everyone from MVASNA or any other Area to participate in our meetings and extend voting privileges to those who attend regularly. I have been directed by the Committee to request \$1000 from the Ohio Region today for operating expenses in lieu of seed money from OCNA 27, which won't be available until June.

H & I Chairperson Absent, No report

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Phoneline Coordinator

Hello family addict called Christina. I have been continuing to send the bill to Fred as I receive them.

We have had several calls from Town Hall this quarter. All with regards to the MEASCANA area. People were trying to attend meeting Lancaster. All were wrong on the schedule. I spoke with several addicts in that area who helped greatly. Also contacted webmaster so that we could get it updated online. All should be correct online now.

From speaking with an addict in that area though I was informed that this continues to be an issue for them in their area and that they change their schedules every other month. This is apparently an issue and causes confusion and is hard to keep updated.

Would like to remind all RCMs that when your schedules do change please get the updates to the webmaster and remember from that point it may take a couple weeks to reflect those changes.

In loving service, Christina M

Policy Coordinator *Absent, see below*

I am sorry that I must resign from this position. I have not had enough time to work on things as I had hoped for, plus I could not get the format correct on my computer.

Love ya & God Bless, Christie

(Note from Secretary: I received this on April 11th and elected to include it in the minutes)

Public Relations: *Present. No report*

Spring Retreat

Hi family addict named Jeff,

The Spring Retreat is fastley approaching us. We've had several meetings and another is scheduled for this afternoon. Gators are ordered, the menu is going to be yummy, the speakers are going to be great. We have about 65 people pre-registered. We have about \$2000 in the bank

In loving service, Jeff C.

12 Step Retreat *Oral report, Bill M., 12-Step Retreat Chair*

Webmaster

Hello ORSCNA family,

I apologize for not attending the last regional meeting in Marion. I really hated not being there.

I'm up to date with all of the emails to the webmaster. However, I'm sorry to say that I am NOT up to date with the flyers and the meeting updates. I'm about 2 weeks behind on the flyers and about 3 weeks behind on the meeting updates. I was hoping to get caught up this week, but have been swamped with my volleyball league tournament which ends tomorrow. I promise to get all of those items up on the website next week.

I don't have much else to report this quarter. I am interested in being nominated as webmaster again since there are still numerous tasks that I would like to complete.

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Other items that I would like to work on soon are:

1. Adding a Public Relations page (similar to the H&I and OCNA pages) so that committee can have a specific place to display/distribute information about Public Relations.
2. Updating the "For Professionals" page with direction from the PR committee.
3. Improving the meeting search function. I will need some input on this one.
4. Continuing to improve the process of keeping meeting information up to date with the possibility of replacing that page with an inline link to the NAWS database.
5. Updating the archives page.
6. Fixing the password protected area of the website!!

If anyone has any other ideas about how the website could be enhanced, please come talk to me or send me an email at webmaster@naohio.org.

In loving service, Mark R., ORSCNA Webmaster

OCNA AC

Hello ORSCNA family,

The OCNA Advisory Committee has not met since the last regional meeting. Our last meeting was on 1/3/09 and we were scheduled to meet last week (3/28/09) in Canton at the Service Learning Day, but several of the committee members couldn't make it and Jim L. was sick so we decided to cancel it. Our next meeting is scheduled for 5/2/09 at Jim L.'s in Columbus.

We have a good working relationship with the current OCNA-27 committee from WRASCNA since one of the AC committee members is also on that committee – Joel S. We recently sent them the list of the information that we would like to get after the convention has closed its books. We plan on meeting with them in July to obtain all of that information. Mike S. attended the first OCNA-28 committee meeting and I plan on attending many of their meetings throughout the next year. I am very pleased with MVASCNA's nomination (Joe McD.) and am very confident that he will do an outstanding job. Joe's background with the COACNA convention in its early stages should really help him with OCNA-28. Even though he hasn't been officially elected yet, Joe has done a tremendous amount of work getting things rolling. He & I have had about 10 conversations already and the information that the OCNA Advisory Committee got from OCNA-26 has already proven to be extremely useful. We hope to be able to help out even more as the committee progresses.

As I mentioned in my last report, it has been an informal tradition that each area hold an OCNA fundraiser at some point each year and that all proceeds from that fundraiser be sent to the current OCNA committee. If an area cannot hold a fundraiser, then a donation can be sent anyway. We hope that all of the Ohio Region's 14 areas have been able to put on a fundraiser for or make a donation to OCNA-27. Their mailing address: OCNA-27, P.O. Box 2644, Akron, OH 44309-2644. One idea that we would like to suggest to areas is having those fundraisers earlier in the year – like June, July, or August. That is the time when the OCNA committee needs the money the most – for flyers, mailings, pre-convention merchandise, hotel deposits, etc. It is just something that we have discussed and wanted to suggest to the areas.

I think that is about it for now.

The following is the contact information for the 6 OCNA Advisory Committee members:

Ohio Region

- 1-year – Mark Roberts (614-270-1274) (markroberts@columbus.rr.com)
- 2-year – Jim Leonard (614-497-8883) (jjmnaski@netzero.net)
- 3-year – Mike Singer (513-967-7083) (singer.ma@pg.com)

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Buckeye Region

- Talib Bmahdi (216-939-1905) (talib_m@sbcglobal.net)
- Betsy Rees (330-929-6214) (betsy.rees@sbcglobal.net)
- Joel S. (330-612-4024) (JoelJaque@aol.com)

In loving service, Mark R., OCNA Advisory Committee member

Old Business

1. Nominations/elections for open positions:

ORSCNA Vice-Chair ORSCNA Vice-Secretary ORSCNA Vice-Webmaster

2. Prepare 990 form for IRS (Mark R):

Letter from the IRS: Our form 990 was received. However, their records do not show we were issued a determination letter recognizing exemption from federal tax. After a lengthy discussion Mark requested and received a vote of confidence to spend small amount money consulting a tax professional.

Vote: 8 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

3. Motion 2008-25: (Tabled) (Christy H.) Clarify room reimbursement policy. Removed from table for discussion. Motion referred to next policy coordinator.

4. Midwest Zonal Forum in ORSCNA (Jun/July 2009)

5. Nomination for OCNA XXVIII (2010) Convention Chair:

Name: Joe McDevitt, MVASCNA

Vote: 11 For 1 Against 0 Abstentions

6. Nomination for 2010 Spring Retreat Chair:

Name: Jim Leonard, COACNA

Vote: 9 For 0 Against 3 Abstentions

Old Business Notes:

Mark R. Received certified mail from NAWS: Human resource panel announcement. Request to forward any potential candidates to the human resource panel.

Some Areas brought donations specifically for PR to fund participation at NAMI conference. This generated discussion regarding earmarking funds. (Concept 11).

Motion to Close: 1:17pm

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ORSCNA Meeting Minutes: Sunday April 5th, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by at 10:08 am by Charles F., ORSCNA Chairperson
 The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the *Serenity Prayer*.
 The *12 Traditions of NA* were read by Fred F., ORSCNA Treasurer
 The *12 Concepts for NA Service* were read by Michelle S., ORSCNA Vice-Treasurer.
 The *Service Prayer* was read by all.
 The *Daily Meditation* was read by Leo R., IWANA RCM.

Roll Call

Administrative Committee		Subcommittee Chairs		RCM / RCMA	
Chair	Present	Convention	Present	Area 13	Present
Vice-chair	Open	H&I	Absent	BLASCNA	Present
Regional Delegate	Present	Phoneline Coordinator	Present	COASCNA	Present
RD Alternate	Present	Policy Coordinator	Absent	DASCNA	Present
Treasurer	Present	Public Relations	Open	FFASCNA	Present
Vice-treasurer	Present	12-Step Retreat	Absent	GCASCNA	Present
Secretary	Present	Traditions Retreat	Absent	HAMASCNA	Present
Vice-secretary	Open	Webmaster	Absent	IWANA	Present
		Vice-webmaster	Open	KORASCNA	Present
		OCNA AC 1-year	Absent	MEASCNA	Present
		OCNA AC 2-year	Absent	MOASCNA	Absent
		OCNA AC 3-year	Absent	MVASCNA	Present
				NWOASCNA	Present
				SASCNA	Present

Attendance

Name	Service Position	Name	Service Position
Beckey Hertenstein	Area 13 RCMA/PI Chair	Kareem Abdullah	BLASCNA RCM
Bill McGroder	12-Step Retreat Vice-Chair	Karen Combs	HAMSCNA RCMA
Charles Foulkes	ORSCNA Chair	Kevin Scherr	GCASCNA RCM
Christina McGroder	FFASCNA: RCM/Phoneline	Leo Roberts	IWANA RCM
Chuck Miller	COASCNA PR Committee	Marketa Robinson	NWASCNA RCM
Chuck Wallen	DASCNA RCM	Martha Burgess	ORSCNA Secretary
Dale Williams	ORSCNA RD	Marvin Harris	BLASCNA RCMA
Dave Timberlake	KORASCNA RCM	Merricle Herzog	MVASCNA RCMA
David Lewis	ORSCNA RDA	Michelle Schulze	ORSCNA Vice-Treasurer
Fred F.	ORSCNA Treasurer	Rachel R.	HAMSCNA RCM
Jennifer F	Concerned Member	Remane Armentrout	COASCNA RCM
Jody Wilson	Area 13 RCM	Tim Bixler	MEASCNA: RCM Alt/ PR Chair
Joe McDevitt	OCNA 28 Chair	Vicki Williams	COASCNA RCMA
JP Zin	MEASCNA RCM		

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Committee Reports

RD/RCM Meeting

Hi family,

We encouraged areas that do not have a NAWS web contact to get one. The NAWS web contact is vital for persons looking for meeting in our areas online at na.org. Some areas are not receiving NAWS NEWS. These maybe do to NAWS not having the correct area mailing address. We will look in to this. The scheduling and importance workshops during this conference cycle were discussed. The remainder of our meeting focused on the lack unity in our areas. Several factors were contributing to this. Lack of communication between old-timers and newcomers, different cities in same area, diverse groups in areas and lack of experience with application of the steps and tradition by those doing service work were some of the topics discussed. The discussion was productive. We will use workshops on leadership and service work to get the communication between members in our areas started. The meeting ended with us leaving with the realization that, "Our Freedom is Our Responsibility.

Dale W., Regional Delegate

Convention: *No report*

H & I Chairperson: *Oral report, Bill M.*

Public Relations

The Public Relations Committee met on Saturday, April 4. Following is a summary of the agenda items discussed.

1. Public Relations Lines of Communications are being passed around, and need to be updated for the following areas. If there is no PR chairperson, the area contact who would handle PR requests should be provided.

BLASCNA	HAMASCNA	IWANA
KORASCNA	MOASCNA	NWOASCNA

2. Ohio Region Website: We discussed approaches to providing links to information on www.na.org for professionals and for links to PR resources for PR committee members. We will continue working with Mark R on the best approach to this and provide additional updates in July.
3. NAMI Conference: We are requesting funding not to exceed \$900. We believe that we can come in closer to \$800. A breakdown of expenses follows:
 - \$200 for table fee, payable to NAMI Ohio
 - \$550 for literature (payable to COAONA) as outlined in January ORSCNA minutes.
 - \$50 (estimated) for electric and wireless connections in exhibit hall.
 - \$100 for additional spot on floor (pending confirmation from NAMI)

We also discussed training opportunities for members with less experience, during times when conference attendance is mostly consumers, not professionals.

4. We discussed goals for FY 2009-2010, including training PR Trusted Servants and committee members from areas, budgeting and preparation for a regional PR booth at the Addiction Studies Institute in August 2010.

In Loving Service, The ORSCNA Public Relations Committee (Chuck M.)

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12-Step Retreat: *No report*

Spring Retreat: *Absent, No report*

OCNA AC: *No report*

New Business

Nominations/elections for open positions, Administrative Body:

1. ORSCNA Vice-Chair
2. ORSCNA Vice-Secretary
3. ORSCNA Vice-Webmaster
4. ORSCNA Public Relation Chair

RCMs: Please take open positions back to your Areas.

Regional nominations for positions:

POSITION: ORSCNA Chairperson

Name: Charles Foulkes Phone: 419-535-6662

Address: 5012 St. Aubin Dr. Toledo, OH 43615

Area: BLASCNA **Clean Time:**

Current Service Positions: ORSCNA Chairperson

Previous Group Service:

Previous Area Service:

Previous Regional Service:

World Service: N/A

POSITION: ORSCNA Vice-Chairperson

POSITION: ORSCNA Vice-Chair

Name: Leo Roberts Phone: 419-722-6825

Address: 1434 Westshore Dr. Findlay, OH 45840

Area: IWANA **Clean Time:** 07/16/2001

Current Service Positions: ORSCNA RCM

Previous Group Service: Treasurer

Previous Area Service: GSR, RCM

Previous Regional Service: None

World Service: N/A

Name: Fred Fago Phone: 513-608-2083

Address: 4332 Dane Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45223

Area: GCASCNA **Clean Time:** 5/18/1992

Current Service Positions: ORSCNA Treasurer

Previous Group Service: GSR, Secretary

Previous Area Service: RCM, H & I Chair, Convention Treasurer

Previous Regional Service: RSRA (RDA), RSR (RD)

World Service: N/A

POSITION: ORSCNA Treasurer

Name: Michelle Schulze Phone: 937-216-4960

Address: 2515 Inverness Troy, OH 45373

Area: MVASCNA **Clean Time:** 01/31/2003

Current Service Positions: ORSCNA Vice-Treasurer, MVASCNA Treasurer, Spirit of Recovery Group Treasurer, Hug a Miracle Group Treasurer, Spring Retreat Treasurer

Previous Group Service: GSR, Secretary, Treasurer

Previous Area Service: PI, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer

Previous Regional Service: Vice Treasurer

World Service: N/A

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POSITION: ORSCNA Secretary

Name: Martha Burgess Phone: 937-718-2847

Address: 173 Mertland Ave. Dayton, OH 45431

Area: MVASCNA **Clean Time:** 04/01/2006

Current Service Positions: ORSCNA Secretary,
Recovering Users Group GSR, Win on Wednesday
Treasurer, ORSCNA Spring Retreat Registration Chair,
MVASCNA NAWS Web Contact, MVASCNA Web Site Ad
Hoc Committee Chair, DASCNA Halloween Party
Entertainment Chair

Previous Group Service: GSR, Treasurer

Previous Area Service: Hotels & Hospitalities Committee
DASCNA Convention (2 years), Ad Hoc Audit Committees
(Literature Distribution & Activities)

Previous Regional Service: ORSCNA Spring Retreat
Chair 2008

World Service: N/A

Motion 2009-02

Maker: David L., RDA

Second: Christina M.

Motion: Request reimbursement for Midwest Zonal Forum
flyers distributed at ORSCNA meeting. Amount \$34.08.

Intent: To get the information out

Vote: 11 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

Motion Carried

Motion 2009-04

Maker: Joe M., Ohio Convention Chairperson

Second: Charles F., ORSCNA Chairperson

Motion: ORSCNA provide start-up funds to OCNA 28 in lieu of seed money from OCNA 27. Amount requested: \$1000.

Repayment of funds to be made at October 2009 RSC.

Vote: 10 For 0 Against 1 Abstentions

Motion Carried

POSITION: ORSCNA PR Chairperson

Name: Joe Graham Phone: 419-502-6664

Address: 859 S. Spring St. Bucyrus, OH 44820

Area: FFASCNA **Clean Time:** 01/25/1995

Current Service Positions: Bucyrus LTD, (Home Group)
Treasurer, FFASCNA Vice-Chair, PR Chair, Web Site
Coordinator

Previous Group Service: Bucyrus LTD, Secretary, GSR

Previous Area Service: Web Site Coordinator, Activities

Previous Regional Service: N/A

World Service: N/A

POSITION: ORSCNA Policy Coordinator

Name: Rachel Ritze Phone: 513-557-6676

Address: 2400 Windage Rd. Fairfield, OH 45014

Area: HAMASCNA **Clean Time:** 01/28/2005 (?)

*(Note: Don't have nomination form. Information is from Regional
audio tape only.)*

Motion 2009-03

Maker: David L., RDA

Second: Christina M.

Motion: Create ad-hoc committee for Midwest Zonal
Forum in July.

Intent: Concepts One and Three.

Vote: 10 For 0 Against 1 Abstentions

Motion Carried

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Motion 2009-05

Maker: Chuck M., PR Committee Member

Second: Christina M.

Motion: Request funds for PR booth at NAMI Ohio annual conference, May 8-9 2009. Funding as follows:

1. Check for \$200 payable to NAMI Ohio (*Registration; table fee*)
2. Check for \$550 payable to Central Ohio Area Office of Narcotics Anonymous (COAONA) to purchase literature.
3. Additional expenses incurred should be \$150 or less and will be reimbursed at July RCM (facility charges, shipping, etc.)

Intent: To carry the message of NA to NAMI conference attendees. To let them know who we are, where we are and what we do. We will provide area schedules and information pamphlets geared toward the audience.

Vote: 11 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

Motion Carried

Evaluation of Treasury Balance/Donations:

See Treasurer work sheet.

NAWS Donation, Day 1: \$441.30

NAWS Donation, Day 2: (None)

MZF Donation: (None)

Announcements:

1. ORSCNA will host the Midwest Zonal Forum in July, 2009 in Columbus, OH.
2. Insurance coverage: Group and Area events must be communicated to the Regional webmaster prior to the event for coverage to be in effect.
3. See flyers on table for upcoming events.
4. Additional flyers are available at <http://www.naohio.org>.

Motion for adjournment at 12:18pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Martha Burgess, ORSCNA Secretary

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