

Ohio Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Regional Service Committee Quarterly Meeting

April 12th & 13th, 2003

ATTENTION RCM's – The following information goes back to your areas & groups:

- ⌘ The July 2003 RSC will be held on July 12th (Sat.) & 13th (Sun.) starting at 10:00am both days. See map at end of the meeting minutes.

Accommodations:

Comfort Inn North
500 N. Trimble
Mansfield, OH
Phone #: 800-828-5150
Cost: \$61.95

Make your reservations as soon as possible. There is another event going on in the area that weekend so the Comfort Inn will not guarantee reservations made after June 27th. MOASCNA has reserved 10 rooms only.

The RSC business meeting will be held across the street at the Knights Inn, 555 N. Trimble. Recovery meetings will be held each morning at 9:00 a.m.

There will be a Speaker & Dance function Saturday night at the Friendly House at 380 N. Mulberry starting at 7:00 p.m. \$3.00 single and \$5.00 couple. Directions to the Friendly House will be given Saturday at the RSC business meeting.

- ⌘ Motion going back to the Areas:

Motion 2003:10 Date: 4-13-03

Maker of Motion: John A., MOASCNA RCM

Seconded By: Jim L., COASCNA RCM

Motion: That Regional policy Section 3.9.1 be amended as follows to allow RCM's to concurrently serve as Vice-Secretary or Vice-Treasurer.

Reference: (E) 3.9.1 No member shall hold more than one ORSCNA Trusted Servant position at any one time, with the exception of Vice-Secretary, Vice-Treasurer, subcommittee vice-chairpersons and temporary chairpersons.

Intent:

1. The current policy restricts our ability to fill our service positions.
2. There is no conflict of interest in having a vote at ORSCNA and serving in a position that does not normally present business at the Region.

Pro: To fill necessary service positions.

Con: In the absence of the primary position holder, the vice-servant would then have a conflict in their ability to serve.

Vote: Back to Areas

- ⌘ Elections will be held for all positions except for RD, RD Alt., 12-Step Chair, and Convention Chair at the July RSC. See nominee forms at the end of the minutes.

Chair: Mark R.
Kirby M.
Vice-Chair: Robert F.
Treasurer: Robin S.
Vice-Treasurer: Sandy K.
Secretary: Carolyn A.
Vice-Secretary: No nominations submitted
HRP 1: No nominations submitted
HRP 2: Phillip T.
Shared Services: John A.
Webmaster: Steve A.
John L.
Phoneline Coordinator: Susie L-A.

- ⌘ New address for ORSCNA:

Ohio Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous (ORSCNA)
P.O. Box 546
Columbus, OH 43216

- ⌘ Results of financial audit:

1. The audit ad-hoc committee found irregularities.
2. ORSCNA had 2 closed RSC sessions to discuss the irregularities due to legal concerns.
3. A carefully worded document and plan of action was adopted.
4. ORSCNA will inform the fellowship with complete details once the legal concerns are addressed.

Information and Reminders

- **RCMs:** Please remember to bring updated Lines of Communication information for your area's trusted servant positions and give it to the Secretary. This information gets distributed in the minutes and helps improve our communication process.
- **RCMs:** Please remember to **bring your Area donations with you** to the July RSC. Do not mail your donations to the Treasurer. To insure timely recording and deposit of Area donations, do not mail your donations to the ORSCNA address.
- **RCMs:** In your Areas, please stress the use of the Regional Service Pool Resumé form.
- **RCMs:** Remind your Activities Chairs to make sure all Area activities are registered with the ORSCNA Vice-Chair. Sending flyers and/or information to the Webmaster or Web Page does **not** get these activities registered. Activities not registered with the ORSCNA Vice-Chair **will not** be covered by the ORSCNA insurance policy.

Reference ORSCNA Policy and Guidelines, Section 4.4.2:

"Only activities registered with the Regional Vice Chairperson will be covered by the Regional insurance policy."

Administrative Committee Reports

Chairperson

Hello ORSCNA family,

Well, 3 months goes by so quickly. It feels good to be around everyone again. I'd like to quickly mention that I celebrated my 13th anniversary 3 weeks ago. To think that I have been a member of NA for almost 17 years just blows me away. Life is great!!

Make sure you get a copy of the agenda for this weekend's meetings. I hope it helps us move as smoothly as possible through the business that we need to accomplish.

I still haven't completed all of the revisions to our Regional Policy. I will try finish the revisions and work with our previous P&A Chair, Al S., to make sure we agree that we've gotten all the changes and that we haven't left anything out. Once that is done, I will email or mail a copy out to everyone who wants one.

In loving service,
Mark R., ORSCNA Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

Dear Regional Family,

I am happy to report that the incident in Cincinnati Area where an addict fell of a stage platform is not the liability of the Ohio Region, but the liability lies upon the facility itself. The claim's representative for our liability insurance has said that this individual has to seek compensation from the facility.

Our insurance agent has assured me that our insurance is intact and that we only list event that we know for sure will exceed 400 people. That is not say that any event that exceeds that limit is not covered, because we do not have control over how many will attend each function if we were to list those that do go over that limit it limits our coverage. Therefore this number is approximate, so as to not limit our liability.

It has been a privilege to serve the Ohio Region for this year, and intend on running for the office of Chairperson for the Ohio Region. I feel that I am capable of handling the responsibility and will do the best of my ability to do so. Please do not be distraught over choosing a chairperson for our region because the present chair is very capable of handling the task. Besides if I don't win there is always plenty of service work that needs attention in Narcotics Anonymous.

In loving service,

Kirby M., ORSCNA Vice-Chair

Secretary

Hi to all,

It's good to be at another RSC clean and feeling more responsible than last quarter. I hope everyone received their minutes OK – none were returned to me. With that said, I need to remind everyone that they need to write legibly and enter completely (including zip code and area code) the information requested on the meeting attendance sheet. This is what I use to update address information for the mailing of the minutes. Also RCM's are reminded to turn in updated lines-of-communication.

Meeting minutes for July '02, Oct. '02, and Jan. '03 were sent to John F. from the Buckeye Region. This request was made thru Brent R. from MEASCNA. I need an address for the Buckeye Region's contact person to mail the minutes or is the Shared Services Chair sending a copy to her?

As requested, I sent a certified letter to the owner of the returned check from the 12-Step Retreat. She was requested to send reimbursement to G.P. A. (2002 12-Step Retreat Chair) or Robin S. (ORSCNA Treasurer) no later than April 1, 2003. Was this money returned?

I am turning in an expense report documenting the carryover of \$21.96 from the July '02 RSC and receipt of \$100.00 budget for the October '02 RSC for a balance of \$121.96. I am turning in receipts totaling \$192.98 and requesting reimbursement of \$71.02 and I'm requesting my \$100.00 budget for next quarter.

In loving service,

Carolyn A, Secretary

Treasurer

Regional Delegate

Greetings Family,

Please plan to attend the Midwest Zonal Forum May 10th in beautiful Troy Ohio. The MZF is being hosted by the "Just For Tuesday" group of the Miami Valley Area and is a fundraiser for the Farm Out. Please distribute flyers and tell your friends!

I attended the **March 2003 MZF in Ft. Wayne.**

New trusted servants at the MZF are:

Co-facilitators- Bob from Indiana and Mark from Chicago land. Lori from the Michigan Region is the secretary, Fred F. from Cincinnati is the treasurer and John H. from Wisconsin is filling the newly created position of Web coordinator.

We approved a new section to our financial guidelines which allows trusted servants to be partially reimbursed for travel and lodging to attend the MZF meetings.

We also adopted web guidelines. The website for the Midwest Zonal Forum is www.mzfn.org . The website will link to each Region in the Midwest and to the WSO. I have not received the minutes from the March meeting so I do not have the guidelines in their exact approved wording. I do however have the draft of the guidelines from the November MZF minutes if anyone is curious feel free to let me know and I will make them available.

We also spent time discussing the U.S. Delegates meeting and provided ES&H to and addit asking that age-old question, "What to do when your convention committees are full but other service committees are going unfilled?"

From the World Board:

The Basic Text: From Evaluation to Recommendation

As directed by the World Service Conference, and after a great deal of time and effort, we (the World Board) have come to a consensus regarding recommending changes to our Basic text. The result of this long process is that we, your World Board, will recommend making no changes to Book One (Chapters 1-10). We are also recommending that no changes be made to the Little White Booklet.

We are recommending some changes to Book Two (the personal stories). We will work out the details of our recommendation at our May meeting. For now, we have decided to recommend not merely adding new stories to Book Two, but replacing some or all of the existing stories with new stories. We also discussed whether Book Two reflects the current diversity of our fellowship (drug use, culture, ethnicity, etc.) There were also questions raised regarding the purpose and focus of book Two that will be further discussed.

The board will also explore the possibility of recommending addition of new introductory material, such as a preface to Book One. We are also considering recommending addition of a statement prior to the start of Book Two. Such prefaces and statements are considered common additions with a new version or edition. Finally, we are considering recommending an addition of an appendix to the text. Among factors the board considered in our rationale for making no changes to Book One is the fact that Book One continues to have relevancy to our members as a vital recovery tool in its current form. Other recovery material has been developed that expands on the Basic Text and sponsorship material is being developed to address the fellowship's desire for more literature on that topic.

Results of the Basic Text/Little White Booklet survey:

70% favored no changes to Book One of the BT and some sort of change to Book Two (61%).

The majority were opposed to changes in the Little White Booklet:

72% opposed to changing content

59% opposed to adding chapters

68% opposed to changing personal stories

61% are in favor of adding new stories

If you would like to see the complete data set in table form (78 pages), contact NAWS.

Sponsorship Book Project:

The world received 98 packages of input from 43 regions with at least 749 people contributing (over 6 pounds of paper!). A draft of the book will be included in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR), due out by November 24, 2003, with final approval considered at the WSC 2004.

Issues Discussion Forum:

The issue discussion topics selected at WSC 2002 are "Self-Support" and "Atmosphere of Recovery". As a result of input, we have implemented an electronic bulletin board that will facilitate discussion on these topics. You are now able to access these bulletin boards by visiting the website at www.na.org and choosing bulletin board on the new information menu. This will take you to an entry page where you can choose to enter the issue discussion area or the conference participant area. The issue discussion forums are open to all members. You do NOT need a password to enter or post your thoughts on the topics. Members are also able to revisit the bulletin board to keep apprised of other posts, allowing for the exchange of new thoughts and ideas on the topics. We hope this will facilitate the participation of a large number of members who might not otherwise have their voices heard. We can also list our local events by visiting the website and selecting the link "Na events".

While NA has always functioned best as a "face-to face" program, technology now affords us online options for sharing our recovery. After considering the requests we have received, we have agreed to list those calling themselves meetings of NA on the meeting locator at na.org. The Internet presents some interesting challenges with regards to NA meetings, such as the absence of physical contact or greater than usual difficulty in preventing disruptive or inappropriate participation. Still, the advantages to members isolated from regular meetings, and the sheer numbers of NA members who report personal benefits from these online meetings, have convinced us that, at least on an experimental basis, providing the list of meetings is the right thing to do. We do not register online groups, but simply list online meetings. We do not grant permission to post NA literature online. We ask that any use of NA literature in this medium be done by linking to the literature posted at na.org/ips. the forms required for listing an online meeting are also on the website. Area and regional web servants will not be able to enter info on online meetings since these meetings are not considered groups or a part of the service structure.

Many Spanish IPs are now available on the website as well.

You can view the NAWS Annual Report online as well. You can read or download the entire report or just the financial sections. It is in PDF format and requires Adobe software.

Survey Data and Our Diversity:

We now have the demographic survey data available from the last four world conventions. These data reveal something we already knew: the incredible diversity of our fellowship. Our diversity is one of the things that makes us so strong and wonderful as a global society of recovering addicts. We are all colors, speak all languages and are in all countries, because our common bond crosses all boundaries. An interesting statistic that emerges from the survey data is a closing of the gender gap in Narcotics Anonymous. At WCNA-26 in St. Louis, there were 60% males registered and 40% females. In 2002 at WCNA-29 in Atlanta it was 55% male and 45% female. we have updated our pamphlets; NA: A Resource in Your Community and Information About Narcotics Anonymous. We have also just completed a publication for professionals called Narcotics Anonymous 2002 Membership Survey.

We will produce a 20th Anniversary Basic Text. It will be a numbered edition, with a commemorative anniversary cover. There will be between 10,000 and 20,000 copies printed and sold. The cost will be \$25, the same price as the first special edition Basic Text printed in 1983.

Please bring back to next regional meeting

How is your area planning to conduct your CAR workshops this winter? Do you want to try something new like a GSR assembly? Do we want to continue the same way we have been? Have we had enough participation the way we have been doing this? We will brainstorm ideas during the RCM meeting, but please discuss with areas and bring back. This is a priority!!

Love and Hugs,

Jill M., Regional Delegate

Regional Delegate Alternate

No written report from Michael K.

Regional Committee Member Reports

BLASCNA

Hello ORSCNA,

I bring you greetings from BLASCNA. I have little to report other than things are going well with a loving Higher Power present. I would like to report that all of our trusted servant positions are filled except the Office Chair and this will be reflected in the lines of communication. There are also 26 meetings in our Area. I have also brought updated schedules to this meeting.

I regret that our Area doesn't have a donation for the Region at this time. Our Area raised our prudent reserve to \$1,000 and as of the last Area meeting, we fell below the prudent reserve. There are also no nominations for the open positions at this time.

Your humble servant,

Willie L., RCM Alt.

COASCNA

Dear Family,

Our Area is having a NA Birthday/Softball Tournament on July 26th, 2003.

A motion 01-02-A was made in January '03 to make NA literature, books, supplies, etc., available for distribution and purchase only at the ASC meeting unless prior arrangements are acceptably arranged. Intent: To follow Guide to Local Services and increase attendance and participation of all groups at Area level. The motion failed, but the intent passed. The most GSR's that I have ever seen at Area service since I've been clean. There are still open positions in our Area – Policy, PI, Additional Needs, Activities. April 19th, May 3rd, May 10th of 2003 are dates of a Policy Review and Revision meeting at the Area Office. Regional donations from COASCNA are Jan. \$47.00, Feb., \$30.00, March \$252.00 for a total of \$329.00.

In loving service,

Jim L., RCM

DASCNA

Hello family,

The DASCNA Area is alive and well. We extend gracious thanks to all members of the fellowship for their support in our continued recovery. Our Area will be hosting an H&I Learning Day on May 17th, an OCNA Fund-raiser in April, and the Man to Man VI Workshop Father's Day weekend. These events will be posted on the NAOHIO web site.

We are still working on having public service announcements for NS run in our Area.

That's all I have to report at this time.

In loving service,

Steve H., RCM

GCASCNA

Good morning ORSCNA family,

It's another wonderful day to be clean and of service to the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.

On Saturday, February 8th, a couple other recovering addicts and I drove to Troy, OH to observe (and participate to a certain extent) as the Miami Valley Area (MVASCNA) conducted its annual area service inventory. It was interesting to experience a group of trusted servants taking an honest look at how they work together (or not) to further our fellowship's primary purpose. An annual area service inventory is suggested in "A Guide To Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous", and the experience of the Miami Valley Area seemed to verify its benefits. I have recommended that our Area begin such an annual area service inventory, and just recently received further guidance from NAWS.

We have several upcoming functions in the Greater Cincinnati Area:

- Wednesday, April 23rd – **"West Side Story" Group 12th Anniversary Celebration**
6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. St. James Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 3207 Montana Avenue, Cincinnati, OH
- Saturday, April 26th – **GCASCNA "How It Works" Speaker & Dance**
7:00 p.m.-12 midnite V.A. Medical Center, 3200 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH
- Saturday, May 3rd – **GCASCNA "Mardi Gras in May" Speaker & Dance**
7:00 p.m.-12 midnite V.A. Medical Center, 3200 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH
- Fri. (6:00 p.m.)-Sun. (1:00 a.m.), May 9th, 10th – **"Just For Today" Group "Newcomers Weekend Ball"**
Quality Inn Hotel, 1717 Glendale-Milford Road, Cincinnati, OH
- Saturday, May 17th – **"Midday Recovery" Group 12th Anniversary Celebration**
10:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m. St. Joseph Church Basement, 745 Ezzard Charles Drive, Cincinnati, OH
- Saturday, May 31st – **GCACNA 70's Speaker Jam & Dance (Convention Fund-Raiser)**
10:00 a.m.-12 midnite Lincoln Heights Health Center, 1171 Adams, Cincinnati, OH
- Saturday, June 28th – **GCACNA Speaker & Dance (Convention Fund-Raiser)**
(times TBD) (location TBD)
- Saturday, July 19th – **tentative GCACNA (Convention Fund-Raiser)**
(times TBD) (location TBD)
- Fri.-Sun., August 8th-10th – **GCASCNA 23rd Annual "Abnormal Weenie Jam"**
Stonelick State Park, Pleasant Plain, OH
- Fri.-Sun., Nov. 28th-30th – **GCACNA "Thanks For The Miracle" XII Convention**
Kings Island Resort & Conference Center, 5691 Kings Island Dr., Kings Island, OH

Updates to our Area's Meeting Schedule were recently submitted to the Region's Webmaster; and updates to our Area's Lines of Communication will be reviewed with the Region's Secretary.

I am pleased to report that our ASC has finally recovered from the financial consequences of the Area's convention in 2000 and is now able to resume the flow of funds to support services at the regional & world levels. Last month, the ASC approved the following donations: \$874.05 to ORSCNA and \$291.35 to NAWS. The regional service donation is being delivered to the Region's Treasurer today. I have also been given regional service donations from two of our Area's home groups, as follows: All Will Be Well - \$114.00, and Talk The Text - \$35.00.

This month marks the end of my service commitment as RCM for the Greater Cincinnati ASC; however, as yet, nobody has been nominated to fill either the RCM or Alternate RCM positions for our Area. Thanks to the love & support that I have been shown by my fellow "service junkies", I plan to continue attending the service committee meetings of both the Ohio Region and our Area on a regular basis; and I have offered to continue acting as a liaison between the Region and our Area until the RCM position is filled.

In Loving Service,

David L., RCM, GCASCNA

Last Minute Additions To This Report:

In addition to RCM & Alternate RCM, the Greater Cincinnati Area has several other trusted servant positions that have been open for quite some time. These include: Secretary, Vice Secretary, Hope-Line Subcommittee Chair, and Outreach Subcommittee Chair.

The domain for our Area's website (www.nacincy.org) was acquired by an on-line pharmaceutical distributor. In light of this, a new website is being developed.

HAMASCNA

Hello Regional family,

It's always a pleasure to look forward to attending the Regional meetings. Our Area is alive and well. We are also excited about hosting the OCNA Convention. We've gotten a lot of help getting things started. It's great to be a part of.

In loving service,

Sandy K., RCM

Upcoming events:

Spring Fling (May)
Fun in the Sun
Dance in the Dark (July)
Serenity in the Woods (September)

When flyers are made up more will be revealed. Will send them out.

MEASCNA

Hello NA Family,

I'm Brent R., Alt. RCM for MEASCNA groups. We are glad everyone made it safely and we hope everyone has a good time. We have 2 groups from Athens, OH that has joined our Area and are very welcomed.

We have some positions open still – Vice-Chair, Vice-Treasurer, and H&I – as noted in our lines-of-communications. We had our St. Paty's Day Party Auction/Dance in March which was our OCNA fund-raiser and we have a \$100.00 donation.

We also have a \$75.00 ORSCNA for our quarterly donation.

We will be having a speaker meeting tonight. Fellowship will start at 6:00. Speaker is Cam G. from Columbus. Auction/DJ Dance 'til 12:00 a.m. \$3.00 per person; \$5.00 per couple. NATA

Flyers are on the table for 2 upcoming events in Coshocton, OH.

Thank you,

Brent R., Alt. RCM

MOASCNA

Dear family,

Greetings from the Mid-Ohio Area. After announcing a meeting closing in each of my last two reports, I get to announce a new meeting opening! Tuesday noon meeting at the 1st Methodist Church in Mansfield. Come share our enthusiasm and your recovery.

Two new H&I meetings have also opened this month. RCI a men's medium security institution in Mansfield meets twice monthly and Marion Correctional Institute, also a men's medium security, meets on a once a month basis. We are working jointly with the NWOASCNA H&I committee to expand our service to 2 and possibly 3 times a month. Our other H&I meetings are at Mancini and a teen female correctional/treatment facility.

Our Area hosted the 17th Annual Psychedelic 60's Dance and it was a great success. We raised \$400.00 for OCNA and had a great time doing it. One of our groups (Friday H.O.W.) hosted the 15th Annual Aqua event. This event was also well attended and very successful. It was also an OCNA fund-raiser and netted over \$300.00 to help fund our convention. Many thanks to those addicts who traveled from around the region and the state to support our efforts.

We continue to grow personally and in our efforts to provide the necessary services to the addict who still suffers.

Come visit us in MOASCNA and enjoy MO recovery.

We have a donation of \$229.14.

In loving service,

John A., RCM

MVASCNA

Hi family, I'm an addict named Terri, the RCM for MVASCNA. We are still struggling trying to get people to get involved with service, but the few that are still involved seem to do what ever it takes to get the jobs done.

We are struggling financially and are not able to make a donation again this quarter, but hope to next quarter.

We have several functions coming up in the near future. The first one is "The family Reunion, which is on May 3rd, then the MIDWEST ZONAL FORUM, and that date is May 10th, and then in June is the Just for Tuesday Farmout which is June 13,14, and 15th. Sure hope to see ya'll there. The Farmout is a free function.

We held our 3rd annual area inventory, even though not many people showed, we would like to thank the Cincinnati area for coming and finding out what its about.

We brought back our conscience on the motion that was taken back to the groups.

Not much else to report.

In loving service,

Terri B, MVASCNA RCM

NWOASCNA

Hello Family,

Northwest Ohio is growing in leaps and bounds, 29 meetings in 9 counties with 9 major cities. We have one new group registration and another new meeting opened on April 5th.

NWO sponsored an H&I workshop on April 5th that was a complete success. I would like to thank all the out-of-town speakers who participated. H&I is currently covering 9 commitments, but can always use more help.

A couple of our meetings are averaging 60 to 70 addicts a night. This is a very powerful message to me. We will be making a \$500.00 donation to the Region.

Activities will also be hosting a May Day Dance and Fund-raiser for our Annual Spiritual Retreat on May 3rd, 6:00 p.m., Water Tower Park at Cridersville, OH.

Don't forget about our retreat at Camp Berry on September 5th, 6th, and 7th at Findlay, OH.

They have also scheduled a picnic at Cridersville on June 7th.

Loving service,

Bill E., NWOASCNA RCM

SASCNA

Absent

Ad-hoc Committee Reports

Convention

Dear family,

OCNA 22 is going well and we have created a committee. We have one vacancy which is the Additional Needs Chair. Our goals are to have a contract for the hosting hotel within the next week or two and to have pre-registration flyers and pre-convention T-shirts for Sunday of this year's OCNA. We have had several meetings pertaining to these goals. At our last meeting, we had a motion to request funds for seed money from ORSCNA. The motion reads as follows: Motion # 4.2.02 = to request advanced funds from ORSCNA for OCNA 22 in 2004. Flyers \$53.00, T-shirts \$550.00, Registration Supplies \$50.00, P.O. Box \$50.00, Incidentals \$300.00 for a grand total of \$1,003.00. Motion Passed unanimously.

If anyone has information on Additional Needs and Serenity Keeper guidelines and responsibilities, please contact one of the Executive Committee members. Attached are archives for OCNA 22 meetings and our lines-of-communication.

In loving service,

Hope R., OCNA 22 Chair

NOTE: A copy of the Ohio Convention of Narcotics Anonymous Lines of Communication which was attached to this report is included at the end of the meeting minutes.

WebMaster

Hello Family,

I know many of you have not heard from me for a very long time at an RSC meeting. I included a report in the last meeting minutes which you may/may not have seen, but it will update you to the January meeting.

Since that past letter we have renewed our Domain Name (naohio.org) for 9 years. We now own this until April 06, 2012. An email reminder will be mailed to the webmaster@naohio.org address at that time. Whoever is receiving that mail will be able to update info then.

As has been a topic many times before, the Website, Domain, Email information has been sent to Robin S. for safe keeping. This document includes all the necessary information and passwords to access and/ or make changes to our accounts.

In the past it was difficult to specify different contacts and owners of a website / domain, but at this time the account owner is "Ohio Regional Service Committee of NA" with me as the contact.

I encourage you to obtain a USER NAME and PASSWORD for our website and use it. There is a vast amount of information on our site. We can keep almost anything we want there. If you would like access please send an email or call and specify the USER NAME and PASSWORD you want to use and I will make it so as long as I recognize your email address from the Lines of Communication or other records. If you are not listed there we may need to verify that you are an NA member before authorizing the access.

Our Website is being visited about 130 times a day and showing up on search engines over 2000 times each day. Last Month (March) We supplied 178 Copies of the State Schedule, our Web based meeting schedules were opened 662 different times, and we answered 50 emails. We are certainly fulfilling our primary purpose to provide current information about NA in Ohio. We also had a few requests to supply informational pamphlets for a couple of places. Big thanks to the addicts (Area Office) who assisted with that.

The one area we have continual requests which we can not help or have no info for is family (of addicts) support such as Nar-anon. I understand this is not what we do, but if we could direct someone that is hurting – why not? If anyone has any info like this for your area or town please forward it to me.

The Midwest Zonal Forum has a new website up and has sent us a link. Other than NA World we have not historically added links to our website as we can not be sure of what links or info is/are on their website. You can see it at www.mzfn.org. Your opinion/direction on this matter will be appreciated.

I can not think of anything else to say about the Website, things are going well. As always we encourage your input and suggestions.

In Loving Service,

Steve A.
Webmaster, NA Ohio
webmaster@naohio.org

12-Step Retreat

Hi family,

It's a great day to be clean and back serving the Region again. I would like to thank the members of this Region for allowing me to serve. It is a privilege and an honor to be the Chairperson for what will be the Ohio Region's 16th Annual Twelve Step Retreat. I can only hope we will do as well as the chairs and committees before me, as this event is so important to our Region and usually helps to fund us for most of the year.

At our last RSC, I gave out to all RCM's my phone number and email address. This was so that anyone who wanted to be part of this committee could contact me. It saddens me that in three months only two people did so. Of course, one of them was Donna our cook who has said she would do this for us in a wheelchair if necessary. I briefly contemplated resignation, but in almost 12 years I have never resigned from anything in this fellowship and don't plan on starting now.

I went to the Psychedelic Sixties in Marion and found us a Vice-Chair who has already expressed willingness to step up next year to Chair. I found another addict who just yesterday reiterated their desire again and expressed willingness to be our Registration Chair.

We will be meeting later today to get this committee started. If we have any problems, GP has expressed her willingness to help. I have been in contact with Tar Hollow and our event is in the books for October 10-12, 2003. So with the help of this body and concerned members of our fellowship, I am sure this retreat will be a success. Always grateful to be of service.

NA love,

David S., 12-Step Chair

Shared Services

Dear Family,

We didn't have a formal Shared Services meeting this quarter.

The project we are working on is an election process for trusted servants of the OCNA Board of Trustees.

A few members of the Ohio Region met in March and we put together a document of guidelines we can use for elections. Hopefully, we can get together with the Buckeye Region this quarter and have an agreement on the election process by July.

A new endeavor or challenge has developed in which Shared Services may be expanded in the direction of H & I. Members from the Ohio Region met with the Recovery Services State Directors of Institutions in Columbus in March. A very informative and welcomed attitude aspired from the state officials and the NA members in attendance. We were invited to give a presentation the following week to all the Recovery Services coordinators and personal from Parole Services in the state of Ohio.

A very professional and appealing presentation was put on by members for both the Ohio and Buckeye Regions in a joint effort. We are already getting a direct response from many of the institutions in the state. We have surveys/questionnaires from each institution in the state which asks many questions about services that NA may be able to provide and contract names and info so we can follow up and stay in contact.

This will be an ongoing and very involved effort for both Regions. But we hope we can put together an effort channeled from both Regions through Shared Services to meet the many challenges of this endeavor.

We had an informal meeting in Cridersville last Saturday and started on a priority list of services we could start to offer very soon. The top priority is to produce a state schedule that we can send to all institutions in the state and financed by both Regions.

We meet again with the state agency in May and plan an ongoing effort to meet with them in the future. Much more will be revealed.

In loving service,

Al S., Shared Services Chair

Human Resource Panel

Mornin' family,

Believe it or not, this report will be short and to the point.

As directed by this Regional body (and thanks to John L., who worked very hard on getting my chicken scratch drawing/outline into the computer and printed), we are presenting a new, easy to use Ohio Regional Service Pool Information Form (getting away from calling it a resume). With your approval, we will find somewhere to get copies made and get them out into the rooms.

Also of note, I would like to remind you that my term as HRP #1 is over. We need someone to step forward with willingness for this position.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me the opportunity to learn and grow in my personal recovery by being of service to the addict that still suffers.

Bless you all,

Linda N., HRP 1

Phoneline Coordinator

Greetings ORSCNA family,

I didn't adjust my work schedule early enough to trade weekends so I am submitting a written report.

Great news! As of February 17th, our 800 # has been up and running. We do have the same # - 800-587-4232 or 1-800 Jus 4 Today. It is our assigned # through MCI – not an answering service. We had no unpaid balance with Hamilton Answering Service.

It took numerous calls to MCI to finally coordinate (AHA! Is that why my title is Phoneline Coordinator?!!) the names on the account, mailing of bills, etc.

Our new answering service is now combined with a drug & alcohol council. Workers consist of primarily volunteers recovering individuals from NA, AA, Al-Anon, etc. They seem to have a working knowledge of traditions – especially cooperation versus affiliation. Actual paid office staff took a day or two of training staff – familiarizing them with our on-line meeting staff and downloading meeting info to use as hard copies if computers are down.

I've enclosed a summary copy of our monthly billing. They break down calls by Area, male-female, time of day. Daily call activity reports list types of calls. We had 3 wanting to report drug dealers.

I passed a call onto NWOASCNA for an 8th grade class presentation.

I've made a sign-up sheet for each Area. Would RCM's please seek out willing volunteers to return calls to addicts in need? I'd love to see our phone line go beyond giving only meeting/function information. Once I receive completed forms, I'll work on a learning day of some sort for those without PI or Phoneline experience. I'll update them as more names are added (I'm optimistic for willingness!!). Return calls to addicts would be at your own expense.

Updated lines of communication information are helpful if I get calls for presentations, etc.

Robin S. will have the amount of the monthly bills if you're interested.

Miss ya!

Love,

Susie L. -A., Phonline Chair

NOTE: The summary copy of the monthly billing report that was mentioned in Susie's report is included at the end of the meeting minutes.

NOTE: After some discussion, a consensus was reached that the use of a personal phone number on an NA publicity poster or flyer is not recommended. See the Public Information Handbook for further explanation and other considerations.

Old Business

1. Open Positions

Position	Nominee(s)	Vote
Vice-Treasurer	still open	*
Vice-Secretary	still open	No nominations

*Terri B. withdrew her nomination for Vice-Treasurer due to her Area commitments.

2. History of NA (Reference Motion 2001:30)

Robin S. reported that a large amount of information has been turned in but neither she nor Linda N. have had time to sort through it all due to other Regional areas of concern. This motion was originally deferred to the July 2003 RSC.

Motion to rescind this motion: Made by Linda N.

Motion Seconded by: Jim L.

Intent: Rather than keep deferring this motion, this can be done at a later date.

Vote: 8-0-1

Motion to rescind carried.

Motion 2001:30

Maker of Motion: ORSCNA Outreach Chair – Linda N.

Motion: To place the History of NA of Ohio on the NA Ohio website.

Intent: To carry the message about who we are and how we came to be.

3. Create H&I Sponsorship System (Reference Motion 2002:17)

This motion is completed. See report from Al S., Shared Services Chair.

Motion 2002:17 Date: 7-14-2002
Maker of Motion: NWOASCA – Bill E. No second needed – made by Area Motion: That Shared Services develop an ad hoc committee to develop a sponsorship program committee for Area H&I subcommittees. Time frame: 9 months Intent: To help inmates behind the walls to have sponsors on the outside. Vote: 9-0-1 Motion carried

4. Treasurer Audit and Annual Report (Reference Motions 2002:18, 2002:23, and 2002:25)

This motion will be completed as part of Motion 2002:28 below. Other issues need to be resolved before the policy can be revised. This motion was deferred to the July 2003 RSC.

Motion 2002:18 Date: 7-14-2002
Maker of Motion: Vice-Treasurer – Robin S. Seconded by: Dave L. - GCASCNA Motion: That the (ORSCNA) Treasurer have all checks to be deposited validated by another Regional trusted servant. The treasury books will be on hand at every RSC meeting for review by the RCM's. If the Treasurer cannot be present, he/she is responsible to make sure the books are there. The Vice-Chair will validate the cancelled checks and Treasurer's report with the bank statement at every RSC meeting. Intent: In light of the recent embezzlement of NAWS, it is imperative that we have a checks and balances policy in place for the protection of the Treasurer and the Region. The 5 th and 11 th concepts Vote: 8-1-1 (This is an <u>internal</u> change to policy) Motion carried

This motion was completed and reported on at the April RSC by the ORSCNA Treasurer, Robin S.

Motion 2002:23 Date: 10-5-2002
Maker of Motion: MOASCNA – John A. Seconded by: GCASCNA – Dave L. Motion: That an ad-hoc committee consisting of Chair, Vice-Treasurer, and Vice-Chair be appointed to write a letter expressing our concern in regards to Motion 2002:18 to be presented and voted on in New Business tomorrow. Intent: To begin to resolve continuing problems with financial accountability. Vote: 10-0-0 Motion carried

This motion is almost completed and will be reported on at the July 2003 RSC.

Motion 2002:25	Date: 10-5-2002
Maker of Motion: RD Alt.– Michael K.	
Seconded by: DASCNA – Steve H.	
Motion: To form an ad-hoc committee that consists of Robin S., Michael K., and Steve H. to conduct a complete audit of ORSCNA financial activities from July 2001 through October 2002.	
Intent: To be accountable of ORSCNA funds.	
Vote: 9-1-0	
Motion carried	
Motion tabled to April RSC	

5. Financial Policy Changes – Ad Hoc Committee Report (Reference Motion 2002:28)

This motion was deferred to the July RSC.

Motion 2002:28	Date: 10-6-2002
Maker of Motion: MOASCNA – John A.	
Seconded by: GCASCNA – Dave L.	
Motion: That an ad hoc committee consisting of John A., RCM, the Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, and Terri B., RCM be formed to review and make updates to our financial policy and to report with recommended changes no later than the April 2003 RSC.	
Intent: To provide a long term solution to our financial accountability problem.	
Vote: 10-0-0	

6. Revised Regional Service Pool Resume

Linda N. passed out copies of the proposed changes to the RCMs. Per Linda, the original form will not be done away with.

Consensus: The RCMs agreed to approve this form with the addition of life or business skills or professional skills, education, etc. (i.e., lawyer, accountant, etc.).

Linda N. did not send the revised form to the Secretary for inclusion in the meeting minutes.

7. Revised Regional Policy and Guidelines

Mark R. is still working on this. There will be other changes to be added when guidelines are created for the Webmaster, Phonline, and Convention positions and the financial policy changes are submitted by the ad-hoc committees responsible for these tasks. Also discussed revising the requirement for RCMs to bring 2 copies of their Area schedules to the RSC each quarter.

8. Combined Phonenumber Between Ohio & Buckeye Regions (Reference Motion 2002:30)

This motion was deferred to the January 2003 RSC from the October 2002 RSC; however the motion was left out of the January 2003 meeting minutes and was not discussed. This motion has not been completed by either the Shared Services Committee or the Phonenumber Coordinator and will be brought up again at the July 2003 RSC.

Motion 2002:30	Date: 10-6-2002
Maker of Motion: GCASCNA – Dave L.	
No seconded needed when made by group	
Motion:	For the Ohio Region to pursue the establishment of a single information line for the state of Ohio.
Intent:	There are currently two information lines – one for the Ohio Region and one for the Buckeye Region. This is a duplication of service.
Motion referred to Shared Services until the January 2003 RSC	
Vote:	9-0-1

9. Ad-Hoc Committee to Create Policy for Positions (Reference Motion 2002:31)

This motion was deferred to the July 2003 RSC.

Motion 2002:31	Date: 10-6-2002
Maker of Motion: NWOASCNA – Bill E.	
Seconded by: GCASCNA – Dave L.	
Motion:	Appoint ad-hoc committee consisting of Bill E., John A., Al S., Steve A., and John L. to create policy for Addendum 1 for WebMaster, Phonenumber, and Convention Chair positions and to report back to the Region in January 2003.
Intent:	To create policy for these positions.
Vote:	10-0-0
Motion tabled to April RSC	

Meeting adjourned with the Serenity Prayer.

12-Step Retreat

Greetings family,

I'm pleased to announce at our first 12-Step meeting yesterday, we elected the following members for said committee:

Jim L. from Columbus as 12-Step Vice-Chair
Bill O. (Oz) from Zanesville as TRS/Registration Chair
Dave L. from Cinci as Merchandise Chair

We need your help. The following positions need to be filled: Secretary, Programming Chair, Coffee Chair, an Upper and a Lower Cleanup Chair

We will be requesting our fund monies to open our checking account. We need your discretion as to whether or not we need a one or two person signature account.

I will be in contact with our webmaster to create a site for 12-Step Retreat information. We will have a P.O. Box by June so we can start receiving registrations by mail.

We need a logo design for our retreat. The deadline for submission is the July RSC. I will be unable to attend the July RSC, but will have a report submitted to this body. Our next meeting will be May 17th at the Spring Fling in HAMASCNA.

In service,

David S., 12-Step Retreat Chair

New Business

New Motions

Motion 2003:03 Date: 4-12-2003

Maker of Motion: ORSCNA Treasurer – Robin S.

Seconded by: Shared Services Chair – Al S.

Motion: That ORSCNA take steps, as described in Document #1, to resolve the discrepancies found in the audit authorized by Motion 2002:25.
The details and results of these steps will be released to the fellowship after obtaining legal advice.

Intent: To resolve the issues found by the audit.

Vote: **7-0-1** (DASCNA & SASCNA absent)

Motion carried

Motion 2003:04 Date: 4-13-2003

Maker of Motion: ORSCNA Treasurer – Robin S.

Seconded by: COASCNA RCM – Jim L.

Motion: To allow the Treasurer to purchase the 'One-Write' System from Deluxe at a cost of approximately \$100.00 for both the system and deposit tickets.

Intent: To correct the error of incorrect mailing address on our present checks as well as move to a more safeguarded check writing system.

Vote: **7-0-1** (DASCNA & SASCNA absent)

Motion carried

Motion 2003:05 **Date: 4-13-2003**

Maker of Motion: ORSCNA Treasurer – Robin S.

Seconded by: MOASCNA RCM – John A.

Motion: The ORSCNA Treasurer will close our present account and open a new account.

Intent: Our present account has several checks that are unaccounted for. This would safeguard our account.

Vote: 7-0-1 (DASCNA & SASCNA absent)

Motion carried

Motion 2003:06 **Date: 4-13-2003**

Maker of Motion: ORSCNA Treasurer – Robin S.

Seconded by: NWOASCNA RCM – Bill E.

Motion: That ORSCNA Treasurer will be given the ability to investigate other banks for a checking account and can transfer our present account if one is better.

Intent: To save money for ORSCNA.

Vote: 7-0-1 (DASCNA & SASCNA absent)

Motion carried

Motion 2003:07 **Date: 4-13-2003**

Maker of Motion: MOASCNA RCM – John A.

Seconded by: COASCNA RCM – Jim L.

Motion: That the Region fund the printing of 1000 copies of a statewide meeting schedule primarily for use by the Shared Services H&I Committee and Area H&I Committees.

Note: The Buckeye Region shall be asked to reimburse ½ of the cost. Estimated cost \$150 - \$300.00. A bid process will be used. Minimum of 2 bids.

Intent: To better enable our H&I Committees to better carry our/the message.

Vote: 6-0-2 (DASCNA & SASCNA absent)

Motion carried

Motion 2003:08 **Date: 4-13-2003**

Maker of Motion: MOASCNA RCM – John A.

Seconded by: NWOASCNA RCM – Bill E.

Motion: The Region shall reimburse John A. \$62.57 for the cost of 50 copies of state schedules distributed at the NA presentation to state correctional and adult parole board recovery services in Columbus. Note: An accurate receipt shall be presented to the Treasurer.

Intent: To get my money back.

Vote: 6-0-2 (DASCNA & SASCNA absent)

Motion carried

Motion 2003:09 **Date: 4-13-2003**

Maker of Motion: MOASCNA RCM – John A.

Seconded by: COASCNA RCM – Jim L.

Motion: That the Region make a donation in the amount of the cost of 40 Group Institutional Guides to NAWS (\$148.00). Note: 40 copies of this document were donated by NAWS H&I for our Columbus presentation.

Intent: To be fully self-supporting.

Vote: 6-0-2 (DASCNA & SASCNA absent)

Motion carried

Motion 2003:10 **Date: 4-13-2003**

Maker of Motion: MOASCNA RCM – John A.

Seconded By: COASCNA RCM – Jim L.

Motion: That Regional policy Section 3.9.1 be amended as follows to allow RCM's to concurrently serve as Vice-Secretary or Vice-Treasurer.

Reference: (E) 3.9.1 No member shall hold more than one ORSCNA Trusted Servant position at any one time, with the exception of Vice-Secretary, Vice-Treasurer, subcommittee vice-chairpersons and temporary chairpersons.

Intent: 1. The current policy restricts our ability to fill our service positions.
2. There is no conflict of interest in having a vote at ORSCNA and serving in a position that does not normally present business at the Region.

Pro: To fill necessary service positions.

Con: In the absence of the primary position holder, the vice-servant would then have a conflict in their ability to serve.

Vote: **Back to Areas**

Motion 2003:11 **Date: 4-13-2003**

Maker of Motion: RD Alt. – Michael K.

Seconded by: COASCNA RCM – Jim L.

Motion: To have a duplicate ORSCNA checking account statements mailed from the bank to the Vice-Chair.

Intent: To provide a system of checks and balances per Concept 5.

Vote: **Motion to table to the July 2003 RSC – Vote: 6-0-1**

Motion carried

Motion 2003:12 **Date: 4-13-2003**

Maker of Motion: OCNA XXII Subcommittee – Robert F.

Seconded by: COASCNA RCM – Jim L.

Motion: To advance OCNA XXII with \$1003.00 to be used as seed money for OCNA XXII. Flyers \$53.00, Pre-convention T-shirts \$550.00, Registration supplies \$50.00, P.O. Box \$50.00, Incidentals \$300.00.

Intent: So the OCNA XXII Committee can take reservations and sell T-shirts on the Sunday of the OCNA XXI Convention.

Vote: **7-0-1** (DASCNA & SASCNA absent)

Motion carried

Motion 2003:13 **Date: 4-13-2003**

Maker of Motion: 12-Step Chair – David S.

Seconded by: OCNA XXII Vice-Chair – Robert F.

Motion: Request 12-Step Retreat seed monies (\$600.00) to open account for our committee.

Intent: To fulfill our responsibilities to the Region and function as a committee.

Vote: **7-0-1** (DASCNA & SASCNA absent)

Motion carried

Motion 2003:14 **Date: 4-13-2003**

Maker of Motion: ORSCNA Treasurer – Robin S.

Seconded by: COASCNA RCM – Jim L.

Motion: The ORSCNA Treasurer be given the ability to purchase organizers for ORSCNA treasury archives.

Intent: Present archives are contained haphazardly in a cardboard box. This would safeguard this information.

Vote: **7-0-1** (DASCNA & SASCNA absent)

Motion carried

Motion 2003:15 **Date: 4-13-2003**

Maker of Motion: Shared Services Chair - Al S.

Seconded by: NWOASCNA RCM – Bill E.

Motion: To allow Shared Services permission to continue its endeavor with the Buckeye Region to pursue H&I services with the Recovery Services Department of State Institutions.

Intent: To pursue an H&I effort to carry the NA message to inmates in institutions.

Vote: **7-0-1** (DASCNA & SASCNA absent)

Motion carried

Motion 2003:16 **Date: 4-13-2003**

Maker of Motion: MVASCNA RCM – Terri B.

Seconded by: COASCNA RCM – Jim L.

Motion: The ORSCNA get a post office box in Columbus, Ohio and the RCM in COASCNA as well as 1 other ORSCNA Trusted Servant be responsible for getting and forwarding the mail accordingly.

Intent: To stop anyone from getting and opening ORSCNA mail.

Vote: **7-0-1** (DASCNA & SASCNA absent)

Motion carried

Meeting was adjourned with the Serenity Prayer.