

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

October 5th & 6th, 2002

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

- ⌘ The January 2003 RSC will be held on January 11th (Sat.) & 12th (Sun.) starting at 10:00am both days. There will be a recovery meeting each morning at 9:00am before the business meetings. The meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn, 2455 Dryden Road, Dayton, OH 45439, phone # 937-294-1471.

Hotel rooms: \$69.00 plus tax (mention ORSCNA)

Speaker/Man to Man VI Fund-raiser Dance/Auction

Saturday night starting at 7:00pm

Admission to Dance: \$5.00 in Advance; \$7.00 at the door

No addict turned away from the message

Directions:

From North - Toledo to Dayton

Take I-75 South to Dayton

At I-75 Exit 50, turn RIGHT (North) onto Springboro Pike (Dryden Rd.) for 0.2 ml

Arrive at 2455 Dryden Rd. Holiday Inn

From South - Cincinnati to Dayton

Take I-75 North to Dayton

At I-75 Exit 50, bear LEFT (North) onto Springboro Pike (Dryden Rd.) for 0.2 ml

Arrive at 2455 Dryden Rd. Holiday Inn

From East - Columbus to Dayton

Take I-70 West to Dayton

At I-70 Exit 33/I-75 Exit 61, turn LEFT (South) onto I-75 for 11.1 ml

At I-75 Exit 50, turn RIGHT (North) onto Springboro Pike (Dryden Rd.) for 0.2 ml

Arrive at 2455 Dryden Rd. Holiday Inn

Directions: From I-75 (either direction) Exit 127A (State Route 81 West), at first traffic light, turn right.

- ⌘ Result of RSC motion 2002:15 is as follows:

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Vote: **BACK TO AREAS**

Motion carried 8-0-2

⌘ **New motions going back to the Areas:**

Motion 2002:27 Date: 10-6-2002

Maker of Motion: Sandy K. - HAMASCNA

Motion: Amend ORSCNA Policy, Section Three, 3.1

Include Convention Chairperson as an exception to the regular schedule for nomination and election of Regional Trusted Servants.

Add: "In the case of the Convention Chairperson, the hosting Area shall present their selected nominee(s) in January with the election by the RSC in April of the year prior to each convention to be held in the Ohio Region."

Intent: To clarify the selection process and accountability of the Convention Chairperson (4th and 5th Concepts).

Pro: Clarifies point of accountability according to 5th Concept.

Con: The Regional Committee is overstepping its authority to decide what is an Area Service Committee decision.

Vote: **BACK TO AREAS**

⌘ **The Vice-Secretary position is still open. Please take this back to the groups.**

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.
- Please stress the use of the Regional Service Pool Resumé form.
- Remember to complete the NA Member Surveys.

Administrative Committee Reports

Chairperson

Hello ORSCNA family,

Well, Fall is here again. It's a great time of the year for me personally as I originally got clean on 10/25/86. With the change of seasons it always seems like the perfect time of year to reflect about my life, my recovery, and my future. I always feel an abundance of gratitude for all the wonderful people and things in my life – especially my NA family.

I don't have much to report. 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 have also made copies of pages 107-114 of the Guide To Local Service that we should be using in our business meetings. Please take some time and read through it. I believe it will help our meetings run better.

I was supposed to revise our Regional Policy, but didn't allow enough time to get it finished. I took what is on the website, but it didn't format well in a Word document so I spent a lot of time reformatting everything. I will finish the revisions and email or mail a copy out to everyone who wants one. I have reviewed all of the minutes for the last 3 years to make sure that we have incorporated all the motions that made or changed the Regional Policy.

One final thing that I had planned on doing, but didn't complete was revising the ORSCNA Structure diagram that we originally came up with 2 years ago. Since we have made some large changes to our structure, I thought I should get that revised. I will get that sent out to the Secretary so she can include it in the minutes. It will also be an addendum to the policy from now on.

In loving service,

Mark R., ORSCNA Chairperson

NOTE: I was to have put a revised copy of the ORSCNA structure diagram in the minutes, but I did not get this from Mark. Neither have I received an updated copy of the policy.

Vice-Chairperson

No written report from Kirby M.

NOTE: Per an email from Kirby, the Regional insurance has been paid. Also Kirby has clarified the difference between retreats and conventions with the agent, and now 4 conventions, 1 state convention, and 1 retreat are covered as well as all other functions, workshops, meetings, and dances – without exceptions.

Also I need to get a copy of the updated policy and include the Declaration page in the January meeting minutes.

Secretary

No written report from Carolyn A.

NOTE: In response to the letter that I sent to Rodney C., Convention Chair, I received a box of receipts, checks, etc. No formal financial statement was submitted as requested.

Treasurer

I will not be able to attend the Regional meeting due to my mother is in the hospital on life support; and at this time, my mother is the most important person in my life and it is important for me to be at her bedside.

I do have some issues to address. As was stated in the last meeting, we want to keep in line with the concept. I would like to know what happened with the concept with discussing someone who is not present. I think it is the 10th concept if I am not mistaken. It is some issues I would like to redress. Here is the report. Any questions, Robin can call me.

Beginning Balance	\$4,305.20
Donations	\$ 396.00
Balance	\$4,701.20
Hamilton Ans. Serv.	(\$ 284.49)
	\$4,416.71
MCI	(\$ 214.84)
Balance	\$4,201.87

Lizzie C., Treasurer

NOTE: A more detailed report from Robin S, Vice-Treasurer is at the end of the meeting minutes.

Regional Delegate

No written report from Jill M.

NOTE: I did not receive the disc from Jill.

Regional Delegate Alternate

No written report from Michael K.

Regional Committee Member Reports

BLASCNA

Hello Regional family,

Everything is subject to change especially what we know about the BLASCNA Area. They say we ought never be organized or have leaders. When I updated our Area Lines of Communication, I noticed that our trusted servants positions are filled except for Area Vice-Chair and Area Chair. Toledo is blessed with many dedicated members of Narcotics Anonymous. This transition has brought a few addicts with years of recovery and experience back to service.

Our sub-committees are providing services to the best of their ability. H&I has dropped 2 meetings due to limited volunteers. We still operate with a sponsor/co-sponsor system; maybe change is needed. The Phonenumber has gone to a day/night cell phone system that is working very well. We have a new Public Information Chair who is excited about his position. We have been without PI work for some time now.

We are having a Service/Learning Day on October 19th to share ideas about commitment and unity. We have a donation for the Region of \$140.00.

I thank my HP and BLASCNA for allowing me to serve and for all of you for being here for me!

Tom M., RCM

COASCNA

Hi family,

Our Area is really struggling for service positions; there are a lot of open positions.

Our H&I is having a Spook Out on Saturday, October 26th, 2002 at the Southside Settlement House - speaker, food, auction, and a dance. Contact Fred P. at 614-476-2344. Also COACNA XIV is on January 3-5, 2003 at the Columbus Marriott North. The reservation number is 1-800-228-3429.

The Area's donation for the Region is \$352.56.

In loving service,

Jim L., RCM

DASCNA

Hello ORSCNA,

My name is Steve and I'm an addict. The DASCNA Area is alive and well. Our convention was a success and we have a donation of \$3,600.00.

We will be hosting the next Regional meeting on January 11 and 12, 2003 at the Holiday Inn Dryden Road. A flyer us available and will be posted to the Ohio NA website. We have 2 new meetings started in our Area. We are getting more calls on our phone line from people wanting to start meetings around our Area. Remember, there are still places in this world where NA meetings are not allowed.

Thank you for helping us carry the NA message.

In loving service,

Steve H., RCM

GCASCNA

See typed report from David L. at the end of the meeting minutes.

HAMASCNA

Hello family,

It is an honor and a pleasure to be a part of this service body.

Our RCM-Alt did a great job last quarter and we brought several surveys back to be turned in. She wanted me to tell you all that she's with us spiritually, but she is home this weekend with a close friend who's lost her father.

Our Area is growing and constantly changing. Our Area voted in Hope R. as our OCNA Chair. Her phone number is 513-858-2885. Actually, there has been some conversation on the issue. We have a question: Does OCNA elections come back to the Region?

In loving service,

Sandy K., RCM

MEASCNA

Hello family,

Good morning family. My name is Brent R., the RCM-Alt for the MEASCNA Area.

Elections were held and officers were elected and we still have three positions open.

Our 3rd annual camp-out was a success; it was well attended. We also printed and sold our first t-shirts.

We are still making plans to host the April 2003 Regional meeting. We will be posting the details on the website and will have flyers made up for the next Regional meeting.

Thank you,

Brent R., RCM-Alt.

MOASCNA

Hi family,

Our Area is chugging along. Most of our positions are filled (with the help of a little two-hatting). But we are particularly glad of a few new faces and the willingness and enthusiasm they bring to our committee.

Our H&I committee is sponsoring two meetings weekly at MANCI and a semi-weekly meeting at a girl's adolescent treatment facility. If there are any females in your Area looking for an opportunity to share in an H&I setting, please contact Susie L. (see L.O.C.).

We are also initiating a step-working/sponsorship program for inmates at MANCI. If you are a male with a minimum of 1 year clean and a willingness to guide an incarcerated addict through the steps, please contact Bob J. This program is worked anonymously through an Area P.O. Box.

Our next function is the 14th Annual AQUA on the 2nd Saturday in February.

In loving service,

John A., RCM

P.S.: We have no donation at this time but will be mailing one soon.

MVASCNA

Hello ORSCNA,

I'm an addict named Terri, RCM from MVASCNA.

A lot of people is concerned with the financial situation that the World Service Office is in.

I brought back our votes for the motions that were returned from the last Regional.

I have donations from our Area with me today, and I also have flyers for the upcoming event in our Area – Gratitude Night. Hope everyone can join us in the fun.

Our Area positions are filled except for a couple. Still having problems with people not getting involved, but all in all we're doing OK.

Loving service,

Terri B., RCM

NWOASCNA

Hello family,

Welcome to the Northwest Ohio Area. I hope you all had a pleasant trip. If anyone needs anything or has questions, please ask me, Justin H. or Kirby M.

Northwest Ohio is alive and well covering 9 counties and 5 or 6 major cities. NA is growing in this Area by leaps and bounds. H&I is going strong as is the Activities Committee. All of our committee chairs are currently full except two.

I'm sorry to say that the Spiritual Retreat did not happen this year, but next year is already set up.

We have one new meeting to register: Monday night, Defiance, OH, 7:00 p.m. Our Area will not be making a Regional donation this month to help offset the cost of this room.

Loving service,

Bill E., RCM

SASCNA

Hello family,

I'm happy to announce that SASCNA is still alive and well. We have again experienced some more growing pains in our Area. Our Treasurer fell to the disease of addiction with seven years clean. However, I'm happy to say that our funds were not affected by his relapse. Unfortunately, he is still out and is falling hard. He could use any and all prayers. As a direct result, we have nominated Angi R. to fill the Treasurer position. She has the clean time and willingness. Also, Christy H. accepted the nomination for Secretary. We currently have ten groups and ten meetings in the SASCNA Area. Five out of ten are now donating to the Area. That alone is a miracle. We are still dealing with some past theft of funds through registered letters with a follow-up plan of action. We still have many open trusted servant positions but are grateful for the positions that are filled.

In loving service,

Steve B., RCM

Subcommittee Reports

Convention

Vacant

WebMaster

Steve A. – Absent

12-Step Retreat

Hello family,

First of all, I want to apologize for not being there. I have to attend a funeral today, and Robert was kind enough to bring my report up.

Everything is motion for the Retreat and we are all excited about having fun and fellowship for the weekend once again. Hope to see you all there.

We do not have as many pre-registrations as we did last year, but I am sure everyone plans to attend. Robert will be here all day to take them if you have not done so yet.

I have to say I have a great time with the committee again this year and will see you all here in January.

In loving service,

GP A., 12 Step Chairperson

See letter of willingness from David S. for 12-Step Chairperson for 2003 at end of meeting minutes.

12-Step Retreat Treasurer's Report

Hello N.A. Family,

I have a short report from the 12-Step Retreat Chair who cannot be here today and a few facts I will try to fill-in in her absence.

Our current balance is \$541.05; we have had income of \$3,275.00 and expenses of \$2,733.95. We have 149 people registered so far and I will be taking registrations all day today. There are still plenty of cabins available. Please try to register today; however, if you do not register today, please wait until the retreat to register so your registration does not get lost in the mail.

It is an honor to serve,

Robert F., 12-Step Retreat Treasurer

Human Resource Panel

Dear Family,

The Human Resource Pool is up and running. Not a lot of activity last quarter, mostly questions and concerns from people who called. We have 74 people in the pool from all over the Ohio Region. If any Area is having workshops on service and are having trouble getting people to do workshops, please call Linda or Al and we'll try to get you some help. If you need some direction in a subcommittee, we can help. Presentations, P.I., or H&I related, give us a try. We'll try to find you some help. Or just for some to talk to, give us a call.

Love & hugs,

Al S. & Linda N., Human Resource Panel

Consensus: HRP coordinators pick a person and coordinates with the particular need or service. The process will take 2 phone calls. One to address the need to HRP; HRP will go through their resumé's to find the appropriate person. One for HRP to respond to the addressee to give them the person selected.

Everything that was in P & A will now be taken care of in either Old or New Business by Mark R., Chair. Question was asked about who keeps the policy up to date. Mark R. is in the process of updating the policy, but Kirby M. will be the responsible person after this extensive update.

See letter of willingness from Susie-Lory-Arms for the newly-created position of Phoneline Coordinator at the end of the minutes.

Shared Services

Dear Family,

Shared Services is working on two projects at this time. The Ohio Convention Corporation and an H&I project for sponsorship for inmates from the outside. We will meet today after the RCM-RD meeting to discuss these items. Please participate, your input is appreciated.

Shared Services are services provided in a joint effort between the Buckeye and Ohio Regions to better serve the state of Ohio and continue in the pursuit of our primary purpose carrying the message to the addict who still suffers.

In loving service,

Al S., Shared Services Chair

Old Business

Elections

Position	Nominee(s)	Vote
Vice-Secretary	still open	

There were no nominations for this position.

Motions

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.

Motion tabled to April 2003 RSC

Robin S. stated that it will take longer to do the History of NA. She will keep us posted.

Motion 2002:17 Date: 7-14-2002

Maker of Motion: NWOASCA – Bill E.

No second needed – made by Area

Motion: That HRP 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

This motion should have stated Shared Services instead of HRP.

Motion to reconsider made by Bill E., Seconded by Steve H.

Motion carried 10-0-0

Motion now reads:

“That Shared Services develop an ad hoc committee to develop a sponsorship program committee for Area H&I subcommittees. Time frame: 9 months”

Treasurer's Annual Report

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

Motion 2002:18 Date: 7-14-2002

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 5th and 11th concepts

OCNA XX Financial Report

Motion 2002:24 Date: 10-5-2002

Maker of Motion: COASCNA – Jim L.

Seconded by: NWOASCNA – Bill E.

Motion: To form an ad-hoc committee that consists of Carolyn A., Brent R., and Terri B. to review all OCNA XX financial records and prepare a written report by the January 2003 RSC.

Intent: Accountability.

Vote: 9-0-1

Motion carried

Motions Back From Areas

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Vote: **BACK TO AREAS**

Motion carried 8-0-2

ORSCNA Financial Audit

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:00p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

New Business

Motions

Motion 2002:26 Date: 10-6-2002

Maker of Motion: RD – Jill M.

Seconded by: SASCNA – Steve B.

Motion: That the Region fund the RD to attend the November MZF meeting in Peoria, IL.
Cost: \$350.

Intent: For networking and sharing experience with other regions in the Midwest.

Vote: 10-0-0

Motion carried

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Maker of Motion: Sandy K. - HAMASCNA

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Vote: BACK TO AREAS

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

Motion carried

Motion 2002:29 Date: 10-6-2002

Maker of Motion: DASCNA – Steve H.

Seconded by: COASCNA – Jim L.

Motion: To make it standard practice/policy that all conventions or events that anticipate more than 400 or more people in attendance be listed through the Vice-Chair with our insurance company. These events should also be listed in our Regional meeting minutes.

Intent: To help us insure that all NA events are being covered by our insurance policy.

Vote: Tabled to January 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**

Motion 2002:32 **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, Phoneline, 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**

Meeting was adjourned with the Serenity Prayer.