

SBASCNA MEETING MINUTES

August 17th, 2025

Freeland, MI

OPENING: Opened at 2:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

READINGS:

The 12 Concepts of NA Service - Sean H.

Purpose, Functions, and Responsibilities of ASC - Bill V.

NA World Service Vision - Gina H.

NEWCOMERS to AREA: Steven & Donald W.

ROLL CALL: 17 groups represented plus 2 that sent a report .

ACCEPTANCE OF LAST MONTHS MINUTES: Approved Bryan H. /Laverne

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:

Sub-Committees Chairs:

- Activities
 - OPEN
- Hospitals & Institutions
 - OPEN
- Literature
 - Peg M. was nominated to continue as chair. GSR's voted, and vote passed.
- Newcomer Event
 - Dana S. was nominated to continue as chair. GSR's voted, and vote passed.
- Public Relations
 - OPEN
- Retreat
 - Greg W. was nominated. GSR's voted, and vote passed.
- Regional Committee Member (Trusted Servant)
 - Bryan H. was nominated to step up from Alt RCM. GSR's voted, and vote passed.
- Alt RCM
 - OPEN

Area's open positions:

- Co-Treasurer
 - OPEN
- Co- Chair
 - Karen A. was nominated. GSR's voted, and vote passed.

OPEN POSITIONS-PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT YOUR HOMEGROUPS:

- Activities Chair
- Hospitals & Institutions Chair
- Public Relations Chair
- Alt RCM
- Co-Treasurer

Review the guidelines for position requirements. [2024 Guidelines](#).

TRUSTED SERVANTS' REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON/POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION:

- The former activities chair has continued to make payments. Area applauds the effort. The addict is always more important than the funds.
- Financial Ad Hoc is going to work on finalizing their guidelines. The goal is to protect addicts over \$\$ and design a plan to be more selective in filling positions. We do not need to fill spots just to fill them.
- Jail/prison paperwork: can there be a spot on our website to link the lien and application paperwork for going into prisons and/or jails? Along with the eligibility requirements to qualify.

SECRETARY: My report is the minutes if you or any member of NA would like to receive the minutes please email: secretarysaginawbay@gmail.com Attached to the minutes you will find the 2025 Attendance Record. ILS Janell K.

RCM: Regional meeting was held at North Woods, Ellens Corners, August 3rd, Face to Face, Mesick Mi. In order to save money RCM woke early and drove up the same day. Alternate was on Zoom. We voted in Co-Facilitator: Jim C. Still have an opening for MSO Rep: No nominations at present.

Our treasurer reported that for the month of June our income was \$738.11, and our expenses were \$1,160.12. For the month of July our income was \$470.57, and our expenses were \$548.26. Our available balance is currently \$10,972.41. I did speak to the alt treasurer about not including regional account numbers on their reports. I submitted all 6 checks from our area and informed the region we will not mail checks, and will send checks to face to face meetings with RCM or RCM Alt. I notified the region that we will no longer be Zooming our Area meetings.

World rep stated that 90% of the delegates plan to attend the World Service Conference in-person next year. He also voiced the importance of face to face meetings at least minimally. Midwest Zonal Forum met yesterday (8/16/25) and we will get a report next region.

We discussed the cost of sending both our RD and AD to WSC in May 2026. The cost will be approximately \$6,000. The discussion included a question as to whether this should be brought back to Areas to decide whether to approve both RD and AD should be attending in-person, with pros/cons reviewed. Our regional guidelines do require this under both RD and AD Duties. We tabled the discussion.

PR Rep reported that Michigan jails are starting to get tablets for their inmates! He attached a list of jails that currently have tablets. Area H & I Chairs are asked to meet with them to show them how they can access NA literature for FREE! He also attached what NA literature is available via either Endovo or Cypherworx. Muskegon Area is back doing H & I meetings at MDOC Prison in Muskegon. Doug (PR Chair) was contacted by Saginaw Valley State Prison about getting an H & I meeting started at their facility. Bryan (Our PR Rep) is working on getting this meeting started Michigan Dept. Human Services/Community Mental Health Annual Conference will be held September 7-9th in Traverse City. This conference typically has 1000 in attendance. Costs \$450 for table plus literature. MDOC has requested quotes for \$40k-\$50k worth of NA Books(Basic Texts/Intro Guides) for all prisons and 83 probation offices around the state. MSO was notified. Jails in our area are: Bay County Law Enforcement Center and Midland County jail

Here is the entire MRCNA report. I did not edit or highlight anything.

MRCNA: Hello MICHIGAN REGIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS!! MRCNA 39 Has successfully wrapped up a stellar year. I want to say thank you for all of your support to us this year, thank you for the wonderful committee, to the members that showed up, but a big thank you for allowing me to be a small part of this. As we wrap up this year Joani and I would like to highlight some nice moments, financial offerings, and overall experiences that happened during our convention. As discussed previously we were more aware of the financial surprises that awaited us with the hotel. As prudent as we've been, and as best I've tried to do with the region entrusting me to serve with the best interest of NA fund flow; we still got two wild surprises less than a week before. The hotel informed us that we couldn't use their house sound as it didn't work well, and the alternative was to try and use it (still 2000+ dollars), or

use their in house audio tech for sound (4000+ dollars). The other surprise was chairs. The hotel suddenly doesn't have chairs over 600 people now, and to rent them was on us... but thru their third party at \$1.50 a chair per day (1,500 or more). This was unacceptable and I even went over the contract and expressed this to them. Eventually they provided chairs at no cost, didn't charge us for the podiums as they did last year, nor charge us for other additional cleaning or storage of our stuff on Wednesday. The sound was the major expense. After a few calls, we found a place that would rent us the same sound system as the hotel for \$570 total for the weekend, instead of \$4000+. The place we rented from was very nice, but also refunded our money because they had messed up our rental by not providing the appropriate cords, so we had to make two separate trips on top of the initial one. This saved us probably close to \$5000 between everything. Programming only printed about 100 copies of the program for members that needed or wanted a paper copy. This was done to save money, and have a digital QR code for the program. We realized that a LARGE number of conventions are doing that moving forward. We have minimal items left from merchandise as we sold out of almost everything except a few hats, women's cut shirts, and a few tanks. All mugs, goodies, shirts etc are sold. Huggers and Serenity Guides had much success (in terms of being staffed) and sold out and actually made money. If someone wanted their shirt but didn't want to hug, they were encouraged to come back on Saturday evening to purchase the shirt for the same price merchandise was selling the basic shirt for. We had great response for our main speakers and workshops. The newcomer jam and predecessor closing is always very very touching. It was very nice to continue the tradition that Northwestern started along with Greater Grand Rapids. Our banquet food was received well and we did NOT have to give away tickets like last year. The live auction turned out to be a silent auction for one item that went well above what price we thought we'd get. We ended up doing way over our room count, as a few members made calls in June to encourage lots of members to book their rooms. We had 5 comped rooms per our hotel contract. We moved the morning convention meetings to each night immediately after the main speaker as there is no reason for us to be up at 7:30 am to meet, just to be tired later. During the Saturday main meeting we had newcomers do the readings, instead of committee members, as the newer member is who this is about. The two entertainment events did well above the cost for them and were successful in both attendance and financial solvency. We sold: • 758 registrations • \$973 Newcomer Donations • \$7,670 Add-on Tickets for the banquet or entertainment MRCNA 40 • 74 Early Bird Registrations for \$1,850 • \$95 Newcomer Donations We made our seed money back, and will have around \$15,000 + donation to the region. After pouring over the final bill since the Tuesday after MRCNA I noticed errors in our favor of over \$1700 dollars. After a back and forth with the hotel, they realized the error and are refunding us that money. One was a 670 charge they couldn't account for and the other was \$1180 in taxes and fees we were not supposed to pay. We tried to be as prudent as possible this year, and our collective shared experience shows this. Moving forward we think a few things need to be discussed. The hotel contracts are signed by the regional chair and usually someone from the bid committee (who mostly isn't even involved by the time the convention comes to town.) This creates no oversight, and usually (especially in the last few years) leaves NA unguarded. Reviewing the contract before it's signed or allowing EXPERIENCED members WHO have done the hotel contracts in the past. Moving FORWARD this should be a must, if we fully understand our concepts of service regarding prudence. MRCNA has moved off the holiday weekend before, allowing this to happen in the future, might allow other areas to host it, and might increase the ability to get a better deal with hotels. This has been an expression of my gratitude to be a small part of this and serve on mrcna 39 this year. I'm humbled and grateful for all that this has given me. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Brett W. (and Joani B) MRCNA 39 Chair & Co Chair (Joani B.) That was their entire report.

In regards to approving regional guidelines, all present RCMs abstained with the exception of Northwestern Area and Greater Grand Rapids Area, both of whom were opposed to accepting the revised guidelines as written. We will revisit the next region, which will have several open positions filled. After much discussion related to auditing the treasures records, brought forth by our World rep, our Co-Treasurer stated she would work with Treasurer and CPA to address the filing of our sales tax, as well as adding the updated information to the Treasurer's duties in the MRSCNA guidelines in February 2026.

RCMs were asked to bring back to our Areas: 1. MSO Rep positions remain open for nominations. Please review the duties/responsibilities in our revised guidelines, which can be accessed at link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QZivSSqw-l8eDBmeRA4iFNE3nd4W1mvz/view?usp=sharing>

NEXT MEETING

Next Regional meeting will be hosted by the Saginaw/Bay Area, held in-person and hybrid October 5, 2025 @ 9:00 am. Details on accommodations TBA after Saginaw Bay RCM reports. We need to procure a place for the meeting so I can report back to the region. Dre (Region Chair from Bay County) offered to help if we cannot find a spot.

Zoom Information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83201875742?pwd=WWtrSkNXYmNNcVhJWEszRGxFbnFvUT0> ID: 83201875742 Password: MZF1987

Resources: Current MRSCNA guidelines:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QZivSSqw-l8eDBmeRA4iFNE3nd4W1mvz/view?usp=sharing>

Link to google drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BKheInQRveRNzvB7wLjCPiH4Ui22e9iX?usp=drive_link

In Loving Service
Don M
SBASCNA RCM

TREASURER:

August 2025 SBASCNA Treasurer Report

Available Funds \$ 3,162.02

Group Donations \$ 166.48

Literature Sales \$ 119.22

Total Credits \$ 434.66

Outstanding Checks \$283.13 (Regional Donations)

Grateful to Serve,

Cathy H.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES: There is no Activities Committee meeting scheduled. The activities silverware, paper plates, chips, pop, water, coffee, and creamer were donated to H&I for their learning day fundraiser. What was left from the H&I event was then passed on to the newcomers event. My position as Activities Chair is up this month. My prudent reserve of \$500 was turned in. I would like to thank everyone who gave me help and support. It was greatly appreciated. I would like to put a shout out to Kim K. Dana, Eric, Kirsten, Michael, Nikki, Kim S. Steven, Tanya, Tina and Chip. Thanks for your commitment and hard work that everyone put in. I really appreciate each and everyone of you. In loving Service Linda and her Team.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS:

Hello Family, this is my final report as H&I subcommittee chair as I am stepping down in the spirit of rotation. I will continue to participate within the H&I community going into the Bay County Jail. I have brought all of the literature and other materials with me to the ASC. The various jails and other facilities are all going well from my understanding. And I have booked speakers for the rest of the month of August. The learning day and fundraiser did not break even financially as we only raised \$130, however the committee does feel that the event was a success because we carried the message which is most important there were 33 people in attendance. I have placed an order to replenish the H&I subcommittee supplies. I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service. Thank you for walking with me on this journey. ILS Josh D.

LITERATURE: I sold \$119 and change last month and orders from this month surpass this number already delivered and we will survive. Inventory will be done again: its football season.
ILS Peg M.

NEWCOMER EVENT: Hi my name is Dana and I am an addict. Yesterday was the last fundraiser for the Newcomer event. We had about 65-70 in attendance. After expenses, we made a profit of \$327. Between this and the previous \$200 donation from Down with Disease, our grand total is \$1,344. I am ordering 2 basic texts, 2 stepworking guides, and 2 hard cover green and gold books. \$108.80 spent on literature, making the new total \$1,235.20. Down with Disease donated two NA survival kits and Just For Tuesday is donating 1 Basic Text. We will discuss at our next meeting if anymore is needed. All speaker slots have been filled for the main event. Flyers are out. Shane and Amanda are in the works of contacting the treatment centers. We will finalize the food at the next meeting. Everything seems to be coming together. At this time, we do not have a nomination for next year's chair position. As the event is not until October, we do not feel its needed for a new chair to take over. That was a group consensus. I also, as chair, would like to see the event through. Shane W. is considering stepping into the chair position. Our next meeting will be on Friday, September 6th at 7:15pm after the Down with Disease meeting in Midland. Thanks for letting me serve, Dana S.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Nobody attended the August PR meeting except me. Our website is current to the best of our knowledge. Late last week I received an inquiry from Delta College regarding a Recovery Resource Fair on September 16 th at the college. I will make contact with them on Monday unless we elect a new PR chair today (who can then follow up regarding the event). Flyers for events that are hosted by Saginaw Bay Area groups or subcommittees may be emailed to the web servant SBANAweb@outlook.com or myself for posting on our website. All documents must have the name of the home group or subcommittee which is sponsoring the event printed on the flyer.

My term as PR chair is over this month and I appreciate the opportunity to serve. I am not seeking re-election but will be willing to serve as a point of contact until a new chair is elected. If no chair is elected at today's meeting I am also willing to represent Saginaw Bay Area NA at the upcoming Recovery Resource Fair.

Please send all meeting changes to myself (radio883@yahoo.com) with Meeting Information in the subject line (to help keep it out of my SPAM folder).
Bryan H.

RETREAT: August 19th at 6:00 prior to Survival Meeting in Saginaw. The final report from the 2025 Retreat is included in the minutes. Due to an outstanding attendance at this year's Retreat, we are making a \$1,425 donation back to area. The committee would like to nominate Greg Weiler for Chair Person of the 2026 Retreat Committee. In loving service, Tim S.

SBASCNA Annual Retreat

2026 Retreat Starter Funds	
DNR Deposit	\$ 1,804.72
Memorial Fund	\$ 54.14
6% Tax for 2025 (if needed)	\$ 1,220.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,672.49
Prudent Reserve	\$ 500.00
Beginning Balance 2026 Retreat	\$5,251.35

2025 Retreat Treasury Report - July 2025

2025 Retreat Starter Funds	
DNR Deposit	\$ 1,759.46
Memorial Fund	\$ 54.14
6% Tax (if needed)	\$ 1,220.00
Scholarship Balance From 2024	\$ 772.92
Prudent Reserve	\$ 500.00
Pictures	\$ 100.00
Prepaid Registration	\$ 180.00
Beginning Balance 2025 Retreat	\$ 4,586.52

2025 Retreat Scholarship Funds			
Scholarship Beginning Balance	\$ 772.92		
Euchre Tournament	\$ 114.87		
St. Patrick's Day Dance	\$ 460.15		
Fund Raiser #3			
Donations (From Registrations)	\$ 1,894.55		
Donations (Retreat Cash)	\$ 518.00		
Beds Assigned	\$ (2,088.00)	24	Assigned
Current Balance	\$ 1,672.49	19	Left
		43	Total

	Current	Cumulative
Starting Balance	\$ 6,716.35	\$ 4,586.52
DNR		\$(20,965.00)
PO Box Refund		\$ 10.00
Petty Cash (Seed Money)		
Fundraiser Supplies		\$ (230.98)
DJ Expenses		\$ (150.00)
Church/Facility Donation		\$ (180.00)
Donation to Area	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ (1,500.00)
Photographer		\$ (50.00)
Merchant Fees (CC)		\$ (442.26)
Bank Fees (Huntington)		\$ (2.09)
Merchandise Invoice		\$ (964.34)
Retreat Supplies		
Refunds		\$ (1,226.00)
Scholarship Donations		\$ 2,472.50
Euchre Tournament		\$ 290.00
St. Patrick's Day Dance		\$ 846.00
Fundraiser #3		
Registrations		\$ 20,450.00
Friday Dinners		\$ 795.00
Shirt Orders	\$ 35.00	\$ 1,142.00
CC Fees Collected		\$ 370.00
Ending Balance	\$ 5,251.35	\$ 5,251.35

Registration Numbers	
Full Registrations	96
Scholarship Beds	24
Total Registrations	120
Friday Night Dinners	53
Solo Reservations	9

Number of Credit Card Transactions	42
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Cummulative Refund Breakdown	
Registrations	\$ (391.00)
Friday Dinners	\$ (45.00)
Donation	\$ (60.00)
CC Fee	\$ (22.00)
	\$ (518.00)

Account Reconciliation	
Bank Balance	\$ 7,042.35
Checks/Refunds Outstanding	\$ (1,850.00)
Merch Fees Outstanding	
CC Deposits Outstanding	
Cash/Check Deposits Outstanding	\$ 59.00
	\$ 5,251.35

Notes:

One registration was prepaid by Area during the 2024 Retreat accounting period.
Prepaid registration redeemed in March

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: pPlease contact Bill V. or Bryan H. to get involved in this committee. ILS Bill V.

AREA NONPROFIT: We cannot do anything further until we receive the results of today's vote. ILS Cathy H.

GROUP REPORTS

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE (Saginaw): Next business meeting 08.28.25. This has been a big month for Attitude of Gratitude with members celebrating 1, 2, 7, 8, and 10 years. This Thursday the 21st a member will be celebrating 38 YEARS!!. Come out and celebrate with us. Both the Thursday and Saturday 7pm meetings are enjoying regular attendance but always enjoy and appreciate support from others. Our Friday noon meeting is struggling and could definitely use some much needed support. Homegroup votes **YES** to 501c. ILS Karen A.

BAREFOOT MEETING (West Branch): Next business meeting 09.18.25. Group donation \$5. In attendance 7-9 people. In regards to the 501c homegroup votes **NO**. ILS Jeremy W.

COMMON WELFARE (Bay City): Next business meeting 09.18.25. Group Donations \$10. Josh D. will turn in the donation at the area. 4 group members present at the 08.14.25 business meeting. 4 votes **YES** for the area to become tax exempt. ILS, Mark H.

DOWN WITH DISEASE (Midland): Next business meeting 09.13.25. August does have a fifth friday so there will be a mystery format..... This homegroup has voted **YES** in moving forward with the area becoming 501c. ILS Janell K.

H.O.W. (Bay City): Homegroup votes **YES**. ILS Chip

HOW IT WORKS (Midland): Next business meeting 09.17.25. We recently experienced two malicious attacks on our Zoom meeting, and as a result have made changes to our Zoom settings; all participants are now muted by default and must request to be un-muted to share, and all participants are prohibited from sharing screens, documents, etc. Since implementing the changes things have been okay. Our group believes that if the Retreat Subcommittee owes sales tax from the retreat then they should be paying that sales tax. Homegroup votes **YES** on pursuing non-profit status for the ASC. ILS, Bryan H.

NEW AWAKENINGS (Bay City): Next business meeting 09.20.25. Homegroup votes **YES** on 501c motion. ILS Rick

NO FEAR (Bay City): Group Donation \$20. The next business meeting will be held "next month". ILS Bill V.

NO MATTER WHAT (Mount Pleasant): Next business meeting 09.15.25. Homegroup votes **YES** on moving forward with 501c. ILS Kim P.

RECOVERY ZONE (Mount Pleasant): Business meeting 09.15.25. Group Donation \$30. Homegroup votes **YES** on moving forward with 501c. ILS Kim P.

SURRENDER OUR LIVES (Saginaw): Next business meeting 09.01.25. Nothing to report. ILS Kim S.

SURVIVAL (Saginaw): Next business meeting 08.26.25. Group Donation \$25. Candlelight meeting the first meeting of the month. Moved to Greek Orthodox Church on Mackinaw in Saginaw. Homegroup votes **YES** to 501c. ILS Gina H.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fundraiser money: the Hot Summer Nights Dance Party funds will be sent to MRCNA, all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Newcomer event: should we change the guidelines for the Newcomer Event subcommittee to hold elections after the event. - Let's discuss this further at the September 21st month's P&A.
- We need homegroups to vote: Area would like the homegroups permission to suspend using zoom during area meetings until they can investigate other options such as different equipment and a person willing to monitor zoom during area meetings.

OPEN FLOOR:

- Prison/jail paperwork. Contact Rick W. for more information on filling out paperwork to get approved to take the message inside.
 - What the issue with getting the people who are interested in taking the message into Hospitals and Institutions to follow through.
 - Can we create a workshop to provide clarification on this process?
- Do we want to host region in October: we need to discuss whether or not we are going to host the Regional meeting October 2025. Sunday morning at 9am. Does anyone have ideas for possible locations and costs?
 - Bryan H. will get more clarification from Region, and we will need to make a decision next area.

Meeting ends at 3:40 pm

FLYERS & MEETINGS: Send to SBANAweb@outlook.com (PDF FORMAT)

LITERATURE ORDERS: SaginawLit@gmail.com [Fillable Excel Order Form](#)

Announce at Home Groups

- Open Service Positions: Activities Chair, Hospitals & Institutions Chair, Public Relations Chair, Alt RCM, and Co-Treasurer. (review the guidelines for position requirements)
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Sub-Committee Meetings

Activities: TBD: Chair Position is OPEN.

Financial Ad-Hoc: TBD

Hospitals & Institutions: TBD: Chair Position is OPEN.

Literature: Sunday September 21st, 2025 - Noon (before the P&A meeting)

Newcomer Event: September 6th, 2025 Friday 7:15 pm at Midland Reformed Church 1100 N. Saginaw Road after the Down with Disease meeting.

Non-Profit Ad-Hoc: TBD

Policy & Administration: September 21st, 2025 1pm - before Area

Public Relations: TBD: Chair Position is OPEN.

Retreat: August 19th, 2025 at 6:00 prior to Survival Meeting in Saginaw.

Next Area Meeting: - September 21st, 2025 - 2pm - Zion Lutheran Church 545 7th Street, Freeland, MI 48623
In search of someone with the willingness to monitor zoom.