

April 27th, 2025
4:00 p.m., Jacob's Well

April Area Service Committee

Next Area Meeting: May 18th, 4:00 p.m., Jacob's Well

Moment of Silence: Yes
Serenity Prayer: Yes
12 Traditions: Emalynn R.
12 Concepts: Tim C.
Service Prayer: Megan S.
Welcome anyone new to Area: None
Welcome New GSR's: None
Any Questions from new GSR's or others: None

New Groups: None

Open Positions: None

Minutes approved: Yes

Attendees: (See attendance sheet)

Attendees via Zoom: None

Trusted Servant Reports:

Secretary Report:

Minutes were emailed. I met with Megan S. and she showed me how to access the Decision List and archive of Area Meeting Minutes in the shared Google Drive. I am currently working on going through the past 6 years of meeting minutes and updating the decision list. Please be patient with me as I work on this. I am leaving at 5:30 pm today. Thank you for letting me serve.
-Kristin P.

Treasure Report:

Hi. I'm an addict named Jen. There was a lot of financial activity this month. Kieffer and I have started working together so he will be ready to take over after elections. Thank you for letting me serve.

Area Account

<u>FEBRUARY TO MARCH</u>	
<u>Starting Balance:</u>	\$1804.00
<u>Income (Groups):</u>	\$184.68
<u>Income (Transfer):</u>	\$631.50
Boardman	\$48.00
Lean on Me (Cadillac)	\$25.00
Never Alone	\$10.00
New Attitudes (Manistee)	\$38.68*
New Freedom (Cadillac)	\$25.00
Recovery First	\$10.00
Rise & Recovery	\$8.00
Women in Recovery+	\$12.00
Returned \$ from CAR/Cat	\$8.00
Voided Ck #1588 to Sally S. for PR	\$100.00
Activities Donation to Area	\$531.50
<u>Expenses:</u>	(\$643.50)
Rent: Faith Reformed Church (Ck #1597)	(\$115.00)
The Copy Shop (PR & Ad Hoc) (Ck #1606 & 1607)	(\$263.90)
PR - Sally S. (Ck #1599)	(\$200.00)
PR - Church of the Nazarene (Ck #1600)	(\$50.00)
Postage Reimbursement - Jen S.	(\$14.60)
<u>New Balance:</u>	\$1976.68
Prudent Reserve	\$200.73

* - donation was \$40, but transfer fees made it \$38.68

For Calculation Purposes Only See Bank Statement Reconciliation Form

<u>Outstanding Checks:</u>	\$294.59
1609: MRCNA - Euchre Fundraiser	\$204.59
1611: Pat's Place for Campsite	\$90.00

Activities Subcommittee

Starting Balance:	\$144.00
Income:	\$1,094.50
Expenses:	(\$738.50)
Ck #1605 to The Copy Shop	(\$3.40)
Ck #1609 to MRCNA	(\$204.59)
Donation to Area	(\$530.51)
Ending Balance:	\$500.00

Retreat Subcommittee

Starting Balance:	\$1,670.00
Income Total:	\$299.36
~Income Cash:	\$299.36
~Income Venmo	\$0.00
Expenses:	(\$812.00)
Ck #1601 to Melissa W.	(\$400.00)
Ck #1602 to Church of the Nazarene	(\$100.00)
Ck #1604 to The Copy Shop	(\$10.00)
Ck #1610 to Pat's Place (Cabin)	(\$212.00)
Ck #1611 to Pat's Place (Campsite)	(\$90.00)
Ending Balance:	\$1,157.36

Literature Subcommittee

Starting Balance:	\$1,392.55
Income Total:	\$271.00
~Income Cash/Check:	\$267.00
~Income Transfer:	\$4.00
Expenses:	(\$310.78)
Ending Balance:	\$1,352.77

RCM Report:

Hey everyone, here is the report from region this month.

Treasure

February our total income was \$389.99, and our expenses were \$390.69. March our income was \$600, and our expenses were \$24.24. The available amount in our account is \$8,367.67.

Interim World Service Conference (IWSC)

The Interim World Service Conference was held on February 28-March 1, 2025. The first day was scheduled for making decisions (motions) while the second day was dedicated to small group planning workshops. The decision process used by the World Service Conference uses alternating straw polls and discussions to arrive at a decision.

Consensus support is defined as 80% votes in favor, while strong support is defined as two-thirds. Two cofacilitators manage the polling and discussions until a decision is reached by strong support. Motions with consensus support follow a streamlined process with limited discussion. All twelve motions offered by the board were straw polled in advance of the conference. Each regional and zonal delegate and world board member received an electronic ballot on February 15 with 72 hours to respond. Three motions – 1, 6, and 7 – received strong support (two-thirds) in the initial straw poll. The other nine motions received consensus support (80%). We were able to make all decisions on Friday by extending each two-hour session by fifteen minutes. We spent nearly an hour and a half getting people acclimated to the voting software and taking a second straw poll on motion 2 to approve the minutes of the 2023 WSC. This motion was chosen by the cofacilitators to work out any kinks in the process and there were a few.

Motion 1

Motion 1: To adopt for the 2025 Interim WSC and the 2026 WSC only: If a motion has consensus in an initial straw poll (that's 80% or more in support or not in support), the Cofacilitators will announce the results as a final decision. There were five amendments proposed to Motion 1 – one by Florida Region, one by Louisiana Region, and three by Rio

de Janeiro Region. Each of these had a lack of strong support on the initial straw poll. For each amendment we held a discussion and a second straw poll which again revealed a lack of strong support. The cofacilitators discerned that the amendments were not supported by the conference, and we moved on to Motion 1 without amendments. Motion 1 without amendments carried with strong support in the initial straw poll (71%) and strong support in the second straw poll (69%). The cofacilitators announced this as a decision. Motion 1 took immediate effect, allowing the facilitators to announce that final decisions had already been reached on the eight remaining motions with consensus support in the initial straw poll (Motions 3 through 5, and 8 through 12).

Motion 6 (as decided)

Motion 6: To update A Guide to World Services in NA (GWSNA) amendment deadline policy to include first draft due sixty (60) days in advance of WSC and final amendment deadline forty-five (45) days in advance of WSC. The original motion had the final amendment deadline at 30 days and received 77% strong support in the initial straw poll. An amendment offered by ABCD region with earlier timing had 70% strong support. Michigan region spoke against the amendment: as the current process in GWSNA calls for the initial straw poll to be released as soon as possible after the amendment deadline, simply moving the deadline does not give the delegates any more time to discuss the amendment with the AD or the service body. As other delegates voiced the same concern, World Board chair Irene committed the board to give us more time between the posting of amendments and the initial straw poll. The amendment passed with consensus support (80%). Motion 6 as amended subsequently passed with consensus support (93%). This will take effect for the 2026 and future World Service Conferences.

Motion 7 (as decided)

Motion 7: To add to GWSNA amendment deadline policy to include first draft due forty-five (45) days in advance of interim WSC and final amendment deadline thirty (30) days in advance of interim WSC. This motion is like motion 6 but applies specifically to the interim conference in 2028 and beyond if the WSC chooses to continue interim conferences. The original motion had the final amendment deadline at 30 days and received 73% strong support in the initial straw poll. An amendment offered by ABCD region with the 45-day first draft timing had 70% strong support. With a framework for a decision in place from motion 6, Irene once again committed the board to honoring our request for more time to discuss amendments before the initial straw poll. The amendment carried and motion 7 as amended was decided with 91% consensus support. Some concerns remain about the impact of decisions made by consensus in the initial straw poll without discussion at the conference. Some decisions are easy to make and do not require face-to-face discussion, but other decisions need more global discussion to consider the impact on communities that are not adequately represented at the WSC. As delegates, we are committed to honoring the Ninth Concept and hearing all voices during the CAR/CAT workshops. One strategy to increase the opportunities for applying the consensus-based decision process during the WSC would be for voting members to abstain from some motions in the initial straw poll.

The summary of decisions is posted at <https://na.org/summaryofdecisions>

Day 2 Planning sessions

For the second day of the Interim WSC we broke into small groups to review objectives for the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan. Each group had a facilitator and a note taker. Summaries were shared at the end of the session and the notes will be collected and used to refine the objectives for use in identifying solutions. The key results, issues, and objectives are listed below:

A Guide to World Services in NA (GWSNA) 2023-2026 update

GWSNA has been updated and released for 90-day review by delegates. The amendment deadline for 2026 WSC is 18 March 2026. The initial straw poll will be held after the WSC orientation on 18 April 2026. This gives us 31 days to gather input from the region

CAR Survey

Members and service committees are encouraged to submit ideas for Recovery Literature (both new literature and revisions to existing literature), Service Material (both new and revisions), and Issue Discussion Topics for prioritization at the World Service Conference. Submit ideas by May 20:
https://naws.formstack.com/forms/car_survey_idea

Literature projects

The draft revision of IP #21 is available for review and input until May 15:
<https://na.org/naws-projects-and-surveys/revising-ip-21-the-loner-staying-clean-in-isolation/>
H&I Basics is available for review and input until May 15:
<https://na.org/revising-hi-basics/>

Ad-Hoc committee

The region guidelines passed this month!!!

Items to bring back to Area

Co-Facilitator and MSO Rep positions remain open
Review and discuss with your Area the attached MRSCNA proposed meeting schedule survey. Be prepared to provide your first and second choice options at the June 1, 2025 virtual Regional meeting.
Two new areas: Huron Area and Northern Mid-Michigan Area

Next Regional meeting will be held virtually June 1, 2025 @ 9:00 am

Rob C and Amanda K

Web Servant Report:

Hi all, addict named Megan and Emalyn,

Our website has had some updates throughout the month of March and April including posting Area and PR minutes, event flyers from subcommittees and home groups and keeping our event calendar at the bottom up to date. I'm still seeing some flyers being posted on FB which haven't come to us yet so remember if you want your events flyer on the website it needs to be sent directly to me or Emalyn!

As requested I have added a Paypal 7th Tradition link button under the Area on the homepage of the website. Please remember this is only for groups sending their Area donation virtually. It is not for groups to collect 7th tradition funds directly from addicts for their home groups.

This past month the Co-Webservant, Emalyn R. and I have been communicating and working together to keep the website up to date. We are starting small and learning one task at a time out of a ton but she's doing great!

That's all we've got for this month, remember it's OK to be clean!

Megan S. and Emalyn R.
NWMASCNA Webservant and Co-Webservant

Sub-Committee Reports:

Activities:

Chair: Josh O.

Average Attendance: 5

Hike and Potluck today (4/27) was a great turnout. 25-30 people and ended with a great message of hope.

Upcoming events: Memorial Day Picnic, Silent Disco in the works, Kayak trip, more hiking and potlucks.

Ad-Hoc:

Nothing to report. Plan on meeting May 10th at 5/0 following the noon meeting.

Literature:

Jen S./Adam N.

Average Attendance: 2

Previous Balance: \$1114.10 (this includes the \$4 Paypal transfer)

Expenses: \$310.78

New Balance: \$1198.32

Public Relations:

Hi Fellows,

Happy spring! This is the time I seem to get the most pumped up for service and ready to spread the message of NA. Something about the melted snow and sunshine reignites my fire for this program every year. We have started the poster drive, many envelopes have already been taken to their destinations and posters have been hung up!

So we have an error on our current April-June 2025 meeting lists. Somehow the Saturday evening meeting at Bryant Park hosted by Boardman was listed from 8-9pm on the printed schedule. This is incorrect- the meeting time should be listed as 7-8pm. Please change this on any schedules at your home group or any you see out in the wild. I'm so sorry for this mistake, hopefully we can announce and spread the word enough by the time it starts after Memorial Day weekend so people are showing up at the right time.

I have some money to turn in this month- I have \$10 cash to turn into Area for the sale of a Just for Today book that PR had in our tote. Someone requested to buy it at our last PR event. I also am reporting the 7th tradition taken in at the April PR Lead speak in the amount of \$25.00. We paid \$20.00 rent to Jacobs Well so I have \$5.00 cash to turn in to Area today. We also have money left over from the PR event. We were given \$200 for the purchase of pizza, drinks and supplies. I have receipts available if anyone would like to see them. We spent a total of \$155.00 so we have \$45.00 to turn back into Area today.

I am requesting a budget request this month for literature for the treatment centers: We need a total of 80 of the following IP's to restock treatment center binders (including Safe Harbor which will be starting soon!): An Introduction to Narcotics Anonymous Meetings, Welcome to NA, Am I an Addict?, Sponsorship, Recovery and Relapse, and For the Newcomer. This Literature order including the 10% shipping would total \$132.00.

Thanks for letting me serve!

Megan S.

PR Chairperson

Retreat:

Chair: Jennifer V.

Average Attendance: 5

Open Positions: Co-chair

Talent went wonderful as always. Christina R. won art work contest. Gary G. won 1st place, Emalyn R. won 2nd, Zach W. won 3rd. We made \$1046.00 at the door (not including Venmo).

New fundraiser event coming June 28th, Coney Island Cornhole tournament. \$5 coney dogs, \$5 root beer floats, \$10/team for cornhole tournament. Flyers will be out soon for cornhole tournament and for NWACNA, at that point campsites will be available. All speakers have been secured for the weekend. Merch is in discussion. We are moving right along.

Budget Request: Check wrote out to Melissa W. for \$82.66, as she paid for wristbands for NWANCA out of pocket.

Budget Report: \$1107.36 beginning balance

\$1097.14 to turn in
\$946 cash for talent show
\$70 wristband sales
\$71.14 check that was leftover from food
\$10.00 merch
\$2254.50 ending balance

Group Reports:

Anonymous Group (Absent)

Boardman Group

GSR: Ashley C.

Average Attendance: 20

Donation to Area: \$64.00

How is the group going: Good, our attendance has dropped since the rehab stopped attending but still maintaining a good attendance/boardman picnic June 21st, "Through pain comes growth" @ 2:00 pm. Bryant Park meeting is 7 pm, not 8 pm (printed on schedules). Please announce at groups.

Clean and Free Ludington (Absent)

Clean in the County Benzonia (Absent)

Growth Through Recovery (Absent)

Just for Today (Irons)

Lean on Me Cadillac

GSR: John P.

Average Attendance: 12

Any open positions: None

Donation to Area: \$50.00

How is the group going: Growing, Excellent.

Living Free Kaleva (Absent)

Living in Harmony Kalkaska

GSR: Dean A. (proxy)

Average Attendance: 5-7

Donation to Area: 0

Any open positions: All Co-positions

How is the group going: Fantastic – consistently the best NA meeting in Kalkaska.

Living Free Kaleva (Absent)

Lost Dreams Awaken Brethren

GSR: Bob W.

Average Attendance: 3

Donation to Area: 0

Any open positions: All co-positions, Bob is acting GSR/Treasury, Josh P. secretary
How is the group going: Holding on by a thread. Newcomers could use sponsor support from Area.
Decision on subjects presented to the group: Talks to bringing speaker meetings back to the Manistee Lake County area. We would like to plan a workshop here to get us up to date on Zoom, and get some others to explain how we can grow with tech.
Subjects brought to Area from the group: We can use your help s.o.s.

Never Alone

GSR: Adam N
Average Attendance: 5-6
Donation to Area: 0
Any open positions: Kind of.
How is the group going: N/A

New Attitudes Manistee

Hi family,
The New Attitudes Group meets twice a week at the First Congregational Church in Manistee, with average attendance of 4 on Sundays and 8 on Wednesdays. This month, we hosted a Public Relations event attended by 4 professionals to discuss the Narcotics Anonymous program. We aim to get more involved in the NWACNA PR committee and hopefully organize more events and poster drives in Manistee, Mason, and Lake counties.
In Loving Service,
Jim C.
New Attitudes Group GSR

New Freedom Cadillac

GSR: John P.
Average Attendance: 20
Donation to Area: \$25.00
Any Open Positions: None
How is the group going: Great!

NU Way in Recovery Wellston

GSR: Bob W.
Average Attendance: 7/8
Donation to Area: 0
Any open positions: All co-positions, treasury
How is the group going: Good, we stay having 7-8 people a week, Newcomers are coming. We are working through reading the steps.
Decisions on subjects presented to the group: Approved buying a spiritual principle a day book. Still brainstorming ideas for an event, something in the realm of PR or a poster drive. This summer planning some speaker meetings.
Subjects brought to Area from the group: Can the bus help people get here? Can we get PR on the buses? Expand it into our Area, Manistee and Lake.

Recovery at 5th/Oak

GSR: Kieffer B.

Average Attendance: 20
Donation to Area: \$25.00
Any open Positions: Chairs and Co-Chairs
How is the group going: Group is going good. A lot of involvement.

Recovery First

GSR: Sally S./Dave M.
Average Attendance: 10 noon/70 night
Donation to Area: \$5
Any open positions: Monday noon chair
How is the group going: New vacuum, New signs, New position: Greeter!, New lock on mechanical door, New calendar: write in your event and text us, Spring cleanup May 6 @ 6 pm – pizza provided.
Decisions on subjects presented to the group: Sally has the lease for Faith Reformed.

Rise and Recover

GSR: Tim C.
Average Attendance: 7.8
Donation to Area: \$8.00
Open Positions: All Co-positions
How is the group going: We are doing well and want to dispel the rumor that we may close soon. We are planning to keep serving breakfast and are available on zoom.
Decision on subjects presented to the group: Fliers to web servant before posting on FB.

Rock'n Recovery Kingsley

GSR Alternate: Jennifer V.
Average Attendance: 10
Donation to Area: 0
Any open positions: none
How is the group going: Great! We have our 5th Wednesday potluck coming up this Wednesday April 30th, Please come join us with a dish to pass and we will provide the meat.

Search for Serenity Ludington (Absent)

Women in Recovery+

GSR: Open, Megan S. Proxy
Average Attendance: 15 people
Donation to Area: \$14.00
Any open positions: GSR, 1 chair person for 2 meetings a month.
How is the group going: Going well! We are excited to be hosting a WinR+ campout again! Date and flyer coming soon!

Budget Request:

- Activities – \$300 budget request for Memorial Day food **(Approved)**
- PR - \$132.00 for literature to disperse in treatment centers **(Approved)**
- Retreat - \$82.66 check to Melissa W. for cost of wristbands **(Approved)**
- Reimbursement to John P for \$52.98 for lock box for zoom equipment **(Approved)**

- Zoom Membership \$170 to Sally S. **(Approved)**

Old Business:

New Business:

- Inventory Question 11 - How well has the area fostered the willingness of the local fellowship to volunteer for service positions?
 - Have Area Activities outside of Traverse City a minimum of 2 times per year.
- June Area Meeting Date – moving to June 22nd, 2025 @ 4:00 pm.
- August Region Meeting Schedule: Currently Region meets every other month. Proposal of meeting 6 times a year and how many times in person vs virtual.
 - Our area has decided on: December and February virtual (for winter months and bad weather) and the other 4 months in person.
 - August Region Meeting – Our area is invited to host Region, which falls the same weekend as NWACNA. No one is opposed to our Area hosting Region.
- Bank Account – Facilitator, RCM, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer need to sign bank document.
- Being of Service IP – Attached to minutes to bring back to the groups to approve.

Subjects to take to the groups:

- Please remember if your group or subcommittee is holding an event or has a flyer to disperse it needs to go through the Area Web Servant (Megan S.) first for approval before being shared, posted and distributed.

Open Share

Close

Thank you for letting me serve.
Kristin P., Area Secretary