

Ozark Area Minutes 10/25/15:

To be voted on for the next OASC:

- **3 motions from region** (attached at the end of the minutes)
- **Sandee A. for Literature Review Chair.** (See NEW BUSINESS)
- **Motion to combine Outreach and PR** (see NEW BUSINESS)
- **Vote on budgets for next year** (see NEW BUSINESS)

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer; Traditions and Concepts were read. September minutes were approved. **Two new groups were present to be recognized: Day by Day group of Fort Scott, KS and 3 G's Unloaded from Galena, KS.**

Administrative trusted servants:

- Chair: Dale S.
- Treasurer: Amanda D.
- RCM: Brian C.
- RCM Alt: Ed H.
- Secretary: Ali D.

Vacant Chairs:

Vice Chair
Literature Review Chair
Outreach Chair

Sub-Committee Chairs in attendance:

- AASC Chair: Jacobb L.
- H & I Chair: Meri S.
- PR Chair: Amber L. (absent), Alan F. filling in

Sub-Committee Chairs absent:

Website Coordinator: Debra B. (quarterly)

Groups in attendance:

- Against All Odds
- But Do It
- Fifth Tradition
- Miracles
- Point of Turning
- Survivors
- We Do Recover

Absent groups:

Lifeline (1)
Native American (1)
Straightline (1)
Stray Katz (1)
Together in Unity (2)
Inactive groups:
A New Way (3)
Clean and Serene (5)

REPORTS:

Chair: Chair is supposed to bring the updated guidelines. He will update the guidelines and bring them next month to area.

RCM: Brian was unable to attend regions because he was sick. Ed H. went as RCM-Alt.

RCM-Alt: Hello Ozark Area, I'm Ed serving as your RCMA. I did attend the regional meeting and once again we had another excellent work shop on Building a Strong Home Group. These are some of the topics discussed: 63% of NA members come from treatment and Drug Courts

Many addicts report back to outside organizations who refer addicts to NA that they were treated in an unwelcome matter.

What are some ways you felt like a foreigner when you came to NA? What helped you feel comfortable? Addicts are going to other fellowships, because they feel more welcome there.

What is stopping us from practicing the 3rd tradition when addicts are on DRT/Medication/Different as in Race, Creed, Religion, and Sexual Gender? What can you do to help my home group practice 3rd Tradition?

How to Chair a meeting and how to deal with old timers who don't treat each other equally. The primary purpose of an NA group is to carry the message of recovery to the addict who still suffers.

The quality of an NA meeting is directly dependent on the strength and the solidarity of the NA group. It provides a setting in which a newcomer can identify with recovering addicts and find an atmosphere of recovery. These are some of the topics discussed: Weapons and drugs carried into a meeting. Unruly children. Off-topic sharing. Discussing outside issues such as Religion, Politics, Drug Replacement Therapy. Provocative dress or actions at meetings and functions. Predators in meetings. Religious versus spiritual.

Conclusion- Creating an atmosphere of recovery is up to every individual member- by setting a personal example for others to follow we can prove that no addict, anywhere, need die from the horrors of addiction.

I would also like everyone to go online and participate in a survey. This survey is used so the PR subcommittee can take information to the Professionals that NA is working and addicts are staying clean. Just go to na.org, then go to where it says for our members, then go down to where it says projects and surveys and click on that, then you will see the 2015 Membership survey and click on it. It only takes about 5 minutes of your time to fill this out. The deadline for this survey is October 31st 2015.

I also have 3 motions to be voted on. If you or your home group has any questions about these motions, feel free to call me at 417-621-1161. I will try to explain them to the best of my ability.

More will be revealed next month. There are some resumes that have not been posted yet and hopefully I will have them next month. In Loving Service, Ed.

Treasurer: See attached report. Added: We didn't get the notice to keep the P.O. Box for this month, but we do need to pay that fee this month. It was around \$56 last year around this time. Amanda will take care of paying the PO Box fee this week.

Secretary: Hello Ozark Area Family! My expenses for last month were \$13.65 for copies and postage. If your contact info has changed, please let me know. Thanks for letting me be of service. Love & Hugs, Ali D.

(620) 687-0890.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AASC: Hello Ozark Area, the AASC meeting was held today, Oct. 25th, at 1:00 pm. We discussed our Chili-Cook Off coming up Nov. 14th. We have added an H & I workshop that will start at 5 pm. We also formed our committee for the most part and planned some on our New Year's function. Sandee A. will be speaking and the location is still being revealed. Next month we will be voting on the picnic artwork so please show up with ideas for artwork and theme. As of today's meeting, this committee is:

Chair—Jacob L.; Vice Chair—Krystal S.; Merchandise—Sandee A.; Registration—Brandy J.; Hospitality—Casey from Grove; Hug Patrol—Lee W.; Entertainment—Meri S. In loving service, Jacob L.

H & I: Greetings Ozark Area, Our subcommittee met today beginning with the Serenity Prayer, Traditions, and Concepts. The AASC voted to allow our subcommittee to hold a workshop before the Chili Cook Off on November 14, so it will be from 5-6 pm and I have flyers to give the GSRs. I attended the Regional meeting in Columbia with Ed H. & Amber L. Only 4 areas showed up, but it was a good meeting. One area combined their PR & H & I subcommittees and I've been told that's the thing of the future. However, I think our area has a very strong H & I subcommittee and it appears as if the PR subcommittee will be just as strong.

All meetings were met in all facilities except Jasper County, where we've made 2 of 8 meetings through no fault of ours. We have a questionnaire for Lafayette House for those wanting to do service work there. We discussed again the importance of following the guidelines of both the facility as well as the subcommittee. All communication and applications should go through the liaison. We added to our guidelines to not take cell phones and other electronic devices into any facility. Also, I do have H & I guidelines for anyone that would like a copy. Thanks for letting me be of service, Meri S.

PR: Subcommittee held at IHOP. Hello Area—we opened with the Serenity Prayer followed by the 12 traditions and concepts. We discussed old business that being the format for our subcommittee meetings. We discussed possibly doing three meetings a month for Outreach, two local and one long distance; also we discussed ways to make it fun and attract more people to take part in outreach. The subcommittee tabled the ongoing conversation in regards to the Newsletter until the November meeting.

Budget: Currently our budget is set at \$1600.00. We are asking to bump that up to \$1800.00 to allow monies for Workshops, Outreach & more IPs. Outreach is set at \$150.00. We would request that be left where it is.

I apologize I just came back from region last week and I am devastated to miss area this weekend. Several points of interest—at NAWS.com there is a survey that shows NA really works. If anyone has questions about P.R. absorbing Outreach we voted on it several months ago. The dedicated individuals that showed up to our impromptu subcommittee meeting discussed the urgent necessity for an area wide mission to help support struggling and chaotic meetings get back on track. With love and service.... Amber L.

GROUP REPORTS:

Against All Odds: Hi! I'm Paige H., alternate GSR for Against All Odds in Pittsburg, Kansas. Our non-smoking/non-vaping open meetings are held at Homer Cole Senior Center, 3003 N. Joplin in Pittsburg. These meetings are held at 6:30 pm. Thursdays are book studies. Sundays are discussion meetings with the alst Sunday of the month, a speaker birthday meeting. Our speaker for Sunday, November 29th is Mark J. from Joplin. We are not celebrating any birthdays in November. Our average attendance remains steady.

Don't be a turkey and miss the Turkey Bowl on November 7th at Homer Cole Senior Center in Pittsburg. Doors open at 5, E.D. is DJing, & Rick from El Dorado Springs will be sharing his experience, strength, and hope. Thank you for letting me be of service.

But Do It: Hello Area. But Do It meets at 414 Virginia at 6:30 pm Wednesday. This is a closed one. Last Wednesday is birthday night-this is open for friends and family. Brian C. has 21 years, Anna C. has 6 years, and Haley has 1 year. Before area is the business meeting. We have a \$47 donation. ILS, Mark J.

Day By Day: Hello Ozark area, my name is Jessica M., an addict serving as GSR for Day By Day group. Our meetings are non-smoking and we average 5-15 addicts per meeting. We celebrate birthdays the last Thursday of each month. We meet at 8 pm Mondays and Thursdays at 6th and Little in Fort Scott, KS. No donation at this time.

Fifth Tradition: Greetings Ozark Area of NA. My name is Pete I. representing 5th traditions group. We meet at 19th and Connor in Joplin, MO @ 6:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. The last Thursdays are a speaker meeting-this month is Kaleb G. All other Thursdays are pamphlet or book study. The last Tuesday is our birthday meeting all other meetings are open meetings. Attendance is strong from 10-45. Our annual Halloween function is this Friday at Salvation Army located at 8th and Virginia in Joplin. Come celebrate recover with us and if you could bring a raffle item or something for the cake walk that would be great. Thanks for letting me be of service. Pete I.

Galena Gratitude Group (3 G's Unloaded): Hello Ozark Area, my name is Sonia M. an addict representing (3 G's) Galena Gratitude Group-Unloaded in Galena, KS @ the Community Room 218 West 7th in Galena, KS on Mondays from 6 pm- 7 pm. We are a non-smoking/vaping meeting and the 2nd Monday of the month is a Basic Text book study. Thank you , Sonia M.

Miracles: Hello Ozark Area. I'm John, addict, GSR for Miracles. We meet every Friday from 6:30-7:30 pm. We are located @ 2231 Annie Baxter, Joplin, MO. Our meeting are Ø smoking and we average 30-50 people/meeting. Our business meetings are held the Friday prior to area and we celebrate birthdays the last Friday of the month. This month Kelly Y. will celebrate 21 years. We have a 20 dollar donation @ this time. Thanks, John.

Point of Turning: Hello Ozark Area, My name is Tina serving as GSR for the Point of Turning group in El Dorado Springs. We have six meetings a week and are as follows: Mon, Tues, and Fri at 7 pm- Wed at 8:30 pm, Thurs at 8 and Sun at 5 pm. Meetings are located in the bottom of the park building. We celebrate birthdays on the Sunday following the clean date with homemade cake. This month Zoey I. celebrated 6 years, and Tenda L. will be celebrating one year. Our meetings are going good and the message is being carried. We will have a speaker night on Sunday November 1 starting at 5 pm with Tony N. speaking. We have a \$10 donation to give. Thanks for letting me be of service, Tina P.

Survivors: Hello Ozark Area. My name is Krystal S. serving as GSR for Survivors. We are an open non-smoking or vaping meeting held at 1330 S. Wall Joplin MO. We have 10-15 addicts in attendance. We have one birthday this month—Krystal S. with 2 years. We have a \$13 donation today. In Love and Service, Krystal S.

We Do Recover: Average 35-40 at 8 pm meetings, 10-15 at 9:30 meetings, and 6-10 at midnight meetings. Birthday night is the 4th Fri. each month, speaker meeting 2nd Fri, both non-smoking. We are having financial issues with 7th tradition just being enough to cover rent and utilities. Not purchasing literature until caught up. Running out of key tags. We are planning a fundraiser and will have more information on that as soon as it is finalized. We have been having a cleaning day on the Sunday before our group business meetings. We have had good attendance for this, and it has been a LOT of fun! In loving service, Shelly W.

SHARING SESSION

- Discussion about combining PR and Outreach: It will help Outreach by giving them addicts that want to get involved. PR and Outreach will still be their own entity but it helps get people involved. They combined PR and Outreach at Region. Questions about how the PR subcommittee would be set up. At region, they meet about PR and they also have an Outreach Manager. Alan will be making a motion in new business.
- Question about if we have any responsibility to reach out to some groups because we don't know if they are even still meeting. PR/Outreach may want to reach out to these groups and organize a road trip to these groups. It's up to area to reach out to these groups and show support. It's our job to get out there to these groups and help them out.

- We Do Recover doesn't have key tags to hand out. Can we talk about buying key tags for We Do Recover? This will be a motion in new business.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Motion:** To start an area newsletter. If Meri needs any help, she'll ask for help from the area. **Passed.**
 - The newsletter will not need a budget because it will be all electronic.
 - Meri has a flyer for submissions for the newsletter.
- **Motion:** To waive the clean time requirement for AASC Chair so that Jacobb can serve as the AASC Chair. **Passed.**
- **Jacobb L.** was elected as **AASC Chair**. Congratulations Jacobb!
- **Tony N.** was elected as **Ozark Area Treasurer**. Congratulations Tony!

NEW BUSINESS

- Raymond M. nominated **Sandee A. for Literature Review Chair**.
 - **Sandee's resume:** Hi! My name is Sandee A. I am submitting this resume for the position of Literature Chair. I have 13 years, 8 months clean. My clean date is 2-19-02. I have a sponsor, I write and work steps. For the first several years in the program, I chaired meetings and held several group positions. I was Literature Chair as my last position so I feel I can and know what the position needs to have done. I am willing and able to hold this position. Thank you, Sandee A.
 - **Note:** Some groups did not vote on Sandee for Literature Review Chair because they were unsure if there was a Literature Review Regional Chair. There is a need for a Literature Review Chair at area because some literature review stuff will be coming down from area. We will vote on Sandee A. for Literature Review Chair next month.
- Motion to spend \$60 to buy We Do Recover some key tags. This passed and Tony N. will place the order for key tags for We Do Recover.
- Meri printed out the NAWS meeting schedule for our area meetings so that GSRs can look at it and see if the information is all accurate. It is important that the meeting information is accurate. Groups may need to change the information individually. Ed will get ahold of an addict at region to get information on how to change group's information. Alan F. will call World Services and find out how to update the information.
- **Motion:** Combine the PR and Outreach subcommittees. Intent: To align with region.
- **Proposed Budgets for the next year:**
 - **RCM:** \$1400 (increased by \$150)
 - **Secretary:** \$250 (same as last year)
 - **Treasurer:** \$75 (same as last year)
 - **H & I:** \$900 (increase of \$100 due to more facilities being added to H & I)
 - Question about staying at or under the budget of \$200 for the H & I Speaker Jam. However, the H & I subcommittee can choose how to spend the subcommittee budget. Also, subcommittees can come back to area and petition for more money throughout the year if they need it.
 - **AASC (in a separate bank account; not included in the Ozark Area bank account):** \$2700 (same as last year)
 - **Literature Review:** \$200 (increased from \$0 last year because there was not a Literature Review Chair last year)
 - **PR:** \$2000 (increased by \$400)
 - **Outreach:** \$150 (increased by \$50)

- **Web Master:** \$150 (same as last year)
- **General Area expenses:** \$375 (includes PO Box, storage, and chair expenses for printing agendas and updated guidelines; decreased by \$75)
- **Regional donation:** \$400 (same as last year; \$400 = \$100 per quarter)
- **Total budget: \$5900 (not including AASC, which is in a separate budget)**

Next meeting: The next OASC will be held on November 15 hosted by We Do Recover at 1330 Wall Street in Joplin, MO. Subcommittees start at 12:00 and the area business meeting starts at 3:00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5th Tradition's Annual Halloween Party: October 30th at the Salvation Army in Joplin, MO
- We Do Recover Group Fall Fun Day: November 1st in Joplin, MO
- 8th Annual Turkey Bowl: November 7th in Pittsburg, KS at 3003 N. Joplin Street
- Chili Cook-Off and H & I Workshop: November 14th in Galena, KS

See Ozark Area events and flyers at <http://www.ozarkasc.com/>, click on the Ozark Calendar/Flyers tab

Ozark Area Treasurer's Report

October 2015

Balance	3435.81	Ending balance as of September 2015 area repc
Total Deposits	99.90	Deposits/Donations
Total Expenses	(440.55)	Expenses
Current Balance	<u><u>\$3,095.16</u></u>	As of October 2015 OASC meeting

DEPOSITS

But Do It	30.00
Life Line	8.00
Point of Turning	10.00
Straightline	20.00
Survivors	10.90
Stray Katz	20.00
Extra	1.00
Total deposits	<u><u>\$99.90</u></u>

EXPENSES

32.35	ck 1151 - Jocelyn B. - meeting shedules
41.26	ck 1152 - Freedom Voice - phoneline
131.88	ck 1153 - IPOWER - website
120.00	ck 1154 - Day Star - area storage
15.06	ck 1155 - Ali D. - secretary expenses
100.00	ck 1156 - Show Me RSO - regional donation
<u><u>\$440.55</u></u>	Total expenses as of July meeting

PROJECTED EXPENSES FOR OCTOBER 2015

43.13	Meeting schedules
41.26	Freedom Voice - phoneline
25.00	Secretary expenses
<u><u>\$109.39</u></u>	Total PROJECTED expenses

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Show Me Region NA Motion - 10-17-2015

101815-01

Motion: 10172015-01

Maker: West Central Missouri Area NA

Motion Type: Guideline Change

Motion:

To update guidelines section 3.3.c and 3.3.d about simple majority and 2/3 voting.

Old...

3.3.c

Simple majority of the voting RCM's present will decide matters of regional business, i.e. elections of officers, etc. (A simple majority vote means more than half of votes cast.)

3.3.d

Two-thirds majority of voting RCM's present will be required to change or amend the Regional Guidelines or remove regional officers. (A two-thirds majority means two-thirds or more of votes cast.)

New...

3.3.c

Regional business (i.e. creating ad-hocs, approval of task to be done, elections of officers, sub-committee requests, money issues, sending motions to CAR, etc.) require simple majority. A simple majority vote means more than half of votes cast, not including abstentions.

3.3.d

Regional Guidelines, amendments, and removal of Regional officers require two-thirds majority. A two-thirds majority means two-thirds or more of votes cast, not including abstentions.

Intent:

To clarify guidelines explaining simple majority and 2/3 voting using Robert Rules of order along with including the original spirit and intent of the guideline. Also, the use of the wording "of the voting RCM's present" is confusing and not in sync with the rest of the guideline where it says "of votes cast." Is it "of the voting RCM's present" or "of votes cast?"

Second

Show Me Region NA Motion - 10-17-2015

101815-02

Motion: 10172015-02

Maker: West Central Missouri Area NA

Motion Type: Guideline Change

Motion:

To update guidelines section 3.3.e about abstention votes.

Old...

3.3.e

An abstention is an area abstaining from the vote either because of a lack of Area conscious or due to a conflict of interest. An abstention should never be counted as a vote, either positive or negatively.

New...

3.3.e

An abstention is any voting member abstaining or removing their vote from the voting body due to lack of information, conflict of interest or any other non-specific reason. Final decision for all votes is solely based on yes (pro) and no (con) votes. Abstention votes are thrown out and do not count. If a majority of votes are abstentions on any vote, the vote will go back for discussion and will either be re-voted on after discussion or it can be tabled (if body agrees no harm will come by tabling).

Intent:

To clarify guidelines explaining abstentions using Robert's Rules of Order along with including the original spirit and intent of the guideline. Also, the use of the word "positive or negative" assumes the original intention of the motion or the vote had positive or negative merit. "Positive or negative" is an opinion and never fact.

Question: Does a majority of abstentions carry a clear conscious for the Region?

Quote from 9th Concept in A Guide to Local Services: "By insisting on thorough discussion of important issues, the worst we can do is take a little of each other's time; at best, we protect the fellowship from the consequences of a hasty or misinformed decision."

Second

Show Me Region NA Motion - 10-17-2015

101815-03

Motion: 10172015-03

Maker: West Central Missouri Area NA

Motion Type: Guideline Change

Motion:

To add to guidelines (new) section 3.3.i about "friendly" amendments.

3.3.i

Once a motion has been stated by the chair and 2nd by a voting member of Region body, it is no longer property of the maker, but of the Region body. Any amendments, "friendly" or otherwise, can be adopted by the Region body, either by majority vote or unanimous consent (consensus based) during the motion's discussion before it is ready for voting or before it is sent back to groups. Any motion amended that already went back to groups, must return back to groups for discussion before it can be voted on "if" deemed necessary by the Region (exceptions would include typos, grammar, etc. in the amended motion).

Intent:

To have clear guidelines explaining how motions are amended that follow Robert's Rules of Order and keep with the spirit our recovery process.

New to the Ozark Area

"SHARING THE MESSAGE"



This is a bi-monthly newsletter that will be sent out ELECTRONICALLY.

The purpose of this newsletter is: for the groups in the Ozark Area to stay connected and share NA related stories, celebrate clean dates and hear experience, strength and hope on different topics, steps and traditions.

Please contact us to:

- Subscribe to this newsletter
- Submit NA related artwork
- Poems
- Clean dates
- Willing to write on a topic
- Willing to be "In the Spotlight"

Contact info: ozarkareanewsletter@gmail.com

All material submitted MUST be NA Related!



Ozark Area Narcotics Anonymous H & I Subcommittee

H&I Workshop

This workshop will be held right before the Area Chili Cook Off. If you are currently doing H&I or if you are interested in H&I, please come on out and join us.

When: November 14, 2015

Time: 5 pm ~ 6 pm

Where: Galena Senior Center
720 Wall St., Galena KS