

SDRNA December 13,2025

Moment of Silence

Serenity Prayeer

12 Traditions-Alex

12 Concepts-Steve

Service Prayer Carol

**Attendance:**

Chairperson Carol P

Vice Chair person open

Treasurer Steve P

Secretary Carol acting secretary

RD Bonnie

RDA: open

**RCM:**

WRA Steve

RRA Troy

USE Brie

Technology Facilitator Alex

Convention chair report via email/ not able to attend

Sponsorship Behind the Walls not in attendance/ report via email

PR Facilitator/Helpline Carol

Quorum: all three areas represented/ only 2 available for voting

**Reports:**

Secretary: minutes approved

**Chair**

Chair Report to SDRNA December 2025

I woke this morning and began my day talking to my Higher Power, as I do every day. An interesting thought process evolved. I imagined my house and my yard to be like my home group. My husband and I keep it well maintained and welcoming. We dress it up for the holidays, but put in the effort all of the days in between. Just like our home group, Then I thought of our neighborhood, like our area in NA. There are long time residents, just like our established groups, and then we have new neighbor move in. It is up to the established homes, groups, to welcome the new neighbors and help them take root. In a city,(region) there are many neighborhoods. We work together to maintain our city by providing the things that a neighborhood can't provide by itself. Just like our region and the areas. It takes fund flow for each level: home, neighborhood, and city: home group, area and region. It takes people to provide services at each level as well. The work doesn't get done without both. And then there are the small groups of people in between the neighborhoods, or areas that are just out there by themselves. There are the rural people that have no meetings or information about NA.

So the question is, how do we as individuals, home groups, areas, and region get the information about NA to those outlying addicts in need of finding a new way to live? There are so many overlooked addicts that might be looking for a way out before they are arrested and put in jail. How do we get the message to them? How do we incorporate them into our neighborhoods? Do we welcome them, mentor them, accept them?

After being of service at all levels of NA service structure I have had the opportunity to learn of what other member of NA have utilized to help reach addicts in their region. They have provided ideas that we can utilize, if we have the people who are interested of being of service. It has been said that less than 5% of NA members do the service for 100%. As I grow older, it is rather discouraging to see few members become of service. Who is going to replace those who have been of service for 15-30 years as they are no longer able to serve as they once did?

In service,

### **Treasurer**

Region Treasurer Report December 2025

SD Region Account

9/30/2025 beginning balance      \$8366.45

Check 1532 literature, region stamp	-\$350	\$8016.45
Check 1533: PR food	-\$305.16	\$7710.29
10/31/25 balance no activity		\$7710.29
11/30/2025 balance no activity		\$7710.29

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#### Convention Account

Beginning balance 9/14/25		\$6058.44
Check 1543 Area literature for give away	-\$135.08	\$5923.36
Check 1545 basic stuff shirts/cups	-\$503.38	\$5419.98
Deposit 8/18/25	+\$460	\$5879.98
Deposit 8/25/25	+\$340.00	\$6219.98
Beginning balance 10/14/25		\$6219.98
Check 1502 hospitality food	-\$185.84	\$6034.14
Check 1546 copy/badges	-\$85.85	\$5948.64
Check 1547 Friday speaker room	-\$286.62	\$5662.02
Check 1548 sound/recording	-\$300	\$5362.02
Check 1549 Holiday Inn	-2707.50	\$2562.52
Deposit 9/16/25 cash from convention	+\$4467.00	\$7119.52
Square deposit 9/15	+\$728.23	\$7847.75
Square deposit 9/15	+\$1059.77	\$8909.52
November 11/12 no activity		\$8909.52
December 12/25		\$8909.52

deposit Wisc. Region	+\$137	\$9046.52
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## **RD/RDA**

There is a lot of information for me to report!

I attended zone in Iowa city December 5-7. The entire weekend was filled with discussing the car that had been released in November. I was able to stay at an Airbnb with seven other addicts which dramatically decreased the price of my lodging. I also traveled with two other addicts which helped with gas costs. Total cost for me to go was \$143.74.

When I was at the convention in September, I had gotten some of our regional business cards that include the QR code. I have given them out to the point that I am now out of them. Any chance that when the check is mailed to me that I could get some more to be able to continue handing them out to groups, areas, and members?

-literature pricing from NAWS will be increasing by 15% as of January 1. There are a select few items that will not have the increase such as the NA survival kit and in times of illness booklet. The guiding principles book will increase but very slightly. The complete poster set and group starter kit is increasing more than 15%, but is still less than the total value of the bundle contents. The reason for the increase is simply because of rising costs for supplies and shipping; so much that it has decreased the projected operating income by more than \$670,000 annually so a price increase had to happen.

They will continue to post all IP's and booklets for free on [na.org](http://na.org). And they also provide audio recordings of the basic text in 12 languages at Na.org\audio. All of this free material, does represent over \$1 million less in annual revenue. In Laymans terms, NAWS is taking a hit financially by offering these free materials, but it ultimately is furthering our primary purpose, which makes it worth it. Also, keeping in mind that within the last year, NAWS has provided over \$750,000 worth of literature to members and NA communities worldwide at no cost to the member or communities.

To really put all of this into perspective, in 1983 the basic text was sold for eight dollars, which is equivalent to \$26 today. So even with a 15% increase on our current pricing, it is still dramatically less than what members paid in the past.

-there are member surveys that are open right now with the deadline due of April 1. These include DRT/MAT in NA, gender neutral and inclusive language, and the CAR survey. All three of these were discussed at zone last week so I am more than willing to help groups in the discussion of these areas. these are also all items that were included in the car. Remember, these are not things that are going to be voted on just yet, they are discussion topics that members have continuously brought forth so NA is wanting to get a worldwide perspective on them.

-the car was announced and the motions are few but heavy.

-motion one – approve the revision of the IP number 21, staying clean in isolation (a.k.a. the loner ip)

-this IP is out of date. It does not include discussion about online meetings, which happened due to the pandemic, but have shown a worldwide attendance continuing. Surveys done during 2020 to 2023 about this IP also showed an alarming amount of members who did not like being called loners.

-motion two – adopt the collaboratively created 2026 to 2029 NAWS strategic plan

-NAWS has always had a strategic plan, but this is the first time that members are being asked to approve it. The plan is for the cycle during years 2026 to 2029. The conference approval track (CAT) that comes out in February will contain the project plans that grow out of the strategic plan. The strategic plan includes: new and revised recovery literature, new and revised service tools, and issue discussion topics (MAT/DRT and gender, neutral language).

-motion three – approved changes to the world convention of NA guidelines

-members who have been around for a while know that the last convention which was in Washington DC, lost money. Over \$950,000 to be exact. This is not the first convention that has lost money though! It is the largest sum, however. This was the first convention that they had had since 2018 because the convention in 2020 was canceled due to the pandemic. Things that NAWS learned from this was just how much the pandemic affected not only the members but also the economy. They went into this convention, thinking that

due to the last one being canceled, this one would have an astronomical turnout, with a projection of 24,000 members in attendance. The reality was 18,000 members. Surveys were done after the convention, and the majority of those responding ranked continued health concerns, cost of travel, as well as location as the highest influencers on their decision of whether to attend.

-ultimately the motion is to hold the world convention every five years beginning in 2028. This would be moving it out of the current two-year cycle.

-Motion 4 - create a project plan for consideration at the world service conference in 2029 to research and explore the opportunities and obstacles of providing book length pieces of literature to the incarcerated, on tablets, in addition to the IP's and audio version of the fifth edition basic text that already exist on inmate tablets.

-many prison institutions only offer the basic text on tablets. This motion would look at including all NA books & IPs.

-providing full length books on tablets is not a simple solution. Correctional environments vary, and we do not contract with for profit tablet companies that would charge for materials that we provide for free. Our focus remains on accessibility, not commercialization.

-this is simply a vote to include this in the future strategic plan. How we would get to doing this would be discussed in the future.

-motion five – to implement artificial intelligence (AI) interpretation solutions for world, service conference meetings (both in person and virtual) to replace the current human live language interpretation.

-the intent is to eliminate language barriers, ensuring that all voices are heard, globally, enhancing our communication and time efficiency during business meetings. It also aims to reduce the risk of human interpretation errors and potential absences during sessions. The financial impact is expected to be significant, but has not yet been determined pending further analysis.

-this would be replacing human interpreters, who are nearly always NA members. They bring accuracy, cultural understanding, and a spiritual connection that AI cannot replicate. however, these requests are coming from non-English speaking members, the ones that are utilizing the interpreters, which is why this is a motion. They are the ones that are being affected.

## IDTs in CAR

### Gender neutral language in NA literature

-a significant population of addicts do not feel fully accepted or included in NA meetings due to our current language.

-this topic has been around since the 2020 car, but was not taken to the 2020 WSC due to limitations imposed by the pandemic. Surveys about this have shown that 50% of members are in support of it, 45% are not in support, and 5% are unsure. However, the majority of responses were from Russia, where current laws have made issues related to gender/identity, especially sensitive. So setting aside Russian responses, it brings the statistics to 62% in support, 32% not in support, with 6% unsure. The reason that they did these two statistics was because of the dramatic shift in showing how one country can affect a vote.

-when thinking of gender neutral language, there are three separate areas: words we used to describe our members, words we used to describe God, and the words of our steps and traditions. So for this exact discussion question, we are focusing simply on the language used to describe our members.

-we do already have gender neutral language in some of our literature. The living clean is completely gender neutral except in some instances where members are giving direct quotes. IP number 7, am I an addict, states that an addict is a person whose life is controlled by drugs. An example of gender specific: the basic text who is an addict, states an addict is a man or woman whose life is controlled by drugs. This wording may seem insignificant to some yet it makes all the difference in feeling a part of for others.

-concerns: altering foundational text may cause a loss to its time honored strength. Setting a precedent of revising literature anytime someone dislikes how it's phrased.

-things to keep in mind, the basic text has been revised in the past to expand the circle of addicts who feel welcome. How it works once read "the only way to keep from getting or continuing a habit is not to take that first fix, pill, or drink "

-ultimately, recovery teaches us to focus on our similarities, not our differences. However, newcomers at their first meeting, often are looking for the differences, a reason to not come back. Our common welfare should come first, so we must ask ourselves if changing our literature to help them feel included is important enough to help them stay.

-I will be the first to admit that I have very strong opinions on this due to sponsoring someone that is on a DRT program. Because of this, my discussion of this topic will be very fact driven by the information that NAWS has provided. Whereas my discussion of the other IDT's, I can usually talk about in a very conversational tone due to being able to see both sides.

-some statistics going into this: the growth of NA has flattened, particularly in the US. About half of our members are over the age of 50, 47% have more than 10 years clean, and 82% say that they stayed because they felt welcomed as a newcomer. NA's future depends on newcomers feeling welcome so they can become long-term members.

-at the WCNA 38, professionals at PR sessions expressed reservations in referring addicts to NA due to newcomers experiencing an unwelcoming atmosphere at NA meetings due to being treated with medication for addiction.

-in a program where honesty is essential, newcomers on DRT/MAT are feeling like they can't be honest due to how members treat them when they find out.

-there is consensus that abstinence is central to the NA program, but there is not consensus on what exactly constitutes abstinence.

-some NA communities address this issue differently on a service level compared to celebrating clean time

#### Literature, service material, & IDT survey

-disruptive and predatory behavior was IDT this past cycle & input clearly indicates desire for new or revise material on the topic.

-past surveys have shown that there is a desire to have new lit material for newcomers, long Timers, and incarcerated members. All of the different kind of recovery literature that is being discussed is listed in the literature survey. It's a lot and I'm not gonna list it all right here. Tell your members and groups to fill out the literature survey posted on [na.org](http://na.org)!

-Re-imaging and revitalizing service committees survey showed that members would like to update our planning basics literature.

-surveys are also pointing towards revising the group booklet and a guide to local service. I repeat, Tell your members and groups to go fill out the literature survey!

#### Pricing our literature

-I already covered the majority of all of this when alerting to the price increase. The rest is basically just the history of our literature. This is available to you on [na.org](http://na.org).

I know that that was a lot of information so please let your groups and areas know that I am available if anyone has questions or would like me to do a workshop!

The next Zonal meeting will be in Lawrence Kansas, February 6-8. We are hopeful that the conference approved track will be out by then but chances are that it won't be.

A reminder that all of the input for the member surveys are due by April 1.

ILS,

Bonnie

#### **WRA RCM/ALT**

RCM report to SDRNA December 2025

West River Area currently has 10 home groups. We hold the area meeting throughout the area. Our last meeting was held at Put the Shovel Down home group in Rapid City. The next meeting will be held at Clean and Crazy in Spearfish. We have found that by rotating the area meetings, it gives each home group ownership of our area.

Our literature committee will be reviewing the "Group Business Meetings" service pamphlet which is up for review until January 8.

Our HI/PR committee will meet and begin to restructure as no committee meetings have been held in some time. The HI commitments have been going on without interruption.

Only 4 home groups were at our last meeting, so we needed unanimous voting to reach 80% to pass for items voted upon.

WRA to fund RCM for Zone meetings: 3 no, 1 yes, proposal failed

Donation button on web page: 1 no, 3 yes, proposal failed

Proposal for convention guidelines:

Contract for alternative merchandise: 1 no, 3 yes, proposal failed

Use of square for cc payments: 4 yes proposal passed

Fundraising: 3 yes, 1 abstain: proposal passed

We also voted to purchase an excel program to be utilized in tracking the literature sales and inventory. It will be utilized by the treasurer and the literature committee.

The group discussed planning the 29<sup>th</sup> convention with assistance from members from other areas and will put forth 2 proposals: one for Pierre, and one for Chamberlain. All members are welcome to be part of the committee. A zoom meeting schedule has been posted on the website. The first meeting will be January 4 and will recur the first Sunday of each month, totally by zoom at 6pm mountain time.

Thank you,

Steve P

**RRA RCM/Alt**

**USE RCM/Alt**

United Sioux Empire is going through some changes, we had a lot of changes I positions going on. Some people stepped down and we'll be voting new people in next week. Last area meeting we struggled to get on zoom account. Reached out to Carol and Alex fixed it. We have a lot of new meetings starting in the area so that's really exciting. I officially got voted in as RCM. Jail meetings are going strong in Minnehaha county. They did a large lit order before NAWS price increase. Ara might be interested in opening a PR position. One meeting forwarded \$500 to area.

Brie

**Technology Facilitator:** The hits on the website increase in July through August. Could be due to Rally and upcoming events. A more thorough report will be in the March report for the final quarter of 2025. I will be part of the ad-hoc committee to revise the guidelines regarding technology facilitator duties as well as meeting adjustments of the website. We may add to the meeting list that if you go to a meeting and it is not being held to please contact the helpline to let us know. If we have contact information for that meeting, we will check on its availability.

## **Convention Chair**

### **Convention Committee Ending Report**

The financial details of the convention will be provided separately in the Regional Treasurer's report.

We kicked off the convention with a Public Relations panel featuring local community members. The panel was well attended and generated strong interest, with many members participating and helping spread information throughout Western South Dakota.

Merchandise sales were very successful. We sold out of the merchandise ordered specifically for this convention and also sold a significant amount of merchandise from previous conventions. The use of the Square device was a major success overall, with only a few minor issues that were quickly addressed.

Most importantly, the convention was supported by an incredible group of members who were of service throughout the entire weekend. Their dedication, willingness, and teamwork were key to the success of the event.

The committee would like to thank everyone who contributed their time, energy, and service to make this convention a success.

In loving service,

Becky

## Sponsorship Behind the Walls

### **Sponsorship Behind the Walls (SBTW) Report**

I have been elected as the South Dakota Liaison for Sponsorship Behind the Walls. As I am new to this position, I do not have much to report at this time.

For more information about Sponsorship Behind the Walls, please visit the Plains States Zonal website at [pszfna.org](http://pszfna.org) and explore the resources available.

I will continue to update the Region with our next meeting date and time, as well as provide the most current flyers as they become available.

In Loving Service,

Becky

### **PR/helpline**

**Open Forum:**

1. **Proposal for convention :** Chamberlain October 2/4 prices: hotel rooms \$149, \$1275 convention meeting room, small merchandise room \$150 King suite for hospitality \$378 total hotel facility \$1803
2. **Proposal for convention in Ft. Pierre:** September 18-20 Convention meeting room \$1600, hotel rooms \$150 merchandise tables in convention room
3. Items from floor:possible use of local radio stations for public service announcements for NA: Helpline information, local meeting ties and places, etc.
4. Could be cost free. Just need people to check into it.

**OLD Business:**

1. Use of donation button on website: vote 1 yes, 1 no, chair vote yes: passed
2. Area funding of RCM to Region: each area is autonomous, their decision
3. Convention guideline changes
  - a. Alternative merchandise contract 1 yes, 1 no, chair vote yes, passed
  - b. Use of Square for cc payments unanimous yes: passed
  - c. Fundraising 1 yes, 1 abstain, passed

**New Business:**

1, Elections

Secretary\_ Louie

Vice Chair- open

Convention Chair-Carol

Technology co-facilitator- open

Alternate Delegate-open

2 . Convention proposal

- a. Chamberlain- failed, same date as multizonal
- b. Ft Pierre- unanimously approved
- c.

**3.Budget Proposal**

Technology: \$900

(Website 600+ and Zoom 150 plus possible other fees)

PR: \$750

( business cards with QR code, PR packets of IP's , PR presentations)

Administration: \$500

( PO box, Storage, mailing, etc.)

RD/RDA: \$5000

( travel for both to WSC in May, \$3500 for gas, food and lodging, Travel to 3 Plains States Zonal Forum and Multizonal, Travel and expenses to do 3 CAR workshops-\$1500)

Total budget:\$7150

4. Update guidelines for technology duties, and for meetings to be added to website.  
Ad-hoc committee: Alex, Louie and Carol
5. Update webpage to include a donation button to be utilized for individual or group donations as well as for convention registration
6. Update website with buttons for Sponsorship Behind the Walls

Next meeting: March 7, zoom meeting. Noon Mountain, and 1pm Central

Items to take to homegroups:

1. Budget proposal
2. Trusted servants needed at region level: vice chair, Alternate Delegate, technology co-facilitator
3. Possible Radio ad's for Narcotics Anonymous, including helpline, and possibly fliers for upcoming events
4. If your group is having an event, email flier to webservant at SDRNA.org so all can know what's happening.
5. **Several surveys are available at na.org. please review RD report for more information!!! Your input is necessary to carry your message.**
6. Convention planning committee will meet via zoom the first Sunday of every month at 7 Central, 6 Mountain. All are welcome to attend and help plan.

