

South Dakota Region NA Meeting

June 2, 2024

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Time 1pm Central, Noon Mountain

Location Zoom Virtual Meeting

**Attendance**

Chairperson Drew B

Vice-Chair Open

Treasurer-Steve P Current Region Balance 8560.19, Convention \$4097.50

Secretary \_ Carol P

RD Acting RD Carol P

RDA open

Convention Chair - Jennifer

Webservant - Sandra

Project Facilitator H&I open

Project Facilitator PR - open

Project Facilitator Unity - open

Project Facilitator Outreach - open

Project Facilitator Fellowship Development - open

Project Facilitator Policy - open

Project Facilitator Helpline -Drew

Project Facilitator Sponsorship Behind the Walls absent (Sharleen)

West River RCM Steve P

West Eiver Area RCM Alt absent (Ty)

Use Area RCM Jennifer B

Use Area RCM Alt - open

Visitors: Alex C, Sturgis; Hailey, Rapid City, Bonnie D, Sioux Falls

## **Opening**

**Traditions \_ Carol**

**Concepts – Drew L**

**Service Prayer- Carol**

**Quorum** : two areas present, quorum met

## **Reports**

**Secretary** minutes read and approved

### **Chairperson South Dakota RSC Chairperson Report June 02, 2023**

Dear South Dakota RSC Members:

This report is being written one day after the June 2024 RSC meeting so it will contain some information not available at yesterday's RSC meeting. I would like to first thank the RSC for the trust and opportunity to be of service to our region in this new position. There are a few items to report, including the following:

- All signature updates have been completed today with the RSC checking account. The Treasurer and I have both signed the updated back signature card, so this document reflects the current proper officers. This matter was pending as of the RSC meeting. The bank made a necessary correction and all matters have been resolved as of June 3, 2024.
- I received approval at the RSC meeting for the \$9.90 overrun for the cost of purchasing an annual Zoom account (\$159.90 total). I am ready to submit this subscription, but would like to tie it to the RSC Chairperson e-mail address rather than a personal e-mail address. This will help ensure that the Zoom account remains accessible to the RSC after any future change in officers. I have reached out to the web servant to take the necessary steps to access the RSC chairperson e-mail address. I will submit the Zoom subscription order once I can log into the RSC Chairperson e-mail account. I expect this matter to be completed within the coming week. The RSC has approved reimbursement of this expense. I will submit receipts for the subscription to the treasurer once the this transaction is complete.

- It was determined by the RSC that the PO Box key will remain in the possession of Carol P for the time being. This was brought up as a question as the topic is not addressed in current policy. Carol will retain the key and continue to check the PO Box for this coming year.
- The June RSC open forum included discussion on the theft of group funds from a meeting. I talked to the West River Chairperson and gave him my contact information in case any assistance or input is requested on the matter.
- I would like to thank both ASCs for their time in reviewing the RSC policy guidelines. After much work over the last couple years, we have newly approved RSC policy guidelines.

I believe that is everything I have to report at this time. The next RSC will be held on Sunday, September 8 at 1 PM Central / noon Mountain via Zoom. Meeting details will be posted on the regional web site (<https://sdrna.org>) in the weeks preceding the meeting.

Yours in loving service,

Drew B.  
South Dakota RSC Chairperson

### **Vice Chair-open**

### **Treasurer**

### **Web servant: June 2024**

Web servant report

Several events have been posted for a speaker jam, Mina Lake campout, and the Lake Sheridan campout.

The 2024 Convention is posted with a printable registration and merchandise flyer. Convention planning

and phonline training service events were posted.

Web site contacts: There were 5 contacts through the web site this quarter. A proposal for a comedian,

contact about speaking at the convention, convention recording offer, and a question about the convention logo were forwarded to Jennifer B. There were additional questions about starting a

meeting in Vermillion. This question was forwarded to a member from Vermillion with additional contact information.

Meeting change requests: A meeting change was made for an Aberdeen meeting.

Web site traffic report: None this quarter.

Facebook page contacts and activity: The page has no additional followers this quarter, continues to

have 51 people following it, and has had 7 visits over the last 90 days. Melissa (with me as back up) continues to monitor for messages. There have been no messages received through messenger during this quarter.

ILS,

Sandi M.

## **RD**

### RD Report

The last Conference Participant Webinar centered on finding Leaders; people who are able to lead in NA services

Members of the World Board are identified through RBZ: Regions, World Board, and Zones. The HRP Human Resource Panel received all delegate nominations, evaluates each nomination, interviews qualified candidates and decide the ballot, then offer nominee list to WSC for voting purposes.

The World Board consists of 15 delegates. They work in connection with WSO, or World Service Office. The qualities the participants came up with include:

Conflict Resolution skills, ability to stimulate interest, previous effectiveness in other positions, PSZDF is building a service pool, recommend people able to work in unity with others, courage to identify non-English speakers,

Wide experience in service, ability to reach outside to other elements, or areas of service, important communication skills in the flow of information.

The next Zone meeting will be in Dodge City Kansas July 19-21. See PSZFNA.ORG for more information.

Carol P

## **RDA open**

## **WRA RCM**

WRA to SDRNA June 2024

West River Area last met in May. Larry stepped down as Chairperson. His term was fulfilled. He will now be GSR for his home group.

Unity has been doing well. The Spaghetti Sponsorship dinner was well attended. The Black Elk Peak Hike will be in early September, hopefully to avoid snowfall. This position is up for election at November Area meeting.

H&I and PR: we need more people to be of service to help carry the message. Currently we are taking meetings to Pennington County Jail, DOC at creek drive and Care Campus, e need people who can pass a background check. Spread the word.

Home groups are doing ok. One of them had theft of group funds and it was discussed how to possibly deal with the situation during open forum. Some suggestions included: having a set date for group conscious, have members with time in recovery assist with meetings, since most members are under 2 years clean. Open a bank account and deposit funds each meeting, make it known to all group members that the theft has occurred.

Alex is now our chair person, Steve is vice-chair, Hailey is Secretary and Carol is HI/PR chair.

We have adopted a change to our policy: The prudent reserve will be the previous fiscal year's total expenses. The excess amount of funds will be donated to SD Region, Plains Sates Zone and WSC giving 1/3 to each entity. This will be done each January.

It was decided to have a learning day. It will have a taco bar, and will provide information on the GSR, ASC, RD, RDA alphabet soup. What each role means and what they do; What is the service system and how does it work; and interactive workshops.

In service,

Steve and Ty

WRA RCM alt absent

**USE RCM USE** Area Report – The area now has a full literature cabinet now and is fulfilling groups needs in the area and others who have not yet considered joining the area. We have also stocked our cabinet with starter kits to help new groups to get off on the right path. We are also starting to offer more area activities instead of individual groups having to fund activities only on a group level. We also feel this will offer more unity within the area. Currently, we are of course just getting off the ground but it is getting started and being explored by many groups who have expressed interest.

Jennifer B

**USE RCM alt open**

## **Project Facilitator reports:**

**Convention** Convention Report – The convention committee held a Speaker Jam fundraiser in April and \$1500 was

raised. We are currently selling raffle tickets, which are \$20/ea and only 250 sold, to win a \$500 prize.

The winner will be awarded 2 nights at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Brandon, 2 registrations, and 2 event

tickets. The drawing will be held at our final fundraiser in August, which is currently being planned.

Sioux Falls Narcotics Anonymous is having a convention fundraiser in June and Found the Way is currently planning one as well. We received our first pre-registration. I am currently working on inviting

area treatment centers to attend the Saturday Main Speaker at the convention. Everything is on track

for fundraising, planning, and all other duties involved.

In loving service, Jennier B

## **Helpline Helpline Report**

Hello my friends! We had our last helpline training May 19th 2024. We had 3 addicts in attendance. We went through the Phonenumber Basics packet provided by NAWS. We talked about some do's and don't's of answering the helpline. Also brought un an idea of putting up a helpline sign-up option on our website.

Below is a call log of phone calls.

Drew:

01/24/24 5:51pm. From 605-407-3195. Caller we looking for a meeting in their area.

03/09/24 4:53pm. From 304-514-1916. Caller called having issues with identifying themselves as an addict. I spoke with thsi

addict for a bit and shared me experience with the same issue.

The call got cut off and I was not able to make contact again.

I took more calls but misplaced my call log for those calls.

Carol:

Call log review March through June 1

15 total calls in 3 months

1 how to start a meeting, Vermillion

10 Where is a meeting tonight or tomorrow

4 Need help getting to a meeting

Ty: Haven't heard from him.

Our google voice account is attached to an e-mail. Below is the log in information to get into the google voice account:

E-mail: SouthDakotaRegion@gmail.com

Password: SDregion2023

Google Voice phone number: 605-939-0502

Last, but not least, I will be stepping down from the helpline operator. I have quite a lot of various other service commitments, and I feel like my head is going to explode. I am extremely grateful to have been able to be a part of NA service. I love you people!

In Loving Service, Drew L

Steps to add/remove users for the Helpline

To Add:

1.) download Google Voice on your mobile device

2.) log into the SDRNA email account:

E-mail: SouthDakotaRegion@gmail.com

Password: SDregion2023

- 3.) touch the 3 lines at the top left and select settings
- 4.) touch Devices and numbers
- 5.) touch New linked number
- 6.) enter the new phone number to be linked
- 7.) Google Voice will now send a 6-digit code to the number that you are wanting to link. Enter that code
- 8.) the number is now linked.

To remove:

- 1.) follow steps 1 through 4 above
- 2.) touch the little x beside the number you are wanting to remove
- 3.) the number is now removed

**Sponsorship Behind the Walls** absent

### **Open Forum**

1. Person searching for meetings used [www.narcotics.com-meetings/south-dakota/rapid-city/](http://www.narcotics.com-meetings/south-dakota/rapid-city/) to get meeting information from google search. This is not associated with NA, and has the wrong information. Hailey and Alex are looking into the situation.
2. Loss of funds was discussed. One needs to look into accountability, how funds are secured, and how to handle funds responsibly. Region has offered help, but we must keep in mind autonomy of the group.
3. Communication: this is an ongoing area of improvement for SD Region. The little scattered meetings are not getting the information from areas or from region. We have taken strides forward by having the website rebuilt and by organizing the helpline for the region. Now we are going to reach out via snail mail and send convention information. The secretary will also send minutes to all available email accounts associated with the region that are known at this time. Ask home groups of ways to bring the outlying meetings into an area or help form an area. Not all services need to be provided for an area to form. If you know people from other towns that do not participate in an area, ask them to come to region meetings via zoom. Let's try to open the lines of communication.

**Old Business:**



1. Regional Policy Review -unanimous approval. Carol will clean up the final copy and send to be posted on the website, and to each RCM.
2. Elections open positions:
  - a. Vice Chair no nominations
  - b. Region Delegate no nominations
  - c. Region Delegate Alternate Bonnie D. Sioux Falls
  - d. Web Servant Alex C SturgisAfter area reviews these candidates will be up for election in September.
3. Regional Zoom Account moved to new business

**New Business:**

1. Zoom Account: The amount increased to \$159.90. Approved to spend the extra amount of \$9.90. Drew B. will pay via credit card and provide receipts to be reimbursed by check.

2. Key to PO Box: it is not addressed in policy as to who should have the responsibility of holding the PO Box key and checking the mailbox. Carol has been doing it since it moved to Rapid City. It was agreed that she can remain doing so, but we need to look into adding that to policy after deciding how that can be completed due to location of box and possible position holders. Should it be the treasurer, secretary or chairperson/or vice chairperson? Or we can look at having a trusted servant from Rapid City be the "Holder of the Key".

3, Review of facebook page: conversation included a variety of viewpoints: younger people are centered on getting information via their phones, therefore the facebook page could be a benefit; the facebook page could be used as a placeholder page to direct traffic to our website; webpage could provide more immediate response than helpline, or visiting website. More people are needed to have a committee, so not all of the work falls on one person.

It was decided to keep it as is until we get more people involved in region service.

4. Fund flow- SD Region has in excess of \$4000 over budget. It was unanimously approved to forward \$1000 to NAWS.

Next Meeting: Sunday September 8 12 Mountain and 1pm Central

Zoom information will be available on SDRNA.ORG

Business closed 2:40 pm Mountain

**Conclusion/ next meeti**

**Items to Share with Area:**

**Nominations: Webservant: Alex C from Sturgis**

**Region Delegate Alternate: Bonnie D Sioux Falls**

**We are in need of Vice-chair, Help line facilitator, and people to be of service for any and all of the service facilitators listed in the report.**

**Convention October 4-6**

**World Convention August 29 – Sept 1**