

**South Dakota Regional NA Meeting Minutes  
June, 2023**

Date: June 10, 2023

Time: Noon Mountain Time Zone

Location: Zoom virtual meeting

**Attendance:**

RSC Chairperson – Carol P

Vice Chairperson – Drew B

Treasurer – Steve P

Secretary – vacant

RD - vacant

RDA - vacant

Convention Chair - (Carol P)

Web Servant – Sandra M absent with report via John S

Project Facilitator H&I - inactive

Project Facilitator PR – John S

Project Facilitator Unity - inactive

Project Facilitator Policy – (Drew B)

West River RCM - (Steve P)

West River RCMA -

East River RCM – disbanded

East River RCMA – disbanded

Guests – Jennifer B, Sharleen S, Bearman (Chester), John S, Eric N

**Opening:**

Meeting opened at 12:02 PM with serenity prayer, 12 Tradition, 12 Concepts and introductions.

**Quorum:**

Motion moved to suspend quorum and accept participation of all present. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**Reports:**

*Secretary*

March, 2023 minutes read by Vice Chair and accepted for approval. Vice Chair will be doing minutes for June, 2023 RSC meeting.

*Treasurer:*

**Treasurer Report SDRNA**

|   |            |           |
|---|------------|-----------|
| Beginning Balance 1/31/2023               |            | \$8541.56 |
| Check 1095 2/1/23 heartland Web page      |            |           |
|   | \$100      | \$8341.56 |
| Check 1096 3/1 NAW                        |            |           |
|   | \$1000     |           |
| Check 1097 Heartland Internet 4/15/23     |            |           |
|   | \$400      |           |
| Check 1098 Carol P Zone travel CAR 4/4/23 |            |           |
|   | \$416.21   |           |
| Deposit 4/17/2023 convention              |            |           |
|   | +\$1349.68 | \$7975.03 |
| Current Balance 6/10/2023                 |            | \$7975.03 |

**Treasurer Report Convention**

|                                 |           |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Starting balance 2/12/2023      |           | \$4549.68 |
| Check 1141 Holiday Inn 2/20     |           |           |
|                                 | \$800     | \$3749.68 |
| Check 1142 convention fwd funds |           |           |
|                                 | \$1349.68 | \$2400.00 |
| Ending balance 5/14/23          |           | \$2400.00 |

*RSC Chairperson:*

Chair report: SDRNA 6-2023

Hello to those involved with this service commitment. I am honored to be chair of the region committee once again.

We need to come together and set some goals for the region. So far we have accomplished a renewal of our web page. It looks fabulous. We have been working to get a true list of all meetings throughout the region. That still is a project, and I don't foresee an end date for it.

What else can the region do for our areas, cities, localities? We can structure our region how it would best serve us. We cannot be bound by a service structure that does not help us serve all our population. We need constructive ideas to move forward.

Most importantly, we need people. People who are dedicated to the program of NA. This program saved my life, therefore I serve for the welfare of others who have not yet heard our message.

Please become active in our Region. Let's take a step forward, together.

Carol P

*RSC Vice Chairperson:*

Dear South Dakota RSC Members:

I have several things to cover in this report. First, I have completed all updates to the RSC guidelines. The document has been distributed to RSC members for review. I had hoped to get this document out earlier, but the last couple months have been very busy with two close deaths and a multi-week trip back East to help care for my mother who is looking at going into assisted living. That latter matter is an on-going situation involving a lawyer, financial considerations and other complications that will likely continue through September. As such, the amount of time I had intended to have to complete the document and get it out was severely impacted.

There are several topics called out on the last page of the RSC guidelines draft that need to be reviewed by the body to close out all policy matters that has been taken under review. I intend to bring these items to the body's attention either during an open forum session or under new business to see which way the body would like to go on these items. These topics need to be closed out one way or another before the document is ready for ASC and Group review.

In addition to the guidelines draft, the following items should be addressed:

- There is a Public Information submission from Sandra M. that needs to be added to today's agenda.
- Sioux Falls has approached the RSC regarding an offer to host the 2024 South Dakota Convention. The representatives have been asked to present their proposal to the RSC today, so we look forward to East River's returned presence at the body. A copy of the convention hosting offer letter is attached as the final page of this report. It can be omitted if the document will be presented elsewhere in this month's minutes.
- The RSC Secretary position is currently vacant. As such, I may wind up having to do the minutes for this month. All members are asked to please submit written reports accordingly.
- I had a note from several months ago that I had been asked to review pricing for a quality conference room microphone for hybrid RSC meetings. This note got misplaced until this last month. I will confirm with the body today whether or not such an acquisition is still desired.

My thanks for your continued support and the opportunity to be of service.

Yours in loving service,  
Drew B.

*Regional Delegate:*

Position vacant. Informal discussion was regarding the current 3 year WSC rotation impact to the RD & RDA position durations.

*Regional Delegate Alternate:*

Position vacant.

*Convention Chair:*

Verbal report given. No written report submitted.

*Web Servant:*

In this last quarter the web site has been finalized and is live! The cost of the web site project was well under the projected expenses. Currently we have SDRNA.org live and SDRNA.com has been moved from our old web site host HostMonster to Heartland Internet Solutions. We have picked up the SDRNA.net domain and will be billed shortly. We had wanted to have all the domains renew in May but that didn't work for this year. Domains and web site costs will be sent through Heartland Internet Solutions for billing. Trisha R. is our contact with the web site service and will be the one to manage the technical side of the site to keep things running smoothly. I will continue to add and maintain the document archives and events. There have been a couple requests to include events on the calendar so far; and there was one request sent through the web site "contact us" from someone looking for a meeting and sponsor.

The meeting list is updated and most recently reflects that Brookings has lost the Saturday meeting. I have met with Barry by zoom and was given a password and the necessary information to update/maintain the meeting list. This information was shared with WSO so their database could be updated also.

The Facebook page continues to be monitored and has been used for posting a PSA and the Save the Date Convention flyer. Melissa and myself continue to monitor for messages. There have been no messages received during this quarter.

I am willing and able to continue as webservant and would again like to encourage this to be a committee and not a one person service position. I would also propose to remove a set "service commitment". The way we have this currently set up requires people with some tech knowledge but not a computer degree. We could consolidate the meeting updates, social media, and web site management. These tasks are not time consuming or overwhelming, but it is good to have more than one person who has passwords and knows how to enter information. I would also like to propose we change the name of the service position to some thing like IT committee or something like that. This could be a standing committee under the PR projects.

ILS, Sandi M.

*East River Area:*

No formal report. Members from the ERNA geographical area were present so an informal update of happenings was presented, but ASC formal representation at the RSC is still missing.

*West River Area:*

Hello all,

A lot has been going on in the West River Area. Serenity in the Hills was held in Hill City in March and was a great success. The spaghetti Sponsorship Dinner was hosted by the Show Me How to Live Group and Put the Shovel Down Group. It was an evening of sharing of food and sponsorship. Show Me also had their annual picnic last weekend at Mary Hall park. New Hope meeting is planning a pizza and speaker night on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The Sheridan Lake Campout is coming up on August 4-13, with a BBQ hosted by Put the Shovel Down Group on the first Saturday Night. Fliers are out on Facebook and the regional web page for the campout.

Our H & I has been taking meetings into the Care Campus weekly, and plans to start back up at the Pennington County Jail will be forthcoming. Outreach has a new chairperson, and that group has been focusing on helping to support the group located in Spearfish. Other plans for outreach are in the works.

There has been talk about starting a Facebook page for the West River Area to hold all of the activities. The decision has been sent to homegroups for their vote.

In loving service,  
Steve P

*Project Facilitator H&I:*

Inactive. No report.

*Project Facilitator PR:*

No formal report.

*Project Facilitator Unity:*

Inactive. No report.

*Project Facilitator Policy:*

See Vice Chairperson report

## **Old Business:**

### Nominations & Elections:

- Secretary – no nominations
- Regional Delegate – no nominations
- Regional Delegate Alternate – no nominations

### Tax ID:

Chester (Bearman) reported on his experience in this area. Information is understood, but fits into the context of on-line payments which we are not ready for today.

### Statewide Helpline:

No formal report. Drew L (from Rapid City) is working on a statewide helpline list. 605-731-8066 is the current number being used to field calls out of Rapid and is the closest approximation that exists today for a statewide helpline number. Options to facilitate a statewide helpline number need to be researched and could include a Magic Jack or Google Voice number. The question of local number portability to move the existing number to yet to be determined solution were also mentioned.

## **New Business:**

### Item #1:

Sharleen S offered to be the South Dakota representative to the Zonal effort for “Sponsorship Behind the Walls”. This was discussed and Sharleen’s offer was accepted and approved by the RSC.

### Item #2:

A treatment center PR information packet project was requested at the cost of \$204. This would entail mailing NA related information to treatment centers across the South Dakota region. Topic was discussed and approved by consensus. The effort will be coordinated by Sandra M and John S under the context of the Project Facilitator Public Relations (PR) role. See Addendum A of the minutes for the project submission slip used for the initiation of this project. The addendum has been edited to omit full names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for sake of identity protection as the minutes will be posted to the regional web site.

### Item #3:

Payment of \$82.30 was approved for payment to Heartland Internet Solutions for payment of services on the regional web site.

### Item #4:

Payment of \$48.81 was discussed and approved for use of the Magic Jack phone number for the regional helpline. Payment was made as a reimbursement to Carol P. She and Steve P are primary persons facilitating the acting regional helpline number at this time.

Item #5:

Payment of \$194 was discussed and approved for payment of the annual RSC P.O. Box fee.

Item #6:

Discussion was held on the role of the web servant as to whether or should be a position or more of a subcommittee effort. The topic was referred for further discussion at the next Policy guidelines committee meeting. Said guidelines committee meeting to be possibly held on the week of July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Item #7:

Discussion was held on the possibility of the 2024 South Dakota convention being held in Sioux Falls. Members of the East River area were present for this discussion. Further information to be forthcoming at the September RSC meeting. See Addendum B of the minutes for a formal letter that was submitted to support this offer to host the convention. The addendum has been edited to omit full names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for sake of identity protection as the minutes will be posted to the regional web site.

Item #8:

The next RSC meeting will be held on Sunday, September 17 at the close of the South Dakota Convention. Likely to held as a hybrid meeting at noon Mountain time.

Meeting concluded.

## Addendum A:

**From:** SDRNA Secretary [sdregionna1953@gmail.com](mailto:sdregionna1953@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Submission Slip from Website  
**Date:** June 5, 2023 at 6:48 PM  
**To:** Carol P [cpatridge03@gmail.com](mailto:cpatridge03@gmail.com), Drew B. [drew@tacomablues.net](mailto:drew@tacomablues.net), John Simpson [thejohnsimpson@yahoo.com](mailto:thejohnsimpson@yahoo.com)

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** SDRNA Website [na-reply@sdma.org](mailto:na-reply@sdma.org)  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 5, 2023 at 7:40 PM  
**Subject:** Submission Slip from Website  
**To:** [sdregionna1953@gmail.com](mailto:sdregionna1953@gmail.com), [webservant@sdma.com](mailto:webservant@sdma.com)

### Pertaining to:

Public Information

### Proposal and intent description:

To establish contact with substance abuse treatment providers and offer updated meeting lists and an introduction to NA. Included in a packet will be a greeting card (sample provided) along with a set of 10 regional meeting lists. This project will also result in a treatment provider database of contacts for future use.

The cards would cost \$43 for the printing. Postage would be \$75. Printing cost for meeting list \$ 86

John S. will be representing me as I will be leaving on vacation. I may be available and will attend if possible.

### Financial Impact:

\$ 204

### Submitted by:

Sandra

### Email

### Phone

### Reminder:

✓ I understand that SDRNA would like me to plan on being present in person or virtually at the next region meeting for any discussion of the proposal.

Looking for information about NA? Looking for a meeting?  
Browse our website





**Addendum B:**

May 15, 2023

Dear South Dakota Regional Convention Committee:

2024 is quickly approaching and we are currently reaching out to the Regional Committee to offer to host the 2024 South Dakota Regional Convention in Sioux Falls.

Conventions are not easy to plan, both financially and the need of people to make it a success. We have many people who have signed up to help make the convention a big success.

We would like to have our first meeting in Sioux Falls soon so that we can start fundraising ideas and meeting as a committee. I would appreciate an answer from the committee as soon as possible.

Please email Jennifer with as much information that you can about the regional guidelines and how we can get started and join forces to put on a great South Dakota Regional Convention in September of 2024. We want to bridge the gap and make this a successful convention with the help from all involved.

Chair:  
Jennifer  
Phone:  
Email:

Co-Chair:  
Tommy  
Phone:  
Email: