

## **April 2014 Midwest Region GSR Teleconference Minutes**

### **April 19, 2014**

Chair opened call. Delegate lead group in the Serenity Prayer. Chair read Tradition 4 and Concept 4.

Roll Call:        Munster, IN – Diana K  
                     Topeka, KS – Terri S  
                     Branson, MO – Christine Z  
                     Kansas City, MO – Rod S  
                     Maryland Heights, MO – Barb  
                     Elmhurst, IL – Katherine  
                     Homewood, IL – Bill S  
                     Rockford, IL (Tues) – Roy Y  
                     Springfield, IL – Linda

RSC:              Chair – Tonia M  
                     Delegate – Jan F  
                     Alternate Delegate – Ruth M  
                     Outreach Chair – Mike Z  
                     Mentor – Tawnee

**Teleconference Minutes:** Proposed minutes have been sent out. After discussion, approval of proposed minutes has been tabled.

**Treasurer Report:** Proposed financial reports have been sent out. After discussion, approval of financial reports has been tabled.

**Outreach Challenge:** The May Monthly Outreach Challenge is not ready. Please use one of the many previous Monthly Challenges for your group's outreach.

**Delegate Report:** Jan F and Ruth M have sent out a report on the CAR/CAT vote tally for our region. Thank you for your participation, voices and votes during this exhausting process! All this work culminates in having our Delegate and Alternate Delegate as prepared as possible for carrying the Midwest Region's vote and voice to the 2014 Nar-Anon World Service Conference. 10 home groups sent in tally votes on the CAR motions. 7 home groups voted and/or had input on the CAT materials. Two of the proposed motions (#13 & #54 – ruled "out of order") ended up in a tie vote within the region. A tie vote essentially cancels out any regional vote on the conference floor. Please discuss those motions with your home group, and provide to our representatives any further thoughts, ideas or concerns. One item that will be addressed with WSO staff will be how to improve the lines of communication between WSO and our region. Any group discussion points on other motions (especially motions 1, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19 or 20) where there was a mixed vote would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to email those points to Jan F

([naranon@scorpio57.com](mailto:naranon@scorpio57.com)) or Ruth M ([ruthnowhere@gmail.com](mailto:ruthnowhere@gmail.com)). A question/answer session followed. The vote of the region will be made according to our regional tally sheet. There may be changes in the vote if additional information is provided during the Conference; motions are amended which change the original motion; or it becomes clear that the motion is “not good for the region” or the fellowship. Due to how quickly things move, it may not be possible to call or otherwise inform the RSC of changes. A vote of confidence was given to our Delegate and Alternate Delegate to carry the regional voice and vote. Our program speaks to “trusting the process” and letting go of the need to control. It has been suggested that Nar-Anon adopt NA’s brochure concerning meeting accessibility. Upon further query, the Nar-Anon fellowship has decided to use only member written literature, phasing out other fellowship literature, as we develop our own CAL (conference approved literature). All Nar-Anon literature pieces are written from the experience, strength and hope (ESH) of our own members. There are literature writing guidelines, and a process for submission of proposed pieces, which any member of the fellowship can utilize. One or more members of this region are welcome to write any literature for which they feel strongly or have personal experience. Proposed literature should be sent to the Literature Committee and/or the Serenity Connection.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Purchase of banners has been tabled until June or July.
2. GSR questionnaire has been tabled.
3. Interim positions for Treasurer, Secretary and Convention Committee (1 from each state) are open and in need of filing in order to fully conduct regional business. Please see the GLS (Guide to Local Services) 6-2 and 6-7 for a list of qualifications and responsibilities.
4. A flyer was sent on April 9 regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly. This flyer will be placed on the region’s web site ([www.naranonmidwest.org](http://www.naranonmidwest.org)). Please take copies of this flyer to your home group meetings, and encourage member attendance at our Assembly. Please send any other workshop topics or any suggestions for the Business portion of the Assembly to Tonia M Chair ([tonia4moore@yahoo.com](mailto:tonia4moore@yahoo.com)).

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Several motions and amendments were made concerning possible volunteers for open service positions – especially if not fulfilling all responsibilities of the role or for the full term. The GLS (Guide to Local Service) has been adopted as our guidelines for conducting regional business, except where amended by regional vote at Assembly. Lengthy discussion was held, along with questions and opinions being offered by GSRs and RSC members. Rod S has offered to act as Interim Treasurer until the Assembly. Rod S will step down as GSR, and afford another group member the opportunity to serve as GSR. Christine Z has offered to assist with the secretarial role, but cannot fill all the duties at this time, given her service commitment to her own home group. Christine Z does not feel that the timing is right to permit another GSR

- to step in, nor does she want to give up her vote as a GSR member. Luanne K is no longer a GSR, and has service experience within the region. An Amended Motion was made and seconded: Until the next Assembly election, Rod S will fill the RSC role of Interim Treasurer and that Luanne K, working with Christine Z, will act as Interim Secretary. Amended Motion passed with a vote of: 8/0/1.
2. Three suggestions for workshops/leaders are Outreach and In reach – Mike Z; 12 Steps – Joseph L; Traditions/Concepts – Jan F & Ruth M. Another suggestion was made for a workshop on “How to have a healthy meeting.” The Assembly Committee will finalize the details for workshops, mindful of the need for sufficient time for the Regional Business Meeting.
  3. A request was made by the Assembly Committee for \$300.00 to help with initial costs for the Assembly. Motion approved unanimously to authorize \$300.00 of regional funds to be sent to the Assembly Committee to assist with initial costs of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly. Christine Z will request this money as needed.
  4. The region’s bank account remains open, pending supplying all necessary documentation to the bank.
  5. A brief discussion was held on the use of Roberts Rules of Order to conduct teleconferences, which may be addressed at the Business Meeting, Annual Assembly.

**FRIENDLY REMINDERS:**

1. Please send proposed topics or motions to be added to the agenda for future GSR teleconferences to Tonia M Chair ([tonia4moore@yahoo.com](mailto:tonia4moore@yahoo.com)).
2. A location for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly (2015) is being sought. If your home group (or several home groups), is interested in hosting the next Assembly, please contact Chair Tonia M ([tonia4moore@yahoo.com](mailto:tonia4moore@yahoo.com)).
3. If any member is interested in assisting with various needed projects, or working on any portion of the Assembly, please email Christine Z ([ozarksnewhorizon@yahoo.com](mailto:ozarksnewhorizon@yahoo.com)).
4. To ensure that your home group’s information is correct, please regularly check the following web sites: WSO ([www.nar-anon.org](http://www.nar-anon.org)) and Regional ([www.naranonmidwest.org](http://www.naranonmidwest.org)). If you have any closings (due to holidays) or other information of special note (accessibility, interpreters, etc.), please email Rod S ([rodsee1947@gmail.com](mailto:rodsee1947@gmail.com)) to add to your home group meeting information.

Having no other business, the teleconference call was adjourned.

Next meeting: Saturday, May 17, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanne K  
Secretary Pro Tem