



## MWR RSC April 2018 Telecon Minutes

**When: Saturday, April 7th – 8AM Central**

### Chair call to Order 8:00 AM CST

Open with the Serenity Prayer led by Cathy  
Tradition 12 and Concept 12 read by Cathy  
Recording #151

### Roll Call: Cathy

Chair – Dale	Treasurer – Rod	Convention – Victoria
Secretary – Cathy	Delegate – Ruth	Outreach - Leanne
Past Chair - Cyndee	Alt. Delegate – Theresa	Nara-Teen - Kathy

### Approval of Minutes:

**MOTION:** Motion to accept Minutes from **March 6, 2018** as written.

Motion to approve: Leanne

Seconded by: Rod

No discussion - Unanimously approved

*Refer to attendees listed above*

*Final tally: 6 yes – 0 no – 0 abstain*

### Financial Report: Treasurer, Rod

*(See attached Treasurer Report to be reviewed with GSRs.)*

3 donations

No expenses

Budget versus Actual : new group literature, IL, Arlington Heights have not responded if they need

### Outreach Report: Outreach Committee Chair, Leanne

Looked at roster several opened & closed within one year

Outreach for GSR so they do not get discouraged

Mentorship should be helpful

Cathy will keep attending roster for GSR meeting

Outreach monthly challenges in 2014

Group of 3 RSC members put together

Might look into this

History

Help GSR with engagement in their community

Leanne looking to reach out to help GSR

People unable to attend meeting: inconvenience to attend meeting

Leanne will use roster & may reach out

### Convention Report: Convention Committee Chair, Victoria

OK convention

AR Valley Convention

Sent email to add some other conventions

Spoke to Karen about convention for MidWest Region

Rod - Has spoken about this in the past. 6 months after business meeting. Difficult as we are so spread out.

Cyndee - Are we mature enough as a region to host 2 events?

Victoria - Assembly & convention all in one?



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Rod - We currently have assembly & convention now, what would you do in addition?

Victoria - Speaker. share on topic. Discussion. Maybe adding more into assembly.

Rod - Business Friday & Convention on Saturday.

Cyndee - Never had Midwest Convention. Hear wonderful comments in other regions. Significant on operating budget that allows more impact with their regions. Might be time to give it a shot.

Victoria - World this year. Encourage our group to attend.

Leanne - Are conventions attended on their own or paid by group?

Victoria - Pay on own.

Dale - Stretch assembly into Sunday morning. No groups willing to sponsor the assembly this year.

### Website Report: Webmaster, Rod

No report

### Delegate Report: Delegate and Alternate Delegate, Ruth and Theresa

Votes coming in. Currently have 9 groups, normally receive about 12 groups.

Agenda came in

New piece for fellowship review- will forward out

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53714efae4b0db8de8cdfaf8/t/5aba515270a6adbe9b80fe5c/1522159955714/Service+Sponsors+and+Our+Trusted+Servants+18-03-26.pdf>

### Old Business:

1. Discussion about purpose/goals of assembly-how to inspire others to serve-thoughts
  - a. Service in GSR - RSC positions
  - b. Victoria - Have NA members in groups. Guide to Local Service states: NA members can not take these positions. Can only be a group chair. Reason behind that. Open to this?
  - c. Ruth - Discussed a few WSC ago. decided to keep. Can hold any position except GSR. Reason felt Nar-Anon programs are different relationship NA is focused on addict/addiction. Voting above group level concern Nar-Anon could be affected, difficult to keep separate. NA is a life saving. Decisions to be whole. Difficult group conscious on this topic.
  - d. Victoria - If person has been in NA for 35 years & now has a child in addiction. Now they need Nar-Anon.
  - e. Dale will drop from agenda

Email after meeting pertaining to Victoria's comment about NA Members serving as GSR/Alt GSR or RSC member.

From Rod - April 7, 2018 12:47 PM CST

Victoria,

*Wanted to pass on some experiences and thoughts about NA members serving as a GSR or possibly a RSC member.*

*Within the past year, this issue came up with an individual that was considering becoming an Alternate GSR but was also a member of NA. She was aware of the section in the GLS that discussed this. The issue was discussed with Ruth and Theresa and we essentially told her that she could serve if she considered Nar-Anon to be her primary program and as long as her group was aware of her ties to NA and voted to have her serve.*

*In my home group, there have been many members that also belong to AA or NA - most of them belong to AA. I find their shares to be very insightful since they can share from 2 different perspectives. Although none of them have shown a desire to become a GSR, I would not hesitate to support this if they decided to do so.*

*The 'Guidelines to Local Service' are a guideline, not a policy or procedure. Most groups and our Region does not follow everything to a 't' that is discussed in the document. Examples: Many groups do not follow the 'Prudent Reserve' guideline. The Region does not follow the 'Signatures on Bank Account' guideline that requires 2 signatures on every check.*

*As Ruth mentioned this morning, when this was brought up at a World Service Conference, it was a very controversial subject with one side winning out by vote - probably not by consensus. I do see the opposing viewpoint but this should be handled in another manner rather than stating they cannot serve as a GSR.*

*I believe that your group should have the ability to do what the group decides to do by having a Group Conscience meeting and everything being brought out at that time. I further believe that if this issue came up concerning someone running for the RSC, it should be decided in a similar manner.*



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*'Take what you want and leave the rest.'*

From Ruth - April 7, 2018 1:18 PM CST

*'Hi Rod, Thanks so much for sharing. I do agree with all that you said.'*

2. How do we want to plan the GSR call to review region and world website, they like idea of search bar; or perhaps index
  - a. Leanne, Ruth, Kathy S have used....
  - b. Rod & Cathy C went through via Go To Meeting
    - i. Announce during next GSR that there will be a session
    - ii. Dale will add to GSR agenda
3. Minutes for change of signatures on bank account. This is now being completed with Rods help
  - a. Contact Rod has been working with , not gotten any further
4. Update on how the GSR minutes are looking-Cathy (is it doable?) RSC minutes for Jan?
  - a. Cathy still working. Will add to website & then inform Dale when all loaded
5. Update on the IL, Geneva Sunday night meeting, The Sunday meeting has been dropped region and world, thanks Rod
6. Update on the new Illinois group,
  - a. Started last Sunday
7. Anything on the tally sheet or WSC survey, or lit priority list? Any updates?

Ruth - 9 surveys Dale-Shannon still working. Voting pretty clear on motions. Literature, everyone is all over the place. Will add all number, average & prioritizes.

Rod - Add them all up & then organize from totals...Ruth will do this

Ruth - Can report at GSR.

Theresa - Need better job at new literature out to the group. Tally left blank the survey questions.

Ruth - Had to ask for literature

Theresa will send reminder email to GSR that have not responded

Dale will add to GSR call
8. Talk about the region taking responsibility for assembly breakout speakers.
  - a. Hold till next month
9. Leanne, what is your plan to help the GSRs with getting more people to meetings
  - a. See above in Outreach section
  - b. One page walk through world/region websites: will send out & discuss with RSC

### New Business:

1. Narateen with Kathy S
  - a. Starting group in her region
  - b. Looking for guidelines
  - c. Received document from WSO from Florida region from Joni
  - d. Who pays for background checks--
    - i. State & National background around \$20
    - ii. Need to create a file for those who have gone through check

Ruth - Guidelines exist, Voted in a few years ago. Submitted WSO Nara-Teen documents.

Rod - Not on website...if in assembly regional Ruth will find them.

Dale - Is there a reason for us not to post to.

Rod - Create a special section.

Theresa - Guide to Local/ World Service Narateen section is about to be changed during WSO assembly.

Victoria - Had a teen in her meeting

Ruth - Not opposed for Region to pay for background check. Agree by Dale



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Cyndee- State requirements did we want to give guidance for state specific, or take most restrictive state & use that across the region. Dale remembers that is where discussion landed. Clearinghouse to make available for background checks, no final end point. standardize with checklist

Email after meeting pertaining to Narateen

From Ruth - April 7, 2018 1:04 PM CST

*'Hi Everyone,*

*The safety guidelines are contained in these documents. I know they were voted in at the assembly and also given to the World Narateen Committee more than once by Janis. I believe it is required that the region have voted on and assembly and submitted guidelines. Kathy I truly appreciate your looking into this more. Some of the work is done already but it would be great to simplify them if possible. I know the background checks and legal requirements for working with children vary from place to place. The proposed motions from Narateen seem to have been somewhat simplified from where they were at some points in the committee discussions for which I am glad. Jonni from FL knows a lot and has experience. She knows what is currently needed..The keeper of the facilitator information was also decided at the assembly.*

*In service, Ruth*

*- some of this information should be on the website with the information from the Assembly 2015 Janis did a powerpoint too at the assembly which was excellent.'*

This was forwarded from email sent from Ruth - Oct 19, 2017 8:30 PM CST

*'Hi Kathy,*

*These are the guidelines for Narateen for our region. Janis spent a lot of time working on understanding them and she also had a background in education which was helpful because you simply are aware of the need to protect children and be safe. I am also attaching the guidelines that were approved in 2014 and are currently required to be followed by all Narateen groups. When Janis wrote the midwest region guidelines we had also been involved with the World Narateen committee so some additional items were added with the hope of this guideline being current for awhile. Working with teens is a beautiful gift and recovery does save young lives of children affected by this disease who are often carrying the weight of the world on their young shoulders with no recovery tools or relationships to cope. i would be happy to speak with you. I am sure Janis would as well.*

*In service,*

*Ruth*

*text or phone call is best to reach me I do not always keep up with email- at times emails stack and other times i just don't see them. 630-864-7221'*

7 attachments included

**Additional information on WSO: <http://www.nar-anon.org/search?q=narateen>**

From Kathy - April 11, 2018 4:49 PM CST

*'Ruth, this is exactly what I was looking for!!! I do feel we might need to clarify a few things:*

*\*What service should we use background checks*

*\*Who is the keeper of the background checks as of this date*

*\*Who is the contact for those who want to start a program*

*Yours in service,'*

2. GSR Teleconference Agenda for May

3. Speak Up: Anything else you wish to add?

Rod - Place on agenda. mentoring review

Rod send out email to list to obtain information & invite to RSC meeting Mentors 8:45 for their portion

Cyndee - Feedback from mentees. - loop back to Leanne

Theresa - 2 separate calls Tradition 4 promoting autonomy promoting dependency.

Split up Mentor & Mentee in different RSC/GSR calls.

Conference call ended at 9:31 AM CST April 7, 2018

Next RSC Teleconference: Saturday, May 5th, 8AM Central

Respectfully submitted by Kathy