Nar-anon and Midwest region History

The first Nar-Anon World Service Conference (WSC) was held in 2006. Delegates from regions and countries all over the world gathered to carry out the business of Nar-Anon as a whole.

Shortly thereafter in 2007 an attempt was made in the Midwest to form a region. Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio met but unfortunately those early efforts to form a region did not work out.

October 2009 Springfield IL - 26 members of the soon to be new Midwest region voted to join together.

IL : Springfield (6), Pana (1), Chicago(3), Homewood (2)

Indiana : Munster (2), Muncie (1), Camby (2)

MO : Des Paires (2), St. Louis (1)

At this time there were approx 20 groups in the new region.

Karen from the Nar-Anon board of trustees was present.

The Midwest region now has a voice and vote in choosing to send a delegate to the biannual WSC. This is a service to Nar-Anon as a whole.

The newly elected Regionsl Service Committee (RSC) consisted of representitives from 3 of the states that made up the region.

Sheila G from Indiana was elected Chair

Ron K from Illinois was elected Vice-chair

Sharon S from Missouri was elected Secretary

Joseph L from Missouri was elected Treasurer

Tawnee from Indiana was elected Delegate

Kathy K from Illinois was elected Alt Delegate.

It was noted that Kansas was invited to be part of this region as Kansas City is part of Missouri and Kansas.

Chair rotated during first 2 years of the region 3 times

Sheila G 2009

Ron 2010

Robin 2011

Luanne 2012

Tonia

Cyndee

Dale

Delegates:

Tawnee 2009

Jan (first alt delegate sent in 2012)

Ruth

Teresa

Assembly locations:

Springfield, IL

St. Louis, MO

Springfield, IL

St. Louis, MO

Homewood, IL

Branson, MO

Addison, IL

Chesterfield, MO

Olathe, KS

Chesterfield, MO

Addison, IL

Website - first website in region was in Kansas area

Luanne reserved the current web address in 2012/2013

2014: Rod from Kansas and Terri from Naperville IL began developing the regional website in earnest; posting members shares, helpful links and other recovery related writing from the region plus much much more.

Today the website is one of our greatest outreach tools and it ensures there is service communication. Rod continues to faithfully serve as our webmaster.

In closing I would like to thank all those who have faithfully served the fellowship in the Midwest region. We did experience some growing pains in the early years but those struggles drove us to study the traditions and refocus on our purpose. As a result, many wonderful writings and shares strengthened the practice of recovery in our family groups and service structure. Writing on traditions from Midwest in the serenity connection have supported Nar-anon as a whole.

Ron one of our first region chair persons would close the meetings he led with the following words- I echo his sentiments:

“I realize everyone’s life is busy but he remembers how it felt when he first came to Nar-Anon and how important it is for others that Nar-Anon be there for other people when they need it.”

That is why we serve- to overflow and give to others the recovery that was freely given to us.

The minutes of the first meeting and members attending can be found on the [Conference Call Meeting Minutes](http://www.naranonmidwest.org/member-services/gsr-conference-calls/conference-call-meeting-minutes/) page of our website at the bottom of the page.