

## Colorado Regional Service Committee Minutes

March 18, 2007  
Wheat Ridge, CO

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**Open** - Serenity Prayer

**Roll Call**

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Treasurer
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- RD
- RDA
- Webservant
- Boulder – 1
- Mile Hi – 2
- Mountains West – 1
- Off The Wall – 2
- Pikes Peak – 1
- Serenity Unlimited – 1
- Southern – 0
- Mountain High – 1
- Hospitals and Institutions – position open
- Public Information
- CRCNA Chair
- CRCNA Vice Chair – position open
- CRCNA Treasurer

Visitor – Jay B. – Mile High Area

Visitor – Shandell – Mile High Area

Visitor – Alan S. – Mile High Area

Visitor – Jay M. – Mile High Area

Visitor – Dawn S. – Mile High Area

Visitor – Red – Off The Wall Area

Visitor – John – Mountain High Area

**Approval of January Minutes – APPROVED**

**Chair Report**

No written report – turned in storage locker key  
Last business meeting

**Vice Chair Report**

Greetings fellow addicts,

First off, let me apologize for my absence at the January meeting of the CRSC. I had another service commitment and as it only comes up once a year and knew that all would be well without me, I chose to attend that meeting instead. That meeting is scheduled for February next year, so we should not have a conflict with next January's CRSC.

I do not have anything to report beyond the information that I will provide later on the progress of the BOD Ad-Hoc committee, however I do have an item of discussion that I wish to bring up during the Open Discussion portion of the meeting.

At each regional meeting I am approached by some members that have an issue with the timing of the meeting. Specifically, this meeting straddles the lunch hour, beginning in the later part of the morning and extending into mid-afternoon. We normally do not break for lunch but instead, we take several short breaks and attempt to plow through the business. Some have suggested that a lunch break is necessary and that we take a 30 to 60 minute break at mid-day. I wanted to therefore introduce some discussion around the issue so that we can determine the best course of action. I understand that 5+ hours is too long for some of us to go without lunch and I also understand that particularly for our addicts that must drive some distance to get here that there is a desire to handle the business and get back on the road. Please spend some time contemplating the issue today so that we can have a nice, lively discussion about it later.

Lastly, I wanted to take a moment to thank Torri for her love, her support, her commitment and her service. I personally, will miss having her here.

ILS

Earl H.

## Opening Treasurer Report

### CRSC TREASURER'S REPORT

**14-Apr-07**

**Opening CRSCNA Balance - March 18, 2007           \$3,055.50**

<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Check #</b>	
NAWS			
Donut Hole	\$100.00	271	BOD Adhoc x 2, Regional Meeting
Earl H.	\$25.00	272	BOD Adhoc
Regional Assembly (Jayme Simpson)	\$400.00	274	
Symposium Electricity (Jayme Simpson)	\$25.00	274	
Alan H	\$31.73	275	
Country Inn	\$100.00	276	
RD & RDA	\$1,010.00	277,278	
NAWS (Mile High Area Basic Texts)	\$1,552.00	279	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,243.73</b>		

<b>Receipts:</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>YTD 07</b>
Boulder Area	\$574.11	2227	\$747.75
Mile High Area			
Mountain High Area			
Mountains West Area			
Off The Wall Area	\$100.00		\$100.00
Pikes Peak Area	\$200.00		\$400.00
Serenity Unlimited Area			
Southern Area			
Clean and Serene Group			\$216.24
Really Last Chance Group			\$18.79
Golden Group	\$12.50		\$19.50
CRCNA XX			\$10,123.29
Turning Point Group	\$7.00		\$7.00
True Blue Group	\$29.09		\$29.09
Northside Young in Recovery	\$17.05		\$17.05
Crestone Group	\$40.00		\$40.00
NA Way Group	\$36.00		\$36.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,015.75</b>		<b>\$11,754.71</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,243.73</b>		

**Ending CRSCNA Balance - March 18, 2007           \$827.52**

**Opening CRSCNA Balance - April 14, 2007           \$827.52**

Being held for Mountain West Paid to Sandy D. Mountains  
West Check 273

**Opening Bank Balance - April 14, 2007           \$827.52**

**Chuck C, CRSC Treasurer**

## **RD Report**

Since January:

- I attended the Off the Wall Area Service committee meeting on Sunday February 4, 2007,
- I participated in the Regional PI presentation in Colorado Springs Jan 28, 2007.
- Requested world service participation at RMZF annual meeting July 28, 2007 in Grand Junction, CO
- I helped the Incorporation Ad-Hoc with the work at hand.

Upcoming Commitments:

- Prepare for Regional Assembly April 14, 2007 in Colorado Springs
- Prepare for RMZF annual meeting in July

The road trips through the areas were a positive learning experience for me, and I plan on one more swing through each area before the April 2008 Regional Assembly. I would like to start the road trips a bit earlier and visit our Western Slope Areas in September, however I am sure more will be revealed.

I am planning to attend the Worldwide Workshop in Lincoln, NE May 11-13. Since I did not submit a proposal for reimbursement of expenses, I will need to make this an item for discussion today.

Submitted in Loving Service,  
Don T

## **RDA/Outreach Report**

In doing further Outreach to the Southern Area, I found out that the Southern Area Service Committee has in fact not met in the past few months. The SASC currently consists of Jill, Secretary and Vickie, H&I Chair. I contacted Vickie and told her I would update her on the information for the Regional Assembly in April in Colorado Springs.

I also got in touch with Joshua, Secretary of the group in Crestone which meets regularly. I will also follow up with him on details of the Regional Meeting.

I plan on attending the Worldwide Workshop in Lincoln, NE in May with Don.

Steve K  
RDA, CRSCNA  
Outreach, CRSCNA

## Webservant Report

Colorado Regional Meeting List last Update 03/06/2007  
PI and H&I message boards are ready to start.

### Web Stats:

Month	Unique Visitors	Number of Visits
January 2006	1477	2668
February 2006	1398	2337
March 2006	1625	2758
April 2006	1663	2759
May 2006	1512	2534
June 2006	1546	2757
July 2006	1676	2818
August 2006	1647	2883
September 2006 (to date)	1739	3031
October 2006	1599	2536
November 2006	1413	2335
December 2006	1435	2347
January 2007	1605	2652
February 2007	1367	2173
March 2007 to date	889	1465
Daily Averages 03/2007	57.35	91.56

Traffic remains flat – I guess that means we are carrying the message!  
There are however two more items that I need to address.

The first is that somehow I have given the impression that in order to post an Area website on nacolorado certain software is required. That would be exclusionary and contrary to the spiritual principles I strive to serve by. Areas are not required to use any particular computer program to post their sites to nacolorado, nor are areas required to even have their web site hosted by nacolorado. The web site nacolorado is provided as a service to our areas and was created to provide an economy of scale. When the Region embarked on this project, we believed it would be a more prudent use of the funds to which we have been entrusted with to provide the means for Areas to create, maintain and update web sites under our umbrella. Any area who decides that is a better use of their funds to pay for their own web hosting is free to do so, I only request that the Areas who choose to do so, please inform me so I can update the links on the nacolorado web site. Currently the nacolorado web site costs \$6.95 a month and in my opinion that is a very prudent use of our funds.

The second is I have finally come to a decision, I will not accept another nomination to be the nacolorado web servant, while I have greatly enjoyed watching the region grow and facilitating that growth through the nacolorado web site. Due to life on life's terms, I no longer have the time, my most precious resource these days, these days to continue to be of service to the region in this capacity. I will be happy to mentor any willing addict to take over the creation of content and maintaining the applications that are currently part of the web site. It has been my great pleasure to serve the Region in this capacity, but the time for a new voice to be heard has without a doubt come. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Submitted in Loving Service,  
Don T

### QUESTIONS

How do we show up on web browsers? – we compete with commercial interests for browser listings and do not have the time or resources to ensure a top of first page listing.

### **CRCNA XXI Chair Report**

We held our third subcommittee meeting on March 10th and had a good turn out. We elected a chair for Print and Display and the only other chair position open is CI&W. The theme and logo was chosen and the theme will be "Back to Basics" there were seven entries total for the contest. This will now get the merchandise committee working on pre convention merchandise for our events. Most of the committee chairs submitted their budgets for this convention cycle and I will compile it and submit it with my report at the May CRSC meeting. I set up a meeting with myself and our H&H Chair with the hotel manager and banquet manager on March 8th just so everyone could get to know each other and discuss some of the details of the contract.

All the other committees are starting to meet on a regular basis and I will be attending as many meetings as possible. I am hoping we elect a Vice Chair today so I can share the load so to speak. The F&E committee made the suggestion of attending different area events as well as our own where the merchandise and registration committee could set up for the events. Our kick off event pancake breakfast will be held in late April or early May. Speaking of events, the merchandise committee will be attending the Unity Day 2 event to sell what we have left over from last year and maybe some pre convention merchandise. They will also be attending the Entertainment Extravaganza on April 14th after the Regional Assembly I will be in attendance at these events as well. I did not get to attend the MHASC service extravaganza due to a prior commitment and for that I do apologize as I heard that a booth was set up for CRCNA. Again I hope we can elect a Vice Chair so I will be able to have a back up if I cannot attend an event.

Our next subcommittee meeting will be held on April 21st at a location TBA as the Assembly is on the same day as our regular meeting is held.

In Loving Service,  
Marilou L. CRCNA XXI Chair

### **CRCNA XXI Vice Chair Report**

No written report – position is open – position filled later in meeting

### **CRCNA XXI Treasurer's Report**

Beginning Balance for March	\$ 5,002.14
Expense (Administrative) (-)	48.60
Feb Interest Paid (+)	.28
Ending Balance for March	\$ 4,953.82

The only active credit card machine was turned off effective 2/10/07. The second credit card machine had been turned off previously.

## **Public Information (PI) Report**

First let me take a moment, to thank you all for allowing me to again serve on this Regional Committee and participate as a voting member. I hope you find my tenure in this position, acceptable.

The past two months, I have indeed begun work, regarding the regional PI Committee. I attended the 33th Annual Conference on Addictions in Colorado Springs, held late this past January. I would like to thank Jamie and all of the other addicts in the Colorado Springs area, who attended and represented our fellowship well. They arranged through a contact in other region to have a large displays shipped to Colorado Springs and utilized at the conference. I was able to assist in the setup of the booth and spent the first day there with several other members of our fellowship. All in all would have to say that it was a very successful week. Hundreds of contacts were made, sharing with professionals in the addictions field information about Narcotics Anonymous.

Some specific contacts were made, which have been followed up on from professionals requesting additional information. One item of interest I would like to share with you is in regards to a professional who approached our booth and began to regale us with stories of running a meeting at her facility. It became obvious rather quickly that she had limited knowledge of

N. A. perhaps even the concept of being clean/sober. I contacted the W.S.O. and spoke with an employee in "Member Services." The discussion was initiated in response to a request by members of the Colorado Springs Area and was based on the question, "how do we approach, situations like this, as they arise."

The response was simply that we as a Fellowship would not discourage, a nonmember from presenting in any meeting. It is suggested that an appropriate could be help to familiarize this person with our Fellowship and the way in which we conduct our meetings. Even when our help and suggestions are not accepted, we are grateful that the term "Narcotics Anonymous" is used in a treatment facility. Another matter discussed was the evolution of Public Information possibly becoming Public Relations. I plan to give a slightly more detailed description of this at our Regional Assembly. And lastly, I have been getting names and contacts and hope to have a small gathering at the Regional Assembly next month for those active in PI statewide.

In loving service,  
Alan H. regional PI chair  
Notes following report:  
Mountain Hi Area requests help with PI

## **H&I Report**

No written report – position is open

## **RCM REPORTS**

### **Boulder**

The Boulder Area met on Feb. 4th and again on March 4th.

#### New Meetings:

The Return at Noon meeting which had been meeting on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday's have extended this to 5 days week, adding Tuesday & Thursday.

Meeting is located at:

1st Baptist Church 1235 Pine St , Boulder. Northwest Ramp Entrance, meets from 12 to 1pm M-F

We had Area elections at the last meeting, all positions were open for new elected members:

#### Filled Area Positions:

Chair: Karen M. (new)

Vice Chair: Stevie Ray (new)

PI: Heather K. (new)

H&I: Ryan C. (new)

Phone Line: Joel C. (Retained)

RCM 1: Joel C. (Retained)

Activities: Mindy (Retained)

Literature: Jim S. (new)

CRCNA Liaison: Stevie Ray (Retained)

#### Open Area Positions:

Secretary

Web Servant

Treasurer

RCM 2

#### H&I Report:

Joel C. made the report as the temp Boulder County Jail meeting representative. Meeting has great support, hoping to move to twice a month.

Women's meeting has been temporarily suspended because we don't have the support from females to take meeting into Jail.

Adams county Men's jail meeting is going well

No other report, because H&I was just filled at last Area

PI Report: None, position just filled at last Area Meeting

#### Events:

Clean for Today Meeting in Longmont sponsored a St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck party. With a speaker meeting at Noon on 3-17.

#### Upcoming Events:

Nothing is planned for the next month

#### Donation to Region:

\$574.11

#### In Grateful Service

Joel C.

RCM-Boulder Area

### **Mile High**

No written report

Budget procedure put in place last year, subcommittees are short of funds due to lack of donations

Need literature and phoneline chair in June

Events – Unity Day – Saturday, March 24

Clean and Serene is putting on a CampVention in July

Discussion of Mile High Area's budget issues

### **Mountains West**

Overall seems to be up, we are wondering locally if this is because the disease is sending us more people or if our message of recovery is reaching more ears...

The project to raise funds for literature for the rifle prison is going well and I will be bringing t-shirts down to Denver... Is there anyone that doesn't need a "it's a f\*\*\*king miracle " shirt???

The Monday night "NA way" meeting would like to contribute \$35 to region.... and has planned another pot luck for some time in April....

The Saturday "road to recovery" meeting has seen more support from the recovery community, we are grateful...now serving fresh cookies!!!!

The meetings in Glenwood are still well attended, and some have expressed interest in the world convention.....

I have been unable to make it to Rifle in last two months... but we did have a visitor from Meeker for a couple of weeks in Carbondale...

Just to let everyone know, there is recovery in the mountains of Colorado.....

In grateful service

Sandy D.

### **Mountain High**

Good morning to all,

New meeting in Craig, Co. Saturdays, at 630 Green St. at the 1st. Congregational Church, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm, N/S,C/D. Contacts: Marty, 651-373-0334 or Tom 989-245-6265.

New meeting in Steamboat Spgs. Co. Tuesdays at 437 Oak St. 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, O,Step study. Contacts: Reece, 970-846-2220,(at this time I don't know if there is someone willing to be a contact).

After CRCNA XX, attendance has doubled at all three Steamboat NA meetings. We average 15 addicts at all of the NA meetings in Stmbt, Thank you CRCNA for helping carry the message.

Mtn High Area Service Committee has yet to be formed. I will bring this need up to the Stmbt, Craig, and Meeker groups to see who is willing to be of service to the Area.

Grateful to be of service, Reece F., RCM Mtn. High Area

## **Off The Wall**

Our area met on March 4, 2007 @the Pulliam Bldg. 545 N Cleveland, Loveland. We will be rotating on to Greeley for the next 3 months. We brought some of our Area T-shirts, on sale \$20.

Our only group in Wray-D.O.A. group has closed but our Ft Morgan is back on the map! The group "Souls Surviving," has 3 meetings a week @ 109 Beaver St (M-Th-Fri). They have a GSR and are attending ASC; complete w/home group members, we are thrilled.

We had a spaghetti dinner/Speaker-Game night w/Dan A, from Mile High spoke on Sat March 17th. We are starting a new quarter of Capture the Banner; winner was Never Alone, Never Again.

We look forward to hosting the Regional Assembly, no word yet on details, because of our new Activity sub-committee chair just being elected.

H & I:

As reported last Region, we now take a meeting into Harmony Treatment center every Friday, it is an open meeting and we schedule different home groups throughout Off The Wall Area to bring the NA message, if any other Area would like to schedule a home group to go up to Estes, contact Joey H. (970) 577-6165. We have formed a sub-committee/outreach position to work w/Harmony, thank you Joey!

PI: Open

CRCNA XXI: Our Area is now disbursing \$10 each meeting to our Liaison, for gas.

We have elected a new Secretary, Richard. A new Activities chair, Britt H. and Lindsay C. has taken on the Newsletter committee.

Our Area is thriving and attendance at our ASC meetings is amazing! We are patiently waiting for some more information on the BOD, as well as the proposed Consolidation of the phone-lines.

However, our Area is fairly new in Recovery and we are in need of the Regions experience, strength, and hope in the aspect of education workshops, "What is the basket for", and perhaps a learning day.

Grateful to serve,  
Karen C. RCM 1  
Newt RCM 2

## **Pikes Peak**

The Pikes Peak ASC met on Feb.1st and March 1st, and our donation to the Region is \$200.

Our Area has been conducting an Area Planning Tool for the past two months and it has been very helpful to the Area as a whole. Our planning session goals are:

- \* Positive attitude toward all levels of service
- \* Changing the date, time and location of our ASC meeting
- \* Local Outreach
- \* Moving toward joint services
- \* More support for public relations

Our next Area Planning Meeting is set for April 4th and we hope to begin implementing some strategies at that point. This has been a great opportunity for us to review how we as an Area are doing.

The Pikes Peak Area looks forward to hosting the Regional Assembly on April 14 in Colorado Springs. The location we have selected is the Oddfellows Hall. 575 S. Union Blvd.

The hall will provide us with adequate room as well as the opportunity for an event afterward! We will have morning and afternoon snacks as well as coffee available.

We look forward to many addicts being in attendance, I have been strongly encouraging attendance by our Area as I know many others have also.

There are some addicts in Colorado Springs that are willing to let people stay at their homes that night. Contact me if interested in this, there is also a nearby Days Inn with rooms at about \$50 per night.

The Pikes Peak Area Activities committee invites you and your members to come be a part of the 2nd Annual Entertainment Extravaganza!!

Schedules of events need to be planned for this event, so...

If you have a talent, such as musical instrument, art, singing, poetry reading, etc.

Please contact Tina at [TMK458@comcast.net](mailto:TMK458@comcast.net)

We will also have a chili cook-off, so please participate!

If you make awesome chili, we want to try it.

If you don't make awesome chili, please don't make any, but you can bring other items if you wish. Like tortillas, cheese, crackers, etc.

(Prizes will be available for the winner)

Raffle items!!!

Ice cream sundaes will be sold!

A recommended donation of \$2 to attend, but of course no addict will be turned away!!

Fliers available!!!

Please note that I have attached a copy of my report to World regarding the 33rd Annual Symposium.

The event was awesome and thanks to everyone who attended. I think this is definitely something to be considered annually. Although there are a few things I learned and I will share them here.

First of all the literature we ordered is being returned to Region today. Unfortunately there is a lot of it.

The counts are as follows:

50 Basic Texts

120 Information about NA

119 Membership Survey

128 A resource in your community

41 Intro Guides

410 Am I an Addict?  
395 For the Newcomer  
408 Welcome to NA  
410 Who What How and Why  
135 White Books

Colin's recommendation for literature was highly overshot. My point of view regarding the left over literature is that it either be made available to Areas that need it. Or, that it is used in the furtherance of Public Relations efforts that will come from this event. Originally the thought of saving it for next year's symposium entered my head, but next year we may need to take a different approach with this event financially.

This takes me to my second lesson. You will note in my World report that I addressed the issue of literature with Colin. Colin advised me that World could have purchased the literature and that they would have given away the Basic Texts because they could afford to as the publisher. I told him that would have been great for him to tell me that before we spent the Region's money on literature that we did not sell and could not afford to give away. Next year, we need to pay the booth fee of \$850 and allow World to supply us with literature.

Lastly, again this was a wonderful event! I believe next year we can run the booth with 2 people at a time.

I learned a lot participating in this event and so did so many other addicts. We have spurred some additional interest in PR in the PP area from it. Also, it provided many contacts of which I have brought today. I don't know how to distribute them so please help me at the breaks. They are as follows:

27 Pikes Peak Area  
7 Denver  
11 Southern  
14 Out of State  
5 Unknown

A copy of the literature order invoice, the symposium schedule, booth sitting guidelines and the PR handbook are all being returned today.

A final note, our RCM Alex, has resigned his position; please remove him from the Regional contact list.

In Loving Service,  
Jayme S.

## **Serenity Unlimited**

Dear Family,

Grand Junction has 2 new meetings – a closed women's meeting (Wed 5:30 TMH) & Open Couples (Fri 6:30 Unity Church). This brings the weekly GJ meeting total to 10. Other towns in our area are struggling with perhaps 1 meeting per week.

New Area officers: Chair – Rick R., Vice Chair – Rob (from Telluride), Treasurer – Charlie S. (Telluride)

Open Area Positions: RCM-2, CRCNA (our monthly area meeting takes place same time as CRCNA meetings)

Financial: Recent loss of treasurer accompanied by loss of money. Compounded by loss last year of activities chair who is currently trying to re-pay our area \$25/month for next couple of years. At any rate, we're unable to donate to region today.

Zonal Forum: The most favorable bid came from Country Inn (site of CRCNA in GJ several years ago). Conference room 8-5 Saturday \$175. (Tentative 50 seats theater style – please advise if more or different seating) Block of 12 rooms at \$60/night plus tax. (advise if more rooms needed). \$100 refundable deposit given to hold space (request reimbursement) (bids from Holiday Inn & Doubletree not as good)

List only Michael H. as RCM on contact list

Michael H.  
RCM – Serenity Unlimited

## **Southern**

No report – no representation at meeting

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Nominations and Elections**

CRCNA XXI Vice Chair – Jay B. nominated, approved

### **BOD Discussion**

Greetings fellow addicts,

The BOD Ad-hoc committee has been busy and we have made a great deal of progress. I'd like to thank everyone that has been a part of the committee and helped with this work. Alan H, Alan S, Chuck C, Don T and Linda L. Your help has been appreciated.

I have two documents that I wish to share with you today. I have provided 30 copies of each document. Please, if you are an addict that is here as a member at large and not representing a service board or committee, allow the trusted servants that do serve a service board or committee to obtain one of these copies first. If there are any copies left, I encourage you to take them and freely distribute them to any other addicts that would like to see them. I will term them "nearly finished" as we have another meeting scheduled next month the week before the GSR Assembly to review everything again and make any necessary final changes. As it is, the addict serving as our committee secretary has had a busy week and has not had the opportunity to make any changes from our meeting last week. So, we do know of a few minor changes with regard to syntax and grammar that already will be made, but the overall content of the documents I provide you today are for the most part, complete.

The two documents are a FAQ or Frequently Asked Questions sheet. This document is designed to answer some of the common questions that have been posed to us concerning Incorporation. Please review it and if there are any questions that you think were left off of it or not addressed, please provide your input to me or any member of the Ad-hoc committee prior to our meeting next month and we will address it.

The second document are the proposed by-laws that would govern the BOD's incorporation in the State of Colorado. These by-laws describe for the State of Colorado just how this corporation will run. When it's annual meeting is, who serves on the Board of Directors and how they are elected. Again, please review these documents and pose your questions to me during the portion of the meeting reserved for the Ad-Hoc committee.

It is the intention of the ad-hoc committee to present these two documents to the fellowship at large at the GSR Assembly, where we will propose their official adoption. Then, the GSR's will be able to take these documents back to their groups for discussion and then voted on at the GSR assembly in July. It is important that if you feel there need to be any changes to these documents, please provide your feedback to us before the next meeting of the BOD ad-hoc committee. The date of this meeting is Sunday, April 8th at 1PM at this facility at 26th and Kipling.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

ILS

Earl H

## **PROPOSED INCORPORATION BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I. NAME:**

The name of this corporation shall be the Colorado Region Service Board, inc. hereafter referred to as the CRSB or the Board for the purposes of these By-laws.

### **ARTICLE II PURPOSE:**

The CRSB is a not-for-profit corporation serving within the Colorado Region of Narcotics Anonymous. The purpose of this corporation is to provide information to the public and handle legal, financial, contractual, insurance, and indemnification issues for the Colorado Regional Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. These services may be accomplished through the holding of conventions and such ancillary activities as may then make it possible for the Colorado Regional Service Committee (hereafter the CRSC) to carry the message of recovery from addiction as is found in the Program of Narcotics Anonymous.

The CRSB shall hold and manage in a fiduciary capacity the income produced by any of the activities described above in such a manner that the other purposes outlined or assumed or as may later be assigned are satisfactorily accomplished when such is done within the spirit of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts for NA Service of Narcotics Anonymous. The CRSB shall perform all matters necessary, convenient or helpful to carry out the objectives, duties and purposes of the Corporation.

### **ARTICLE III RELATIONSHIPS**

#### **A. To the Colorado Regional Service Committee (CRSC)**

While the CRSB operates independently of the Colorado Narcotics Anonymous service structure, the CRSB will take directions from the Fellowship of NA through the CRSC. The CRSB adheres to and performs the objectives and duties as contained in the By-laws and the Articles of Incorporation of the CRSB, pursuant to the statutes of the State of Colorado.

#### **B. To Colorado Region Areas, Groups and Members**

The CRSB serves the Areas, Groups and Members of the Colorado Region through the service structure as outlined in the current Narcotics Anonymous Service conference-approved service manual handbook.

### **ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP**

#### **A. Members**

The qualifications for and manner of admission of members shall be regulated by the By-laws of the CRSB. Nominees must be a member of the Colorado Regional Fellowship of NA. The CRSB is nondiscriminatory with regard to age, race, color, religion, lack of religion, sex or sexual preference. Members thus elected to the CRSC shall be designated as the Board of Directors. Administrative Committee members of the CRSC (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Regional Delegate and Regional Delegate Alternate) may be elected to the CRSB but cannot serve as an officer for the CRSB while serving as a CRSC Administrative Committee member. All CRSB members shall abide by and uphold the By-laws of the CRSB; the Guidelines of both the CRSC and CRCNA; and the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts for NA Service of Narcotics Anonymous.

#### **B. Composition of the Board**

The CRSB shall be comprised of ten (10) Board of Directors with the following members:

CRSC Vice Chair or other designee of the CRSC

CRSC Treasurer

Current Colorado Regional Convention (hereafter CRCNA) Chair

Outgoing CRCNA Chair

6 Members-At-Large (hereafter MAL s)

For the purpose of clarification a MAL is defined as an addict in recovery from the Colorado

Region who has served a minimum of one year at the regional level, who has been elected by the CRSB and confirmed by the Fellowship at a Colorado Regional Assembly. Once a has been elected by the CRSB, she or he may function as a Board member with full privileges until confirmed at the next Colorado Regional Assembly after election.

### **C. Nominations and Elections**

The four CRSC members on the CRSB (the CRSC Vice Chair or other designee of the CRSC, the CRSC Treasurer, the current CRCNA Chair, the outgoing CRCNA Chair) shall be the responsibility of the CRSC to provide for the CRSB.

Members-At-Large will be nominated and elected by the CRSB with subsequent at the Colorado Regional Assemblies as outlined above. It should be noted, however, the initial CRSB MAL will be nominated and elected at the CRSC with at the next Colorado Regional Assembly.

### **D. Clean Time Requirements**

All CRSB Board of Directors shall have a minimum of five (5) years continuous clean time in Narcotics Anonymous.

### **E. Term Lengths**

CRSC CRSB members serve commitment terms as outlined by their service position in the CRSC. These members may then, however, be nominated and elected by the Board for another (single) two (2) year term.

CRSB membership terms are a two (2) year commitment. s can only serve two (2) consecutive terms unless deemed necessary by the Board.

Note that to begin a staggering of exiting Board members, the following schedule shall be applied to the first 6 MALs positioned on the CRSB:

MAL Positions 1,2 and 3.: serves an initial three (3) year term if elected and outlined, then if serving, shall have a 2 year term as their second consecutive term.

MAL Positions 4, 5, and 6.: serves an initial two (2) year term if elected and outlined, then if serving, shall have a 2 year term as their second consecutive term.

### **F. Officers of the Board**

The of the CRSB shall be elected by the Board and shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Financial Officer, and Recording Secretary.

## **Frequently Asked Questions About CRSC Incorporation**

### **1) Why are we thinking about incorporating?**

Our trusted servants' personal assets are on the line every time they sign a contract. Although for many of us that does not entail much, our materially successful members should not be at risk for performing service to the fellowship. The Traditions and Concepts of our Fellowship speak to allowing all qualified members to serve, but the current situation may prevent those of our Fellowship who have had some financial success from participating in service. The Fellowship as a whole suffers when some of our members are excluded from service for any reason.

### **2) Why now, when we did it in the past?**

When the Colorado Region incorporated in the past it was because there was a Regional Service Office which, among other things, sold NA literature. That corporation dissolved in 1998, at the direction of the office of the Colorado Secretary of State and had a different purpose and scope. The Colorado Region no longer has a Regional Service Office, nor is it directly in the business of selling merchandise or literature. CRCNA, however --- which is a subcommittee of the Region ---, is a large, annual financial concern which does sell merchandise and also writes contracts to purchase various services and merchandise for its own use and for resale. CRCNA has grown to the point of processing \$40,000 to 80,000 dollars annually through its bank account. The prudent course of action for the Region is to start treating CRCNA, our celebration of recovery, more like a business. Incorporation can protect CRCNA, The Colorado Regional Service Committee and their trusted servants from financial liabilities that may occur in the process of running this business. Incorporation also allows for an institutional memory, as well as some oversight of the financial and contractual tasks associated with our annual convention. NA World Services has issued NAWS bulletin #33 USA Liability Insurance, which states, "We have seen an increase in liability litigation by members and others that can cost thousands of dollars to resolve. This can result in a substantial loss of resources to a group or service body that has no liability insurance coverage."

Although incorporation is not required to obtain liability insurance, it will significantly ease the effort of obtaining liability insurance and bonding. Incorporation, which has been suggested by the Narcotics Anonymous World Service Office, can provide the liability shield for our trusted servants.

### **3) Okay, now I am really confused. What is the deal with this whole liability thing?**

There are two separate issues here that need to be clarified. The word liability means, ". . . an obligation, debt or responsibility owed to someone." When one of our trusted servants signs a contract for services or goods, he or she is, in fact, creating a liability and guaranteeing that the service body will meet its contractual obligations. If those obligations are not met, the service body has the liability to meet the financial obligation. Currently, the trusted servant is putting his or her personal assets (home, vehicle, bank account, continuing salary, etc.) on the line to guarantee performance by the service body for which they are signing the contract.

Incorporation of the Region will shift that liability from the individual trusted servant to the corporation itself. A good example is the contract that is signed every year for the convention hotel. Assume that the signed contract says that the Colorado Regional Service Committee guarantees that we will sell 500 room-nights and spend \$5,000 on meals and catering services. If the convention does not meet those conditions, the Colorado Region is now responsible to make up the difference between what we actually sold and what we contracted to sell. In this example, let's suppose we only sold 400 room nights and \$3,500 in meals. At \$80 per night, per room the Region now has a liability for  $\$80 \times 100$  unsold room nights = \$8,000; plus \$1,500 for unsold meals --- a grand total of \$9,500. If the Colorado Region can not come up with that amount or otherwise remove that liability by negotiation, the trusted servants who signed the contract are legally responsible (liable) to pay that bill. According to our guidelines for signing contracts, those trusted servants are the Chairperson of the Colorado Regional Service Committee and the Chairperson of the CRCNA sub-committee. Incorporation would prevent our trusted servants from even having the possibility to be liable for this. The second type of liability

that we can insure for and which is addressed in NAWS bulletin #33 USA Liability Insurance is the liability that may be created when some person attending one of our officially sponsored activities gets injured for any reason. Currently, for example, if someone slips, falls and is injured on the dance floor during a CRCNA event, they may decide that their only recourse to address the expenses related to their injury is to initiate a lawsuit naming the Colorado Regional Service Committee, CRCNA and all of their trusted servants as defendants in that suit. Since incorporation creates an artificial but legal person, it becomes easier to obtain insurance against this kind of lawsuit. Incorporation is not required to obtain such coverage, but it makes the process of buying such a policy easier and a great deal less expensive. Incorporation may also allow the Region to extend the protection of such an insurance policy to our Areas and groups through the use of single event or one-time additions or "riders."

**4) What will it cost?**

The estimated cost to incorporate is less than \$500 at this time. During the process of incorporation, this figure may change and any additional charges will need to be approved by the CRSC.

**5) Where will the money come from?**

The money to incorporate as well as run the corporation will come only from the proceeds of CRCNA. The presentation of the proposed annual budget for the corporation will be brought before the Regional Assembly. The process and costs of incorporation and of maintaining the corporation will not increase the price of an individual attendee's CRCNA registration.

**6) Will the donations I drop in the basket at my group be used?**

Seventh tradition funds will not typically be used as part of the operating budget for the corporation. That being said, however, there is always the remote possibility that events may occur which cause a shortfall in the proceeds of CRCNA. The region, as always, will meet its financial responsibilities and will cover these expenses as needed with the funds available. All efforts will be made to prevent this from occurring.

**7) What do I as an addict get out of incorporation of the Colorado Region?**

Always an interesting question! For one, you will get the peace of mind of being able to serve our fellowship without risking your personal assets. Additionally, incorporation also provides a "legal" entity to swiftly deal with legal, contractual and liability problems as they may arise. Many of the vendors and service providers with whom we do business require credit applications. The Fourth Concept states that "Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants." Incorporation will allow those members of our fellowship with "leadership qualities" but less than stellar credit ratings to serve. Incorporation will permit a single legal entity to develop and maintain a credit history, independent of the credit worthiness of the individual members who serve our Fellowship.

**8) Does this mean that the CRCNA sub-committee will be dissolved?**

Not at all. The Board of Directors will provide support and guidance to the Convention sub-committee as well as seasoned negotiators. Among the Board's tasks will be to get the best contracts for the services and goods that CRCNA creates contracts for on an annual basis. The Board will also ensure that CRCNA will use the funds that are entrusted to them prudently, by reviewing contracts and expenditures that could be possibly troublesome. There is still more than enough work for the CRCNA sub-committee to do. The Board of Directors will not be choosing the speakers, the menus, setting the program, providing the registration nor planning and executing events. All of the day to day business of running the convention will still be done by the CRCNA sub-committee itself. Incorporation will, however, impose the necessity to change the CRCNA guidelines in a number of areas. Specifically, the timelines involved in creating and submitting budgets and the timelines related to getting and evaluating bids for contracted services and goods, among other items, will need to be addressed and modified.

**9) Is the Board of Directors of the corporation another level of service?**

The Board of Directors and the corporation itself are outside of the service structure. The Board will take direction from the Colorado Regional Service Committee and will keep the Fellowship apprised of its activities through periodic written and oral reports. The Board will be open to proposals concerning its operations from individual members of the Fellowship, groups and areas within the Colorado Region. In order to provide the financial shield of incorporation, the Board of Directors will sign the contracts and, hence, have veto power over whether a particular contract will be signed or not. With financial responsibility comes authority. In accordance with the 3rd Concept of service, "The NA groups delegate to the service structure the authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to it." Although the Board of Directors is not part of the service structure, it will be responsible for and, therefore, will need the authority to negotiate and/or approve contracts on behalf of the Colorado Region. Since the Board of Directors is responsible to and takes its direction from the Colorado Regional Service Committee, the Board will not "govern" the Colorado Region.

**Consolidation & Combination of phone lines – state wide (Region-wide)**

No report

Meeting to be held – time and location tbd

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Advanced International Winter Symposium on Addictive Disorders and Behavioral Health (January 30 – February 2)**

Report to NA World

33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Advanced Winter Symposium

Addictive Disorders & Behavioral Health

Jan. 30 – Feb. 2, 2007

Colorado Springs, CO

Colin,

I apologize for the delay of this report. Please understand that I do find this extremely important yet simply have not had the time until now.

The booth event at the Psychotherapy Assoc. Winter Symposium was a HUGE success!

This is the type of event that definitely should be considered on an annual basis. The exposure that we received as a result of this event is absolutely a definition of Our Primary Purpose. The professional community needs to know that we are a viable and valuable asset to their clients, our potential members.

There is a hard copy of this report along with a brochure / schedule of events from the Symposium and the request for more information, in the mail to you as of Monday morning Feb. 26.

The things we learned;

In the future we need to pay for the booth as a Region, and let World buy the literature. As per our conversation, you said that World would have given away the Basic Texts, as they can afford to because they are the publisher. As I said on the phone the other day that would have been nice to know, before us as a Region bought them and sold none. Although I do believe in the future at this event it would be a fantastic gesture on NA's behalf to place Basic Texts in their hands as a gift. There is no denying that a gift of that magnitude will go a long, long way. Although, the literature which we were able to give away, in the way of pamphlets, white books and Intro Guides were well received by the attendees, in the future we will order less as we used only about one quarter of what we ordered.

The three pamphlets; Information about NA, the Membership Survey, and A Resource in your Community were very popular. The attendees were interested in knowing why the Membership Survey was dated so far back and would like more recent numbers in the future.

We also gave away white key tags as a generic way of introducing ourselves to people as they walked by, everyone likes a free gift at these events. This was Linda L.'s idea and was a great way of getting people to stop at the booth.

I learned that we could man the booth with 2 people at most times and after looking at the schedule we may have wanted a few more during breaks only.

Kurt Z. developed the questionnaire that we used. This was also a great way to get attendees to stop at the booth and spend some time with us. It gave them an opportunity to tell us who they were and what their needs are. I have enclosed in my package to you the questionnaires from outside of our Region for you to pass along and or answer from World. These are going to be very helpful to our PR efforts.

Demographic information in regards to the questionnaire;

27 received from the Pikes Peak Area

7 received from the Denver and surrounding Areas

11 received from the Southern Colo. Area  
14 received from Out of State  
5 Unknown

The response from our Region was great, we had some addicts come from outside Colorado Springs to help us with this and the unity of that was wonderful.

Lastly, I must say that for me as an individual addict, this event changed my perception of PR work and it helped me to realize how difficult and yet rewarding that it can be. It was hard for me to go and expose myself in my own community, as a business owner locally I had to release my anonymity those few days and it was a challenge for me.

We would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to NA World for helping us to be present at this event. I would encourage us to consider this an annual event. I would also like to encourage other Areas and Regions to consider these events as they come to your localities. We need to be present in our communities!!

What a great opportunity, In Loving Service,  
Jayme S.  
Regional Committee Member  
Pikes Peak Area Narcotics Anonymous

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

### **Regional Assembly**

April 14, 2007

9:30 AM – GSR Training

10:00 AM – Assembly

Oddfellows Hall

575 S. Union Blvd

Colorado Springs, CO

Look for a flyer on [www.nacolorado.org](http://www.nacolorado.org).

Time needed for each issue:

- Incorporation Proposal
- Nominations and elections
- World Services Updates
- Traditions and Concepts workshop
- GSR Training before meeting at 9:30 AM

### **Public Relations vs. Public Information**

PPA RCM commented

RD stated that World recommends areas fold PI, Phone, web, H&I into one committee.

PPA moving toward consolidation of subcommittees.

It's a lot about building relationships

### **CRSC Meeting Schedule Discussion**

Question raised about the starting time of CRSC meetings, and whether a lunch break is needed

Committee decided not to take any action on this

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Proposals for Assembly - APPROVED**

Pikes Peak Area Requests \$400 for Regional Assembly April 14, 2007  
Intent: To cover the cost of the location and food for April's Assembly  
Made By: Jayme S. – Pikes Peak RCM  
Seconded by Michael H. – Serenity Unlimited RCM

Guidelines changes additions – Public Relations – nothing submitted at this meeting  
CRCNA Guidelines Changes Additions – nothing submitted at this meeting

### **Burlington meeting request listing on Colorado Regional meeting list – APPROVED**

Not in our region, but in our state

### **PROPOSAL – Reimbursement Expense at Symposium - APPROVED**

\$25.00 – Reimbursement to Jayme Simpson for electric to the booth at the Symposium  
Made by: Jayme S. – Pikes Peak RCM  
Seconded by Michael H. – Serenity Unlimited RCM

### **PROPOSAL - Zonal Forum Deposit - APPROVED**

Serenity Unlimited Area requests reimbursement for Zonal Forum Hotel Conference room deposit \$100 (Make out check: "Country Inn")  
Intent: Reimburse for deposit paid to reserve conference room and block of 12 hotel rooms at the Country Inn (Grand Junction).  
Made by: Michael H. – Serenity Unlimited RCM  
Seconded by: Jayme S. – Pikes Peak RCM

### **PROPOSAL – CRSC Meeting space rent payment - APPROVED**

\$50.00 rent

### **PROPOSAL – CRCNA Bid Packets - APPROVED**

\$31.73 – Payable to Alan Holub for production of CRCNA Bid Packets

### **PROPOSAL – Worldwide Workshop Expenses - APPROVED**

\$1010 for RD, RDA  
Flights x2 = \$570.00  
Hotel = \$220.00  
Per Diem = \$180.00  
Parking at Airport = \$40.00

**PROPOSAL – Mile Hi H&I Literature Request**

Request for money to purchase 260 Basic Texts – see attachment

Total Request Amount - \$2472.82

Intent – To help carry the message to addicts that can't get out to regular meetings.

Made by: Jay Mc. – Mile High Area H&I Chair

Seconded by Reese F. – Mountain High RCM

Request changed

50 Basic Texts given out of Symposium Stock

Purchase 160 books

Total amount spent \$1552.00

APPROVED

**PROPOSAL – Mile High PI Literature Request**

Mile Hi Area PI (now PR) Subcommittee requests a \$220.00 disbursement for purchase of literature to stock literature racks in the Denver Metro Area for the next three months (due to reduced available funds at our area), and literature disbursement.

IP#1 – 210

IP#7 – 210

IP#16 – 210

IP#22 – 210

An Intro Guide to NA - 25

Intent: To carry the message to the addict who still suffers, to not interrupt continuity of service.

Made by: Dawn S.

Seconded by Joseph B.

Proposal is Declined – Literature returned from Symposium exceeds the request. This literature from the Symposium is given to Mile High H&I.

**PROPOSAL – Mile Hi Outreach Request – DECLINED – Revisit in May**

This is a request for monies for the Outreach Subcommittee for the Mile High Area. We are asking for the money because the Area's 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition was lower this year and could not afford us the amount we need.

We are asking for money to help us out with our correspondence program in our committee. In fact we are asking for money to pay for stamps and envelopes. We have found in the past that buying envelopes from the United States Post Office already stamped is the most economical way to purchase these items. Also in the past we have found that buying these stamped envelopes in a group of 500 saves us the most money.

We are asking for \$210.00. This will afford what we need.

We use the envelopes for writing to inmates that are incarcerated who are referred to us by WSO. We use 3 envelopes per inmate for each response. We receive a letter from an inmate at our P.O. Box. Then our correspondence person sends that letter to the person who responds. At that point we have used 2 envelopes. 1 to the responder and we include an envelope for the responder to mail back to the correspondence person. Then the correspondence person mails that letter on the inmate hence, 3 envelopes per response.

We receive approximately 10 to 12 letters a month and twice that in December, so we use approximately 390 to 400 stamped envelopes a year.

If we could get this money it should last us at least a year and then Area might have bounced back. To buy the envelopes in a group of 500 is about 21 cents per envelope and is stamped already at 39 cents so there is quite a savings doing it this way.

I hope you can help us.

Your Trusted Servant,  
Nick S. Outreach Chair  
Seconded: Reece F. – Mountain High RCM

### **Ending Treasurer Report**

Opening balance	\$ 3055.50
Receipts	\$ 1115.75
Disbursements	\$ -3243.73
NAWS Donation	\$ 0
Ending Balance	\$ 827.52

### **Close Meeting**

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- [RCM's - Take vacant CRSC Administrative and Subcommittee Chair Positions \(CRSC Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Webservant, H&I Chair, PI Chair\) back to areas to find someone to fill this position](#)
- [RCM's - Take Proposal for Incorporation back to areas for consideration](#)
- [CRSC Vice Chair – Bring final Incorporation Proposal to Regional Assembly](#)
- [Mile Hi RCM 2 \(Joseph\) – Chair Phone Line Consolidation Ad Hoc Committee](#)

#### **DECISIONS MADE**

- [Decision made to pay The Donut Hole \\$50.00 for rent on meeting space for March CRSC Meeting \(automatic\)](#)

#### **ITEMS APPROVED**

- [Minutes for January CRSCNA Meeting](#)
- [PROPOSAL – Mile Hi H&I Literature Request - \\$1552.00](#)
- [PROPOSAL – Worldwide Workshop Expenses - \\$1010.00](#)
- [PROPOSAL – CRCNA Bid Packets Printing - \\$31.73](#)
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