

**CRSC REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**April 14, 2007**  
**Colorado Springs**

OPEN WITH SERENITY PRAYER

ATTENDANCE OF GSRs and GROUPS/ AREAS REPRESENTED

ROLL CALL OF CRSCNA MEMBERS

CRSC TREASURER YEARLY REPORT

CRCNA TREASURY RECONCILIATION REPORT

RD/RDA WSO AND FORUM PRESENTATION AND REPORTING

BOD AD HOC PRESENTATION

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR CRSCNA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR

TREASURER

SECRETARY

WEBSERVANT

PI SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR

H&I SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR

OPEN SHARING – (QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESSTIONS, PROPOSALS)

RD/RDA TRADITION WORKSHOP

CLOSE WITH THIRD STEP

**OPEN WITH SERENITY PRAYER – 10:15 AM**

**ATTENDANCE OF GSRs and GROUPS/ AREAS REPRESENTED**

**Boulder Area**

Stevie Ray M. – Storytellers  
Joel C. – Welcome Home

**Mile High Area**

Mike H. – Ain't Dead Yet  
George D. – Clean and Serene  
Robbie R. – Just Can't Miss It  
Joseph C. – Golden Group  
Carlos G. – This Ain't Therapy  
Kent C. – 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition Group  
John V. – Continued Deflation

**Pikes Peak Area**

Maggie D. – Courage to Change  
Liz C. – Westside  
Denise W. – Old School  
Veta – Out of the Clouds  
Josh G. – Young in Recovery  
Shelbie M. – Spiritual Principles Study  
Christine R. – Lamplight 1,2,3  
Mark M. – Hopeless Dopefiends  
Chrissy B. – Pallbearers  
Beth W. – Do or Die  
Brenda E. – True Blue  
Will L. – New Horizons

Jerri Ann K – Pallbearers  
Shannon M. – Out of the Clouds  
Bobby C. – Ain't Dead Yet  
Dan A. – Spiritual Principles Study

**ROLL CALL OF CRSCNA MEMBERS**

Chair  
Vice Chair  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Regional Delegate  
Regional Delegate Alternate  
Webservant  
Public Information Chair  
CRCNA Chair –  
CRCNA Vice Chair -  
CRCNA Treasurer – absent  
Boulder Area RCM's – 1  
Mile High Area RCM's – 1  
Mountain High Area RCM's – absent  
Mountains West Area RCM's – 1  
Off the Wall Area RCM's – 2  
Pike's Peak Area RCM's – 1  
Serenity Unlimited – absent  
Southern Area RCM's – absent  
Linda L. – ad hoc committee  
Alan S. – ad hoc committee  
Kathleen – visitor  
Steve – Pikes Peak Area Chair  
Montica – visitor

**CRSC Chair Opening Remarks**

**CRSC TREASURER YEARLY REPORT**  
**Opening CRSCNA Balance - January 1,**  
**2006**

**\$580.73**

<b>Receipts:</b>	<b>YTD '06</b>
Boulder Area	\$2,108.77
Mile High Area	\$1,850.00
Mountain West Area	
Off The Wall Area	\$150.00
Pikes Peak Area	\$1,600.00
Serenity Unlimited Area	
Golden Group	\$69.50
Southern Area	
CRCNA XIX, XX	\$10,123.29
True Blue Group	\$64.11
Clean & Serene Group	\$280.19
Really Last Chance Group	\$84.79
Turning Point Group	\$13.00
Northside Young in Recovery	\$17.05
Crestone Group	\$40.00
NA Way Group	\$36.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$16,436.70</b>

<b>Expenses:</b>	
CRSC Supplies	\$335.42
H&I-PI Literature:	
Mile High Area	\$1,552.00
Off the Wall	\$400.00
Southern	\$80.00
Serenity Unlimited Area	\$240.00
Lit for Meeker Meeting	\$140.06
Winter Symposium (PI)	\$1,324.00
Rocky Mountain Forum Expenses	\$100.00
CRSC Members Travel Reimbursement	\$323.50
BOD Adhoc (Legal, Rent)	\$405.00
CRSC Meeting Place Expenses	\$250.00
Regional Assembly Expenses	\$648.65
Storage Space	\$746.66
RD and RDA Travel - WSC, RM Forum, CAR Workshops	\$2,529.27
PO Box Rental	\$72.00
New Checks	\$16.95
Returned Check	\$24.25
<b>Total CRSC Expenses:</b>	<b>\$9,187.76</b>

**NA World Services Donations** **\$7,002.15**

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

20-May-07

Opening CRSCNA Balance - April 14, 2007

\$827.52

Expenses:

Amount

Check #

NAWS

Donut Hole

RD & RDA

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**Total**

**\$0.00**

**Receipts:**

**Amount**

**Check #**

**YTD 07**

Boulder Area

\$1,029.53

Mile High Area

\$600.00

Mountain High Area

Mountains West Area

Off The Wall Area

\$150.00

Pikes Peak Area

\$700.00

Serenity Unlimited Area

Southern Area

Clean and Serene Group

\$37.74

\$122.09

Really Last Chance Group

\$36.00

Golden Group

\$13.00

\$47.50

CRCNA XX

\$103.00

\$5,829.33

True Blue Group

\$18.24

\$35.35

Turning Point Group

\$7.00

Northside Young in Recovery

\$17.05

Crestone Group

\$40.00

NA Way Group

\$36.00

Returned Funds (Regional Assembly)

\$126.46

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**Total Receipts**

**\$298.44**

**\$8,649.85**

**Total Expenses**

**\$0.00**

**Ending CRSCNA Balance - April 14, 2007**

**\$1,125.96**

**Opening CRSCNA Balance - May 20, 2007**

**\$1,125.96**

**Chuck C, CRSC Treasurer**

### **CRCNA TREASURY RECONCILIATION REPORT**

No report – CRCNA Treasurer not present

## **RD/RDA WSO AND FORUM PRESENTATION AND REPORTING**

### **New Region Motion**

We are recommending suspending the existing policy and adopting a moratorium on the seating of regions that result from regional splits until 2012. While this may seem a distant date, it would give us only two conference cycles after a decision is made at WSC 2008 to hold these discussions, formulate a plan, and present a proposal for consideration at WSC 2012.

This moratorium would allow new regions not resulting from a regional split, which have never been represented in any way at the WSC—those NA communities growing and developing throughout the world—to continue to apply for seating and be considered by the conference.

### **Basic Text Project**

Separate motion to replace stories  
Remove Book One and Book Two designations  
Update statistical information regularly  
Quotes from the Basic Text in JFT  
Revised index  
Copyedits to chapters 1-10  
Draft edition to be released September 2007

### **Service Materials**

An IP about the benefits of service, a short piece about group business meetings and another about trusted servant roles, some pieces related to maintaining an atmosphere of recovery, a piece outlining the basics of leadership that we have discussed in the fellowship over the last several years, an IP outlining some of the basics of meetings for those brand-new to NA or visiting for the first time, and a piece explaining world services.

Some of these pieces are closer to being completes than others. Some of them are still in the brainstorming stage and so it may be that some of the tools or IPs change focus by the time they are completed. We wanted to give you a peek at what we are working on, and of course, we hope you will give us your thoughts on the service materials as they are released and on ideas for new pieces.

### **NA Literature On-line**

All IP's, Booklets and Group Readings have been on-line for over a year. Just added 5<sup>th</sup> edition Basic Text Large Print. To access the online archive use: <http://www.na.org/ips/eng/index.htm> for the Basic Text use this link:  
[http://www.na.org/pdf/litfiles/us\\_english/Books/BASICTXT.pdf](http://www.na.org/pdf/litfiles/us_english/Books/BASICTXT.pdf)

Adding links to our literature online is a great idea for any web gurus and servants. The only request the WSO has is not to host the literature on your server. In order to protect the ownership of our literature, it is necessary for NAWS to make this request. So please link but do not host our literature on your website.

### **Reaching Out**

*Reaching Out* is the latest of our periodicals scheduled to go electronic. We will begin to post this publication online and distribute it via electronic subscription for those who wish. Reaching Out is geared toward incarcerated addicts as well as H&I committees. We will still provide paper copies (many inmates wouldn't be able to otherwise receive it), but we plan to discontinue free paper subscriptions to Reaching Out in the near future except for those distributed to incarcerated addicts and H&I committees. We hope that offering this electronically will actually increase access to this publication and broaden the opportunities for members "inside" to communicate with the bigger NA community.

### **Youth IP Input and Review**

Deadline May 31, 2007

To sign up go to:

<http://www.na.org/conference/youth/index.htm>

### **WCNA-32**

Why register early?

\$25 off on-site registration fee PLUS early access to convention merchandise on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

Entertainment updates at:

<http://www.na.org/WCNA32/update-new.htm>

### **NA World Unity Day**

NA World Unity Day will be held at WCNA-32 on Sunday, 2 September 2007 at 11AM Central Daylight Time. Complete information and flyers for the Unity Day telephone link-up will be available in mid-April.

### **NAWS Workshops**

Lincoln, Nebraska, USA – 11-13 May 2007

Worldwide Workshop

Paris, France – 12-13 May, 2007

Worldwide Workshop

Woodland Hills, California, USA – 9-10 November 2007

NAWS Literature Distribution and Convention Workshop

### **Regional Dates to Remember**

July 22, 2007 10 AM – 3 PM

Colorado Regional Assembly/CRSCNA Meeting

Off The Wall Area

CRCNA XXII bids due

Regional Incorporation Proposal

July 28, 2007 10 AM – 5 PM

Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum

Country Inns Of America

718 Horizon Drive

Grand Junction, Colorado 81506

October 26th - 28th 2007

CRCNA XXI

Radisson Hotel and Conference Center

1900 Ken Pratt Blvd. Longmont, Co 80501

### **Regional On-line Resources**

Trusted Servant Blogs:

<http://tsblogs.nacolorado.org/index.php>

Events Calendar:

<http://www.nacolorado.org/events/calendar.php>

Meetings Throughout the Colorado Region:

<http://www.nacolorado.org/meetings.php>

Regional Website:

<http://www.nacolorado.org>

## **BOD AD HOC PRESENTATION**

Don T. (RD) delivered presentation

Questions/Discussion

Would it make sense to wait until after the Zonal Forum so as to get input from world?

Possibly. World has been reluctant to comment on specifics, so impact might be slight.

Discussion of meaning of liability and examples

Question on Diagram – are we in fact incorporating the region? This is the creation of a corporation that serves the region. Concern raised about profits from CRCNA being viewed as taxable income by government, and can we assure that affiliation is spelled out clearly in by-laws to avoid unforeseen tax and other liability. Are we getting the proper legal advice? We have consulted with a lawyer. What will the impact be to the corporation from liability incurred? How do we guarantee that 7<sup>th</sup> tradition monies are used ONLY for carrying the message? How does the BOD's relationship to the service structure relate to the 3<sup>rd</sup> concept? Can we make sure the wording makes clear that the BOD/Corporation is completely outside of the service structure? Addict urged Region to spend whatever is needed to get the legal advice necessary to ensure our protection in this.

Question about liability insurance and extending that to area events. The by-laws necessarily do not cover this, it is a question to be covered as the Region's relationship to the corporation is spelled out. Insurance will still be needed whether we incorporate or not. Would like to see how the corporation will function with the region BEFORE the vote in July. There are three documents. 1 Articles of incorporation 2. By-laws filed with state 3. Internal working procedure that the state does not need to see. The third document has not yet been discussed by the Ad Hoc committee. Ad Hoc Committee wants the groups and areas to help write that. What contracts are signed that do not involve CRCNA? – Storage locker, facility fees for regional meetings, etc. Do we get 501c3 status for this? – No. 501c3 creates too much red tape and federal scrutiny. Final authority on contracts for BOD? For contracts more than \$1000.

Question of cost – does it include what's already been spent? Listed cost is additional above what has been spent. Why not just incorporate CRCNA? Was suggested by attorney that Regional incorporation would give Region ability to extend protection to areas. Claim that Article 4 does imply affiliation. Have we asked other regions that have incorporated for input? – yes, Ad hoc committee talked to 25 different regions and language of by-laws was drawn from their documents. Can we document specifics of legal advice? Recent area function that had liability. There is also a clubhouse that has directors that are members of NA but the clubhouse is not part of NA. Addict shared that we have enough activities that incorporation is needed. Addict pointed out that MAL must be confirmed by Regional Assembly.

Statement by Don T. asking that further questions and concerns be addressed in writing after the meeting.

Addict pointed out that requirement for membership on BOD is membership in NA.

Is this the document to be filed to the state? – yes

Addict stated support for corporation, stated that this does not present Traditions/Affiliations issues.

Addicted stated that process in place without corporation is a borderline traditions violation because it excludes some people from service because of personal financial profile.

Statement by Don T. stating that more archival documentation be provided, that further review, including legal review, take place as we move forward with this. Statement by addict that we spend whatever money to get necessary legal advice.

Thread on RD Blog for input, or e-mail or call Don T. with any questions. All questions will be posted on blog thread.

## **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 2. 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.

Additionally, the CRSB will act as a resource as needed to the CRSC and its constituents, to other Narcotics Anonymous service bodies, to addicts, and to the public.

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 3. 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 World Service conference-approved service manual and/or handbook.

## **ARTICLE 4. 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.

Current 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 MAL 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 her/his election.

#### **C. Nominations and Elections of Board Members**

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 confirmation at the Colorado Regional Assemblies as outlined above. It should be noted, however, the initial CRSB MAL's will be nominated and elected at the CRSC with confirmation 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. MAL'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 MAL's positioned on the CRSB:

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

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

The officers of the CRSB shall be elected by the members of the Board and shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Financial Officer, and Recording Secretary. These officers will be elected at each annual meeting of the CRSB.

#### **ARTICLE 5. MEETINGS**

The Annual Meeting of the CRSB is on or about the second Saturday of December at a location to be announced.

At this annual meeting the yearly meeting schedule and proposed activities of the Board will be decided. Elections of officers will also occur.

### **DEFINITIONS from the INCORPORATION BY-LAWS**

By-Laws - a set of rule adopted by an organization for its meetings or affairs and submitted to the State in which it exists for the purpose of incorporation and legal recognition.

Incorporation - to bring together legally and formally for the purpose of conducting business within the statutes of a State or other governmental body.

Not-for-profit corporation - an organization recognized by the governmental municipality under which it functions as existing for the good of its membership, being established to not earn a profit or realize financial gain in excess of the needs of its membership.

Ancillary activities - events which are associated with or supplemental to the main functions of an organization.

Fiduciary capacity - ability to hold in trust or oversee with responsibility.

Pursuant to the statutes - according to the Law.

### **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.

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR CRSCNA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:**

- GSR, RCM AND CRSCNA OFFICERS EXCEPT CHAIR HAS A VOTE
- ANY NA MEMBER PRESENT MAY BE NOMINATED WITH A SECOND FROM A VOTING MEMBER
- IF ONLY ONE MEMBER IS NOMINATED FOR A POSITION THE ELECTION IS KNOWN AS A VOTE OF "ACCLAMATION" AND THE NOMINEE MUST RECEIVE 2/3rds OF THE PARTICIPATING VOTES TO BE ELECTED
- THE CHAIR VOTES ONLY IN THE OCCURANCE OF A TIE

**CHAIR** – Earl H. nominated, acclaimed

**VICE-CHAIR** – Brian nominated, Denise W. nominated; Denise W. elected

**TREASURER** – Alan S. nominated, acclaimed

**SECRETARY** – Dave R. nominated, acclaimed

**WEBSERVANT** – James H. nominated, acclaimed

**PI SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR** – Linda L. nominated, acclaimed

**H&I SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR** – Brian nominated, not acclaimed – position OPEN

OPEN SHARING – (QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, PROPOSALS)

**PROPOSAL #1**

CRSC NA send one (1) or two (2) members to the Convention Training at N.A.W.S. workshop Nov. 9-10, 2007 in Woodland Hills, California. \*\*Possibly the current Vice Chair of CRCNA\*\*

Intent: To further train our region on World Services protocol – experience, strength and hope in regards to conducting a regional convention.

Maker: Brian S.

Second: Joseph C.

Discussion – clarification on CRCNA Vice Chair service term. Comment that RDA be other logical choice. Question to clarify one or two. Friendly amendment to send CRCNA Vice Chair and RDA (accepted). Friendly amendment suggested to send RDA and, if finances allow, CRCNA Vice Chair.

New wording

CRSCNA send RDA and CRCNA Vice Chair to the Convention Training at N.A.W.S. workshop Nov. 9-10, 2007 in Woodland Hills, California.

Intent: To further train our region on World Services protocol – experience, strength and hope in regards to conducting a regional convention.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSAL #2**

To authorize the BOD Ad-Hoc Committee to spend up to \$500 for professional consultation services (attorney's fees and CPA)

Intent: To provide the fellowship with tangible factual information regarding incorporation.

Maker: Earl H.

Second: Joseph C.

Discussion – what do we get for our \$500? – Answers to specific questions being raised about incorporation. Is this a corporate lawyer? – yes. Addict stated that more questions may come from this that may require spending more money. Where did original \$300 come from? Allocated by CRSC.

**APPROVED**

**PROPOSAL #3**

To form a corporation, incorporating the proposed by-laws, as amended by the review and input process and delivered to the fellowship in June.

Intent: Provide fiduciary protection to the members of our fellowship with respect to our contractual and liability obligations.

Maker: Earl H.

Second: Joseph C.

Discussion: Why now, why not wait until after meeting with lawyer? – this proposal is being put forth so that GSR's and RCM's can take this back to groups for a vote at July Regional Assembly. Addict stated that this needs to go back to group. This proposal is **TABLED** and is going back to groups.

**Open discussion and announcements**

Announcement: Regional PI meeting will meet on Saturday, May 5. Location and time TBD.

Announcement: Regional BOD Ad Hoc Committee will meet Saturday, May 19, 10111 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Issue with minutes – OTW needs minutes on a more timely basis. Secretary stated that minutes will be sent regardless of content within a timely fashion.

Addict shared about 7<sup>th</sup> tradition flow and wanted to know if this has been discussed within the service structure. – will be covered in the traditions workshop.

Thanks to PPA Activities for setting this Assembly up, reminder that there is an event here tonight. PPA is returning \$126.46.



**RD/RDA TRADITION WORKSHOP**  
**Resources and Fund Flow Workshop**  
**April 14, 2007**

**Warm Up Exercise**

Forgiveness Perseverance Self-Discipline Commitment Patience Open-Mindedness Self-Acceptance Integrity Hope Restraint Surrender Respect Tolerance Kindness Courage Selflessness Compassion Sharing Faith Self-Honesty Trust Honesty Unconditional Love Gratitude Steadfastness Caring Willingness Humility Self-Support

**Ground Rules**

Short Answers  
Allow others to participate  
Speak Clearly and Loudly  
Have a bit of Fun

**Objectives**

To create some open-mindedness about resources and services flow  
7th Tradition and 1st Concept  
Every NA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.  
To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, the NA groups have joined together to create a structure which develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of NA as a whole.

**Contributions**

The Individual Member what can you give?  
Money

**Contributions (continued)**

The Individual Member what can you give?  
Talent  
Energy  
Welcoming the newcomer  
Sharing Experience, Strength and Hope  
Willingness to learn

**Group Services**

Meetings  
Free Literature  
Cookies  
Coffee  
Birthday Cakes  
Experience Strength and Hope

**Area Service Committee Services**

Phone Lists  
Meeting Lists  
Literature Sales and Disbursements  
Phone Line  
Hospitals & Institutions  
Public Information  
Outreach  
Events and Activities  
Meeting Locations

**Regional Service Committee Services**

Literature  
Information  
Direction  
Guidance  
Listening

**World Services**

Literature  
Information  
Direction  
Guidance  
Listening



**The Addict who still suffers**  
**Individual Member**  
**Area Service Committee**  
**Regional Service Committee**  
**NA World Services**

**Resources** (downward arrow)  
**Services** (upward arrow)

**Conclusion**

Solutions  
Sponsorship  
Education  
Setting an example  
Discussion of the Topic in Group Conscience  
Remember all of this is about CARRYING OUR MESSAGE TO THE ADDICT WHO STILL  
SUFFERS!

Closing Treasurer's Report

Start - \$827.52  
Receipts - \$298.44  
Expenses - 0  
End - \$1125.96

**CLOSE – 4:43 PM**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- [GSR's - Take vacant H&I Chair position back to groups to find someone to fill this position](#)
- [RCM's - Take vacant H&I Chair position back to areas to find someone to fill this position](#)
- [GSR's - Take Proposal for Incorporation back to groups for consideration](#)
- [RCM's - Take Proposal for Incorporation back to areas for consideration](#)
- [BOD Ad Hoc Committee – gather more information, continue to update proposed by-laws and put proposed by-laws before fellowship in June for vote at July Regional Assembly](#)

**DECISIONS MADE**

- [CRSC Chair selected – Earl H. – Mile High Area](#)
- [CRSC Vice Chair selected – Denise W. – Pikes Peak Area](#)
- [CRSC Treasurer selected – Alan S. – Mile High Area](#)
- [CRSC Secretary selected – Dave R. – Mile High Area](#)
- [CRSC Webservant selected – James H. – Pikes Peak Area](#)
- [CRSC Public Information Subcommittee Chair selected – Linda L. – Pikes Peak Area](#)

**ITEMS APPROVED**

- [PROPOSAL #1 – Send trusted servants to N.A.W.S. Convention Training](#)
- [PROPOSAL #2 – Authorize BOD Ad Hoc Committee to spend up to \\$500.00 on legal consultation](#)

**ITEM TABLED**

- [PROPOSAL #3 – formation of a corporation](#)

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