



**February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 URMV Virtual Business Meeting**

**Gail and Ray had a workshop about money matters from 9-10:07 am**

**Begin meeting with Serenity Prayer.**

**Readings:**

12 Traditions: Lara  
12 Concepts: Shawn S  
Service Prayer:  
Shawn S

**Clean time recognition since our last meeting: Gail W: 24 years 1/24, Jenni W 9 years 12/20  
Derrick T 12/16 4 years Kaleb H 12/4 3 years Abby L 1 year 2/6**

**Roll Call:**

Chair: Vacant  
Vice Chair: Kaleb H present  
Treasurer: Shawn S present  
Secretary: Lacey M present  
Regional Delegate: Gail W present  
Alternate Delegate: Ray B present  
Convention Chair XXI: Jenni W present  
Convention Chair XX2: Ben H present  
Web Servant: Derrick T present

**Regional Committee Members:**

Central WY: Daniel M. present  
Wyoming Western: Lara H present  
Wyo-Braska: Dave W RCM2 present  
Freedom Seekers: Maggie K. present  
Central Basin Area: Stephen O present

**Other Guests: Carla W, Alicia G, Jennifer W, Abby L, Aaron B**

**Do we have a quorum to conduct business? Yes x No**

**Approval of Previous : amend previous minutes as order of reports as are not in right order and order of delegates report out of order and order of business not done in order, reports missing: wyoming western? Gail motion for amended minutes and Lara second, passed**

**Reports:**

Chair: Vacant

Vice Chair

Hello family,

From my limited scope of Cheyenne and Laramie I have seen the fellowship at the group level thriving; with newcomer attendance increasing. Unfortunately, I haven't been to many in person meetings due to the pandemic. I am unsure what else to add and would love any suggestions on how to write a better report for next time. ILS, Kaleb H

Treasurer: sent report

February 6, 2021 Regional Treasurer Report

Hello Upper Rocky Mountain Regional Service Body.

Total deposits from the year 2020, was \$1274.10. We have a balance of \$4085.58 as of 1/29/21.

We have not spent any money that I am aware of at this time. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

In Service,

Shawn S.

adding address to report. Lara suggested budget calendar. Derrick T stated will call Shawn S when zoom account funds are due.

Regional Delegate: emailed report

Hello Regional Committee Members!

I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee for allowing me to continue representing our region as your delegate. I am profoundly grateful for the trust you have placed in me. Here is my first report as your delegate!

The delegate team has been busy these past 4 months, having attended 2 conference participants webinars, the Virtual Meeting of the Zones, multiple US Zones meetings and the December Virtual Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum. I apologize now for the lengthy report ahead of us!

I will be reporting on the following:

RMZF with recommended nomination to the World Board

Virtual Meeting of the Zones

The US Zones – US Zones Holiday Event Collaboration

Projects – SPAD and the Local Service Toolbox

Invite to multi-region event

RMZF December 13th, 2020:

Discussed conference preparation

Reviewing the Guide to World Services of Narcotics Anonymous

Paying attention to conference procedural items, dates and deadlines

Mentoring alternate delegates

CP Drop Box

Understanding the role of the delegate

Agenda items should be set before the virtual meetings

Will begin meeting virtually approximately 1 week after each conference participant webinar to make sure we have opportunity to discuss the materials and further educate and mentoring of alternates, next virtual meeting February 21st.

Current Zonal Contacts are Gail W and Charlie T

Items for consideration for the Zonal Forum in July 2021

In person or virtual?

Dates will be July 23rd to July 25th.

Having World Board participation – RMZF's WB point of contact is Hammed A from Kuwait

Opening up for any member wanting to join, for observation only or for active participation?

Nomination to World Board – Carla W

All regions present with reports (minutes available upon request)

Colorado Region

Southern Idaho

Upper Midwest

Upper Rocky Mountain

Utah

URMR report to RMZF:

URMR – 12-13-20

The URMR's delegate team had elections this past October, as Carla W. rolled off her position as the delegate. The new delegate team is now myself, as the delegate and Ray B. as the alternate delegate. Carla was an amazing delegate, and I am grateful for the experience of working with her. She will be missed.

URMR currently serves 5 areas, Central Basin, Central Wyoming, Freedom Seekers, Wyoming Western and Wyo-Braska.

Currently listed on our meeting list is 140 meetings. Of those meetings 9 are closed due to the pandemic, 93 are still meeting in person (as far as we know), 6 need to be confirmed if they are

still meeting or we have no information on the status, 22 are virtual, of those 22, 10 are hybrids. There are 43 groups in all.

As meetings started to close at a fast rate back in March, URMR acted quickly by offering our Zoom account to groups that wanted to continue meeting online. We also started 3 weekly online virtual meetings to the members to help fill in the need for recovery meetings. Some groups still use the Region's Zoom account, others have created their own accounts. We currently host 2 recovery meetings a week for members.

The following questions were sent to the RCM's for each area:

How many in-person meetings does your area currently have?

How many in average is your attendance at these meetings?

How many virtual meetings does your area currently have?

How many in average is your attendance at these meetings?

What events did your area put on this past year and what was the turn out?

There were only two RCM's that responded.

Gail W RD

Ray B. AD

Virtual Meeting of the Zones January 16th, 2021:

There has been a total of 4 Virtual Meetings of the Zones, the last one on 1.16.21

There are 15 zones in all, at this meeting 14 attended, the Afri-can Zone was not able to attend

The Virtual Meeting of the Zones came out of the Future of the WSC work group

At the last World Service Conference, participants passed a Role of Zones Project Plan

The main two items that the project would like to focus on are Zonal Collaboration and gathering a conscience

Minutes from this last meeting are available upon request

The US Zones – US Zones Holiday Event Collaboration:

The Meeting of the US Zones has had the most activity since last we met

As one of the Zonal contacts, I have been attending these meetings since August

There have been 4 virtual meetings and multiple meetings for the Holiday Collaboration event

The focus for the US Zones has been creating a Vision and Purpose that came out of the Strategic Planning workgroup

Items that are topics of projects are a National BMLT, National Website and PSA's

We have decided to pause on any other projects until all of the zones have had a chance to meet and discuss their roles in this group, giving opportunity for other zones to catch up since they do not meet as often as other zones

This came from a lack of education about the meeting of the US Zones where members were not aware of the existence of this workgroup and did not understand our purpose or how we were formed

The Holiday event was a great success, with all 8 zones participating in some form and stretched over 3 days

Projects:

SPAD – Spiritual Principle a Day – taken from [www.na.org](http://www.na.org):

With direction and oversight from the World Board, the Spiritual Principle A Day work group has processed writing from members from around the world

developed 227 entries by weaving together members' writing

distributed batches of "Review & Input"

The work group anticipates publishing an approval draft for the book in the 2022 Conference Agenda Report.

To participate, submit entries and keep up with the progress: [Spiritual Principle a Day Book Project \(na.org\)](#)

Local Service Toolbox – taken from [www.na.org](http://www.na.org):

The focus of the project is virtual meetings best practices and carrying the NA message effectively and virtually. To prepare for the creation of this much needed service tool we created an online survey to begin collecting your experience on a range of topics. The survey period is now over, and we are reviewing the input.

We have also started to gather resources relevant to virtual NA meetings here – [www.na.org/virtual](http://www.na.org/virtual) - which you may find helpful.

Resources from web meetings focused on the project can also be found on that page. Due to the high level of interest in this topic, we will be including information about the project in our regular NAWS Update emails. If you are not already receiving those please visit [www.na.org/subscribe](http://www.na.org/subscribe), and if you have any questions please email [toolbox@na.org](mailto:toolbox@na.org). We encourage you to continue sending us your locally created resources and to join us online to share your ideas.

Invite to multi-region event:

Below is an invite for a multi-regional event

From: [gailjft@gmail.com](mailto:gailjft@gmail.com) <[gailjft@gmail.com](mailto:gailjft@gmail.com)>

Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 6:28 AM

To: 'Daniel Friesen' <[dfriesen8@msn.com](mailto:dfriesen8@msn.com)>

Cc: 'Ray Burgien' <[pnrtruckingwyo@yahoo.com](mailto:pnrtruckingwyo@yahoo.com)>

Subject: RE: The Journey Continues

Good morning Daniel,

Thank you for your request. I have included the alternate delegate, Ray B, for our region on this response.

Upper Rocky Mountain Region will be meeting on February 6th and we will present this proposal to the body then. We will let you know how it goes.

Have a great day!

JFT Gail

From: Daniel Friesen <[dfriesen8@msn.com](mailto:dfriesen8@msn.com)>

Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 9:45 PM

Subject: The Journey Continues

Greetings:

I am writing to you as a former Regional Delegate and dedicated NA member to inform you of a month long event. The Washington North Idaho Region passed a motion to coordinate A Month of Caring & Sharing-The Journey Continues and we are inviting you to participate in helping us support NA World Services. We are asking each region to participate hosting one event during the month of April.

Why support NAWS? Since the pandemic's onset NAWS has been experiencing a significant financial impact. Limited area and regional events forwarding donations, a significant cut in literature sales, and ongoing overhead are affecting NAWS considerably. NAWS has cut back as much as they can without closing the doors to continue serving our fellowship.

The goal of this event is 5 fold: 1-to share our recovery celebration; 2-to raise financial support for NAWS; 3-to build relationships; to raise awareness of how to access accurate NA

information; 4-to expand the discussion of member support of NA service and moving from a literature and product sales support base to individual contributions; 5-to increase the number of recurring contributions by members worldwide.

Each participating region commits to the following guidelines:

To use the committee approved opening statement (much like was used for The Journey Continues 2020);

To connect a direct contribution link to NAWS contribution portal; for all North American Regions (other international regions may have established contribution connections suitable for their community);

To adhere to uniform event log-in requirements.

To select speakers who share the purpose and mission of the event; and

To not invite speakers who are currently on NAWS staff.

We are asking each region to participate or delegate participation in this month-long event by sponsoring a 2-6 hour time block on one of the 30 days in April. This is a work in progress, the idea is developing as we evolve, more will be revealed. Please contact committee members at [info@thejourneycontinues2020.org](mailto:info@thejourneycontinues2020.org)

The Washington North Idaho Region will coordinate days and times in April with the regions that are willing to participate in this event. We will supply guidelines for the event and electronic media exposure through Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and E-Blast. To participate, please contact our scheduling coordinator: D'Lanor by email: [dharris9602@gmail.com](mailto:dharris9602@gmail.com)

In Loving Service

Excerpt from NAWS News: ... We have a long history of recognizing the need for a World Service Office and being challenged to pay for those services. What we need is a change in our culture, and that will only happen when this message is coming not just from World Services, but from our Fellows. The most sustainable income source for World Services is recurring monthly contributions from members. We sincerely believe that one addict talking to another is the only way to begin to effect a change in our attitude towards giving... For full article: [https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/nawsnews/en/NN\\_Dec2020.pdf](https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/nawsnews/en/NN_Dec2020.pdf)

BMLT workshop and the RMZF server:

Derrick T. will be reporting on this as our web servant

Items the delegate team would like to have moved to sharing:

Regional Assembly in April – possible virtual with request to our Region's WB point of contact, Michael B. for participation – present a learning days format

When able to meet in person again, suggesting going back to rotating to the areas

Multi-regional event invite

Regional Google Group

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

JFT – Gail W. Regional Delegate

Alternate Delegate

**Alternate Delegate:**

Committee members & guests

I consider this a great honor to be able to serve you in this capacity, and it is my hope that I do a good job for you.

I have found so far that it is a bit intimidating & there is a whole lot of information that I am being trusted with to bring back to the fellowship.

I am very grateful to be in our region & have the resources to show me how to do this and walk me through the process.

It seems like a very long time ago since we have met & even longer since we have been able to meet in person, I hope with the decline in active cases & the availability of the vaccine we will be able to come together sooner than later.

Since our last meeting we have been able to attend 2 conference Participant meetings & a Zonal forum hosted by the Colorado Region.

In attending the CP Web meeting on Oct 17, 2020, the new board members were announced —Jorge from Colombia, Eduardo from Brazil, and Michael and Danny from the US. Tali, is the new Chair. Tim is the new Vice Chair. Irene is the new secretary. And Jack is the new treasurer.

We had a couple of Poll questions:

The first poll taken was to agree on the first IDT (Idea Discussion Topic) to work on:

1. Do you agree that our first major project focus for the cycle be on virtual meetings? This would include the first IDT and the Local Service Toolbox and Convention and Events Toolbox focus.

Results: 86 (99%) yes-1 (1%) no-0abstain-0 present not voting. We voted yes

This was asked because we believe the first, primary project focus needs to be discussions and resource development for virtual meetings. We believe this is what most members most want to talk about right now.

As a result of the times, we are doing our best to get the most done with the resources available. The second poll taken was addressing the World Convention due to accessibility from the pandemic:

Poll question #2

Do you support moving the date of WCNA 38 into 2022, if possible? [Note: this would not affect the planning of future WCNAs.] Results: 84 (92%) yes-3 (3%) no-4 (4%) abstain-4 present not voting.

We voted yes

FIPT—There is a six-month review period for any proposed revisions to the FIPT, Gail & I will be reviewing this and bringing it back to the body.

Lit Surveys— There will be a survey sent out for input on revisions to the Loner IP and the new Women in Recovery IP

Lawsuit— As far as the lawsuit is going over the removal of NA world Services as Trustee of the Fellowship intellectual Property Trust brought by the Autonomous Region.

We are pleased to announce that the petition to the Probate Division, of the Superior Court of Los Angeles, has been concluded, the filing of an objection by NA World Services has resulted in the court “sustaining,” or upholding, that objection. That means the court agreed with our filed objection. For now, this matter is dispensed with. As we have stated in the past, we find it unfortunate that people would attempt to use the courts to deal with Fellowship business.

To date, responding to this petition and the various filings along the way has cost us a little over \$218,000.

Financials – From our World Board Treasurer:

Jack reminded everyone about the importance of changing the culture in Narcotics Anonymous regarding the principle of self-support.

He also discussed the decision to participate in a couple of government programs offered as a result of the funds available for profit & non-profit businesses & declined some as they could constitute accepting an outside contribution.

The Dec 12, 2020 Conference Participant Web meeting notes:

In Dec we went over a few items including

FIPT—Final order from the judge has been issued, however the decision was appealed, and it is now continuing. This case has become quite costly to the fellowship.

Translations—In the eight months since the shutdowns began, we have published almost 80 additional translated titles, twelve of which are book-length pieces. Four of the books are new Basic Texts: Filipino, Nepali, and Swahili are already published, and Kannada will soon be published. Today, we have literature in 56 languages and the Basic Text now in 36.

The growth of NA around the world is inspiring, but it is also one of the factors that has made finances at World Services' challenging.

Invest in our vision— The Board has been actively focused on increasing member contributions and working to change the culture of giving in NA.

Financial update— Anthony gave an explanation that even before the pandemic World Services was struggling with the financial model of depending on Literature to offset costs, this is the purpose to a more self-supporting model through our own contributions.

In closing there was a lot of talk on how we can better communicate and better carry our message in the current times & our current financial difficulties & how to solve them going forward?

We broke up into groups to discuss what was working & how the different regions were adjusting to the new ways of communicating. It seems that we are doing well learning how to get through this trying time in history

ILS URM D

Ray B

Web Servant

### **Web Servant:**

Hello Regional Service Members,

This being my first report as Region Web Servant, I would like to thank all of you for allowing me the opportunity to serve at this level. Also, a big thank you to Gail for showing me the ropes and helping guide me in the right direction.

So I'll try and make this short, yet informative. The first item in which we need to report on. A webinar for our zone in which we were so generously invited to attend. Discussing information concerning the Basic Meeting List Toolbox (BMLT) In attendance were; Gail W., Dave W. and myself. As well as members from Colorado, Upper Mid-west and Southern Idaho. It was a very informative session. The two gents that put this on for us did a great job answering questions and relaying basic information. A big thank you to those fellas for sharing their time.

The BMLT is an app for managing NA meetings. Through a root server our meeting list updates will immediately be shown through another app called Crouton for website display and Bread for printable PDF meeting lists. All apps are included through BMLT. We are currently working towards making this available for our zone. For we currently have access to our own Root server through the RMZF page. This is very close to happening and updates will become available as soon as we have more info from Chuck. End of february, beginning of March. Such as accessibility and cost.

Once up and running, each region within the zone and each area within the region, will have access to the following features;













