

**Multi-Zonal Service Symposium of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes**  
**August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Open with a moment of silence, followed by Service Prayer.**

“God, grant us knowledge that we may serve according to Your Divine precepts. Instill in us a sense of your purpose. Make us servants of your will and grant us a bond of selflessness that this may truly be your work, not ours, in order that no addict, anywhere, need die from the horrors of addiction.”

**Attendance:**

| Trusted Servants |            |   | Trusted Servants     |                       |        | Members @ Large         |
|------------------|------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Facilitator      | Scott M.   | P | Registration         | Amber C.              | A      | Ron Z. – RD Mid America |
| Co Facilitator   | OPEN       |   | Programming          | Amanda M.<br>Cindi B. | A<br>P |                         |
| Treasurer        | Randie B.  | P | IT                   | Barry B.              | P      |                         |
| Co-Treasurer     | Kristin R. | P | PR (Local committee) | Tonia R.              | P      |                         |
| Recorder         | Katie C.   | P | Facilities           | Ben T.                | P      |                         |
| Arts & Graphics  | Alicia A.  | P | Local Host           | OPEN                  |        |                         |
| Merchandise      | Bryan A.   | P |                      |                       |        |                         |

**Introductions were made** (see members at large in attendance above)

**NA-versaries:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Unanimously approved

**Reports:**

**Facilitator:**

The event is only 43 days away and approaching quickly. Things are coming together, and I think it is time to begin meeting weekly.

I have been monitoring several workgroups, and they seem to be progressing well. We met the hotel minimum well ahead of the cutoff.

I am pleased with our progress, but several details still need attention.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve.

Scott M.

MZSS VI Facilitator

**Co Facilitator:**

OPEN

**Recorder:**

No Report

**Treasurer:** So, Kristen got on the account, and it locked me out somehow, and she's tried...faithfully, many, many times, and I still can't get in, but I'm sure we'll take care of it. But the bank balance is

\$10,116.87. And then she will let you know how much is still in the square right now. We made a transfer a couple weeks ago, but we've been getting a lot of Uh, registration's in, so there's probably some sitting there waiting. That's all I've got.

#### **Co Treasurer:**

So our balance is \$386.60 in square. And this was the last transfer on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August. (And that's on top of the \$10,000 number – we have about \$10,500). [Shared registration form] So we have 44 and 20 67. 70 pre-registrations. 33 combined banquets...One lunch, four dinners...Shirts...

I'll be uploading the registration Every week, because from here till we get on site, I'll be doing it every Sunday.

#### **Arts & Graphics:**

I don't have a written report, because I've just been working or putting questions out there to the other committee, so as they talk, I'll be asking questions about needs. I have a list for each committee that I'll be kind of, like, asking about, but I definitely need somebody to send me a contact list so that I have the emails and phone numbers for all the people. I have most of them, but just so I have it. The only thing I did have in my agenda is the banner bids. So, I bid it out, and the best price with a vendor that I've used for many events before was \$67 for the 4x6 and it's high quality. Grommets included, that includes shipping and setup fees and everything. so... that's basic stuff for you. I think you guys have used him before as well. Um, but he's... he's who I always get my banners from, and I price it out to other people, and everything else, the... the lowest everything else was, was, like, at least \$30 more than that. The only other thing I have other... I mean, this is all part of, like, what other people are going to say, so I don't necessarily want to get the answers now, but, like, I was talking to Ben earlier, and so, like, as a... the biggest part of, like, what I'm going to do is be putting this program together, right? Making sure that they're, like, um...you know, gonna be on the electronic boards, you know, working with Barry to get it online, like, all the things, so when I'm looking at the contract, the size of the rooms, the setup of the rooms, which room is which room, which part of that will go into, like, programming stuff too, but, like, for example, Boson 1 is, like, the 200-seater. And it's set up in theater, whereas Bosun 2, 3, and station ballroom are the ones that are set up in rounds for 80. So it seems like those would be, like, the breakout sessions. So that's something I think that, like, we don't necessarily have to hammer out at this moment, but if we're meeting weekly, that's something between now and maybe next week we really do need to kind of hammer out is which thing's gonna be in which room, so that the hotel needs that, we needed the program, all the things. So, like, I can start making directional signs, like, tonight, like, we need to start figuring out where in the lobby is registration gonna be, all those things, just so that we can. Um, I don't want to push myself to the door getting all the art done, um, last minute, and so all of y'all's decisions on some of that stuff is gonna make it easier for me, and honestly, Barry, too, because he's gonna have to do a lot of that stuff online as well. So Just something to kind of put into The Ethosphere is figuring that stuff out. and then I guess I have questions about, like, what people need printed and whatever. The one thing... I noticed we have a host, but we don't have a facilities workgroup, so I think they're doing both? Double duty, is that correct? Is Ben doing both facilities and, or is...(we don't have a host) So, one of the things in... in the program is the recovery meeting in the... the hollow space. So, like, are we gonna provide reading cards? Do we provide, like, a reading format for the recovery meeting? You know what I mean? Those types of things, like, are those things printed material that we already have somewhere? I mean, it's not like it's a big deal, it's inkjet printer, but, like just want to make sure that, like, those are

things we're considering when I'm thinking about things I need to print or bring. So, that's all I got, unless somebody's got questions, but as you guys go through your reports, I'll probably have questions. I guess just as part of the minutes, I did get the presentation slides submitted to the programming committee, um, so that the presenters can use those. So I think that they're approved, or they're going to be approved tonight, and then, um, the preliminary. program flyers and stuff, so just as people are needing things, I'm trying to get it pushed out and done, so that's all. Thanks.

### **Facilities:**

Hello Family

Forward movement , We have forward movement in the Facility !

I had a Teams Meeting with our Contact Alenah and I believe it was very productive.

We are off the hook for any room night, which I am sure you all are just as relieved as I am.

145 room nights booked we only need 128 so we got a little wiggle room. I do have an Email confirming that Obligation has been Met.

We also discussed if we are going taking part of the Free Breakfast and Free Afternoon Happy Hour Hors d'oeuvres...these are offered to the Guest, and I said Breakfast for sure not sure on the Happy hour See wants to know about airport pickups and ask if we have attendees flying please contact front desk to make arrangements. I said I would let Registration know so we can let those attendee know.

She asked about non Catered Meals and did say there was an onsite Restaurant, I told her we want our attendee to support local restaurant.

I told her I will get her a Program and room list here after they have been approved and Named.

Along with any other A/V, table setup we needs may need. We Did discuss the Riverview room...it just a elaborate hallway that faces the river.

We are set up for another Teams Meeting Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm

In Loving being of Service

Ben T.

### **IT:**

This has been a horrible experience in the last several months with the website. I've still not figured out exactly where the issue is with the WooCommerce installation. But somewhere in between, Square is not working cohesively. So I've started checking the website every day to make sure that it doesn't change, because at first I thought it was an update issue, where I updated the website, so then it screwed everything up, but then it just started...it wasn't during an update when the price changed another time, and then I fixed the price, and then 3 days later, the price was gone again. So we do have quite a few people that paid \$5 more on their registration than what they should have. So we need to discuss what we want to do about that, ask them if they want to donate the money back, or if they want it back in merchandise you know, giving them a discount on something, or what we want to do with that. So yes, that's probably what I'm just going to have to do until the event is over, is just check the site every day to make sure that our prices are staying stable and at where they're exactly at. There's been a couple other issues with merchandise not displaying correctly on the website, even though it's correctly on Square. So there's a communication issue between square and the website. Square is what we call our system of record, so Square's where the records are all kept. So yeah, it's...I've never...I've ran multiple WooCommerce sites, a lot of them, and a lot of Narcotics Anonymous WooCommerce sites, and I've

never had the same issue that I've had. So I don't know where the problem lies, but hopefully we'll get down to the bottom of it to top it off. The web server that we sit on was bought out by another company. Good old corporate merger, and our service has gone to shit since then. So I'm trying to wait until the end of this, at least the even is over before I consider moving the entire Plains State Zone off the server. So yes, multiple, multiple issues there. I am in need of assistance. I only have like, 2 or 3 volunteers so far for sitting at the table. And in the workshop rooms. So that is one of our biggest needs. All they need to be able to do is know how to run Zoom and PowerPoint. They could do both of those, we are good to go. Those are the 2 issues that they would need to do. We will, if I can get some people together, then we'll do a training, which is what did prior in Detroit, prior to the event, so that we can take care of that. One of those 3 people is me, so. Which I would prefer not to be one of the people, so that I could troubleshoot the issues that are going on.

In Loving Service,  
Barry

### **Merchandise:**

Good evening MZSS Work Group,

I've been tracking registrations and merchandise pre-orders, and I'd like to share where things stand. Along with this report, I'm sending several sample reports, including a sales summary as of 4:00 pm on 8/19/26 and a sample purchase order. Please consider this a practice run for the reports I'll be able to run once pre-orders close and merchandise production can begin. These are the reports Alicia will use to order her materials and produce the merchandise. Is there any information missing from these reports that the Work Group might need to see at that time?

Please note the "Extra MZSS" column on the purchase order, highlighted in indigo. These numbers represent the extra unsold indigo t-shirts and long-sleeve shirts we'd bring to sell at MZSS. How do these numbers look to everyone?

I'd also like to purchase a few shopping bags for the merchandise room. Alicia and I think it would help to have pre-orders bagged, labeled, and ready for pickup. What are the Work Group's thoughts on shopping bags?

My next step, I think, is to ask for merch room volunteers and organize us into shifts. As I understand it, the merch room should be open Friday after PR to Professionals, close during the speaker, and reopen afterward for an hour or so. On Saturday we're open all day except during the banquet and speakers.

My goal is to build a schedule that lets every volunteer enjoy as much of the symposium as possible, while maintaining:

- The hours listed above (or until we sell out),
- A minimum of two people in the room at all times,
- one of whom should always be either Randie or me, for cash-handling accountability.

Finally, I'd love to see the merchandise room volunteer schedule from years past — does anyone happen to have that?

In loving service,  
Bryan A.  
816-503-2173

### **Programming:**

Hello MZSSNA workgroup!

The workgroup met last on August 10, 2026. We have confirmed all our presenters and completed our “draft” schedule. It is available on Discord and may have already been posted to social media. Slide decks for presentations have been approved and are being sent to presenters. NAWS has confirmed their 4 IDT slots as well as NAWS update on Sunday.

We also discussed a few miscellaneous items including having QR codes available for schedule throughout the hotel, coordinating chairpersons for workshops as well as providing presenters with shuttle information. We need confirmation for Friday luncheon times as well as zonal meeting room times available for Sunday. We are also requesting an updated registration list so we can start reviewing for speakers for Friday and Saturday.

We are asking for chairperson volunteer requests be added to our next email blast as well as Zoom coordinators and mic runners. Volunteers can email [programming@mzssna.org](mailto:programming@mzssna.org) unless IT has a better online solution for accepting volunteers?

Our next workgroup meetings are scheduled for 08/24, 9/14 and 9/28 @ 6:30 pm.

ILS,

Amand M, Omaha  
Cindi B, Tulsa

#### **PR to Professionals:**

Greetings, MZSS Family,

Planning continues for the PR for Professionals Presentation in Wichita.

Craig G has offered to host a Zoom training for our volunteers on September 6, which we are looking forward to. We also plan to collaborate on the PowerPoint presentation, and he has agreed to co-present with me.

The presentation time has changed to accommodate the programming schedule: Registration at 8:30am. Presentation: 9:00am - 11:30am, with lunch to follow at 11:30.

#### **Registration**

The Eventbrite flyer is attached. Registration is available for both in-person and Zoom attendance.

Lunch is available as an add-on and is limited to 30 registrations. The deadline to register for lunch is September 18.

#### **Budget**

My understanding is that the following contributions have been made toward the luncheon:

- Plains States Zone: \$600
- Southern Zone: \$300

These contributions should fully cover the luncheon expense.

We would appreciate confirmation that \$500 remains available in the budget for coffee, pastries, and literature.

#### **Literature Request**

We are requesting 25 copies each of the following:

- Information About NA
- Membership Survey
- NA: A Resource in Your Community
- Mental Health in Recovery

- An Introduction to NA Meetings
- By Young Addicts, For Young Addicts
- For the Parents or Guardians of Young People in NA
- Am I an Addict?
- For Those in Treatment
- Narcotics Anonymous and Persons Receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment

We are also requesting:

- 10 White Booklets
- 8 copies of Reaching Out
- 5 copies of each available item in Spanish
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In addition, we would like to have one new, clean copy of each NA book available for a literature table display. These books would be used for display purposes only and would not be distributed. Thank you for your continued support of this PR effort. We appreciate the collaboration and support from the participating zones as we prepare to welcome professionals to Wichita.

In Loving Service,

Tonia R

.Mid America Region

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#### **Registration:**

No Report

#### **Host: OPEN**

#### **Old Business**

- Co-Facilitator is open
- It was suggested that Barry rename the “minutes” tab to “reports”
  - This way, everyone can upload reports/spreadsheets to one channel

#### **New Business**

- We will be meeting weekly from here on out
- Tonia will upload flyer with updated 9-11:30 time for PR for Professionals
- Suggested to leave a flyer at NAADC convention table
- It was suggested that we begin pushing the luncheon and banquet
  - Push banquet sales on our email blast
  - It was suggested since we don't have a f&b minimum, it's not a big deal
- Friday Luncheon will begin at 11:30
- The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to and from the airport
  - We can let any out of town participants know they can get a hold of the front desk to arrange that
- Do we want to participate in hors d'oeuvres or the free breakfast?
  - Hors d'oeuvres – no
  - Breakfast - yes
- Insurance needs were discussed

- Mid-America has a regional policy that will cover anything in the state
- Randi and Kristin are in charge of getting change for registration and merch
- Programming is still working on some games for Friday or Saturday night
- Things to discuss in next facilities meeting
  - Will we have privacy for our NA meeting
    - Alicia may need to make a “Quiet, meeting in progress” sign
  - Will chairs be provided? Will we need to move them?
  - The bid included a free AV cart in each room, which needs to be addressed
  - Also need to check on the status of the rooms
    - Appears sold out on the website
- Alicia will make printed tickets for the meals with registration
- Willingness for host from Ron Z
  - Will post service resume on discord
- Next programming meetings
  - August 24<sup>th</sup>
  - September 14<sup>th</sup>
  - September 28<sup>th</sup>
- Hotel cut off for rate is 8/30
  - We have met and exceeded our room night minimum
- Volunteers needed to help in the presentation rooms
  - There’s a volunteer section on the website, or
  - Email [info@mzsna.org](mailto:info@mzsna.org) to volunteer
- Alicia will make a volunteers needed flyer
- A volunteer sheet was put out onto discord
- It was suggested we have more than just the indigo colored shirts on site
  - Currently have 86 short sleeve and 48 long sleeve ordered to bring on site
    - Might consider making it a variety of colors
    - Will include merch pre-order in email blast
- Suggested to have garage shirts on site since they’re selling the best
- Discussed not doing stickers
- Discussion around payment to vendor
  - Do we pay up front so vendor can purchase materials?
    - Usually pay upon receipt
      - If necessary, we will revisit
- Unanimously voted that Alicia can go ahead and place the order for the banner with the vendor who gave her the lowest bid
  - It was requested to post the proof prior to printing

**Next Meeting August 26th 6:30pm CDT**

**Zoom ID: 893 0694 9518**

**Passcode: 1953**

**Close with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Step Prayer**