

UMRSCNA
Minutes for October 23, 2005

- 1) 12:08pm New Business submitted to the UMRSCNA Chair, financial requests submitted to the UMRSCNA Treasurer.

Sign In:

Dena N.	RCM-Alt MASC (acting Secretary)
Wes K.	RD
Kim B.	RCM LCASC – Welcome!
Daryl F.	Web Servant (acting Chair)
Dieter J.	Treasurer
Marshall D.	Interested Member - Manitoba
Kris B.	Interested Member - North Dakota
Chris G.	Interested Member - North Dakota
Wendy F.	RCM MASC RDA

- 2) Open Meeting with a Moment of Silence, followed by the “We” version of the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts.

- 3) Introductions

- 4) Quorum Call: 3 voting members, 1 RCM (active area) - yes

- 5) Treasurer’s Report: Balance - \$2938.21. Wes K. will make arrangements for some outstanding deposits at the Wells Fargo Bank. MASC donation of \$75.00.

*Note: The closing balance for the last RSC was in error, and this balance reflects the correction.

- 6) Secretary’s Report (open): No corrections or omissions in the July minutes.

Motion: To accept the minutes for UMRSCNA, July 10, 2005.

Maker: Wes 2nd: Wendy

Vote: 3-0-0 Action: Passed

- 7) Chair’s Report (Myk): Chair was absent due to a death in the family. Our condolences and prayers. No Report.

- 8) Elections : Activities: No nominations

FDC: No nominations

Secretary: No nomination

- 9) RCM Reports :

Motion: To seat LCASC (Lewis and Clarke Area) at UMRSCNA.

Maker: Wendy 2nd: Wes

Vote: 3-0-0 Action: Passed

LCASC: Verbal report and discussion about struggles with starting a new area. Suggestions and feedback were given. The area has one meeting every night of the week, all are open, and they are successfully maintaining a meeting list. Contacts are being made with other groups that will also be added to the list.

LAASC: No rep. Verbal info. shared by Wes. A starter kit was passed on to a new meeting by a member of the area who had an unused one in their possession. Valley City has a new meeting. The key for the old UMRSCNA meeting space was returned to the facility.

MASC: The Sunday night treatment centre meeting in Winnipeg closed. A Brandon group closed, but another group assumed their meetings. Blue Lake Campout was poorly attended, and a motion has been sent to groups to decide if will continue. The

PI committee is currently creating guidelines. An ad-hoc committee has been formed to examine alternatives for our phoneline, and the PI committee is looking into a phoneline orientation. H&I had to drop a commitment, and may pare down However, group donations are up, our area is financially stable, and area meetings are fun!

Break: 1:30 – 1:45. Reopened with a Moment of Silence and the “We” Serenity Prayer.

- 10) RD Report: The next edition of the Public Relations Handbook was received for review. A presentation on chapters 1-4 was given at the Regional Campout. A letter from NAWS was received that had information on WSC participants. There is some confusion about affiliation between UMRSCNA and UMR Service Office in Minnesota. Will be contacting the WSO about this.

RDA Report: The letter from NAWS also listed our contact information and the dates and some details about WSC in April '06, but also listed the UMR Service Office in Minnesota. New RDA Budget numbers were submitted as follows: Hotel: \$540 (\$120 x ½ x 9 nights)

Airfare: \$540 (West Jet or Air

Canada, NWA, United – higher)

Per Diem \$400 (\$40 x 10)

Total: \$1480

CAR will be out at the end on November, with only 3 Regional motions, and none from the world board. Spoke to the administrator of the WSO Participants Bulletin board while at the Canadian Assembly, and tried to sign up, but haven't heard back from NAWS yet. In the meantime, can read entries, but not post.

Discussion was had in response to questions about distribution of CAR. It was decided that Wes (RD) will photocopy and distribute the CAR on the U.S. side of UMR, and Wendy (RDA) will do the same on the Canada side. Dieter will assist with the organizing of informing GSR's about the CAR. A link to the CAR will also be put on the regional website.

Dieter is going to get together with Wes and Wendy at the next regional meeting to talk about what to expect at the World Service Conference itself.

11) Sub Committee Reports :

Activities (Ray): No Rep. No Report. Verbal info. given by Wes. Ray is moving to Florida, so the P.O. Box needs to be taken care of, and a new signing authority is needed (see new business). Fairhills also needs a new liaison. Wes will ask Paul about being that liaison. No financial info for the August 19- 21 Campout has been received yet.

Fellowship Development (open): No Rep. No Report. Verbal info. given by Wes. Talks have happened for forming another area in N.D. John has approx. 4 start- up kits. (It was decided to leave them with John until the next RSC. Records will need to be kept for the distribution of any of those kits.) Wes can be contacted for a kit if needed.

- 12) Ad-hoc Committee Reports : Made 21 Changes to the website since the last RSC. All were new minutes, revised guidelines, or flyers, except the map which was rebuilt to reflect our current meeting list. Did a major cleanup to make more space, and will burn archived files onto CD-ROM annually to pass on. RCMs, please remind everyone to include complete location for flyers to be posted on the website, as they have an international audience. The official email address for the Web Servant is now info@umrna.com. Please use this from now on instead of personal email. A proposal was submitted for New Business to deal with getting Paul's name off of the website billing, and to change our hosting service for the website. Guidelines are coming together, and a draft should be ready for the next RSC.

The Following grid has the statistics for the website since it was established in 2002.

WEB PAGES	VISITS
events.html	2275
index.html	7447
links.html	1075
mtng.html	2574
whatis.html	538
Total:	13909

13) Old Business :

1. Budgets :

Amendments:

- RDA: Match the Per Diem to the WSO Per Diem for the RD. (\$480 to \$500 and a logbook kept for daily food allowance.); Hotel from \$600 to \$540 (as per RDA Report); Add travel \$75, misc. \$25; New total \$1740
- FDC: Remove \$200 from misc. (leaving \$85); Add \$200 to travel making it \$300
- RD: Add travel \$75, misc. \$25; Total \$100
- Grand total for annual budget is now \$3098 (see chart bellow)

	Travel	Misc	Mailbox	Starter Kits	Airfare	Hotel	Per Diem	Total	Misc. Detail
Chair	\$75							\$75	
Secretary	\$75	\$25						\$100	Envelopes/Stamps
Treasurer	\$200	\$50	\$50					\$300	Envelopes/Stamps/ Photocopy/Phone/ Cards
FDC	\$300	\$85		\$215				\$600	Meeting Lists
RD	\$75	\$25						\$100	Photocopy
RDA	\$75	\$25			\$600	\$540	\$500	\$1740	Photocopy
Web	\$75	\$108							Server Host
Total	\$875	\$318	\$50	\$215	\$600	\$540	\$500	\$3098	

Motion: To approve the yearly budget for UMRSCNA.

Maker: Wes 2nd: Wendy

Vote: 4- 0- 0 Action: Passed

2. Insurance :

- Wes is still investigating.
- Suggested posting a Bulletin Board request for information from other groups about their insurance providers.
- International coverage is difficult to find. Perhaps we need to obtain it through Zones.
- CANA is looking into Canada wide coverage.

3. Bank Cards :

- Ray was checking into this.

- Daryl will follow up on this for the next RSC.

14) New Business :

- a. Proposal submitted by Daryl to change the website host, and disengage Paul. (see attached proposal)

Motion: To approve Daryl's proposal.

Maker: Dena 2nd: Dieter

Vote: 4-0-0 Action: Passed

- b. Where does website fit into regional service structure?

After some discussion the following was submitted:

Motion: To change the Website Ad-hoc Committee position to Website Resource Person for UMRSCNA, and assign it the responsibility for the website, and the submission of guidelines for this position.

Maker: Dena 2nd: Kim

Vote: 4-0-0 Action: Passed

- c. Signing Authorities :

- Take Ray and John off the signing authority list for the Regional and Activities bank accounts, find a replacement for Ray.

Motion: To employ guideline section 13, subsection a, to wave section 3, subsection c, item 5, and make the RD (Wes) a signing authority for the Regional and Regional Activities bank accounts.

Maker: Dena 2nd: Wendy

Vote: 4-0-0 Action: Passed

- d. Action Item :

- Daryl F. will contact Paul S. about becoming the liaison for Fairhills.

- e. Peace Gardens For RSC Meetings :

- Dena will get information and bring it to next RSC.

- f. Split Positions :

- Discussion about sharing service positions between two people on either side of the border.

- RCMs gather input from areas for next RSC.

- g. Motion: Provide \$69 travel cost reimbursement to LCASC RCM.

Maker: Kim 2nd: Wes

Vote: 4-0-0 Action: Passed

- h. Motion: Provide \$50 travel cost reimbursement to RD.

Maker: Wes 2nd: Kim

Vote: 4-0-0 Action: Passed

- i. Motion: To rent a storage unit, and purchase a lock, for the Regional archives for 4 months in Fargo. Request of \$99 to cover expenses. Receipts and a key will be brought to the next RSC.

Maker: Wes 2nd: Kim

Vote: 4-0-0 Action: Passed

- 15) Treasurer's Final Report : \$2732.21 final Balance plus \$75 Canadian Funds (MASC Donation).

- 17) Confirmation of Next UMRSC: January 15, 2006 in Fargo, N.D. at 11:00am. Location LBA (Wes checking into it.)

- 17) Adjourned at 4:33pm. with a Circle of Unity and 3rd Step Prayer.

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Proposal *New Business*

Migrate the Upper Midwest Region Website <http://www.umrna.com> to a new host.

The current hosting service, Yahoo!, doesn't allow rotation of trusted servants. We currently cannot disengage the previous servant from the position. The host billing from Yahoo! is still applied to his credit card. This is the nature of Yahoo! websites. First a person must have a Yahoo! id then they request a website. They provide a credit card with their Yahoo! id and the website is billed from their Yahoo! id. Currently the website is billed against the Yahoo! id umrmapaul@yahoo.com.

To change the billing would require another Yahoo! id. If another is obtained and a website is requested for it the website would be billed at new rates. We've been able to maintain the current cost because the Yahoo! id has never lapsed so we continue to get the old rate.

The solution: obtain a new hosting service that accepts payment by check or by direct debit.

Costs

Web space ¹ (yearly)	\$109.00 CA or \$92.55 US
Domain Registration (yearly) ²	\$8.95 US
Domain Transfer (one time)	\$8.20 US
Total (yearly)	\$101.50 US (subject to currency exchange)

Current Host

Currently we are hosted on a Yahoo! Geocities Pro account at a total yearly cost of \$107.40 US.

¹ webpower.ca

² godaddy.com