

Guidelines and Policy Manual of the Mid-America Regional Sercice Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

(Revised through April, 2003)

ARTICLE I PASSED 11/15/92

The name of this assembly shall be the Mid-America Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous, hereafter referred to as "M.A.R.S.C.N.A.".

ARTICLE II PASSED 11/15/92 REVISED

The primary purpose of M.A.R.S.C.N.A. is to carry the message of recovery to addicts who still suffer and to further the unity of the fellowship within our Region and other Regions by maintaining communication between the Areas represented and Narcotics Anonymous as a whole, in accordance with our Twelve Traditions.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP PASSED 11/15/92

- A. Any member of NA may attend and participate in discussion at the discretion of the Chair.
- B. Motions can be made and seconded by RSC officers, subcommittee chairs and voting participants.
- C. Voting participants are the RCMs of the Areas of M.A.R.S.C.N.A. or their alternates.

ARTICLE IV SUBCOMMITTEES PASSED 11/15/92 REVISED

- A. The RSC may establish subcommittees from time to time to carry on the work of the Committee. These subcommittees shall perform the duties prescribed by these guidelines, <u>A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous</u> and its successors; the parliamentary authority adopted by the Committee and the appropriate subcommittee handbooks.
- B. Standing subcommittees shall be formed upon approval by the voting participants. The standing subcommittees shall include, but not be limited to, Hospitals & Institutions, Public Information, Literature, Activities, Convention, Campout and Steering.
- C. Ad hoc committees may be appointed by the Chairperson or they may be formed by motion upon approval by the voting participants.
- D. Ad hoc committees shall be appointed by the RSC Chairperson unless otherwise specified in the motion to form that subcommittee.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS PASSED 11/15/92

- A. M.A.R.S.C.N.A. shall meet quarterly on the third Sunday of February, May, August and November unless otherwise designated by the RSC. RSC subcommittees will meet the previous Saturday.
- B. RCMs and/or Alternate RCMs shall meet prior to the general assembly for a closed discussion of agenda and/or pertinent RSC business. This meeting will be chaired by the RSC Chair and/or Vice RSC Chair.
- C. Subcommittee Chairs will meet prior to the general assembly for a closed discussion of agenda and/or pertinent RSC business. This meeting will be chaired by the RSC Chair and/or Vice RSC Chair.
- D. The location of the meetings shall be in McPherson, KS unless otherwise decided by the RSC.
- E. The Mid America Regional Service Committee shall start at 8:00am (motions and request for funds) and end at 5:30pm or at the discretion of the Regional Chair.
- F. The quorum shall be two-thirds of the voting Areas in M.A.R.S.C.N.A..

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS PASSED 11/15/92

- A. Purpose and Duties The purpose and duties of the administrative officers of M.A.R.S.C.N.A., (the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Regional Delegate and Alternate Regional Delegate), shall be as stated in A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous or its successors.
- B. All subcommittee chairs are elected in the subcommittee and approved by the RSC.
- C. Requirements for officer positions shall be as stated in M.A.R.S.C.N.A. election procedure in Article IX and
 - in A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous or its successors.
- D. M.A.R.S.C.N.A. officers shall receive \$25.00/day for meals while on M.A.R.S.C.N.A. approved trips. This will be in place of returned receipts. (8/97)

ARTICLE VII SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE PASSED 11/15/92

- A. M.A.R.S.C.N.A. shall not make any motion or take any action that conflicts with the Twelve Traditions or the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- B. M.A.R.S.C.N.A. shall be guided in all its actions with the following documents in succession:
 - 1. The Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous.

- 2. The Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. The current edition of these Guidelines.
- 4. Any special rules of order M.A.R.S.C.N.A. may adopt.
- 5. <u>A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous</u> or its successors.
- 6. The current publications of all conference approved Narcotics Anonymous handbooks.
- 7. Past M.A.R.S.C.N.A. motions.
- 8. The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- C. All business conducted at RSC take effect at the close of that RSC. (8/97)

ARTICLE VIII SUBCOMMITTEE GUIDELINES PASSED 5/15/94 6-0-1

NOTE: EACH SUBCOMMITTEE WAS ASKED TO SUBMITTHE SUBCOMMITTEE GUIDELINES AND THESE GUIDELINES WERE NOT DRAFTED BY THE WORKSHOP THAT PREPARED THE M.A.R.S.C.N.A. GUIDELINES.

- A.. Subcommittee meetings be split, 1 upstairs and 1 downstairs, on a rotation basis which will be announced on the flyers presented by activities (2/95)
- B.. That any subcommittee without a chair or co-chair present at the RSC subcommittee meetings make it the RSC officers responsibility to chair that committee. The line of order shall be:
 - A: RSC-Chair
 - B: Alt-RSR
 - C: RSR
 - D: Secretary
 - E: Treasurer

(2/95)

ACTIVITIES

A. Duties:

- 1. Host quarterly RSC meetings (Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.)
- 2. Host Unity Day event held Labor Day weekend.
- 3. Host "Soul to Soul Spiritual Retreat" commonly held in late fall.
- 4. Inform RSC of activities occurring throughout the Region.
- 5. Work with other subcommittees as needed or as requested by RSC Chair.
- B. Requirements for Chairperson:
 - 1. Two years clean time.
 - 2. Active knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
 - 3. Experience with activities at the Regional level.

C. Vice-Chairperson:

1. Same qualifications as Chairperson, except one year clean time.

CAMPOUT

A. Purpose:

To formulate a campout to provide fun and fellowship during recovery and to promote unity in our Region.

- B. Requirements for Chairperson:
 - 1. Two years clean time.
 - 2. Working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
 - 3. Prior involvement with other group, area or regional campouts and/or activities.
- C. Vice-Chairperson: Same qualifications as Chairperson, except one year clean time.
- D. Treasurer: Same qualifications as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, except three years clean time.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS

A. Purpose:

To serve the needs of all the Areas within the Region by conducting activities that promote the growth and strength of all H&I efforts and needs within the Region and the fellowship. The Subcommittee also serves as a link between the Areas and the NAWS.

- B. The M.A.R.S.C.N.A. H&I Committee is a resource for Areas in their H&I efforts by providing supplies, literature, information and other materials necessary to better carry the message when all other resources are exhausted.
- C. Requirements for Chairperson:
 - 1. Three years clean time.
 - 2. Working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
 - 3. Prior involvement with H&I.
- D. Vice-Chairperson: Same qualifications as Chairperson, except two years clean time.
- E. Secretary: Same qualifications as Chairperson and Vice-chairperson except one year clean time.
- F. Description of duties and responsibilities of the Subcommittee and its officers: Refer to H&I Handbook.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

A. Purpose:

To coordinate Area PI efforts and provide information about NA to the public. Must provide all information and material developed at the World level to the Areas.

R Duties

1. Maintain contact with PI Subcommittee Chair in each Area/Region who handles PI contingency plan, if asked.

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- 2. Coordinate inter-Area/Regional PI workshops.
- 3. Distribute new meeting lists every three months to Areas.
- 4. Produce wallet size cards containing but not limited to Area help line numbers, Area contact numbers, NAWS number and e-mail address, and Regional e-mail. This will supplement the Regional

meeting list. (11/99)

- 5. Lead PI Subcommittee meeting.
- 6. Co-chair to lead RSC Subcommittee in absence of Chairperson

C. Requirements for Chairperson:

- 1. Two years clean time.*
- 2. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. Suggested experience of one year in PI work.
- 4. A willingness to serve.

D. Requirements for Vice-Chair:

- 1. One year clean time. *
- 2. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. Six months involvement in PI.
- 4. Assist PI Chairperson to carry out duties.
- 5. A willingness to serve.

NOTE: See NA Guide to Public Information for additional information.

* All clean time is suggested and may be waived.

LITERATURE

A. Purpose:

To carry the message of recovery in the written form to still suffering addicts.

B. Duties:

- 1. Seek input from members, Groups and Areas and compile, edit and review the material.
- 2. Coordinate reviews of "review form" literature, and distribute "approval form" literature.
- 3. Produce a Regional newsletter.
- 4. This Subcommittee consists of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and any interested members.

The duties for each position are as stated in the current guidelines for Literature Committees.

C. Requirements for Chairperson:

- 1. Two years clean time.
- 2. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. Suggested experience of one year in literature work.
- 4. A willingness to serve.

D. Vice-Chair:

- 1. One year clean time.
- 2. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. Six months involvement in literature.
- 4. Assist Chairperson in duties.
- 5. A willingness to serve.

E. Newsletter Editor

- 1. Three years clean time.
- 2. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. The ability, means and dedication to fulfill the responsibilities of Newsletter Editor.
- 4. Must meet Subcommittee Chairs' attendance policy.
- 5. Two year term.

F. Co-editor:

- 1. Two years clean time.
- 2. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. The ability, means and dedication to fulfill the responsibilities of Co-editor.
- 4. Must meet Subcommittee Chairs' attendance policy.

CONVENTION

A. Purpose:

To bring our membership together in the celebration of recovery. Meetings, workshops and other activities are scheduled to encourage unity and fellowship among our members. Also, they should always conform to the NA principles and reflect our primary purpose.

B. Duties:

Plan and execute the convention.

C. Requirements for the Chairperson:

- 1. Five years clean time.
- 2. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. Three years of Convention Subcommittee work.
- 4. A willingness to serve.

D. Vice-chair:

- 1. Four years clean time.
- 2. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. Two years of Convention Subcommittee work.
- 4. A willingness to serve.

E. Secretary:

- 1. Two years clean time.
- 2. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. One year of Convention Subcommittee work.
- 4. A willingness to serve.

F. Treasurer:

- 1. Five years clean time.
- 2. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. Three years of Convention Subcommittee work.
- 4. A willingness to serve.

G. General Member:

- 1. Two years clean time.
- 2. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. A willingness to serve.

STEERING

A. Purpose:

- 1. Secure bids for upcoming conventions. Make site recommendations at the November RSC. Bids will be secured by November of 1998 for convention in April of 2000/November of 1999 convention bid for April of 2001, etc.
- 2. Rotate the M.A.R.C.N.A.'s around the Region. {Passed 8/19/01}
- 3. Work on projects that M.A.R.S.C.N.A. forwards to this Subcommittee, i.e.: Taxes, insurance, incorporation and other projects that would require excessive time and research.
- 4. Write and submit policy additions and/or changes to be sent out to Mid-America Regional fellowship for approval.
- 5. Provide information on past experience and recommendations for new procedures.
- 6. The motion log will be compiled once a year as supplemental pages and Table of Contents at the February RSC. The supplemental pages and Table of Contents will be distributed to all RCM's, subcommittees and Regional officers at the May RSC for placement into the current M.A.R.S.C.N.A. Policy/Guidelines Manual.
- 7. Every four years the Steering Committee will completely revise the M.A.R.S.C.N.A. Policy Guidelines Manual. The "supplemental motion log" will remain a part of the M.A.R.S.C.N.A. Policy/Guidelines. Manual as an appendix. (2/02) (changed from "every two years" to "every four years" 2/03)

B. Duties:

1. Meet at RSCs quarterly and at one interim meeting between the RSCs to develop and organize projects. The Subcommittee is accountable to M.A.R.S.C.N.A., and only suggests or proposes actions to be taken. M.A.R.S.C.N.A. has the right to discontinue any projects it feels are not of

importance and to prioritize any projects that may be on the agenda. All business of this Subcommittee must be documented and submitted at each RSC.

C. Requirements:

- 1. Five years clean time.
- 2. A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. Willingness to give time and resources necessary.
- 4. Ability to exercise patience and tolerance.
- 5. Active participant in Narcotics Anonymous within the Mid-America Region.
- 6. Three years participation in Mid-America Regional service, (some convention experience preferred).
- 7. At least a two year commitment with no more than four years in succession.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND SECRETARY:

8. Ability to guide and direct Subcommittee on tasks to be performed.

NOTE: Due to the nature of this Subcommittee, it is strongly suggested that the Fourth Concept be observed, and very little wavering be made on the election of these members.

D Elections:

Election of officers and members will occur each year in May. All members will be voted on by RCMs at the Regional Service Committee meeting, with the Steering Subcommittee only submitting nominations. At least three members of the Subcommittee should remain for the next year to allow knowledge and procedure of the Subcommittee to continue with minimum interruption. M.A.R.S.C.N.A. has the right to remove member(s) of this Subcommittee if it feels the member(s) is not fulfilling the duties of the Subcommittee.

E. Voting:

The Steering Subcommittee consists of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and four general members. With the exception of Chair, all have voting privileges. The Chair will only vote in the event of a tie.

F. Open Forum

Some policy work may require the presence of the fellowship. In that event, the Subcommittee may schedule an open forum to receive input. All Steering Subcommittee members are required to attend these workshops, but they are informal with a general conscience rather than a vote being sought.

G. Closed Session

Any member of Narcotics Anonymous may attend Steering Subcommittee meetings and give input. However, there may be times when the discussion at hand may contain matters that require protection of anonymity. In that event, the Steering Subcommittee has the option of moving into a closed session where only elected members of the Steering Subcommittee, or other members directly invited by the Subcommittee, can attend.

P.O. BOX CHAIR

A. Purpose:

To check on mail and to forward mail as needed to keep the fellowship informed.

B Duties:

- 1. Willingness to check the P.O. box twice a month or more if needed.
- 2. To mail out flyers and other NA mail as needed, and to take remaining flyers to RSC.
- 3. To make copies of flyers if needed.
- 4. Put packages together for RCMs, Secretary and RSC Chairs as needed.
- 5. Mail out flyers if the event will be over before the next RSC Conference Agenda Report goes to the RSC Chair.

C. Requirements of Chairperson:

- 1. Three years clean time.
- 2. Working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. Two years involvement with the RSC.
- 4. Willingness to give the time and resources necessary for the job.
- 5. One year term.
- 6. Must have the ways and means to get to the P.O. box.

D. Vice-Chairperson:

- 1. Two years clean time.
- 2. Working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. One year involvement with the RSC.
- 4. Willingness to give the time and resources necessary for the job.
- 5. One year term, possible two year commitment.

ARTICLE IX ELECTION OF OFFICERS PASSED 5/15/94

1. Vacant positions at the Regional level be taken back to Groups at least one RSC cycle prior to voting. (5/2000)

A. Regional Delegate

- 1. Minimum four years clean time.
- 2. Working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. Minimum two years of Regional participation.
- 4. Willingness to serve.
- 5. Willingness to give time and resources necessary to the job.
- 6. A two year length of term, having to be reelected at the end of the first year. (11/99)

B. Alternate Regional Delegate

- 1. Minimum three years clean time.
- 2. Working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. Minimum two years of Regional participation.
- 4. Willingness to serve.
- 5. Willingness to give time and resources necessary to do the job.

6. A two year length of term, having to be reelected at the end of the first year. (11/99)

C. RSC Chair

- 1. Minimum four years clean time.
- 2. Working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. Minimum of two years of Regional participation.
- 4. Willingness to serve.
- 5. Willingness to give time and resources necessary to do the job.
- 6. A two year length of term, having to be reelected at the end of the first year. (11/99)

D. Vice-Chair

- 1. Minimum three years clean time.
- 2. Working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. Minimum two years of Regional participation.
- 4. Willingness to serve.
- 5. Willingness to give time and resources necessary to do the job.
- 6. A two year length of term, having to be reelected at the end of the first year. (11/99)

E. Secretary

- 1. Minimum two years clean time.
- 2. Working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. Participation in two RSCs.
- 4. Willingness to serve and secretarial skills.
- 5. Willingness to give time and resources necessary for the job.
- 6. Maintain a log of motions that the M.A.R.S.C.N.A. passes regarding the administrative function of its committees and officers. This listed should be chronologically and distributed quarterly with the M.A.R.S.C.N.A. minutes. A yearly updated log should be inserted into the Guidelines of the M.A.R.S.C.N.A. (2/99)
- 7. A two year length of term, having to be reelected at the end of the first year. (11/99)
- 8. The taping of the RSC's is for the secretaries use only. All tapes will be destroyed or reused as soon as the RSC minutes are approved. (2/95)

F. Treasurer

- 1. Minimum three years clean time.
- 2. Working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 3. Minimum of one year involvement at Regional level.
- 4. Willingness to serve.
- 5. Willingness to give the time and resources necessary for the job.
- 6. Past experience with accounting, bookkeeping and/or treasuries.
- 7. A two year length of term, having to be reelected at the end of the first year. (11/99)

G. Co-Treasurer (2/03)

POLICY

ARTICLE X

REMOVAL OF OFFICERS PASSED 5/14/94

A. VOLUNTARY:

Given in writing to the RSC Chairperson prior to the next RSC meeting.

B. INVOLUNTARY:

- 1. Two consecutive meetings missed.
- 2. Relapse during term of office.
- 3. RSC retains the option to remove an officer of the RSC in the case of gross negligence or fraud by 2/3 vote of the RSC.

ARTICLE XI FUNDS PASSED 5/15/94

- A. All funds collected from Area contributions or any other source are given to the Regional Treasurer who shall deposit them in a checking account maintained for that purpose. The checking account shall have co-signers on it and require more than one signature.
- B. All expenses shall be paid by check.
- C. All expenditures must be approved in advance by the RSC.
- D. All expenditures must be approved by simple majority vote at RSC business meetings.
- E. Quarterly, all funds above prudent reserve not budgeted are forwarded to NAWS.
- F. M.A.R.S.C.N.A. shall make funds available to assist the Regional Delegate and the Alternate Regional Delegate with designated expenses incurred due to attendance at the World Service Conference each year.
- G. Policy for the collection of funds owed the Region.
 - 1. The Region shall set up an informal meeting between the debtor/debtors owing monies or property to the Region and a representatives of the Region. The purpose of this meeting will be to remind the debtor/debtors that he/she/they still owes monies and or property and to try to resolve the issue amiably at that time: i.e. receive payment.
 - 2. If payment or property cannot be collected at this time, the representatives of the Region and the debtor/debtors responsible for the debt will write a promissory note that will indicate the time and amount for payments to the Region to eliminate the debt in a timely fashion. This note shall be one that is fair and equitable to both parties and should include interest to be figured at the going prime rate.

- 3. If payment does not proceed as agreed by the debtor/debtors and the Region, the Region shall send to the debtor/debtors a copy of the bill, the promissory note and a request for immediate remittance by the debtor. This shall be done by certified mail.
- 4. Having done all of the above, if the Region is still not receiving its monies and or properties, it shall file in a legal court for collection said monies.
- 5. The Region does reserve the right to review each case individually to determine and act upon any extenuating circumstances the debtor/debtors may have brought before the Region, either in writing or verbally. (11/18/01)

H. Budgeting:

- 1.) All subcommittees and RSC officers shall submit to the Regional Treasurer their proposed optimal budget at the November RSC for the next years budget.
- 2.) The Regional Treasurer will compile the individual optimal budgets and the final compiled optimal budget shall be sent to the groups of the Mid America Region for approval.
- 3.) Alt subcommittees and RSC officers shall submit to the RSC a written expenditure report at each RSC. (5/2000)
- I. Prudent reserve shall be set by the RSC as deems $\frac{5}{19}$ necessary at the May RSC for the following year.
- J. Regional subcommittees submit their previous years actual expenses to be added to their budget proposal.

ARTICLE XII SEATING OF AN AREA PASSED 5/18/97

A. Purpose:

- 1. To provide the services necessary to carry the NA message of recovery so that the still suffering addict may find recovery through the fellowship of NA in the Mid-America Region.
- 2. To serve as a link between Groups and the M.A.R.S.C.N.A..

B. Requirements:

1. To be recognized (seated) as an Area by M.A.R.S.C.N.A., an Area must be a service body of independent Groups, separately represented within a designated boundary, which meets regularly for the purpose of serving its members and Groups. A newly seated Area can vote immediately on all issues with the exception of any old business. (2/01)

ARTICLE XIII SUSPENSION OF AN AREA PASSED 5/18/97

A. Purpose:

1. An RCM cannot be removed by the M.A.R.S.C.N.A.. However, if there are problems the M.A.R.S.C.N.A. may suspend an Area's voting privileges to allow the Area to resolve the said problems which may be affecting other areas, M.A.R.S.C.N.A. or NA as a whole.

B. Definition:

- 1. Suspension shall consist of:
 - a. Suspension of voting privileges for two consecutive RSCs.
 - b. The RSC will send a formal, certified, return receipt requested letter addressing said problems, to the Area in question within ten (10) days of close of business of that RSC.

- c. In order to support the efforts of the Area in question, a duly appointed committee of no less than four members of the M.A.R.S.C.N.A. consisting of RSR/Alternate RD, two RCMs and a member of the Steering Subcommittee will attend the ASC of said Area prior to the convening of the next RSC.
- C. After the suspension period, voting privileges may be reinstated if significant progress has been made in addressing the problems, as determined by the voting members of the M.A.R.S.C.N.A..
- D. If significant progress has not been made during the suspension period, as determined by the voting members of the M.A.R.S.C.N.A., the suspension may be extended for not more than two (2) additional RSCs, or a motion to unseat may be entertained.

ARTICLE XIV UNSEATING AN AREA PASSED 5/18/97

A. Purpose:

- 1. To provide the policy necessary to no longer recognize (unseat) an Area at M.A.R.S.C.N.A..
- B. An Area shall be notified by verbal and/or written communication, concerns about that Area's representative prior to suspending the Area's voting privilege (8/97)
- C. The RCM, Alt. RCM, and mailing address, shall be notified by written communications, within ten (10) days of the concerns of M.A.R.S.C.N.A. about the Area. This action will precede the suspension process of an Area's voting privileges as described in Article XIII. (11/97)
- D. Requirements:
 - 1. Having exhausted alternatives as described in Article XIII, the procedure to unseat an Area will be entertained.
 - 2. An Area will be unseated by a 2/3 vote of the voting members of M.A.R.S.C.N.A..

ARTICLE XV VOTING PASSED 8/95

- A. Votes be recorded as roll call votes. (8/95)
- B.To discontinue the tally sheet process for all RSC elections effective immediately (2/97)
- C.An abstention vote means that you are accepting the majority vote weather it be yea or neigh. An abstention vote is counted on the side of the majority. (2/98)

ARTICLE XVI Clarity statement PASSED 8/99

1. The clarity statement shall not be read at any Regional functions.

(**Footnotes**)¹ Separately represented: a member must not hold more than one GSR/Alternate GSR position.