

**CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 20, 2013**

**VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The CTRSCNA met at the Grace and St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2927 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, Ct. 06518  
Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read.

**ROLL CALL**

Nine areas were represented.

**APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES**

**Secretary** – Mary H. read the Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the March minutes. Minutes for March were corrected and put in archives.  
Minutes were then accepted 8-0-1.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Chair** – Steve read report. We filled a few request for insurance certificates for the past month. May - July meeting will be scheduled for the Greater Hartford Area.

There still seems to be confusion regarding the procurement of Insurance Certificates.

- Our policy covers all regularly scheduled meetings in the Connecticut Region.(anniversary meetings are covered)
- There are a few facilities requiring proof of insurance, which we are providing copies of the certificates when requested.
- All special events outside of regularly schedule meetings require separate insurance certificates which we will provide when requested by the Area's RCM.
- All requests should come directly from the Area's RCM to this Chair. This way we have established a direct communication link between the Areas, the Region and the Insurance Company.
- It is problematic when I am continuing to field questions directly from the area meeting representatives or area committee.
  - For example, this past Monday I received a call from Hartford Area's Activities Committee requesting direct access to the insurance company.
- I am frequently out of town during the week and I did not actually hear this until Friday evening when I returned home from a week out of town.
- I am requesting RCM's to please inform your Areas that all request should be directed to you.
- **Please submit the request in the following via email:**
  - **Name of Event**
  - **Date of Event**
  - **Beginning Time and Ending Time of Event**
  - **Contact Name**
  - **Contact Phone Number**
- **Please submit this request this request to my email address, [steven\\_jacobowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:steven_jacobowitz@yahoo.com)**
- On average it takes 2-3 business days to get the certificate although, I would appreciate it if you gave us at least a weeks' notice so as not to overtax the insurance agent.

**The next RSC meeting will be on June 15, 2013, at 2:00pm at the Grace Episcopal Church 124 Maple Hill Avenue Newington, Ct, (church door will be open at 1:00)**

**Vice Chair** – Leonard S. read report. Vice Chair attended WSR, all position are OTF. He also attended the PR meeting and there are several positions OTF.

**Treasurer** – Gail read the report. (**April 2013 report**)

Opening Balance:	\$ 3,689.17
Donations Received:	\$904.05
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned	\$770.00
Expenditures Total:	\$ 2,003.34
Donation to WSO:	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance:	\$3,359.88
Schedule Reserve:	\$ 3,000
Checkbook Total:	\$6,359.88

Treasurer report passed 9/0/0

**RD & RDA** – Dyan F gave verbal report. RD and RDA attended the Florida Service Symposium (FSS). Dyan gave a verbal report on her experience of the (FSS). She expressed how it was an all day event and gave highlight on how eventful the (FSS) was.

Some reminders:

- The “Introduction to NA Meetings” project; <http://www.na.org/?ID=intromtgs>
- The New Traditions Book; <http://www.na.org/traditions>
- Service System Project: <http://www.na.org/servicesystem>
- All of the Issus Discussion Topics: <http://www.neorg/?IDT-IDT>
- The 35<sup>th</sup> World Convention of NA <http://www.na.org/wcna>
- The commemorative edition of Living Clean: The Journey Continues is now available for sale: <http://www.na.org/ID=OrderLiteratureOnline-NAW>

**Web Servant** – Donna H. read report. All meeting updates, calendar events and flyer links have been completed. Web-Servant worked with Literature Chair for the schedule printing. This printing was compiled completely utilizing the website meeting database. Web-Servant Chair fixed some online errors that were found as a result of this first time process. And, expect there may be more to come. She believes that the new process will ensure that the printed version is current and up to date as it can be as compared to the website.

The Basic Meeting List Toolbox (BMLT) has been updated on the website. The most noticeable difference is that the default search is now by text and not by map, which is what most people found difficult to use. Web-Servant ask that RCM’s verify all hand written meeting changes request before handing them in at Region. She brought each area’s meeting list directly printed from the website database for each RCM to review. **Please confirm address locations, meeting times, names and type and return to Web-Servant Chair, (by next Regional meeting).**

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOD** – Phil D read report. The BOD met on Sunday March 17, 2013.

Elections were held for Board Members; Cynthia S.-New Haven Area, Troy B. - Mid-State Area, Al. W. Alternate Technical Director Executive Director, Phil D. - Alternate Executive Director Ron B. Area seats that are out to the Areas are; CCA, GDA, and USA areas. Other positions OTF are Site Selection Director and Alt Site Director. In the meantime Ron, Phil and Troy will be working on the hotel bids for 20015 and 2016 Convention Site Selections.

BOD discussed an ongoing situation with taping company that was used at the 2013 Convention. The Board also voted to move its meeting from Danbury to Middletown with the Convention Committee.

A notice from the IRS was received, due to our 2011 tax return being filed late. Troy spoke with the IRS representative who informed him that a payment arrangement should be made to avoid a levy on Convention Corporation’s bank account. The representative also confirmed that if we elect to request an abatement and IRS grants its, all payment will be returned.

**Convention** – Leigh b. read report. All subcommittee have secured locations which were posted on the website. Flyers were distributed to Region for all areas. Tech Director was forward Convention Committee new address of new Convention Committee location to begin in May so that website can be updated; also the Regional Web-Servant will be e-mailed in order to have the changes posted as well. All is well and on task.

**May Convention Committee meeting will be held May 19, 2013 at the Holy Trinity Church 381 Main St, Middletown Ct, 06457**

**H&I** – Sean O. read report. Eight out of nine areas attended.

**GNHA**- New subcommittee meeting place, The Mother Church of Our Lady of Assumption, 1700 Litchfield TPK, Woodbridge, Ct. on the last Sunday of the month, orientation at 4:30pm/ subcommittee meeting at 5:00pm .

**MSUA**- New subcommittee meeting time, the third Monday of every month at 6:30pm for orientation, 7:00pm for subcommittee

There are a few new presentations in the works in various areas. More will be revealed as more information becomes available.

York/ Niantic Correctional has switched meeting day to Thursdays. H&I are having problems with Yellow card holders not being allowed into facility. Volunteer liaison is contacting Doug to try and remedy the situation.

New T-shirt design approved and adhoc committee in process of finalizing artwork and getting quotes. H&I are still concern about schedules issues. H&I are looking forward to getting their rent up to date, to remain self supporting.

**Next meeting will be held May 1, 2013 at New Britain YMCA, 50 High St, New Britain Ct at 7:30pm.**

**Literature** – Mary R. read report. The Literature committee will now be meeting at the Meriden Public Library Located at 105 Miller St.; Meriden Ct. Committee will meet from 7:00pm- 8:15 on the third Tuesday of the **every other month**, and the first meeting will be held on Tuesday May 21, 2013.

There were five outside sales since last region meeting.

Sold 2,500 schedules sold within the fellowship for \$350.00

Transferred 2,000 to RSC Subcommittee \$280.00

Sold 1,500 schedules sold outside the fellowship for a total of \$320.00

Total: 6,000 schedules sold for \$950.00

Currently Literature has a total of 21,560 schedules as the latest order has been printed.

The Regional Literature Chair and Alt Web Servant worked together to make sure online and printed schedules were concurrent.

**The next meeting will be at the Meriden Public Library, 105 Miller Meriden Ct, Tuesday May 21, 2013, 7:00pm-8:15pm**

**Public Relations** – Debbie D. read report. PR met on April 10, 2013. There were 10 addicts in attendance, 5 out of 9 areas present. Chris and Mike shared their experience and feedback about the Florida Service Symposium (FSS). PR welcomes Gene from the Mid-State area as PR Chair. PR Chair position was up last month.

Positions OTF are Chair, Vice Chair. Spanish Phone Line Coordinator

**Public Relation next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 7:00 pm at St. Andrews Church, Meriden CT.**

**WSR** – Gerry P. read report. Has met twice, and need addict support. The committee has discussed, investigated and approved a change venue for their business meeting. WSR expects to be moving to the Middletown area in June (to eliminate conflict with RSC) and our meeting times. WSR was represented at the Learning Day and have 4 new step guide orientated. WSR will be recruiting at this year's Pig Roast. WSR has committed to giving a presentation at USA NA Leaning Day on June 29, 2013 in New London Ct, also have been invited to MSUA H&I for a Learning Day In June as well(details still in process). WSR -OTF, clean time requirement 2 years and 1 year served on the WSR committee

**Policy Ad-Hoc** – Gail gave verbal report by met on April 20, 2013, before RSC meeting. They are moving forward with reviewing Policy's.

## **AREA REPORTS**

**Central Connecticut Area** – Libby R (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt Treasurer, Alt RCM, PR Chair, and Secretary

Activities: CCANA –Poster Day June 8, 2013, (more info coming), Women's Sponsorship Retreat May 10-12, 2013, 4pm Fri -11:00 am Sun., Incarnation Retreat Center 253 Bush Hill Rd, Ivoryton, Ct, Coming Alive Campout August 9-11, 2013, 42 Pierce Rd. Strawberry Park, Preston, Ct, Poker Run, July 20, 2013 more info coming

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: None

**Greater Danbury Area – Mike Q (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: Vice-Chair, Chair, and PI Chair

Activities: none

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: moving time & location in effort to get more involvement -3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:00pm, we are also discussing having and provide a Learning Day Workshop at group meetings (more to follow).

**Greater Hartford Area – Tracey D. (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: PI PL Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and RCM

Activities: Miracles Do Happen Campout May 5, 2013 9:00am-12:00pm, 1301 Forbes St. East Hartford Ct,

Fund Flow: \$2632.50 Area Concerns: Need rent check for \$150.00 rent/donation for next three months

**Greater New Haven Area – Artie (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: Alt Sec. and Alt RCM

Activities: none

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: None

**Greater Waterbury Area – Robert H. (Representative)**

Positions Out to Area: none

Activities: Scio Day mayo Picnic TBA, Campout fund raiser Blackrock St Park, Thomaston Ct, Rt. 6

Fund Flow: \$0.00 Area Concerns: none

**Mid-State Unity Area – Al W. (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: none

Activities: Activities subcommittee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 8:00pm, faith Lutheran Church, 300 Washington St, Middletown Ct

Fund Flow: \$000. Area Concerns: none

**Southern Fairfield Country Area – Samantha-Rae M. (Alt RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: RCM

Activities: Memorial Day weekend Recovery Party, 9:00pm-12:30am

Fund Flow: \$ 143.00 Area Concerns: activities committee budget

**Tunxis Valley Area – Darlene B (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: All positions OTF in June

Activities: Spiritual Breakfast, May 25, St. Marks Church, Picnic, June 15, A.W. Stanley Park 12: 00pm to dusk, New Britain Ct

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: None

**United Shoreline Area – Howard O (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: Alt RCM, Set-up, and BOD

Activities: Recovery Rock Fest, May12, 2013, McCook's Point Niantic Ct, 11:30-5:30

Fund Flow: \$296.69 Area Concerns: None

**Break:**

**Sharing Session:**

- **Only one e-mail addresses (Donna H.)** to have one contact for web changes. After much discussion, it was determined that only 3 out of 9 group use e-mail address
  - A. Web-Servant will check all mail along with RCM, to make sure all information is correct
- **To cancel May's RSC meeting (Mary H.)** straw poll taken
- **Service committee (Donna H)** why should a sheet be recreated if there is a sheet already exists? Vice Chair can do and it was asked if the font could be larger. More discussion was to put in a pamphlet format for the new comer can pick up at meetings.
  - A. Vice Chair will update every month and RCM can make as many copies they require. After more discussion, it was referred to Literature Chair.

- **Hosting RSC**

**A. GHA, The next RSC meeting will be on June 15, 2013, at 2:00pm at the Grace Episcopal Church 124 Maple Hill Avenue Newington, Ct. (church door will be open at 1:00)**

- **To change day of Region in May (Mike Q)** why not the last Saturday of May? GHA would have to check with church, and it is Memorial weekend. Straw poll taken

**Old Business:**

**Motion# 1 (1/19/13)** M/S: Sean O (H&I)/ Cindy C (GHA-RCM)

H&I budget for 2013/2014

Intent: Carry the message

Motion: M/S: Howard/ Mike

To postpone for 60 days to allow for Area consideration

**Motion passed 7/0/1**

**Motion# 2 (1/19/13)** M/S: Leonard S (Vice Chair)/ Al W. (MSUA-RCM)

Executive budget for 2013/2014

Intent: To follow policy and be financially responsible

Motion: M/S: Howard/ Mike

To postpone for 60 days to allow for Area consideration

**Motion passed 7-0-1**

**Motion# 3 (1/19/13)** M/S: Debbie D (PR Chair) Libby R. (CCA-RCM)

PR/PL budget for 2013/2014

Intent: To follow policy and be financially responsible

Motion: M/S: Howard/ Mike

To postpone for 60 days to allow for Area consideration

**Motion passed 7-0-1**

**Motion# 4 (1/19/13)** M/S: Adam H. (RD) Howard O (USA-RCM)

RD/ALT RD budget for 2013/2014

Intent: To follow policy and be financially responsible

Motion: M/S: Howard/ Mike

To postpone for 60 days to allow for Area consideration

**Motion passed 7-0-1**

**Motion# 5 (1/19/13)** M/S: Gerry P (WSR) Beverly H. (GWA-RCM)

WSR budget for 2013/2014

Intent: To be financially responsible

Motion: M/S: Howard/ Mike

To postpone for 60 days to allow for Area consideration

**Motion passed 7-0-1**

**Motion# 6 (1/19/13)** M/S: Justin A. (Web Servant) Cindy C. (GHA-RCM)

Web Servant budget for 2013/2014

Intent: To be financially responsible to the Ct. Region of Narcotics Anonymous

Motion: M/S: Howard/ Mike

To postpone for 60 days to allow for Area consideration

**Motion passed 7-0-1**

**Elections:**

**OTF WSR:** clean time requirement 2 years and 1 year served on the WSR committee

**OTF Alt Web Servant:** clean time requirement 2 years, and 6 months prior involvement in RS

**OTF PR:** clean time requirement 2 year and 6 months prior involvement in PR

**Congratulation! BOD-** Executive Director Phil D

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion#1 (2/16/13)** M/S Cindy C (GHA-RCM) Roberta (GNHA-RCM)  
Request RD/Alt RD make presentation at March RSC on topic of their choice  
Intent: Dissemination of information, teaching us how to teach  
**Note: motion revisited, will move forward in May 2013 passed 7-0-1**

**Motion#2(2/16/13)** M/S Donna H (Alt Web Servant) Mary R (Literature)  
To have schedule changes be made by electronic submission only for online and eventually for print  
Intent: to expedite online schedule change process  
**Tabled for 30 days**

**Motion# 3(3/16/13)** M/S Donna H. (Alt Web Servant) Libby R. (CCA-RMC)  
To approve the proposed Literature budget of \$1,215.00 for 2013-2014 year  
Intent: to be financially responsible  
**Tabled to areas for 60 days**

**Motion #1(4/20/13)** M/S Darlene (GSR-TVA) Samantha (SFCA-ALT RCM)  
Intent: due to lack of attendance/ addict family event  
**To lay on table/ passed- Passed 12/5/4 (6/2/0 allowed everyone to vote)**

**Motion#2(4/20/13)** M/S Gail (Alt Treasurer) Mike Q. (GDA-RCM)  
Move \$32.14 to postage and \$ 31.1491 to copies  
Totals \$64.05 from Literature  
Intent: to keep RSC budget policy  
**Passed 7/0/1**

**Motion#3(4/20/13)** M/S Mike Q (GDA-GSR) Samantha M (SFCA-ALT RCM)  
To move the May 2013 RSC to May 25 at the same location, with the meeting to be canceled if the location is unavailable  
Intent: to fulfill our responsibilities as a Region (voted to allow all to vote) passed  
**Failed 6/11/3**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**The next RSC meeting will be on June 15, 2013, at 2:00pm at the Grace Episcopal Church 124 Maple Hill Avenue Newington, Ct, (church door will be open at 1:00)**

The Meeting closed at 5:15pm.

Love to Serve NA,  
Mary H.

## Connecticut Region of N.A. Activities Calendar



**TVA** - Spiritual Breakfast, May 25, St. Marks Church, Picnic, June 15, A.W. Stanley Park 12: 00pm to dusk, New Britain Ct

**SFFC** - Memorial Day weekend Recovery Party, 9:00pm-12:30am, Golden hill Methodist Church, 210 Elm St Bridgeport Ct.

**USA** - Recovery Rock Fest, May12, 2013, McCook's Point Niantic Ct, 11:30-5:30

**GWA**- Scio Day mayo Picnic TBA, Campout fund raiser Blackrock St Park, Thomaston Ct, Rt. 6

**GHA** - Miracles Do Happen Campout May 5, 2013 9:00am-12:00pm, 1301 Forbes St. East Hartford Ct,

**CCA** - Women's Sponsorship Retreat, May 10-12, 2013, 4pm Fri -11:00 am Sun., Incarnation Retreat Center 253 Bush Hill Rd, Ivoryton Ct,

**CCA**-Poster Day June 8, 2013, (more info coming) Coming Alive Campout August 9-11, 2013, 42 Pierce Rd. Strawberry Park, Preston, Ct,

**CCA**-Poker Run, July 20, 2013 more info coming

**CCA**-Coming Alive Campout August 9-11, 2013, 42 Pierce Rd. Strawberry Park, Preston, Ct

## *GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATION (THE ABC'S OF NA)*

**ASC** – Area Service Committee  
**BOD** – Board of Directors (for the CRCC, Inc. – Connecticut Regional Convention Corporation)  
**BT** – Basic Text  
**CAR** – Conference Agenda Report  
**CAT** – Conference Approval Track material  
**CBDM** – Consensus Based Decision Making  
**CCA** – Central Connecticut Area  
**CTRCNA** – Connecticut Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous  
**CTRSCNA** – Connecticut Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous  
**FIPT** – Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust  
**GDA** – Greater Danbury Area  
**GHA** – Greater Hartford Area  
**GLS (GTLS)** – A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous  
**GNHA** – Greater New Haven Area  
**GWA** – Greater Waterbury Area  
**GWSNA (GTWS)** – A Guide to World Services in Narcotics Anonymous  
**H&I** – Hospitals & Institutions  
**IW: H&W** – It Works: How & Why (Green & Gold)  
**JFT** – Just for Today daily meditation book  
**MARLCNA** – Mid-Atlantic Regional Learning Conference  
**MRLE** – Multi-Regional Learning Event  
**MSUA** – Mid-State Unity Area  
**NEZF** – North East Zonal Forum  
**OTA** – Out to the Area  
**OTF** – Out to the Fellowship  
**PI/PL** – Public Information & Phone Line  
**PR** – Public Relations  
**RCM** – Regional Committee Member  
**RD** – Regional Delegate  
**RDA** – Regional Delegate Alternate  
**RSC** – Regional Service Committee  
**SFCA** – Southern Fairfield County Area  
**SWG** – Step Working Guides  
**TVA** – Tunxis Valley Area  
**USA** – United Shoreline Area  
**WSO** – World Service Office  
**WSR** – Writing Steps for Recovery