

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2013

VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION: Andrew, Toby, and Omar, introduced themselves and was welcomed to the RSC.

CALL TO ORDER

The CTRSCNA met at the St. John's Episcopal Church in Sandy Hook (Newtown) 5 Washington Ave, Newtown, Ct 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 read, Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the August minutes. Minutes were then accepted, 9-0-0

NOTE: take a look on what the Zonal Forum is for whether we are in agreement

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair – Steve read report. We filled many requests for insurance certificates for the past month, with no incidents Executive committee commitment will be up next month.

The next RSC meeting will be on November 17, 2013, at 2:00pm at the St. John's Episcopal Church in Sandy Hook (Newtown) 5 Washington Ave, Newtown, CT.

Vice Chair – Absent, Chair read report. Vice Chair attended public relations and WSR this month. We are talking about we need help keeping a subcommittee together around definitely long discussion. WSR have all positions are open we need help they keep it afloat thank you. Public relations have several positions out to the fellowship Chair, vice chair Spanish phone line we need to fill the position this as soon as possible. Public relation tended to see car yesterday and we found out it was asking for another \$50 please total of hundred dollars total.

Treasurer – Gail, read the report. **(September 2013 report)**

Opening Balance:	\$ 3, 827.00
Donations Received:	\$342.23
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned	\$208.00
Expenditures Total:	\$ 3,161.42
Donation to WSO:	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance:	\$1,215.81
Schedule Reserve:	\$ 2,049.73
Checkbook Total:	\$3,265.54

Treasurer report: 0/7/2 to be revised next month 9-0-0

RD & RDA – Adam H. read report. RD participated in NA service related discussions on variety forums. There is an “official” WSC Participant Discussion Board (PDB) on na.org that limited to participation by those members who were at WSC 2012 and those who have been elected by regions to be participants at WSC 2014. Issues came up last month where a 2nd ALD (RDA2) from a region was denied participatory rights because the PDB is only a discussion forum where most of us are sharing our personal opinions most of the time.

Also, there is at least one RD on that forum that is from a non-seated region, so not a WSC participant either. RD sent an e-mail to the World Board and NAWS expressing concerns and that any delegate elected by a region to participate in the PDB. Upon their reply it was stated that we'll discuss it at WSC 2014.

RD also e-mailed suggestion/proposals for Possible Cost Reduction for WSC and space/room concerns for WSC. RD is not sure if he will receive a direct response from WB; RD was only making a suggestion, but will move forward in making a formal proposal or two at WSC 2014. **More will be revealed**
Plans are still underway for attendance and participation in the Western Service Learning Day October 25-27.

Reminder

- 25-27 October- The Western Service Learning Day, Los Angeles, CA
- 6-8 December 2013- Multi-Regional Learning Day Event, Alfred ME
- 24-26 January 2014-Northeast Zonal Forum, Buffalo, NY
- 7-9 February 2014 – Mid-Atlantic Regional Learning Conference, Lancaster, PA
- 27 April-May 2014-World Service Conference, Woodland Hills, CA

2013 membership survey is available online. Those who filled one out at WSC do not fill out again.

RDA- Dyan F. read report, The RD team in conjunction with USA hosted NA Service 101 Jam. Very good turnout, and the presentations were, The Service System Project Update, Group Conscience, Third Tradition, Supporting Our Vision and Collaboration. Participation in presentations provided by the RD Team is increasing and we would like to encourage other areas to participate. Note; you can get NAWs updates on-line.

Web Servant – Absent report read. All meeting updates, calendar events and flyer links have been completed for the month. The development of a new mobile site is not considered maintenance, as there is design work and new programming involved. It will run \$1,200 to design, test and integrate a new mobile site as quoted from Image Works. As a reminder double check your area minutes for phone numbers before sending to the website addresses.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

BOD – Phil D read report. The BOD met in Stamford Ct. September 15th at 3:00pm. Currently OTF are GDA seat. The B.O.D. and Executive committee attended a walk through at the Stamford Marriott Hotel on the 15th. They will be discussing and voting on the two hotels next month.

Viveca M. has volunteered and was voted in as the Site Selection Director and will take over with the RFP's and negotiation with the two hotels for 2015/2016 convention. Cynthia S. was voted in for assistant Site Selection Director.

There has been a misprint in the registration forms for the room rates, it state rooms are \$93.00 and should read \$95.00 a night, **PLEASE share with your areas!**

They have received an adjustment check from the IRS for overpayment in the amount of \$105.84

The BOD has voted to have the ALT Tech Director to have access to PayPal, with a separate password to help set up laptops at the convention and to prepare for the transition to Tech Director.

Monthly financial report, along with reconciliation report attached to it.

[BOD next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on, October 20, 2013 at the Holy Trinity Church 381 Main St, Middletown Ct. 06457](#)

Convention – LisaMaire O read report. The pre-registration flyers have been printed and have also been uploaded to the convention web-site. Chair has flyer to be distribute today.

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Times for Regional workshop:

RD-Conference Agenda Report; Sat-9:30-12:00(meeting will start at 10:00am)

WSR-Saturday-10:45-12:15pm

PR- Saturday 12:30-1:45pm

All subcommittee are on task and all is well.

[Convention Committee meeting will be held October 20, 2013 at the Holy Trinity Church 381 Main St, Middletown Ct. 06457](#)

H&I – Absent, no report

[Next Meeting Sept 3, 2013 at New Britain YMCA, 50 High St, New Britain, CT 7:30pm](#)

Literature – Mary R. read report. The Literature committee is in need of addict support. They met and 2 addicts were in attendance. The upcoming tradition workbook was discussed and information was shared as to how to participate in the online questionnaire and forum from WSC was provided.

There was 400 schedules sold outside the fellowship for \$80.00

Sold 3,950 schedules sold within the fellowship for \$553.00

Transferred 2,000 to RSC Subcommittee \$280.00

Total: 6,350 schedules sold for \$913.00

Ending inventory 4,571

New schedules order will be placed in the coming weeks.

[The next meeting will be at the Meriden Public Library, 105 Miller Meriden Ct, Tuesday November 19, 2013, 7:00pm](#)

Public Relations – Absent (OTF) Positions OTF are Chair, Vice Chair. Spanish Phone Line Coordinator

[Public Relation meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at St. Andrews Church, Meriden CT.](#)

WSR – OTF.

[WSR meets on the second Thursday at location Holy Trinity Church 381 Main St, Middletown Ct, 06457](#)

Policy Ad-Hoc – Adam read report.

The policy ad-hoc met last Saturday (Sep 14, 2013). There were 4 of us in attendance in person and we video-conference with GDA RCM (using Skype) so he could participate since it was the motion he proposed that was our primary topic of discussion.

The motion, as proposed, read:

"To change the agenda: For every other monthly meeting of the RSC, reports by the executive committee, subcommittees and areas will be limited to pressing concerns that require immediate attention. Old business, sharing session, elections, and new business will still occur at the end of the RSC. Between the pressing business section and motions, the body will participate in a workshop or presentation session. The executive comm, subcommittee chair, and RD will be responsible for selecting topics, to be approved by RCMs."

M/S: Mike Q (GDA) / Libby R. (CCA).

Intent: to educate our service members, and to be better trusted servants.

We looked and the only existing policy that would be affected is Section III.B.5 – Format for the CTRSC Meetings. This section defines the overall agenda sections for each RSC meeting. There is language that states that trusted servants “make and distribute a written report at each RSC meeting” but it doesn’t state that the report is read. So we didn’t believe those policies would be affected since all RSC trusted servants would still be responsible for distributing a written report at every meeting and it would only be read out loud every other RSC meeting.

The following discussion notes are offered only as a basis for some further discussion and possible implementation. We understand that the Policy Ad-Hoc is not here to decide if a motion is valid or not, or even to make significant changes based on what we think would be better. However, we felt we should inform the RSC of why we are suggesting what we are.

One thing included in the motion was mention of a “pressing business section” and after significant discussion about what might be included in this section, how this would be handled, etc. we thought that this could really be handled in the Sharing Session section. We talked about the Sharing Session sheet having a Pressing Concerns section on top half and a Sharing Session section on the bottom half. We also discussed just utilizing our current Sharing Session sheet and having the chairperson make the more pressing items a priority while leaving the rest of the Sharing Session as is in a first come first served list (in other words, the chairperson wouldn’t decide something is less important than everything else and move it to the bottom of the list, only what has to be dealt with during the current RSC meeting and move that item(s) up to the top of the list).

We also had some discussion on how/when/what topics for workshop/presentation would be chosen but decided that the process should be left unwritten and just let it happen. If at some point the RSC believes that the process of how and when topics are chosen needs to be included in policy, then we can do that at that time.

Just one other thing to note... we did not use the language “odd months” and “even months” in the event that we cancel a meeting like we did this past May. So we used the language alternating months or “A” months and “B” months (just to distinguish that they are alternating).

That being said, we don’t believe the RSC can’t actually adopt the motion as it’s written. Since the premise behind the motion is the amend Section III.B.5, then the proper way to accomplish that would be for an RCM to offer a substitute motion. The best wording for the substitute motion would be:

To replace Section III.B.5 (Format for CTRSC Meetings) of CTRSC Policy with the following:

“A” Month

CALL TO ORDER

Visitor Question & Answer Period

Reading of the Serenity Prayer

Reading of the 12 Traditions and/or 12 Concepts for NA Service

Roll Call

Recognition of New Areas

Approval of minutes from previous meeting (additions and corrections are made)

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AREA REPORTS;

Central Connecticut Area – Libby R (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: PR Chair and ALT Chair

Activities: Sponsor Sponsee Dinner Dance, Nov. 23, 2013 5pm-9pmdinner-7pm-8pm speaker-9pm-12am dance, First Congregational church, 62 Colony St, Meriden Ct

Fund Flow: \$53.48

Area Concerns: None

Greater Danbury Area – Mike Q (RCM)

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

Activities:

Fund Flow: \$0.00

Area Concerns: we will likely be taking an area inventory in the next few months. Any input from members with experience would be appreciated

Greater Hartford Area – Toby

Positions Out to Area: PI PL Chair, vice chair, RCM and ALT RCM

Activities:

Fund Flow: \$ 000

Area Concerns: addict participation

Greater New Haven Area –

Positions Out to Area: Alt. Treasurer, Alt Sec. and Alt Policy Chair

Activities:

- Fall into Service GNHA Leaning Day, Oct. 26,2013, 2:00-5:00pm, Congressional Church Center St/ on website
- Walk the Walk/on website
- Thanksgiving marathon

Fund Flow: \$69.67

Area Concerns: bank request for new bank relationship= reg treasurer did outline what documents will be helpful to establish new bank relationship

Greater Waterbury Area – Louise (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Treasurer, web servant, basketball shootout chair, and Alt RCM

Activities:

Fund Flow: \$

Area Concerns: Having a site for RD Presentation

Mid-State Unity Area – Al W. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Activities Chair

Activities:

- Came to Believe 17 years Oct. 20, 2013 6-8:45pm, 381 Main Street, Middletown CT

Fund Flow: \$526.37

Area Concerns: having treasurer. Not being a signer

Southern Fairfield Country Area – Samantha M (Alt RCM)

Positions Out to Area: RCM and Policy Secretary

Activities:

- Free as an Eagle Anniversary meeting, Oct. 30, 2013, 6:30pm-9:00pm, Fairfield Warde High School Cafeteria

Fund Flow: \$ 25.00

Area Concerns: how to move forward with literature budget vs. increasing pricing to accommodate shipping

Tunxis Valley Area – Omar P (ALT RCM)

Positions Out to Area: filled

Activities:

- Halloween Dance, October 26, 2013,9:00pm-1:00am, St Marks, 147 West Main St New Britain

Fund Flow: \$0.00,

Area Concerns: we were asked how activities handle and use their own bank account. We feel that we have open line of communication and we are grateful we were to be of service

United Shoreline Area – Howard O (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt RCM, and Alt Treasurer

Activities:

- 3rd Annual Halloween Costume Dane Party, October 26, 2013, 8:00-12:00am, Gales Ferry Firehouse, Brousseau Hall, 1772 Rt 12 Gales Ferry, Ct 06335
- Thanksgiving Marathon meeting, Nov. 27, 2013, 10:00pm- Nov. 28, 2013 5:00pm, 10 Huntington St, New London Ct

Fund Flow: \$100.31

Area Concerns: None

Break:

Sharing Session:

- **Straw poll for policy meaning of reported/** what does the word report mean? Written or verbal. It means written. Or just a verbal FYI, in policy it reads written report. **Straw poll take that treasurer can disburse 2 separate funds First- disbursement 8/0/1 –Second disbursement 8/0/1**
- **H&I chair out 3 months in row/** policy was read and much discussion/ **H&I** commitment up next month, chair will contact him
- **RD Presentation for next month/** suggest was made to have presentation on cards on decision making **/straw poll 9/4/3 on topic next month**
- **Group Donation/** treasurer recalculated number for all areas
- **WSR letter/** mail has been coming to Chair PO Box/ Chair will call Jerry and ask what's up even though he is just acting WSR / no trusted servant at this time, but do have WSR committee, and will give presentation at convention to open doors for addicts to become trusted servants/ WSR has their own policy/ Vice Chair has been present at WSR meetings
- **PR/no PR Chair,** has committee and has secretary, no minute coming to Region, maybe we can ask secretary to submit minutes/ maybe we as a body should change topic to how we can support subcommittee **PR/WSR-straw poll Passed/ we will like everyone to show up**
- **Rotation or RSC- review policy/** upon regional meeting we should ask at second meeting where we should meet/ make sure meeting rooms are accessible, and we can review and approve
- **Role of zone (Zonal Forums)** take a look on what the Zonal Forum is for whether we are in agreement/ more will be discussed next month
- **Straw poll on giving PR \$50.00/** for CCAR booth at the recovery walk / have funds in budget/ **straw poll passed 8/0/4**

Old Business: None

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
- ❖ **OTF Regional Chair:** Clean time requirement is five (5) years. Ability to resolve differences among individual CTRSC members.
- ❖ **OTF Vice Chair:** Clean time requirement is four (4) years. Ability to resolve differences among individual CTRSC members.
- ❖ **OTF Secretary:** Clean time requirement is three (3) years. Record accurate minutes of the monthly CTRSC meeting and distribute them in a timely manner.
- ❖ **OTF Treasurer:** Clean time requirement is five (5) years, Ability to keep accurate financial records
- ❖ **OTF ALT Treasurer:** Clean time requirement is four (4) years. The Alternate Treasurer shall meet the qualifications for Treasurer and in addition be available for the Treasurer position the following year.
- ❖ **OTF BOD GDA:**
- ❖ **OTF H&I Chair:**

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion# 1(9/21/13) M/S: Steven J (Chair) Mary H (Secretary)

To move \$75.00 from the chair line item budget to the treasurer line item budget. Move \$75.00 from the secretary budget line item budget to the treasurer line item budget for a total of \$150.00

Intent: To be financially responsible and to properly reflect the actual expenses incurred by the treasurer

5/1/3 passed

Motion# 2(9/21/13) M/S: Mike Q (GDA-RCM) Libby (CCA-RCM)

For the policy ad-hoc chair to explore and inform the RSC on the procedure for a regional level inventory to be brought back at the October RSC meeting (30days)

Intent: 5th tradition to explore if we are furthering our primary purpose or not

9/0/0 Postpone for 30 days

NOTE: Motion to substitute Motion #2 from 8/17/13 Passed 9-0-0

Motion# 2(9/21/13) M/S: Mike Q (GDA-RCM) Omar D (TVA ALT-RCM)

Intent: to educate ourselves as trusted servants and more carry our message

To amend the agenda as follows

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Love to Serve NA,
Mary H.

Connecticut Region of N.A. Activities Calendar



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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