



Connecticut Regional Service Committee Minutes
August 19, 2017

The CTRSC met at Immanuel Baptist Church 1324 Chapel Street, New Haven CT. 06511
 The Vice Chairperson opened the meeting at 2:08 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.
 The 12 Traditions were read by Al W. and the 12 Concepts were read by Bill B.

Visitors: Howard T. (BOD)

ROLL CALL:		
Chairperson	Vacant	OTF
Vice Chairperson	Brian D.	Present
Secretary	Renet B.	Present
Treasurer	Alfred D.	Present
Alternate Treasurer	OTF	Vacant
Regional Delegate	Troy B.	Present
Regional Delegate Alternate	Lisa Marie S.	Present
Web Servant	Bill B.	Present
Alternate Web Servant	John K.	Absent
Schedule Facilitator	David M.	Present
Policy Facilitator	Al D.	Absent
H&I Chairperson	Michael B. H&I VC	Present
PR Chairperson	Heather S.	Present
WSR Chairperson	Leonard S.	Absent
Board of Directors	Ron B.	Absent
Convention Chair	Johnnie C.	Present
Ad Hoc - Policy	Vacant	Vacant
Ad Hoc - Web Design	Bill B.	Present
RCMs:		
CCA	John S.	Present
GDA	Matt I.	Present
GHA	Chick K./Michael W.	Present
GNHA	Antonio H.	Present
GWA	Roland O. ALT RCM	Present
MSUA	Al W. ALT RCM	Present
SFCA	Alex W.	Present
TVA	Darlene B.	Present
USA	Tad V.	Present
Total Voting Members: 9		

No New Areas to Recognize.

Secretary's Minutes from July 2017

Motion: to accept Secretary's Minutes

Maker: GDA RCM, 2nd CCA RCM

Passed: 9:0:0.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairperson- Vacant

Vice Chair - Bryan D.

Attended H&I and Regional PR subcommittee meetings. The CTRSC Treasurer and I met at People's United Bank and my name was added as a signer to our checking account. I received 4 COI requests, 3 from USA and 1 from CCA. Three were issued to USA. Regarding the COI's for sporting and other outdoor activities hosted by Area's and or groups within the Connecticut Region, I have attached an email from our Insurance Agent that states:

You do not have sports participant legal liability coverage, you can not have a certificate for any type of sports, outdoor activities...Your policy strictly covers slip and fall of third parties and damages you cause to third parties... not yourselves... Please inform your areas and groups!

Finally, I forwarded the Master Copy of CTRSC Policy to the USA RCM for policy Ad Hoc and revision as needed.

Questions asked were (1) could we have a rider for outdoors? And Could we add a footnote to the Website for clarification (sports only)? The Vice Chair will get a quote from the agent and more information.

Treasurer - Alfred D. read written report.

Beginning Balance	\$3,206.67
Donations Received	\$ 214.72
Miscellaneous Donations/Funds Returned	\$ 0.00
Expenditures	\$1,742.04
Donations to WSO	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$1,679.35
Schedule Closing Balance	\$2,251.36
Checkbook Balance	\$3,930.71

There was a check returned for \$140.00 for schedules from one of three areas, GHA, USA or TVA. More information to follow next month.

Motion to accept by CCA, 2nd by GDA. **Passed 9-0-0.**

Alternate Treasurer - OTF

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Regional Delegate (RD) - Troy B.

- There is a detailed article in the July 2017 edition of the NA Way magazine concerning the current fellowship development efforts and progress in West Africa.
www.na.org/?ID=naway-current.
- There are new and upcoming products from NAWS. Please check NA.org website.
- The latest version of the NA Meeting Search app contains a number of improvements. You can set preferences to save your favorite meetings, send meeting info to others by text in addition to email, and set distances by kilometers as well as miles. You can also search separately for phone or internet meetings. A couple of new features have been added to the app, including a clean date component and a link to NAWS news. The app is available on iTunes for all iOS devices and Google Play for Android.
- The next webinar for Conventions and Events Toolbox is Wednesday August 30, 2017 at 1:00pm (4:00pm Eastern). This webinar will focus on and discuss the draft of Money Management for Conventions and Events guide that is being prepared for the fellowships review and input. We will be participating in this event. Once the draft is available we will provide a copy to the ED of the BOD for review and input. We will also

provide a copy to the RCMs for Area Event subcommittees review & input. For more information www.na.org/conventions.

- NEZF October 2017. We believe it would be financially prudent for only the RD or RDA to attend this event. One person, not both. We would like the Region's/Area's thoughts and approval on this.
- The RD and RDA are available to conduct workshops on the 2018 Interest Discussion Topics during Region and Area meetings/events. Our only request is that there be no other planned activities during the designated time slot for the workshop.
- NA World Unity Day is 09/02/2017 at 1:00pm. For info: www.na.org.
- MRLE XV will take place on 12/15-17/2017 in Manchester, New Hampshire. MRLE will consist of Conference Agenda Report Workshops, Fellowship and Recovery meetings. Registration is \$25, room rate is \$99. Info: www.nnerna.org.

Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA)

Included with the RD report

BOD – Ron B. written report read by Troy B.

The GWA and GDA seats have been filled. USA and one At Large seat remain open. We have the Technical Director, Alternate Technical Director and Alternate Site Selection positions open as well. The Site Selection Director gave a presentation on the current state of negotiations that are in progress with several hotels for the 2019 and 2020 convention contracts. More info to follow from the Site Selection Director.

Convention – Johnnie C.

Hello Everyone and as always thank you for your service. Had the pleasure of attending the hotels and hospitality meeting. We discussed many of the important things coming up these next few months and how to be prepared by being on point ready for the next thing. Thanks Leigh for the constant follow up with the hotel and not dropping the ball. Thanks Barbara for pushing on and getting the Pre-registration form ready for the next step. I just want to remind everyone that we are at the point in the year where the next few months are going to be crucial and to remain vigilant. Also, remember that if you should have any comments, problems or concerns that Gloria and I are here so please reach out.

H&I – Michael B.

The funds for half order of shirts was approved by and obtained from the RSC. The order has been placed and the shirts will be available sale at our Regional H&I Learning Day 09/17/2017. PR and WSR have agreed to participate. We also received a check from RSC to fund the Learning Day. Michael B. confirmed the location, time and details concerning the Learning Day venue. There are several presentations throughout the state that are in need of panel members and panel coordinators. USANA is in serious need of Trusted Servants to take the Executive Committee positions as well. USA is currently without a Chair or Vice Chairperson. Please announce this at your meetings. Several Area H&I Subcommittees are also in the planning stages of Learning Days. Please check CTNA.org for updates.

Public Relations – Heather S.

There were 12 members in attendance. Five of nine areas were represented – GHA, GWA, MUSA, SFCA and TVA. The following Trusted Servants were presmet: H&I Chair, Phonline Coordinator and Spanish Phonline Coordinator.

Phonline – 565 (out of 1000) minutes were used last month and 219 so far this month. We are currently at 54% of our audio storage. Professionals are calling saying that they ordered schedules but either did not get them or didn't get them in a timely manner. By the time they do receive them they are out of date. We made a decision to consolidate all the professional calls to one mailbox that the Phonline Coordinator will check. The Coordinator will then triage the calls. The Spanish Phonline Coordinator thinks there may be a problem with the phone line. Some members of the Committee will work on this.

Motion: That the CT Regional PR Committee commit to be an exhibitor at the CCAR Recovery Walk. Passed – Unanimous. The cost is \$150 for a booth.

There was a discussion about our motion that any member attending two consecutive meetings. Apparently, it wasn't clear at Region that it passed. There was a lot of discussion at the RSC

meeting about it. It was shared that one of the reasons why we did it is because we had members in the past who were involved and doing work on the Regional PR Committee but were not Area Chairs. We wanted to continue to encourage their participation in the committee and we believed that all members of the committee should be able to fully participate in the decision making process (7th concept). That's why we unanimously passed the motion.

After reading of the report SFCA RCM read policy, *pg VI-19; VI.C.5.b Only PR Chairpersons, or their substitute, have a vote.*

Web Servant – Bill B.

I learned there were 7 additional web pages on the CTNA.org site that I never knew existed. These pages are a list of NA meetings in the CT Region on Sundays. There are no links to these pages from the home page or anywhere else on the site that I can find. These pages have long been outdated. In addition, I've been in contact with the BMLT Admins to inquire about changing the CT Region BMLT "root" server to a "satellite" server of the NY region. In conversations I was told that there was a NE server. As I inquired more about "attaching" to the NE root server the response was "it's entirely possible that CT can become the NE Root Server". Further discussion on the agenda.

Web Design Ad Hoc - Bill B. – No meeting.

Alternate Web Servant – John K. - Absent

WSR – Jerry.

There are many vacant seats. Need support. Women's facility is writing again – 8-10 letters a month. We need step guides.

Policy Facilitator – OTF

Policy Ad Hoc – Al D. - Absent

Schedule Facilitator – David M.

10,850 – Schedules Opening Balance (July)

2,250 - Sold to Subcommittees

3,500 – Sold to Areas

0 – Sold outside the Fellowship

5,050 – Ending Balance

Income from Schedules

0 – from outside the Fellowship

\$497.00 – from inside the Fellowship

\$315.00 – Transferred to RSC Subcommittees

\$812.00 – Total income from Schedule sales

AREA REPORTS:

CCA John S. **OTF:** Vice Chair, Alt RCM and Alt. Secretary.

Events: 09/16: 6th Annual Ride for Recovery; 9/17: H&I Learning Day

Concerns: None

Fund Flow: \$194.58

GDA Matt I. **OTF:** Public Relations, Vice Chair, Secretary and Chairperson.

Events: 10/7: H&I Learning Day/Picnic 11-5:00pm Bennett Mem. Park 14 Shelter Rock Rd. Bethel.

Concerns: None

Fund Flow: None

GHA Chick K. **OTF:** None.

Events: None

Concerns: None

Fund Flow: None

GNHA Antonio H. **OTF:** Alt. RCM. Vice Chair, Alt. Policy Chair and Alt. Webservant.

Events: Sept. 9, 2017 Comedy Night Annex Club 544 Woodward Av., New Haven

Concerns: None

Fund Flow: None

GWA Roland O. **OTF:** H&I, Events Chair, Campout Chair and Area Chairperson.

Events: None

Concern: None.

Fund Flow: None

MSUA Al W. Alt. **OTF:** H&I Chair and Literature Chair

Events: 9/16: All About Change 24th Anniv. 5-12:30am Bethany Lutheran Church – 50 Court St. Cromwell.

Concern: None

Fund Flow: \$305.46

SFCA Alex W. **OTF:** Policy Chair, Alt Webservant and GSR Liaison.

Events: 10/14: Burn Your Resentments Bonfire 7-10pm Short Beach, Stratford

Concerns: None

Fund Flow: None

TVA Darlene B. **OTF:** Alt Treasurer, Policy Chair and Alt. RCM.

Events: 9/9: TVA Bowling Night 7-10pm Lessard Lanes 136 New Britain Av. Plainville.

10/22: Poster Drive, 11:45am, Bristol Recovery Club 67 West Street, Bristol.

10/28: Halloween Dance 8-1:00am St. Marks Church 147 W. Main, New Britain.

Concerns: None

Fund Flow: None

USA Tad V. **OTF:** H&I, PR, Alt. Treas. and BOD

Events: 9/30: Talent Show 8-11:30pm St. Paul Lutheran Church, Old Lyme.

Concerns: None

Fund flow: \$15.00

SHARING SESSION

Site Selection – Howard T. BOD

The Request for Proposal (RFP) was submitted on 6/27/2017 to the Connecticut Conventions & Sports Bureau in Hartford for transmission to convention style hotels in Connecticut. Here is the list of facilities in receipt of the RFP:

Hilton Hartford	Hilton Stamford	Marriott Farmingto
Marriott Hartford	Marriott Trumbull	Marriott Windsor
Mystic Marriott	Radisson Cromwell	Stamford Marriott
CT Conv. Ctr.	XL Center	Webster Bank Arena
UCONN	ECSU	CCSU
SCSU	WCSU	Univ. of St. Joseph
Yale Univ.	Quinnipiac Univ.	Sacred Heart Univ.
Fairfield Univ.	Univ. of Hartford	Trinity College

Here is who responded:

Stamford Hilton	Radisson Cromwell	Hartford Marriott
	Mystic Marriott	

The Hartford Marriott returned the least financially favorable proposal. Attempts to negotiate were met with the following statement *“I reviewed the RFP with my leadership and we have offered the best pricing available for the groups consideration”*.

The Site Selection Committee will continue to negotiate for contracts on the 2019 and 2020 conventions.

Q. – MSUA Please explain the “free” rooms.

A. Free rooms are negotiated into the hotel contract for every block of rooms booked. We receive 1 free room night for every 30 or 40 (depending on contract) room nights sold. These “free” rooms are used for business purposes. The signers, band, DJ, contest winners etc... Any other unused “free” rooms become a deduction from the final hotel bill.

IDT Workshops – RD

These workshops are available to all areas. These are interactive workshops and not reports. USA, GDA and CCA showed interest. The 3 IDT’s will be emailed to GDA and posted to the Regional Website.

Q. What happens when a subcommittee is not fully staffed? The RD/RDA were asked to facilitate a chain of command. Response: The Administrative Committee and Sub-Committee Chairs should be the facilitators.

Regional Learning Day – MSUA

The original day selected (04/28/2018) conflicts with RD/RDA preparation and attendance at the WSC. A straw poll was taken on changing the date to 09/15/2018. Passed 15:2:1. The new date for the *REGIONAL LEARNING DAY is September 15, 2018.*

CTNA Hosting NEBMLT

Currently we have a root server. Should we attempt to become a root server for New England? This would facilitate fellowship with surrounding regions. Response – RD: NEZF should take the lead and the RD will research this matter with NEZF and the Webservant to obtain additional information as well.

PR voting policy

There was further discussion on the PR motion that passed to allow other than Chairpersons to vote. It was reiterated that policy states “only Chairs or their Representatives are voting members”. This motion is considered OUT OF ORDER.

- CTNA Website “Latest News” – looking for suggestions to fill this space.
- Out of Date Meeting Pages to be deleted.
- NA Books @ York CI – currently there are no NA books at York. ECCNA books will be donated. PR will follow up with H&I.
- The next schedule printing will be in two weeks. Please make any necessary updates now.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion #2 (06/17/2017): To move the CTRSC to a central location permanently.

Maker: GWA RCM, 2nd by GDA RCM

Intent: To make the CTRSC more accessible to RCMs and all CTRSC members.

Passed: 8:1:0

After this motion passed there was further discussion. CCA RCM has been appointed to gather the particulars and additional information. There is a questions as to how a central location will be funded.

Motion #3 (06/17/2017): To add to Policy under Schedule Facilitator Responsibilities to do an annual review and cost analysis to include 3 bids for the printing of CTRSC Schedules to be approved by the RCMs. Also to include in Section IV.E.3.b.v Reports: out of date loss.

Maker: Policy Facilitator, 2nd by CCA RCM

Intent: To be financially prudent with NA funds.

Passed: 7:2:0

Motion #4 (06/17/2017): Any motion that seeks to add to, remove from, or change CTRSC policy shall be automatically be postponed for two months to allow for Area consideration.

Maker: MUSA RCM, 2nd by GNHA RCM

Intent: To allow the RCMs the opportunity to discuss RSC policy changes with the members in their Areas, in keeping with Tradition Nine.

Passed: 9:0:0

ELECTIONS

Chairperson – OTF for 30 days

Alternate Treasurer – OTF

Policy Facilitator – OTF

BOD Seats: OTF is the seat for USA and At Large is vacant.

GDA BOD: Cameron T. volunteered and qualified.

GWA BOD: Mike Q. volunteered and qualified.

There was no BOD meeting in July so elections will be held for GDA and GWA in August.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Motion to close @ 4:56 p.m. by CCA RCM, 2nd by USA RCM

The next CTRSC meeting will be held on:

September 16, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m.

Immanuel Baptist Church

1324 Chapel Street

New haven, cT 06511

ILS – Regional Secretary