



Connecticut Regional Service Committee Minutes
January 21st, 2017

The CTRSC met at 136 Center Street, Wallingford CT 06492. The meeting was opened by the Chairperson, Lois S. at 2:10 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Chick K., and the 12 Concepts were read by Bill D.

Visitors:

Johnnie C. GHA (recommendation from Convention Committee)
 John K. PR Secretary
 Matt I. GDA Alt. RCM
 Heather S. TVA (volunteer for BOD)
 David M. GDA
 Bill SFC Alt. RCM
 Angela GDA

ROLL CALL:		
Chairperson	Lois S.	Present
Vice Chairperson	OTF	n/a
Secretary	OTF	n/a
Treasurer	Alfred D.	Present
Alternate Treasurer	OTF	n/a
Regional Delegate	Troy B.	Absent
Regional Delegate Alternate	Lisa Marie S.	Present
Web Servant	Bill B.	Present
Alternate Web Servant	OTF	n/a
Schedule Facilitator	OTF	n/a
Policy Facilitator	Bryan D.	Present
Board of Directors	Jacqueline L.	Absent
Convention Chair	Renet B.	Present
Ad Hoc – Learning Day	Al D.	Present
Ad Hoc – Policy	Bryan D.	Present
RCMs:		
CCA	John S.	Present
GDA (Alt.)	Matt I.	Present
GHA (and Alt.)	Bill D. / Chick K.	Present
GNHA	Antonio H.	Present
GWA	Cameron T.	Present
MSUA (and Alt.)	Brian M. / Jeff J.	Present
SFCA	Alex W.	Present
TVA	Allyse M.	Present
USA (and Alt.)	Al D. / Tad V.	Present
Total Voting Members:	9	

No New Areas to Recognize

The December meeting was cancelled due to poor weather conditions. December reports were attached to an email and sent to everyone on the Regional Distribution List.

November Meeting Minutes – Accepted, 9-0-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chair – Lois S. gave a written report. Total of 10 COI requests were fulfilled over the past 2 months. Continues to fill in as Schedule Facilitator (report below). Submitted CTRSC Administrative Committee Budget.

Vice Chair – OTF

Treasurer – Alfred D. No December report, since there was no meeting.

November’s financial statement was read & Accepted, 9-0-0.

Beginning Balance	\$3,580.83
Donations Received	\$1,510.39
Miscellaneous Donations/Funds Returned	\$105.00
Expenditures	\$701.89
Donations to WSO	\$913.50
Ending Balance	\$3,580.83
Schedule Balance	\$1,696.56
Checkbook Balance	\$5,277.39

There has been one expenditure so far in January for Mark Jenkins (Audio for Regional Presentation at Convention) for \$250.00. This expenditure will be recorded on February’s financial statement.

Alternate Treasurer – OTF

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Regional Delegate (RD) – Troy B. (absent)

Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA) – Lisa Marie S.

- NAWS - World Board is seeking approval of changes made to the 2016-2018 version of A Guide to World Service in Narcotics Anonymous. A summary will be prepared and reported at the February RSC meeting.
- Service Material Project - With the Region’s permission, we would like to sign up and participate in the Conventions and Events Project. Our participation would be on behalf of the Connecticut RSC, not as individuals.
- NEZF - Web Servant will be updating the NEZF Website with previous minutes and other housekeeping issues. Policies and procedures are being reviewed/revised and will be discussed during the next NEZF Conference.
- Mid-Atlantic Regional Learning Conference - We are requesting an advance of \$300.00 each to cover expenses.
- CTRSC - We have prepared a proposed 2017-2018 Budget for the review and approval of the Fellowship. (Report attached).

BOD – Jacqueline L. (absent)

Convention – Renet B.

- Suggests a standard format be created or adopted by Region for the Programming Subcommittee.
- Recommendation from the Convention Committee for the 2018 Chair position is Johnnie C. (GHA). (Report attached)

H&I – Shannon M. H&I Workshop at the convention was a huge success & very well attended. H&I shirts could not be sold at the Convention. Subcommittee discussed the use of medical marijuana & pain management when serving as a panel member. Considering if something needs to be added to H&I policy.

Public Relations – John K. (PR Secretary) read the minutes from PR’s subcommittee meeting. Positions OTF are Chair, Vice Chair & Phonenumber Coordinator, and the Secretary position was filled this month. Secretary is attending today to present the budget for next year. PR presentation at the convention was a success.

Web Servant – Bill B. He thinks our best option may be to switch providers from Image Works to GoDaddy.com. See discussion under the Sharing Session.

Alternate Web Servant – OTF

WSR – Leonard S. gave a verbal report. Subcommittee did not meet in December.

Policy Facilitator – Bryan D. gave a verbal report. Prepared budget for next year.

Policy Ad Hoc – Bryan D. gave a verbal report. Ad hoc continues to review the policy – some recommendations will be brought to the RSC next month. Ad hoc meets at 12:30 p.m. before the monthly RSC meeting.

Schedule Facilitator – OTF. Lois S. shared a written report. JC was unable to fulfill the commitment and stepped down in December. 2017/2018 budget presented. CCA RCM commented that the Service Schedules in the storage unit are outdated, & the most current info is available on the ctna.org website.

Learning Day Ad Hoc – Al D. gave a verbal report. The Regional Presentation at the convention was a big success. Thanks to the Convention for working with the ad hoc committee to make it happen. Al D. was also thanked for his hard work.

AREA REPORTS:

CCA Vice Chair and Secretary are OTF. Fund flow \$758.99. Activity on 02/25/2017.

GDA Vice Chair, RCM and PR Chair are OTF. Fund flow \$209.70.

GHA All positions are filled. Activity on 03/04/2017. Area concern: Area is struggling with participation by GSRs at the ASC. This has created problem with quorum and the ability to do business.

GNHA Alternate Treasurer, Alternate RCM, Policy are OTF. Fund flow \$569.67. Activity on 02/18/2017.

GWA Vice Chair, Secretary, PR Chair, Events Chair, Web Servant and Alternate RCM are OTF. Activity on 06/24-26/2017.

MSUA Treasurer and Alternate RCM are OTF.

SFCA Chairperson, Vice Chair, Alternate Treasurer, Literature Chair, Web Servant, GSR and Alternate Chair are OTF. Fund Flow \$582.70. Activity on 02/26/2017.

TVA Alternate Treasurer and Alternate RCM are OTF. Fund flow \$1,118.26.

USA All positions are filled. Fund flow \$784.81. Activity on 06/23-25/2017.

SHARING SESSION

Open Regional Positions

Secretary position has been OTF for three months. It is extremely difficult to Chair the meeting and take notes. Thank you to Bill D. for helping with the meeting minutes in November.

- Should we fill this position on a rotation?
- Should we make flyers or post on the Website?
- Please make open position announcements at the group level.
- RCMs will encourage participation through personal relationships.
- Renet volunteered to fill in until a Secretary is elected.

Schedule Facilitator has been OTF for several months. Currently being handled by the Chair. After some discussion,

- Web Servant volunteered to help facilitate the next print run (February).
- TVA RCM volunteered to pick up schedules at Hitchcock Printing in New Britain.

Web Servant Discussion

Meeting Schedules - There were no forms returned by the RCMs to help correct the 'closed' meetings on the NAWS meeting finder. Web Servant will do his best to make corrections.

Meeting Finder and CTNA Website – Web Servant met with Image Works – current website is not mobile friendly, and there is no spam filter. There is software out now called Word Press. GoDaddy.com could do the same thing with Word Press for a half the price of what we're being charged by Image Works. Image Works currently charges us \$600 per year. GoDaddy.com would charge \$300 per year, so we could save 50%. Asking for direction from the RSC. After discussion, Bill will gather more information and bring it back to Feb's RSC meeting.

Regional Inventory – SFA RCM suggested that we consider doing a Regional inventory to see where our strengths and weaknesses are and/or where the disconnects are.

- Addicts seem to think it's a chore to serve and not a privilege.
- There are tools available to help us do an inventory.
- Little feedback was received from recent Area inventories – can't make addicts participate.
- Are we making service attractive here? We need to look at what we're doing – are we complaining about service? Are we acting excited about it when we're at meetings? Are we so locked & loaded into how we think everything should be done that we aren't open to new ideas?
- This could be a good topic for a Learning Day. (Note that the Regional Presentation at the convention was all about Fulfillment through Service).
- Sponsor/Sponsee relationship – it's our responsibility to talk about being involved in service with sponsees and those we're close too.
- "Ghost stories" about Region – Addicts talk about Region as being a place where everyone argues.

After much discussion, agreed to continue discussion on how we can encourage addicts to serve. No motions were made.

Cost of P.O. Box – GDA Alt. RCM voiced his area's concern about the cost of their P.O. Box, (\$160 per year), and all they currently receive is the yearly bill. Asking for guidance on what other areas are doing? An address is needed to open a checking account. Suggested that GDA rents the smallest box available – the CTRSC pays \$86/year for the smallest box.

CTNA Website – GHA RCM noted that there are incorrect meeting times on the website, even after info has been updated. Web Servant suggested that clearing out the cache and then refreshing the page should resolve that issue. Voiced area concerns with the turnaround time in getting updates done to the web page – per the Web Servant, completion of updates is dependent on Image Works. There should be an SLA (service level agreement) – web servant is trying to get a copy of the contract to see what the SLA is. If we decide to move to GoDaddy.com, our web servant will be able to make these updates going forward.

Location of Official statement - GHA RCM – the official statement was added to the ctna.org website at the bottom of the page, next to the Privacy Policy, and it is not very visible. Requests that the statement be moved to a more prominent place on the front page, so it is immediately seen on the home page. After reading the statement, it was decided by straw poll that it should be prominently displayed on the home page.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion #3 (11/21/15) Maker: GNHA, 2nd GDA

To consider moving the CT Convention to a different hotel location, other than the Hilton Stamford, for 2019.

Intent: To best accommodate the needs and unity of the CT Region.

Tabled to BOD.

ELECTIONS – Except where noted otherwise, there were no nominations/volunteers.

Vice Chair - OTF

Secretary - OTF

Alternate Treasurer - OTF

PR Chair - OTF

Schedule Facilitator: David M. was nominated by TVA RCM, 2nd by GHA RCM.

Qualifications read & David qualified. After straw poll, where consensus was to waive the prior regional service requirement, David was elected.

Alternate Web Servant: John K. volunteered. Qualifications read. He qualified and was elected.

Web Servant: As of today, this position is OTF.

BOD Seats: Heather S. came forward as TVA's recommendation for their BOD seat Qualifications were read & Heather qualified and was elected. Seats for GDA and MSUA remain OTF at large.

Convention Chair: The Convention Committee's recommendation is Johnnie C. Qualification read. Johnnie qualified and was elected.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion #1 (1/21/17) To approve the 2017/2018 Proposed Regional Delegate and Regional Delegate Alternate budget in the amount of \$5,400.

Maker: RD Alt., 2nd by TVA RCM

Intent: To follow policy and to be financially responsible and supportive of the positions of Regional Delegate & Alternate Delegate.

Tabled to Areas for 60 days by GWA RCM, 2nd by GHA RCM.

Motion #2 (1/21/17) To approve the 2017/2018 Proposed Administrative Committee budget in the amount of \$2,740.

Maker: CTRSC Chair., 2nd by GDA Alt. RCM

Intent: To follow policy and to be financially responsible.

Tabled to Areas for 60 days by GWA RCM, 2nd by GHA RCM.

Motion #3 (1/21/17) To approve the 2017/2018 Proposed Schedule Facilitator budget in the amount of \$300.

Maker: CTRSC Chair., 2nd by GDA Alt. RCM

Intent: To follow policy and to be financially responsible.

Tabled to Areas for 60 days by GWA RCM, 2nd by GHA RCM.

Motion #4 (1/21/17) To approve the 2017/2018 Proposed Regional H&I budget in the amount of \$4,700.

Maker: H&I Chair., 2nd by USA RCM

Intent: To be fiscally responsible to the CTRNA.

Tabled to Areas for 60 days by GWA RCM, 2nd by GHA RCM.

Motion #5 (1/21/17) To provide the CTRSC Policy Facilitator position with \$80 annual budget for 2017/2018.

Maker: Policy Facilitator., 2nd by MSUA RCM

Intent: To provide CTRSC members with Policy packets and Policy updates.

Tabled to Areas for 60 days by GWA RCM, 2nd by GHA RCM.

Motion #6 (1/21/17) To accept the proposed 2017/2017 WSR budget of \$1,070.

Maker: WSR Chair., 2nd by TVA RCM

Intent: To serve Region.

Tabled to Areas for 60 days by SFCA RCM, 2nd by CCA RCM.

Motion #7 (1/21/17) To accept the 2017/2018 Regional PR budget, as laid out in the provided spreadsheet, in the amount of \$5,680.

Maker: PR Secretary., 2nd by SFCA RCM

Intent: To allow Public Relations Subcommittee to carry out our purpose – to make known that NA is a viable recovery program.

Tabled to Areas for 60 days by GWA RCM, 2nd by TVA RCM.

Motion #8 (1/21/17) To accept the 2017/2018 Regional Web Servant budget, as laid out in the provided document, in the amount of \$1,000.

Maker: Web Servant., 2nd by MSUA RCM

Intent: To allow the ctna.org website and its services to continue.

Tabled to Areas for 60 days by GWA RCM, 2nd by TVA RCM.

Motion #9 (1/21/17) That the CTRSC do away with the 'B' month.

Maker: SFCA RCM, 2nd by GHA RCM

Intent: That the CTRSC primarily conduct regional business as its primary purpose.

Tabled to Areas for 60 days by GHA RCM, 2nd by GDA RCM.

Environmental Scan Survey – Referring to the RD report from Dec., the World Board is asking regions to complete the environmental scan survey by April, 2017. Asks RCMs to look at it, answer the questions and bring it back to the RSC. This was sent out to all RCMs with the December exhibits.

Convention Kickoff Meeting – USA RCM would like to start a discussion about how the kickoff meeting for the convention is handled and come up with a better way. Personal experience has shown that an addict can bring 10 friends and get voted in as a subcommittee chair. Voices concern about this and thinks there could be a better way to elect trusted servants for the convention. Recommends doing an inventory. This item will be brought back next month.

Suspend 'B' month for February CTRSC Meeting – GHA RCM – 'B' month presentation takes up time that is needed to conduct business and isn't needed on a bi-monthly basis. By consensus reached via straw poll, the February 2017 'B' month has been suspended.

Motion to close @ 6:00 p.m.

The next CTRSC meeting will be held on February 18, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Church, 147 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06052

ILS –

Renet B.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	HOSTED BY	CONTACTS
Convention Kickoff Meeting	2/12/17	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	21 Pleasant St. Wallingford, CT	Convention Committee	Johnnie C. 860-478-6204
Snow Tubing	2/25/17	1 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Powder Ridge Middlefield, CT	CCA	John S. 203-232-1307
Mid-Winter BBQ	2/26/17	12 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Shelton War Memorial Howe Ave. Shelton, CT	SFCANA Activities	Buddy O. 203-545-3276 Dan S. 203-414-0505
Spiritual Brunch	4/1/17	10 a.m.- 7 p.m.	12 Cottage St. Danbury, CT	GDANA Activities	Robert M. 201-470-8030