



April 15, 2017 Report of the Regional Delegate and Regional Delegate Alternate

NAWS

NAWS Annual Report. NAWS has released its Annual Report (*July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016*). NAWS also released a “*brief*” version of the Annual Report that highlights the full length version (*Exhibit 1 attached*). NAWS has offered to send multiple copies of the brief version and I have ordered 890 copies (*1 for each meeting*). If a GSR would like a copy before they arrive, the full and brief versions are available online with this Report (<http://ctna.org/resources.cfm>).

Local Service Toolbox Project. As previously reported, the 2016 *Conference Agenda Report* asked members to identify priorities for new or revised service materials. From this initiative NAWS established the Local Service Toolbox Project and has begun drafting new or revised service materials. The latest drafts for Consensus-Based Decision Making Basics and Convention Programming Committee Basics are now available for fellowship review and input. (*Exhibit 2 attached*). The Programming Subcommittee and the Convention Committee have been asked to review the Convention Programming Basics and give their thoughts before the RSC

Conference Participant Webinar. I participated in the NAWS Conference Participant Webinar that took place on Saturday, April 8, 2017. This was a continuation of the webinar held on March 18, 2017. (*See Future of the WSC Update – Exhibit 2 to the RD/RDA March Report*). The PowerPoint Presentation and Small Group Notes from the March webinar will be included with the online version of this Report. (*Exhibit 3*).

The April webinar focused on Strategy B:

Improve the effectiveness of the WSC meeting by continuing to refine decision making processes, discussion protocols, consensus building strategies, and use of time during the week.

There were 98 RDs/RDAs who participated in the April webinar and I was assigned to participate in a Small Group Discussion along with two (2) World Board Members (*Australia and New York*); and RDs/RDAs from the Florida Region, Region 51 (*Nevada*), Greater New York Region, Northern New England Region, New Jersey Region, British Columbia Region, Central California Region and Del Coqui (*Puerto Rico*) Region.

A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation and Small Group Notes for the April webinar will be included with the online version of the May Report.

Northeast Zonal Forum

April 2017 NEZF Conference. As reported last month, the next NEZF Conference will be held in Sturbridge, Massachusetts on April 28, 29 and 30, 2017 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, 366 Main Street, Sturbridge, Massachusetts.

Connecticut Regional Service Committee

LisaMarie attended the ASC Meetings for CCA, and GWA, and I attended the ASC Meetings for SFCA, TVA, USA, GNHA, GHA, and MSU. Neither of our schedules permitted us to attend the GDA ASC Meeting. During the sharing sessions we spoke in detail about the two literature projects (*Mental Health IP Project and Daily Meditation Book Project*) and the surveys for these projects. We also discussed:

- ❖ the fact that the fellowship approved a \$5,500+ budget for the RD/RDA to travel and attend conferences and workshops and the important role the RCMs and GSRs have in delivering the information gathered by the RD/RDA to the fellowship; and
- ❖ the reality that the Region's and Areas' current practices for delivering this information does not sufficiently meet this responsibility.

We concluded with, in an attempt to better our efforts, we are scheduling a Regional Round Table Discussion to workshop the 2016 – 2018 Issue Discussion Topics for the RCMs, GSRs, and the Connecticut fellowship as a whole. This event will take place on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, 147 West Main Street, New Britain, Connecticut. Flyers for this event are on the information table.

Please be sure that you take a sufficient amount of flyers so that every GSR at your ASC meeting gets at least one flyer. Also, although LisaMarie and I personally travelled to each ASC meeting and spoke about this event, we are asking all RCMs to report on this event – **in detail** - at your next ASC meetings and bring back a list of the Groups that are committing to attend. This can be accomplished by simply getting a copy of the ASC's roll call sheet from the ASC secretary. When roll call is taken, have each GSR also state whether their Group will be represented at this event. Also, encourage the GSRs to continue to make the announcement about this event in their weekly meetings.

The point (*fact*) being, as the RD, RDA, RCMs, and GSRs, we are unable to adequately represent the voice of the Connecticut fellowship if the fellowship is not given an opportunity to express its views on the topics being discussed around the fellowship worldwide and then have their views transmitted to NAWS.

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