

**Connecticut Regional Service Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 2015**

CTRSCNA met at 5 Clapboard Ridge Rd Danbury CT (United Methodist Church), call to order by Brian E at 2:06pm

Visitors: Mike- Southern Fairfield County

Tito- Visiting

Trish- Greater Danbury Area

Alex- Southern Fairfield Area

Chick- Visiting

After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, Chick read the 12 Traditions and Mike read the 12 concepts

**Roll Call:**

9 Areas present

**Approval of October month's Minutes:**

Accepted 7/0/0

**Executive Committee Reports: A Month- See attached reports**

**Chair:** Brian E standing in this month. Adam got the mail- Fund Flow received \$1720.05, received invoice for schedules of \$1799.44. Information for a convention in Bergen, NJ and also Santa Clara, CA

**Vice Chair: OTF**

**Treasurer:**

Alfred -(October 2015 report) See attached report

Opening Balance:	\$3580.83
Donations Received:	\$2695.26
Misc. Donations/ Funds Returned:	\$108.00
Expenditures:	\$239.97
Donations to WSO:	\$2563.29
Closing Balance:	\$3580.83
Schedule Balance:	\$3580.83
Checkbook Balance:	\$4788.11

Vote: 9/0/0

**Alternate Treasurer: OTF**

## REPORTS:

**Regional Delegate: (RD) Adam-** Will be requesting the CAR for the RSC. Cost is \$15 for the CAR and \$11 for the CAT (we don't normally purchase the CAT) Order form is on [na.org/conference](http://na.org/conference) to purchase for the ASC. NE Zonal forum all but one region was present. There were some Social Media questions asked to Adam about our policy. There is a Spanish speaking Area (Metro Area de Habla Hispana) that is willing to help other Spanish speaking groups. The Greater New York Region gave us a copy of the History Book that they published. The total cost of NEZF was \$484.42. Adam has registered for MRLE for Dec. 4-6. Anticipated expense are \$285

See report attached for more details

Questions: How is the the cost of the trips listed in the budget? There is a line item for World Service Conference/ workshops

There is a virtual meeting every 2 months and was asked what form of communication was being used for the meetings- Skype will be used- there was discussion around this topic whether Skype is considered social media or not. (See motion)

**Alternate RD: (RDA) Tony-** unable to attend the Northeast Zonal forum due to being sick. Has sent registration in for MRLE with Adam. The CAR will be available this week.

Questions: Can you download and print the CAR? yes you can- it is approximately 300 pages

See Report attached for more details

**H&I: Jimmy C-** Spoke with Adam about the distribution of the ECCNA donated basic texts and will be distributing them through the Area H&I subcommittees. Still selling T-shirts and sweatshirts

See attached report for more details

**Public Relation: Mike R-** Issues with the minutes- Looking to possibly change policy regarding the mobile meeting. Phone lines are going well. All positions are filled. 2 projectors were given by Adam to the committee.

Questions: Re website- alt web servant attended PR and they came up with a list of 10 questions for the survey about the website. Not set in stone yet, but working on it.

There is no policy in our regional policy stating anything about a mobile meeting. Mike R will give it to Mike Q to enter into policy.

**Convention: Nicole-** All positions are filled. See report for more details

**Policy Facilitator: Mike Q** No Report

**Schedule Facilitator: Leonard-** No Report

**BOD: Mike ■:** Hilton and pricing (see report and sharing session for more details)

IRS situation: In March, 2015, we received notice that the return had not been filed for 2014.

The accountant provided a copy of the return and confirmed that it was filed in May of 2014. August 10, 2015 another notice from the IRS came that a penalty of \$2803.05 was assessed for filing late. Again the accountant assured us that the return was filed. On Sept 24, 2015 we spoke with an IRS representative who informed us that the return did not appear in the system. A nine

week extension was given to resolve the situation. After the BOD meeting a letter was sent to the IRS outlining the details for the accountant and provided the IRS with a copy of the return. As of November 16, 2015 the letter had not made it to the department. Another nine week extension was given at that time. As new information comes forth, it will be passed along. Questions: Was there an initial extension filed for the return? Businesses have until the end of May to file, not April 15th.

Was there discussion on changing accountants? There has been discussion on it

Did accounting firm give evidence that we filed? no- see sharing session

Was accounting firm paid their fee? Yes

The penalty should be on the accounting firm.

Has 2015 return been filed correctly? Yes

Has anyone contacted a tax attorney? Not sure, but will check

**WSR:** No one present

**Web Servant:** Donna- updated events at the ctna.org page. Thank you for allowing me to serve

**Alt Web Servant:** Bill- Checked into additional email accounts, currently we have 20 and 19 are active. The size is approximately 25000 emails per account. To add more accounts, it will cost more money, but he has not heard back from Image works on the amount it will cost. Also attended Regional PR committee there are questions they decided for the member survey. See attached report for details.

**Ad Hoc Learning Day:** Met today prior to Region and will get the minutes to Janette to distribute

## **AREA REPORTS:**

**CCA:** Allen C:

**Positions Out to Area:** None

**Activities and Events:**

Thanksgiving Marathon- Flyer available

Christmas Marathon- Flyer available

New Years Marathon- Flyer available

**GDA:** Mike A

**Positions Out to Area:** Area Chair, PR Chair Alt RCM, Treasurer

**Fund Flow:** \$379.93

**GHA:** Bryan D

**Positions Out to Area:** PI/PL chair, Vice Chair, Alt Treasurer, Alt RCM, Activities Chair

**Area Concerns:** Lack of Support

**GNHA:** Lindsey

**Positions Out to Area:** Vice Chair/ Alt Sec

**Activities and Events:**

Thanksgiving Marathon 9am-12 Orange and Wall New Haven

Thanksgiving Marathon 1pm-8pm 150 Dwight New Haven

Boys 2 Men Anniversary Dec 8th 7-8pm 426 East St New Haven

**Fund Flow:** \$601.94

**GWA:** JC

**Positions Out to Area:** Policy Chair, Events Chair

**Activities and Events:**

2016 GWANA Family Campout flyer available

**Area Concerns:** Many positions filled, still in need of ideas for Area fundraisers to help our urgent needs for funds. Im new RCM

**MSUA:** Tonia C

**Positions Out to Area:** Activities Chair

**Activities and Events:**

Thanksgiving day marathon meetings Holy Trinity Church Nov 26

Feast before the feast (thanksgiving eve) Shiloh Baptist Church Nov 25 346 Butternut St Middletown 6pm

Holiday Marathon Meetings (Christmas Eve/Christmas Day/ New Years Eve/ New Year's Day) Holy Trinity Church Middletown

**SFCA:** Taffy

**Positions Out to Area:** RCM, Alt RCM, Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Alt Treasurer, GSR Liaison

**Activities and Events:**

Thanksgiving Marathon, Thurs Nov 26 War Memorial Rte 110 Shelton

New Meeting- Never Alone, Never Again 618 West Ave Norwalk Tuesdays 7-8pm (LBGTQ)

Christmas Marathon Dec 25 9am-midnight Park and Lewis Norwalk

New Years Marathon Jan 1 9am-6pm 49 Cannon St Bridgeport

**Area Concerns:** Regional Funds, Accountability

**TVA:** Devon B

**Positions Out to Area:** Alt RCM, Alt Treasurer, Act Chair

**Activities and Events:**

TVA Fall dance and learning day 5pm-1am 11/28/15 147 West main st New Britain

Thanksgiving Marathon- 11/25/15 YMCA 50 High St New Britain CT 9am-9pm

Christmas Marathon- 50 High St New Britain 9am-9pm

New Years Dance- 147 W Main St New Britain

**Fund Flow:** \$78.81

Area Concerns: would like to host a CAR workshop will plan with Adam

**USA:** Elizabeth E

**Positions Out to Area:** None

**Activities and Events:**

New Year's Eve Potluck Speaker Jam New London

CAR Workshop- Jan 3 4-7pm 283 Broad St Norwich

Thanksgiving Marathon- Wed Nov 25-Thurs Nov 26 10p-5p St Mary's Star of the Sea 10

Huntington St New London

**Fund Flow:** \$488.99

### **Sharing Session:**

Taffy SFCA- Concerns around Group communications- discussion around the COI (Certificate of Insurance) and why a member reached out to RD for a COI. We have policy on how this is handled. RD did not speak to anyone regarding a COI, and if he had, he would have sent them through the proper channels.

Tito C- TVA Alt RCM was threatened and this body never addressed it or made an effort to right the wrong- will it and how? Chair informed the body that there is a unity day ad hoc- Discussion around this topic was- The role of the chair is to keep the meeting in order- there is a service pamphlet- 12 concepts- No one is perfect- we are here to conduct business- don't bring our own conscience but the group's conscience.

Tito C- What is the real issue that certain members have with our RDA? Chair referred to policy V.D. of communication

10 Minute Break

Resumed at 4:10

COI- Specifications- getting what we need from our insurance company. Allen needs very specific information on his COI and this has not been able to be completed for him. The church is looking for meeting name, time and sec name as well. Not sure if it is a regional policy or group policy or a blanket policy. One group wrote a letter on behalf of the group to the church- Allen tried to do this, but the church doesn't want that. Janette to reach out to the insurance agent to see if we can get more detailed on the COI again.

NY History Book and what to do with. Adam was given a book by the NY region and there was much discussion on what to do with the book: Give it away at the convention? How to determine who gets the book? raffle off at a workshop? Put it in storage? Buy it or give it back? Adam was asked to check with NAWS to see if it was illicit literature. He will check into it and bring back next month.

BOD- IRS Mike spoke with the treasurer via text during the break and the accounting firm states they filed, but have not given any proof on that.

BOD- Contract- Looking to extend the contract for 5 years because our rates could stay very low. There was much discussion on whether we should continue with a 2 year agreement or go to a 5 year contact. Questions that were presented were such as: do we have a date this is needed by? December or January- Can we get a negotiating company to help out with this? Is there a lack of power? We continue to go to the Hilton. Do we have data on the survey that was done? Convention committee still has that- Some areas can't go back to hotels due to the

behaviors. Possibly reach out to NAWA on this seeing how they have experience. Chairperson decided to defer this to the convention committee.

## **ELECTIONS:**

**Chair:** OTF

**Vice Chair:** OTF

**Alt Treasurer:** OTF

**Web servant:** Bill nominated and voted in

**Schedule Facilitator:** OTF

**TVA BOD** OTF

**WSR:** OTF

**Alt Web Servant:** OTF

\*Alfred and Janette to take care of the schedules in the upcoming months until the position is filled.

\*Account names and signatures for the checkbook- Howard and Gail are still on the account. Need to go to the bank to change all names

## **Old Business:**

**Motion #1 (9/19/15)** M/S Bryan D(GHA) / Taffy (SFCA)

To have all CTRSC minutes, reports be distributed to RCM's and Admin through the ctna.org website email.

**Intent:** To set a clear communication policy for the region and to maximize the function for the ctna.org web page.

Referred to web servant for 30 days

**ADDED AMENDMENT: to include all sub committee chairs and resource positions and any other RSC members. 2nd by Brian E** **Vote: 6/0/1**

**Discussion:** See web servant report for the information that Donna researched.

Not a personal email any longer, use just the ctna.org website email? yes

Do we have enough storage capacity to hold these emails? unsure

Some weren't reading emails- about a year and a half ago less than half the areas were using.

Other regions are corresponding to these mailboxes

Send entire motion back to Areas for 60 days ( due back in December)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion #1 (11/21/15)** M/S: Adam H (RD)/ Michael A (GDA RCM)

That Skype, the WSC participants discussion Board(on na.org), person to person instant messaging on any platform and group emails be exempt from our current policy regarding social media.

**Intent:** To add in writing what forms or platforms for communication are not considered violating the CTRSC policy.

Extensive discussion on this- came to a vote

**8/0/1**

**Motion #2(11/21/15) M/S JC (GWA) / Devon (TVA)**

To send a survey of information about the convention location possibilities to the groups.

**Intent:** To have the groups and addicts have a better understanding of the convention process and the needs and to bring a full conscience on how the addicts feel about the possibilities.

Chair referred this to the convention committee.

**Motion #3 (11/21/15) M/S Lindsey M(GNHA) / Michael A (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

Chair referred this to the convention committee

**Motion #4(11/21/15) M/S Taffy (SFCA)/ Bryan D (GHA)**

We motion to fund the RD and RDA travel to MERLE in Maine and not to fund RD and RDA travel to MRLCNA in PA.

**Intent:** To be fiscally responsible with our Ct Region funds and to be in keeping with our 11th concept which states NA Funds are to be used to further our primary purpose and must be manage responsibly.

Discussion: 2 of of former RD's went to MRLCNA not MERLE

Adam asked if he could decide if he had to go to one and not the other

Is it in the budget? / What are the amounts to go? About \$245 for MERLE and about \$600 for MRLCNA

What is the difference in the two? MERLE reviews the CAR and there is more people and more discussion at MRLCNA.

In policy it states that it is recommended to attend both re: IV.B.7.b

**Vote: 2/6/0 Failed**

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

In loving service,  
Janette D

## Connecticut Region of N.A. Activity Calendar

Event/ Activity	Date	Time	Place	Hosted By	Contact Info
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Feast before the feast Thanksgiving Eve	10/25	6pm-9pm	Shiloh Baptist Church 346 Butternut St Middletown	Steppin' thru it all NA 25th Anniversary	Gerry P [REDACTED] Harry V [REDACTED] Matt R [REDACTED]
Thanksgiving Marathon	11/26	9a-9p	YMCA 50 High St New Britain	TVA Activities	Devon [REDACTED]
Christmas Marathon	12/25	9a-9p	YMCA 50 High St New Britain	TVA Activities	Devon [REDACTED]
Fall Learning Day/ Dance	11/28	5p-1a	St Mark's Church 147 W Main St New Britain	TVA Activities	Devon [REDACTED]
New Year's Eve Potluck/ Speaker Jam	12/31	8p-12a	St James Episcopal Church 76 Federal St New London	USA Activities	Cheryl [REDACTED]  Katie L [REDACTED]



CAR Workshop	1/3	4p-7p	283 Broad St Norwich	USA Area	Elizabeth [REDACTED] Al D [REDACTED]
Thanksgiving Marathon	11/26	9a-12a	War Memorial Rt 110 Shelton	SFCA	Flyer
Christmas Marathon	12/25	9a-12a	Park and Lewis Norwalk	SFCA	Flyer
Thanksgiving Marathon	11/25-11/26	10pm-5pm	St Marys Star of Sea Huntington St New London	USANA	[REDACTED] Dale
Thanksgiving Marathon	11/25	9-12	Orange and Wall New Haven CT	Activities	Shawn C [REDACTED] Dave C [REDACTED]
New Year's Eve Marathon	12/31	9a-6p	49 Cannon St Bridgeport	SFCA	Flyer
Thanksgiving Marathon	11/25	1-8pm	150 Dwight St New Haven CT	Inner City Recovery	Antonio [REDACTED] Arnold [REDACTED]