



Southern Fairfield County Area RCM Report July 11, 2015

Region Met June 20, 2015 in New Haven. This was a "B" month and 7 areas were in attendance.

Previous months minutes were discussed and eventually accepted.

Due to time constraints and unfinished business from the May 2015 regional meeting, an online vote was taken to allow for the RCM'S to choose the order of business. I chose to extend the sharing session to allow for the completion of business from the previous month. The "B" month region was an extension of the sharing session.

Regional Treasurer Report- The treasurer reported that the region received the donation from the convention committee of over \$6,000.00 per regional policy.

Sharing Session Topics:

1. **Trusted servant reports are not read or approved with a vote on "B" months.** The concern is that the fellowship is not being properly informed. Unclear or misinformation is being disseminated to the fellowship without discussion and approval and acceptance the reports by the RCM'S. It was stated that trusted servant reports are to be submitted three calendar days before region to allow the RCMs to review and raise questions and or issues at the regional meeting. However the reports have not been emailed within that time period. Ex: June's reports were emailed the morning of region and May's reports were emailed one day before region.
2. **The use of Google Groups:** as the regional body's main platform to communicate "distribute minutes, subcommittee reports" et al, The body is using google groups; however, some members are not comfortable using because it has not been officially approved by the fellowship as an accepted form of communication. a motion may be made to use google groups as a communication platform for the region.
3. **Board of Directors Convention Committee:** Addressed the body regarding funding of the remainder of the convention funds. The current policy is that the funds are disbursed to the region for March 31st. The Board of Directors Chair and the new Connecticut regional policy facilitator is recommending that the funds be disbursed for June 31st, and stated that he will bring a recommendation for a motion this month. The conflict of issue was raised that the board of directors is bringing a change of policy and also the policy facilitator. it was suggested that he recuse himself because he's wearing two hats. More discussion will be had on this issue.
4. **RD Team request for a motion:** to change the language in the world guide to service regarding resolution 8 which is related to seating of unseated regions at the world service conference. Discussions revolved around the world board having too much power, and the world board having their hotel rooms paid for without sharing at the WSC etc. The RD team led members of the body to believe that the WSO and World Board are governing our fellowship by each board member having a vote at the conference and that the board is misusing funds for lodging at the conference. The conversation was inappropriate and not based in fact. the RD team refused to provide the body with the fact that the structure of the conference and the role of the World Board make it impossible to have too much power or to govern the fellowship and regarding the issue of paid lodging for board members, that issue was raised at the 2012 conference by our Regional Delegate through a motion. The motion failed by clear majority. Regarding the seating issue, work groups of RD'S and World Board members are actively working on proposals to address the conference seating issue which will be presented and decided by the fellowship during the next CAR..
5. **RDA Report -** Questions continue to be raised regarding the lack of clarity and factual information being reported by the RD team. Specifically, The RDA included in his report a flyer from the Minnesota Region regarding zonal representation and the region seeking partners to prepare for what may be a new structure for world conference participation. This report is of the RDA's opinion that the Connecticut Region should consider merging with the New England Region. Questions and concerns were raised about the report by the Southern Fairfield County which led to outburst at the table by the Regional Secretary which resulted in a call for break time. The remainder of questions and concerns were not addressed. GHA RCM



6. Made commitment to raise the issues of the report at next region. He will motion not to accept the report as it violates CT regional policy. "All Reports Must Deal only in Fact". As stated above regarding the seating issue, Our region doesn't have the background and facts to make any type of informed decision and for the RDA to suggest we merge with another region the report is "opinion" and goes against our standing policy. RD report contradicts his previous request for a motion for open seating to new regions. Because of the lack of clarity, conciseness e and factual information, The RCMs are contact the WSO to keep you updated and informed of world service business affecting the Worldwide NA Fellowship.
7. **New Business-** Face Book Motion, Table for 60Days - See Attached Motion

Hartford Area will be hosting The Regional Meeting August-October @ Avery Street Christian Reform Church,
399 Beelzebub Rd, South Windsor, CT 06074. All are welcome to attend.

In loving service,

Taffy C., RCM