

**Connecticut Regional Meeting of NA
August 31, 2011 CCAR 40 Cannon St., Bridgeport CT**

Opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer

12 Traditions

12 Concepts

Roll Call

Chair – Bob F. Present

Vice Chair – Steven J. - Present

Secretary – Lisa C. - Present

Treasurer – Woodsy - Present

Alt. Treasurer – Keith T. - Present

Literature – Out to fellowship

PI/PL – Debbie D. - Present

H&I – Dan E. - Present

Regional Delegate – Jimmy C. - Present

Alt. Regional Delegate – Adam H. - Present

BOD – Carl H. – Absent represented by Troy B Alt. Exec. Dir.

Convention – Dyan F. - Present

WSR – Gerry P. – Present

Webservant – Rich G. – Present

MSU – Donna H. RCM

CCA – Bill S. RCM - Present

USA - Absent

TVA – Stephanie B. RCM - Present

GHA – Alfred D. RCM – Present & Cindy C. Alt. RCM - Present

GNA – Lou D. RCM - Present

GDA – Gay H. RCM - Present

GWA – Robert H. RCM - Present

SFCA – Tommy B. RCM - Present

Chair Report – Bob F. - was absent previous month so no report

Vice Chair Report – Stephen J.

Stated: printed out schedules of August, filled in for literature chair, submitted to Adam the meeting change request for web updates and getting ready for next printing in September.

Secretary Report – Lisa C. (late Read by Bob F.)

Stated: Read old & New Business from last month's report

Discussion: We needed to change last month's motion # 5 to motion # 6 and add motion # 5 which reads "To start a policy chair at regional level." Intent: to maintain proper service.

Maker Lou D. RCM GNHA 2nd by Alfred D. RCM GHA

Treasurer's Report – Woodsy

Opening Balance:	\$ 2986.29
Donations Received:	\$ 228.38
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned:	\$ 50.00
Expenditures Total:	\$ 1060.59
Donation to WSO:	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance:	\$ 2204.08
Prudent Reserve:	\$ 3978.87
Special Reserve:	
Total Reserves:	\$ 3978.87

Accepted 7/0/0

CT. Regional Delegate & Alt. Delegate Report: By Jimmy C. RD & Adam H. Alt. RD

Stated: Attached NAWS News for review of what is happening in the fellowship (see flyer). The topic for the next NEZF will be the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) and will be Dec. 2-4, 2011 in Manchester NH and is being held together with the Multi-Regional Learning Event (MRLE). Discussed the ENXF website and the associated Discussion Board, there is very little participation on the forums and like to see this resource get used more. If you want to participate go to www.nexf.org and click on the link for the discussion board.

Web Liaison Report – Rich G.

Stated: The web page has been working out well. A few areas have not taken advantage of the web page that has been offered to them. The Meeting Schedules still needs to be figured out. Suggested adding a process to policy and make sure that any changes that are made are accurate. The area web pages are ready to go and if anyone has any questions in terms of how to utilize them they should feel free to give him a call and he would be happy to help them out.

BOD – Carl H. (Absent) Represented by Troy B.

BOD did not meet in July but has registration on line by Monday and Registration for hotel link in September.

Convention – Dyan F. Chair, Read by Cynthia S. Vice Chair

Stated: Meeting was held on Aug. 21, 2011 fourteen voting members present. July minutes were read and accepted. August goals were met and goals for September were reviewed and discussed. Pre-registration flyers are available today, please distribute at your area meeting.

H&I – Read by Dan E. Chair

Stated: Met on August 3, 2011, 8 of 9 areas were present. Currently making 84 presentations in our region and all commitments are filled. Have a time and night for the requested presentation at Cheshire Sat. evenings from 7-8 and checking with bordering areas to find volunteers to facilitated. Booked a date and location for Annual learning day 2nd annual

Regional H&I cookout will be held Sat. Oct. 1st from 11-3 at Community Lake Park 147 Ward St., Wallingford, CT. Looking into possible moving our monthly sub-committee meeting location. No major problems or concerns. Next meeting is Sept. 7 2011 at &7:30pm at 10 Cooley Ave., Middletown, CT

Literature – Out to Fellowship Facilitated by Steven J. Regional Vice Chair

Stated: Literature committee did not meet this month. Talked with a few addicts about the possibility of moving the literature meeting. Donna still had the key to the P.O. Box she is going to go to see if there are any outside orders. Sent Adam all meeting changes from last month to post to the website. Accumulated all change requests since the last printing of the schedule (June 2011) on an Excel spreadsheet. Since we are running out of inventory I am planning on running another printing during September. I wanted to accumulate any last changes received at this meeting prior to contacting the printer. No outside sales since last regional meeting. Sold 9,000 schedules to areas and H&I during the month of July – total of \$1,260 of which \$700.00 was completed through transfers via the Regional Treasurer. Book Ending Balance is 6,400 schedules. The next meeting will be on September 21, 2011 at 6:30 at the Bethany Lutheran Church 50 Court ST., Cromwell, CT

PI/PL – Read by Deborah D. Chair

Stated: Met on Wednesday August 10, 2011 and there were 10 addicts in attendance 6 out of 9 areas were present. Phone bill for July \$45.53 which has been paid. Discussing the possibility of creating a Regional PI/PL Mobile Meeting Chair, the intent is to be accountable and attend monthly PI/PL: Regional Meetings. Please help support PI/PL in all areas especially Danbury. Open positions: Vice Chair, Secretary, and Spanish Phone Coordinator.

WSR – Read by Gerry P. Chair

Stated: WSR did not meet this month as 3 of the 4 trusted servants were not available. We attended the “Clean & Serene” Group event on Aug 6 and signed up one new male step guide. 8 -New Assigned Male Step Writers, 13 – Male continuing step writers, 21 total Male letters 1-Introductory Guides sent

Policy Ad-Hoc – Verbal report by Adam H.

Discussed having a policy chair and decided not to use the term chair and change to policy coordinator. We need to change current policy to say the executive committee will assist the policy coordinator. Did not discuss any requirements and responsibilities of this position.

Area Reports

Central Connecticut Area – Bill S RCM

Positions Out to Area: Vice Chair, Alt. Sec., Alt. RCM, Policy & Literature

Activities: Having a Hike 9/11/11 11am in Meriden

Fund Flow: 0

Area Concern: None

Greater Hartford Area – Alfred D. RCM

Positions Out to Area: Vice Chair, Alt. Treasurer, & Activities Chair

Activities: None

Fund Flow: 0

Area Concerns: None

Greater Danbury Area – Gay H. RCM

Positions Out to Area: Secretary, Alt. RCM, Lit. Chair, Vice Chair, & Treasurer.

Activities: Spiritual Breakfast Sept. 10, 2011 11am -4pm \$5

Fund Flow: 0

Area Concerns: None

Greater Waterbury Area – Robert H. RCM

Positions Out to Area: PI/PL Chair, Alt RCM & Lit. Chair

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$548.00

Area Concerns: None

Mid-State Unity Area – Donna H. RCM

Positions Out to Area: PI/PL Chair

Activities: MSUA Learning Day Oct. 22, 2011 Flyer will follow

Fund Flow: 0

Area Concerns: None

Tunxis Valley Area – Stephanie B. RCM

Positions Out to Area: Secretary & Vice Chair

Activities: Halloween Dance

Fund Flow: 0

Area Concerns: None

Greater New Haven Area – Lou D. RCM

Positions Out to Area: Alt. RCM

Activities: Ziti Dinner & Comedy Show 9/24/11 Annex Club in New Haven 7pm

Walk the Walk 10/1/11 – more details to follow

Fund Flow: 0

Area Concerns: RCM OTF in Oct Lit Chair Up in Oct. And next service meeting is 9/12/11

Break

Sharing Session

1. BOD – Multi-year contracts by Troy B.

Discussion: primarily good for programming, merchandise, entertainment, signers, and tapers, & arts and graphics.

Defined multi as 2 one year contract

Pros – Good idea makes it nice and easy saves money

Con – May take away from convention committees responsibility

The hassle is at BOD & convention committee level

There's concern about poor service in following year

Convention policy is to obtain 3 quotes per year

Prospect of changing bid prices with-out the knowledge of knowing that the business was for 2 years instead of 1 year

Internal guide lines within the convention committee would have to be changed

2. Unity Day – Line Item in Budget by Cindy C.

Line item in Regional Budget for further financial responsibility

So region can just put it in the budget at the beginning of the year.

Point of Information World Unity Day happens every year but the convention happens every 2 years. 😊

3. Meeting Schedule Changes/Database by Rich G.

Need information to be vetted.

Make sure the forms are completely filled out

Process is RCM to Literature Chair to Web to Phone

Incorrect information may also affect insurance

We have a procedure we may just need to define it.

An area that has a web liaison, that person only needs to know how to e-mail

4. Flyers going out to Areas by Gay H.

Made 500 flyers so every group can have 2 flyers per meeting

Some RCMs take one flyer and make their own copies

5. Do we have a tax exemption number by Gay H.

No we are not, but on web site there is something that may be helpful and will be brought to next meeting

6. Who pays for the 800 number? By Gay H.

PI/PL has it itemized on its budget

7. Mobile Meeting Chair – by Gay H.

Regional sub-committee has policy to make the changes needed to make for the betterment of NA

Regional PI/PL commitment was created but it did not work and went back to New Haven

PI/PL is looking into it and hopes that every area can fulfill a mobile meeting in their area

Region was not asked to create a position but more on universal policy

Old Business

Motion # 2 “To ask Web Liaison to step down from commitment”

Intent: to follow policy

Maker Jen RCM MSUA

2nd by Lou D. RCM GNHA

Discussion – Rich stated life is busy and he cannot guarantee that he will be here every month.

Was asked if he would still be able to submit a written report

Rich said yes and that he would still do all his responsibilities

Voted 0/7/0 failed

Motion # 3 “To ask Convention Chair to step down from the commitment”

Intent: Compliance to Region Policy

Maker Jen RCM MSUA

2nd by Lou D. RCM GNHA

Discussion – Dyan had family issues and has called, also wrote a brief on the convention report

Voted 0/7/0 failed

Motion # 4 – “To ask the Vice Treasurer to step down from the commitment”

Intent: To follow policy

Maker Jen RCM MSUA

2nd by Lou D. RCM GNHA

Discussion – Keith stated he has the willingness to continue to serve.

The reasons these motions were brought up is due to our tendency to overlook things and is not that we don't appreciate the work but we just don't want to

keep overlooking our policy and is not a personal affront

Voted 0/7/0 failed

Motion # 5 – “To start a policy chair at regional level” amended to state “To start a policy coordinator, and change current policy passed that states “the executive committee servings as ad-hoc policy committee” to “the executive committee will assist policy coordinator with the review of all proposed additions, deletions or changes”

Intent: to maintain proper service

Maker Lou D. RCM GNHA

2nd by Alfred D. RCM GHA

Voted: 3/2/2 Failed

New Business

Motion # 1 “Make line item for money for Unity Day in regional budget”

Intent: Fiscal responsibility

Maker Alfred D. RCM GHA

2nd by Lou D. RCM GNHA

Voted 3/3/1 re-voted to be tabled for 60 days

Announcements & Events

H&I Learning Day Cookout 10/1/11 11am-3pm @ Community Lake Park, 147 Ward St. Wallingford, CT Contact James K. 860-770-8629 or Buddy O. 203-545-3276

PI/PL & H&I & Literature Committees Learning Day Activities & Family Picnic 9/17/11 & 9/24/11 from 12pm to 4pm @ Seaside Park Diamond # 2 Area Bridgeport, CT Contact Tali R. 203-316-8300, Jerome R. 203-912-0202, Larry B. 203-621-8923 or Gloria C. 203-981-3336

Stepping Through It All 21st Fest before the Feast 11/24/11 To be announced
Contact Gerry P. 860-416-4109 or Karlene D. 860-680-4177

8th Anniversary Night Sunday Night Surrender Food Fun & Fellowship 9/25/11 from 9-8 @ Prospect Unity Methodist Church 99 Summer St., Bristol, CT Contact Tim G. 203-217-3929

CCA IS having a Hike 9/11/11 11am at 800 Westfield Rd. Meriden, CT
Contact Vicki 203-715-6067

Ziti Dinner Comedy Show 9/24/11 7pm Annex Club Woodhouse Ave, New Haven

CCA Sponsor/Sponsee Dinner & Dance 9/19/11 7pm @ 1st Congregational Church 62 Colony St., Meriden CT

Spiritual Breakfast 9/10/11 See Flyer