

**CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 26, 2012**

**VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION** – LisaMarie O., Robert D. and William S. (visitor) introduced themselves and was welcomed to the RSC.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The CTRSCNA met at the Meriden Public Library, 105 Miller Street, Meriden, CT. Steve J. called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read.

**ROLL CALL**

Seven areas were represented, and Alt. Webservant is OTF, 2 year required clean time.

**APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES**

**Secretary** - Mary H. read the Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the April minutes. The minutes were then accepted **6/0/0**.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Chair** – Steve J. read the report. Last month he was asked to obtain a number of insurance certificates for events happening in the region. All requests were fulfilled. Last month at the Basketball Shootout hosted in Waterbury, a person was injured. An insurance certificate was not requested for this event, but there is a possibly we still might be covered. RSC Chair spoke with insurance representative. More information concerning this incident is being looked into by RSC Vice-Chair. RSC insurance expires on June 2, 2012 and RSC Treasurer was contacted to renew \$811.00.

**Vice Chair** – Absent, no report submitted at this time.

**Treasurer's Report** – Joey C. read the report.

Opening Balance:	\$3,336.97
Donations Received:	\$1,390.30
Expenditures Total:	\$ 1,399.12
Donation to WSO:	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance:	\$ 3,328.15
Schedule Reserve:	\$5,947.03
Checkbook Total:	\$9,275.18

The financial statement was then accepted 6-0-0.

**RD & RDA Report** – Jimmy C. read the report. World Service Conference (WSC), Jimmy C. and Adam H. attended WSC in California April 27- May 6, 2012. Both RD & RDA spoke on the wonderful event and how the WSC was a great learning experience. There were 115, Regional Delegates and 85 Alternate Regional Delegates at the WSC. Narcotics Anonymous business was taken care of for the next 2 year cycle. There is a great deal of material and discussion to share with CTRS, and RD & RDA will like to share it within the next 3 or four months.

The next NEZF is June 15-17, 2012 in Somerset, NJ. "Main topic discussion will be a followed- up discussion of the WSC".

**RDA** - Adam shared an enormous amount of great information from the WSC (See attachment). He also has some presentations in which he would like to share in the near future.

**Webservant Report** – Absent, written report submitted and read by Chair. Webservant has been communicating with Rich G. and has acquired the information necessary to move forward with his commitment as Webservant. He has made schedule changes and posted all flyers to date. He will post all other information as it arrives. The Webservant's e-mail address is ([webservant@CTNA.org](mailto:webservant@CTNA.org)). The Webservant would like everyone to send all items to be posed i.e. minutes, flyers, or documents in PDF format. If you do not have the software to convert document you can easily e-mail them to a website like ZAMZAR and they will convert them for you. **FYI**; all areas should check there area e-mail as discussed over the past few months, this is where these changes will be sent to. After they are retrieved and information confirmed, forward to Regional Literature Chair it will be forward to Public Relation and Webservant. Changes will be made to the web page schedule and phone line as needed.

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

**BOD** – Absent, written report submitted and read by Phil D. TVA BOD seat is OTA, and Alt. Tech Director OTF. Several Subcommittee budgets were reviewed and approved, Hotels & Hospitality, Registration and Programming. Arts & Graphic Subcommittee budget was submitted and discussed. The monthly accounting reports for February, March, April, and May has been presented. BOD Chair will continue to work with ALT. Treasurer on preparing monthly accounting reports.

Q. is there any information about the seed money? A. the secretary and treasurer were absent, but will go back and look in minutes. Q. about the monthly reports, year to date, was it removed because of ending of fiscal year. Q. “about the seed money” RSC would like if we can get copies of treasurer’s report from archives brought to this body from BOD last year’s treasurers report(not a rewritten report).Q. to increases seed money, are we not generating enough money before registration comes in.

**Convention** – Absent- written report submitted and read by Vice-Chair LisaMarie. The next Convention Committee meeting will be held on June 24, 2012 at Mount Sinai Rehab Hospital (lower level) 500 Blue Hills Ave, Hartford, Ct. LisaMarie was appointed to chair the adhoc, to work with subcommittees to better document and understand guidelines. Budgets from H&H, Registration, A&G, and Programming were submitted to BOD for review. All Regional Committees looking to have workshops can contact LisaMarie for time and space at the 28<sup>th</sup> Convention, this information is needed to finalize the Programming Committees rough draft.

**H&I** – Phil D. read the report. H&I are currently serving 78 meeting and presentations in our region. There were 2,000 schedules distributed. Volunteer Liaison position was filled by Tami Jo S.; Assistant Volunteer Liaison Position is OTF. GHASC ADHOC chair will continue to work within their adhoc, not interested in working with region. Regional Chair will attend GHA next month to facilitate communication. A bullet point has been approved by the region. GNHA had questions about IP’s that are being brought into facilities, and would like some input. Whalley Ave will only allow one meeting a month. Cheshire meeting has not started and Webster Annex meeting has. H&I are looking for an area to coordinate and orientate yellow card clearance. Adhoc Chair, release form that was obtained from Convention Committee and edited for H&I use. (Next meeting 6/6/12).

**Literature** – Lisa C. read the report. Adding IG (Introductory Guide) to the key in the schedule. Literature received some old NA literature from RDA and literature was reviewed. A member questioned the Clarity Statement being used in NA meeting. World was called for clarification, “clarity statement was up for a vote for approval it did not receive approval due to members concern for newcomers, but did state as a reminder that all groups are autonomous. The next order for schedules will be placed May 29, 2012.

**Public Relation** – Debbie D. read report. Debbie and other members attended the Spring into Unity Learning Day in Lower Manhattan and were welcomed. All area subcommittees are working hard at educated and communicating to the public. All area subcommittees can use some support. CCA; Poster Drive schedule for June 23,2012, 12noon,St Rose Church, Meriden Ct., GNHA; Learning Day June 2,2012,12:15pm,Our Lady of Assumption Church 1700 Litchfield Tpk. Woodbridge, USA; Upcoming, Awareness Day at Westbrook Middle School, SFCANA; Waiting for approval from WSO for DVD modification Positions, OTF Spanish Phone Line Coordinator, Vice Chair and English Phone Line Coordinator. Public Relations are asking HI& WSR if they would like to host a Regional Learning Day this summer. Next meeting will be held at Meriden Public Library at 7:00pm, just for the month of June.

**WSR** – Absent

**Policy Ad-Hoc** – Did not meet this month.

## AREA REPORTS

**Central Connecticut Area** – Bill S. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt.RCM

Activities: Spiritual Hike, 6/24/12, 1:00pm Hubbard Park on White Trial, Meriden Ct., Poker Run 7/21/2012, 12:00pm Dry Dock 68 Quinnipiac St. Wallingford Ct.

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00, Area Concerns: None

**Greater Danbury Area** – Absent

Positions Out to Area: Vice-Chair, Alt. RCM, Secretary, and RCM

Activities: Father’s Day Picnic, 6/17/12, 10:30-6:00pm, Hop Brook Lake, 4 Straits Turnpike, Middlebury Ct.

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: None

**Greater Hartford Area** – Cindy C. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt RCM, PI/PL Chair and Vice Chair

Activities: Sponsor/Sponsee Learning Day Brunch, 6/2/12, 11:00-2:00pm, 10 Wintonbury Ave, Bloomfield Ct.  
Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: Requesting RD/RDA presentation in relation to "WSC" at their convenience during area meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 3:00-5:00pm.

**Greater New Haven Area – Roberta T. (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: PR, Chair, and Vice Chair

Activities: PI/PL Learning Day 6/2/2012, 12:15 -2:15, Assumption Church, Woodbridge Ct. Picnic in Park, 6/23 /2012, Fort Hale Park, Townsend Ave, New Haven, (Second Time Around Speaker Jam, 6/30/12, 12:00- 4:00pm) MTG Location

Fund Flow: \$126.40, Area Concerns: Regional Activity Committee be proposed

**Greater Waterbury Area – Beverly H. (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: None

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: person injured at Basketball Shootout, looking to have medical bills covered

**Mid-State Unity Area – Donna H. (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: None

Activities: Surrender to Win, Annual Independence Day Picnic, 7/7/2012, 11:00am-6:00pm (rain date 7/8/2012), Veteran's Memorial Park Middletown Ct., Coming Alive 4year Anniversary" Ice Cream Social", 8/27/2012, 6:30-8:30Fisrt Baptist Church 93 Main St, Middletown Ct., Basically Lit 4year Anniversary, 7/28/12,Christ Lutheran Church ,300 Washington St. Middletown Ct.

Fund Flow: \$282.21, Area Concerns: None

**Southern Fairfield Country Area – Tommy B. (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: PI/PL Chair

Activities: Basketball Shootout & Speaker Jam/Fish Fry, 6/ 9/12,12:00pm-12:00am, 347 Stillwater Ave, Stamford, Ct, Serenity on the Sound Moonlight Cruise, 7/14/12, 10:00pm-2:00am ,42 Seaview Ave, Norwalk, Ct.

Fund Flow: \$200.00, Area Concerns: None

**Tunxis Valley Area – Absent**

Positions Out to Area: Secretary, Policy, Chair, and RCM

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns:

**United Shoreline Area – Gail S. (RCM)**

Positions Out to Area: Chair, and Alt Treasurer

Activities: Sesame St, 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Potluck, 6/21/2012, 6:30-9:00, Hazelnut Hill Rd., Groton, Ct

Fund Flow: \$282.99, Area Concerns: Some PDF's not opening

**BREAK**

**SHARING SESSION**

**NEZF Standing Committee (Adam H.)** Anyone can attend NEZF. The purpose of all the NEZF Standing Committee will be to provide" Communication Cooperation, Information, and guidance" and will not focus on the development of zonal projects or events as a primary goal. To get all committee working together, maybe conference calls internet conference and voluntary participation. Example; all 13 H&I get together and communicate about issues as a whole.

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- ⊙ **Speaker CD's @ a recovery meeting (Donna H.)** Can a non-recovery program borrow recovery CD's? Should not be a problem, due to addicts sign a waiver before sharing on CD's and the NA Basic Text and other NA material sold on Amazon and other book store.
- ⊙ **Regional Learning Day (Debbie D.)** would like to have a Learning Day; after some discussion it was determined that there is a budget for this type of event. It was suggested that an Adhoc committee be formed. Debbie D. was appointed. Hopefully, something will be in formation for end of August or September. It will be called "**Regional Unity Day**". More information to come next month.
- ⊙ **H&I T-Shirt Flyer (Phil D.)**Tee-shirt flyer need to get submitted to Region for approval, Phil will e-mail RSC Chair for approval. Need to be done "ASAP" so it can get out to Area's. **FYI. Flyers were approved by Chair, (before May minutes went out and sent to RSC).**

- ⊙ **Merchandise Budget (Phil D.)** What's the time frame to give Region back money for tee shirt to sell at Learning Day? CTRSC, Policy page 12; Subcommittee Funding.V.B.9.a. All funds generated by regional subcommittees excluding the Convention Committee shall be turned over to the Regional Treasurer within forty-eight hours of the conclusion of the event.
- ⊙ **Regional Activities Sub-committee/Coordinator (Roberta T.)** Concern about event happening on the same day; activities not having support and losing money. Why can't activities committee communicate with each other? Maybe, if Regional Activities Sub-committee/Coordinator is formed, it would help all areas events.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Motion # 2 (3/31/2012):** M/S: Troy B. (BOD) / Gay H. (RCM GDA)

Increase convention seed money from \$5,000 to \$10,500.

Intent: To adequately cover expenses

Motion M/S Gay H. (RCM GDA)/Matt B. (Alt. RCM SFCA): To postpone for 60 days allowing for area consideration.

A lot of discussion was held regarding this because the convention has been using a \$7,500 seed money figure for at least 10 years. The RSC Policy (pg. 10 - V.A.3.c.) still states that the Convention Seed is \$5,000 (which is why the motion has that amount) but the Convention Committee passed Internal Guidelines (Jan. 2010?) stating the seed money is \$7,500. There was discussion regarding whether or not if a subcommittee brings an new or amended internal guideline to the RSC and no one objects to it, does that mean the RSC has accepted that change de facto? Some say no... a subcommittee can't create internal guidelines that conflict with RSC Policy. In order to change RSC Policy a motion must be made and passed at the RSC meeting. Eventually...

Motion M/S Donna H. (RCM MSUA)/Stephanie B. (RCM TVA): To lay on the table for 1 month.

The intent is so we can research what was discussed when the Convention Committee brought their internal guidelines to the RSC and also a request was made of the BOD to please bring all monthly treasurers' reports from the last year.

**8/0/0 Passed (to lay on the table for 1 month)**

**4/21/12, Passed 9/0/0 (table for 1 month)**

**5/26/12(to lay on table for 30day)**

**Motion# 1 (4/21/12)** M/S: Donna H. (MSUA)/ Gail S. (USA)

To begin May and June RSC meeting at 1:00pm at Meriden Public Library, due to hard stop at 5:00pm.

Intent: To be responsible to location

**12/6/3 Motion Passed**

## ELECTION

RSC Alt. Webservant- OTF. 2yrs. clean time required

BOD seat TVA OTA. 3yrs clean time required

## NEW BUSINESS

**Motion#1 (5/26/12)** M/S: Roberta T. (GNHA)/ Donna H. (MSUA)

To form a Regional Activities sub-committee

Intent: To coordinate activities and ideas between activity committee chairs of entire region

**Motion is postponed for 60days to allow for Area consideration. Due back at July RSC.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The RSC meetings for May, June and July are to be hosted by the Central Connecticut Area

Joey C. celebrated 9years and Jimmy C. celebrated 27 years "CONGRATULATIONS"

The next RSC meeting will be on June 30, 2012, 1:00pm at the Meriden Public Library, 105 Miller Street, Meriden, Ct.

The Meeting closed at 4:00pm.

Love to Serve NA,

Mary H.

# Connecticut Region of N.A. Activities Calendar

**GHA-** \_Sponsor/Sponsee Learning Day Brunch, 6/2/12, 11:00-2:00pm, 10 Wintonbury Ave, Bloomfield Ct

**GNHA-PI/PL** Learning Day 6/2/2012, 12:15 -2:15, Assumption Church, Woodbridge Ct

**SFCA-** Basketball Shootout & Speaker Jam/Fish Fry, 6/9/12, 12:00pm-12:00am, 347 Stillwater Ave, Stamford, Ct.

**GDA-** Father's Day Picnic, 6/17/12, 10:30-6:00pm, Hop Brook Lake, 4 Straits Turnpike, Middlebury Ct

**USA-**Sesame St, 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Potluck, 6/21/2012, 6:30-9:00, Hazelnut Hill Rd., Groton, Ct

**GNHA** - Picnic in Park, 6/23 /2012, Fort Hale Park, Townsend Ave, New Haven, Ct

**CCA-** Spiritual Hike, 6/24/12, 1:00pm Hubbard Park on White Trial, Meriden C.

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**MSUA-** Surrender to Win, Annual Independence Day Picnic, 7/7/2012, 11:00am-6:00pm (rain date 7/8/2012), Veteran's Memorial Park Middletown Ct

**SFCA-**Serenity on the Sound Moonlight Cruise, 7/14/12, 10:00pm-2:00am, 42 Seaview Ave, Norwalk, Ct

**CCA-**Poker Run 7/21/2012, 12:00pm Dry Dock 68 Quinnipiac St. Wallingford Ct.

**MSUA-** Coming Alive 4year Anniversary" Ice Cream Social", 8/27/2012, 6:30-8:30Fisrt Baptist Church 93 Main St, Middletown Ct

**MSUA-** Basically Lit 4year Anniversary, 7/28/12, Christ Lutheran Church, 300 Washington St.  
Middletown Ct

## **GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS (THE ABC'S OF NA)**

**ASC** – Area Service Committee  
**BOD** – Board of Directors (for the CRCC, Inc. – Connecticut Regional Convention Corporation)  
**BT** – Basic Text  
**CAR** – Conference Agenda Report  
**CAT** – Conference Approval Track material  
**CBDM** – Consensus Based Decision Making  
**CCA** – Central Connecticut Area  
**CTRCNA** – Connecticut Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous  
**CTRSCNA** – Connecticut Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous  
**FIPT** – Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust  
**GDA** – Greater Danbury Area  
**GHA** – Greater Hartford Area  
**GLS (GTLS)** – A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous  
**GNHA** – Greater New Haven Area  
**GWA** – Greater Waterbury Area  
**GWSNA (GTWS)** – A Guide to World Services in Narcotics Anonymous  
**H&I** – Hospitals & Institutions  
**IW: H&W** – It Works: How & Why (Green & Gold)  
**JFT** – Just for Today daily meditation book  
**MARLCNA** – Mid-Atlantic Regional Learning Conference  
**MRLE** – Multi-Regional Learning Event  
**MSUA** – Mid-State Unity Area  
**NEZF** – North East Zonal Forum

**OTA** – Out to the Area  
**OTF** – Out to the Fellowship  
**PI/PL** – Public Information & Phone Line  
**PR** – Public Relations  
**RCM** – Regional Committee Member  
**RD** – Regional Delegate  
**RDA** – Regional Delegate Alternate  
**RSC** – Regional Service Committee  
**SFCA** – Southern Fairfield County Area  
**SWG** – Step Working Guides  
**TVA** – Tunxis Valley Area  
**USA** – United Shoreline Area  
**WSO** – World Service Office  
**WSR** – Writing Steps for Recovery

