

**CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January, 19, 2013**

VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION – WELCOME LIBBY

CALL TO ORDER

The CTRSCNA met at the Clayton Memorial Church, 274 Long Hill Road, Waterbury Ct
Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read.

ROLL CALL

Eight areas were represented.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Secretary – Absent, Dyan F. read the Old Business (none), Elections and New Business (none) sections of the December minutes.

The minutes were then accepted, and **6/0/0**. See contact list attachment.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair – Absent-Dyan F. read report. We filled a few request for insurance certificates for the past month. Chair was in contact with Vice Chair this month. Executive Budget was submitted.

Schedule Recap; 1/19/13

Sold 2,650 schedules to Connecticut Areas
Transferred 2,000 to H&I
Sold 2,500 to Institutions
Total disbursements 6,900

We will be ready to print again in March. Chair has not received any meeting change request since November.

The next RSC meeting will be on February 16, 2013, at 2:00pm at the Grace and St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2927 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, Ct. 06518

Vice Chair – Leonard S read report. He attended the PR meeting this month .He also attended the Literature meeting and no one showed up. Rent needs to be paid, and he believes it has not been paid since July 2012. Vice Chair attended the WSR and they are in need of addict support, have several potions OTF. Leonard also turned in quote from Hitchcock Printing & Distribution and long form of all committees' time, location, and dates.

Treasurer's Report – Joey read the report. (December 2012 report)

Opening Balance:	\$ 3,689.17
Donations Received:	\$2,643.50
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned	\$0.00
Expenditures Total:	\$
Donation to WSO:	\$ 2,000.55
Closing Balance:	\$3,689.17
Schedule Reserve:	\$3,000.00
Checkbook Total:	\$6,689.17

After much discussion, the financial statement was not accepted 7/0/0, and will be corrected next month.

Treasurer's Report – Gail S read the report. Revised (December 2012 report) 1/19/13

Opening Balance:	\$ 3,689.17	
Donations Received:	\$2,643.50	
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned	\$994.00	
Expenditures Total:	\$643.95	
Donation to WSO:	\$ 2,000.55	\$2,644.50
Closing Balance:	\$4,682.17	
Schedule Reserve:	\$3,000.00	
Checkbook Total:	\$7,682.17	

Treasurer's Report – Joey read the report. **(January 2013 report)**

Opening Balance:	\$ 4,682.17
Donations Received:	\$1,330.09
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned	\$5,975.98
Expenditures Total:	\$ 5,662.48
Donation to WSO:	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance:	\$6,325.76
Schedule Reserve:	\$3,000.00
Checkbook Total:	\$9,325.76

After much discussion, meeting continues without a vote on the financial statement at this time. Treasurer will bring revision next month.

However, RSC bills will be paid in the usual manner.

RD & RDA Report – Adam H. read the report. The workshop at the convention went well. Rd has CD's of all four workshops if anyone is interested. **NEZF:** Next forum will be in January 25-27, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Liverpool, NY, Rd and Alt RD will be attending. Also they will be attending the Mid-Atlantic Regional Learning Conference is February 8-10, 2013. Adam has reserved a couple of rooms (for Alt. RD and RD).

A member from Hartford will be starting a Group Support Unit (GSU) it is scheduled for the last Monday of the month from 6:30-8:00 at the Hartford Public Library at 500 Main Street. RD and Alt RD are making plans for workshops sometime in April. **RD & Alt RD budget was submitted.**

Our service committee updates were registered with NAWS, and Alt Rd was given access to the WSC Participant Bulletin Board.

Some reminders:

- The "Introduction to NA Meetings" project; <http://www.na.org/?ID=intromtgs>
- The New Traditions Book; <http://www.na.org/traditions>
- Service System Project: <http://www.na.org/servicesystem>
- All of the Issus Discussion Topics: <http:www.neorg/?IDT-IDT>
- The South Shore area of the New England Region will be hosting a NAWS workshop 1/26/13, 10:30am-8:30pm at first Evangelical Lutheran Church, 900 Main St, Brockton, MA 02301
- The 35th World Convention of NA <http://www.na.org/wcna>
- The commemorative edition of Living Clean: The Journey Continues is now available for sale: <http://www.na.org/ID=OrderLiteratureOnline-NAW>

Web servant Report – Justin A. read report. All request and updates are current to date. Unchecked e-mail accounts are still a concern. The 2013-2014 web servant **budgets have been submitted** for approval.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

BOD – Troy/Phil D. read report. The BOD met on December 16, 2012. The Convention Information presented a budget increase proposal and the BOD approved the increase. The monthly financial report is attached. BOD received a final Invoice from the hotel that reflects a balance due to the Hilton of \$638.47. After reviewing the invoices we determined we did not receive an \$837.00 credit. We have confirmed with the Hilton that this is due and they are adjusting the invoices to reflect a credit due to CRCC, Inc in the amount of \$201.53.

A preliminary review of the Convention's financial reflects that the 2013 Convention was a financial success. Report will be prepared for due date in March 2013.

Convention Banners was sent to Allegra in New Haven, to redo and for resizing. The Banners estimate will be presented to RSC next month.

The 2014 Convention is already under contract with the Stamford Hilton, 2014 is the second year of the two year contract. A \$1,000 deposit is to be made before 1/30/13, and BOD is asking the RSC to confirm \$1,000 from Convention seed money. BOD will start negotiations to select the hotel(s) for 2015 and 2016.

There are concerns about the 2016 date and BOD is seeking the RSC's guidance. In 2016, January 1st falls on a Friday. **1.** We (can) follow prior practice and hold the 2016 Convention on the first full weekend after the New Year, January 8, 9 and 10th; or **2.** Hold the Convention on the 1, 2, and 3rd; or **3.** send the question back to the areas and request the areas send back to the group as a vote.

Convention – Cynthia S. read report. Convention Committee met on December 16, 12, and January 4, 2013. Chair reported that Convention went smooth. The Convention wrap-up meeting will be held January 12, 2013 and the recommendation for next year's Chair will have to be voted on a Regional level in February.

The Kick-off will be held in the GDA, Sunday February 17, 2013 at the United Methodist Church, 5 Clapboard Ridge Road, in Danbury CT.

H&I – Sean O. read report. Seven of nine areas attended. H&I is currently working on updating their information as to subcommittee meeting place and times; as well as presentation schedules for each area, in order to keep their information current. Areas reports are going well. Forty eight dollars from T-shirt sale was turned into CTRSC. H&I will be holding another T-Shirt design for the next Regional H&I T-shirt. The Convention table and presentation went well at the Convention. [H&I submitted budget for 2013-2014.](#) Next H&I meeting will be held on February 6, 2013 at 50 High St. New Britain YMCA.

Literature – OTF

Public Relation – Debbie D. read report. PR met on January 9, 2013. There were 6 out of 9 areas present, along with the Vice Chair. PR will be submitting an expense report for two PR members to attend the Florida Workshop in March and a survey pamphlet they ordered last month. PR is in the process of having tee-shirts made for PR presentation. [PR submitted their 2013-02014 budget.](#) SFCA was contacted by a vendor to put our NA phone and logo on the back of grocery store receipts. Debbie gave schedule to support upcoming Western State University meeting in Danbury. The following areas are still in need of PR and Phone line support, GDA, CCA, and MSUA. TVA nominated Phone Line Coordinator, Congratulation Sam. Positions OTF, Vice Chair, Spanish Phone Line Coordinator, and Secretary. Public Relation meets on the second Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm at Meriden Public Library, Catlin St. Meriden CT.

WSR – Gerry read the report. Four addicts in attendance, three trusted servants and one new qualifying step guide for orientation. There were 43 letter from men and 11 letter from women in Ct. DOC facilities and 6 letters from out of state. [WSR submitted their 2013-02014 budget.](#) WSR presentation at the CTRNA 28th Convention went well. WSR had 3 new step- guide volunteers orientated, 12 current step-guide re-orientated and 3-5 interested addicts. WSR needs male step- guide for this committee. The WSR commitments OTF are Chair, Vice Chair, Men's Coordinator Secretary and Recording Secretary. WSR had discussed changing meeting time and location. WSR next meeting is February 21, 2013.

Policy Ad-Hoc – Present no report.

AREA REPORTS

Central Connecticut Area – Libby R (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt Treasurer, Alt.RCM and Secretary

Activities: Spiritual Breakfast February 23, 2013 9:00am-12:00, Immanuel Lutheran Church 164 Hanover St. Meriden Ct, CCANA Learning Day/ Chili Cook-off Contest and Dance March 30, 2013 2:00pm- 12:00am Masonic Temple 112 East Main St Meriden Ct., Women's Sponsorship Retreat May 10-12, 2013,4pm Fri -11:00 am Sun., Incarnation Retreat Center 253 Bush Hill Rd, Ivoryton Ct

Fund Flow: \$ 433.76, Area Concerns: None

Greater Danbury Area – Mike Q (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Vice-Chair, Chair, PI Chair, and Treasurer

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: None

Greater Hartford Area – Cindy C. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Vice Chair

Activities: Campout Spiritual Breakfast Fundraiser April14, 2013, 9:00am-12:00, 1301 Forbes St. East Hartford Ct, Campout Lasagna Dinner March 23, 3:00pm-9:00, 1301 Forbes St. East Hartford Ct

Fund Flow: \$0.00 Area Concerns: None

Greater New Haven Area – Absent (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt. Policy, Alt Secretary

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$0.00 Area Concerns: None

Greater Waterbury Area – Beverly H (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Secretary, PR, PL and Shoot-out committee Secretary

Activities: 1st Pancake Potluck Breakfast, January 26, 2013, St Peters Hall 170 East Main St, Torrington Ct, Basketball Shoot-Out April 27-28, 2013, (9:00am Sat. 1:00pm Sun) Northend Recreation Center 268 Kingsbury St Waterbury Ct, Shoot-out Sneaker Jam April 27, 2013, 8:00pm-1:00, Northend Recreation Center 268 Kingsbury St Waterbury Ct,

Fund Flow: \$0.00 Area Concerns: None

Mid-State Unity Area – Al W. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: PR Chair and Activities Chair

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$387.39 Area Concerns: Paying for website but service slow social media

Southern Fairfield Country Area – Earl B

Positions Out to Area: None

Activities: Recovery Party January 26, 2013 9:00-12:30, 210 Elm St corner of Lafayette, Golden Hill Methodist Church, Bridgeport Ct, Speaker Jam/Dance with Fish Fry February 9, 2013 12:00pm-1:00 am 210 Elm St corner of Lafayette, Golden Hill Methodist Church, Bridgeport Ct,

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00 Area Concerns: Activity's need support,

Tunxis Valley Area – Darlene B (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt RCM

Activities: March Madness (H&I) March 23, 2013 12:00pm-4:00pm, 50 High St YMCA New Britain Ct

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: None

United Shoreline Area – Howard O (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt RCM, Literature and Secretary

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$41.20 Area Concerns: None

Break:

Sharing Session:

❖ **Meeting Schedule Change (Gary M.)**

RCM was support to check schedule on date, time, and location (paper schedule do not match the on-line schedule) Adam had up-dated the on- line schedule sometime ago date, time and location. After much discussion, it was **suggested** that it move to new business after election (due to a new literature chair may be elected). After more discussion it was **suggested** that everyone follow the meeting schedule change format on the meeting schedule form.

❖ **Sub Committee calendar (Bill S.)**

Leonard submitted calendar two ways. He put all information that was available; if not correct give Vice Chair update. Bring to next RSC meeting. New Convention Committee information will be included as soon as it is available. Vice Chair has two quotes from Hitchcock Printing, and Stables for business calendar. More discussion from the body, **A.** Vice Chair will do more research on this matter.

❖ **BOD- \$1,000 deposit deducted from \$5,000 seed money (Phil D)**

A \$1,000 deposit is to be made before 1/30/13, and BOD is asking the RSC to confirm \$1,000 from Convention seed money. **Q.** why can't the money be deducted from Convention money **Q.** what did we do last year and the year before, why is it an issue now? **A.** we have taken from seed money in the past years. **Q.** Is it an expense for the 2012 convention or the 2013 convention? **Q.** what does BOD want to do **A.** Count as fiscal year expense, "there were no objection from the RSC body".

❖ **BOD 2016 Convention options (Phil D)**

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A. in the past we had the same discussion and it was not to NA best interest to do so due to **1.** People not check out on the first, **2.** People intoxicated in hotel **3.** It might hold up our banner being hung prior to Convention date **4.** People would want to be with their families **A.** Convention will be held in 2016 on the 8th, 9th, and 10th.

❖ **Future of Northeast Zonal Forum (Adam)**

Rd and Alt Rd will be bringing back information from NEZF to better serve NA as a whole. In attending NEZF, RD and Alt RD plans to put on a workshop in April to share their learning experience. It was suggested for Rd to continue to put on presentation and if three people attend it is successful event. Also, this body should attend as well. An addict had attended in the past and found NEZF fascinating. It was also mention that in the past a member felt that they did obtain enough information to bring back to their area. **NEZF:** Next forum will be in January 25-27, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Liverpool, NY, Rd and Alt RD will be attending.

Old Business: None

Elections:

Literature Chair-qualified and was elected, Mary R. ***Congratulations!***

WSR OTF; clean time requirement 2 years and 1 year served on the WSR committee

Convention Chair OTF; clean time requirement 5 years

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion# 1 (1/19/13) M/S: Sean O (H&I)/ Cindy C (GHA-RCM)

H&I budget for 2013/2014(see attachment)

Intent: Carry the message

Motion: M/S: Howard/ Mike

To postpone for 60 days to allow for Area consideration

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

Motion# 2 (1/19/13) M/S: Leonard S (Vice Chair)/ Al W. (MSUA-RCM)

Executive budget for 2013/2014(see attachment)

Intent: To follow policy and be financially responsible

Motion: M/S: Howard/ Mike

To postpone for 60 days to allow for Area consideration

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

Motion# 3 (1/19/13) M/S: Debbie D (PR Chair) Libby R. (CCA-RCM)

PR/PL budget for 2013/2014(see attachment)

Intent: To follow policy and be financially responsible

Motion: M/S: Howard/ Mike

To postpone for 60 days to allow for Area consideration

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

Motion# 4 (1/19/13) M/S: Adam H. (PR Chair) Howard O (USA-RCM)

RD/ALT RD budget for 2013/2014(see attachment)

Intent: To follow policy and be financially responsible

Motion: M/S: Howard/ Mike

To postpone for 60 days to allow for Area consideration

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

Motion# 5 (1/19/13) M/S: Gerry P (WSR) Beverly H. (GWA-RCM)

WSR budget for 2013/2014(see attachment)

Intent: To be financially responsible

Motion: M/S: Howard/ Mike

To postpone for 60 days to allow for Area consideration

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

Motion# 6 (1/19/13) M/S: Justin A. (Web Servant) Cindy C. (GHA-RCM)

Web Servant budget for 2013/2014(see attachment)

Intent: To be financially responsible to the Ct. Region of Narcotics Anonymous

Motion: M/S: Howard/ Mike

To postpone for 60 days to allow for Area consideration

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Motion# 7(1/19/13) M/S: Cindy C (GHA-RCM) Mike Q (GDA-RCM)

Pay monthly bills & hold back fund flow check until an accurate financial picture is obtained

Intent: To be financially responsible

Motion: M/S: Howard/ Mike

To postpone for 60 days to allow for Area consideration

6-0-0 Approved

At this time a moment of silence taken followed by the Serenity Prayer

Motion# 8(1/19/13) M/S Mike Q (GDA-RCM) Libby R (CCA-RCM)

For the RSC to begin printing a service schedule with a complete list of all area and regional service committee and subcommittee meetings

Intent: Effective communication in our service structure; to carry the message

Motion referred to Literature Chair

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Right before the motion to close, an addict from GWA, had concern about a meeting closing.

AI W. (MSUA-RCM) celebrated 10 years, *Congratulations!*

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The Meeting closed at 5:30pm.

Love to Serve NA,
Mary H.

Connecticut Region of N.A. Activities Calendar



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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