

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2013

VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Welcome Rocky F and James G

CALL TO ORDER

The CTRSCNA met at the Grace and St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2927 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, Ct. 06518
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

Nine areas were represented.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Secretary – Mary H. read the Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the February minutes. Minutes for January and February were corrected and put in archives.
Minutes were then accepted 6-0-3.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair – Steve read report. We filled a few request for insurance certificates for the past month.

May - July meeting will be scheduled for the Greater Hartford Area. Chair is asking RSC member to secure a location and bring directions to the April RSC meeting.

The next RSC meeting will be on April 20, 2013, at 2:00pm at the Grace and St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 2927 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, Ct. 06518

Vice Chair – Leonard S. no report.

Treasurer – Joey read the report. **(March 2013 report)**

Opening Balance:	\$ 6,325.76
Donations Received:	\$240.00
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned	\$390.00
Expenditures Total:	\$ 2,139.09
Donation to WSO:	\$ 1,447.73
Closing Balance:	\$3,689.17
Schedule Reserve:	\$ 3,000
Checkbook Total:	\$6,689.17

Treasurer report passed 8/0/1

RD & RDA – Adam H. read the report. Dyan and Adam attended the Northern New Jersey Regional Assembly in Paterson, NJ on February 23, 2013. There were workshops on “Supporting our Vision” and “Collaboration” and a presentation on the Service System Proposal, with an in-depth presentation and Q&A from the Passaic County Area (which is the county where the Assembly was).

Passaic Country Area has been testing/implementing the Group Support Unit system for about a year and it was good to hear from more members directly involved in this project. They chose to implement this test at the Area level beginning with an ad-hoc committee to design and develop the guidelines for the GSUs. This is in contrast to the GSUs starting from the Group level and developing more naturally. It seems to be working well for them and they're going to start testing the Local Service Unit next. Their hope is to re-integrate with the Silk City Area (which is the city of Paterson, whereas the Passaic County Area surrounds Paterson an encompasses all of the towns/cities in the rest of the county).

There was also a workshop on the Traditions Book Project, but RD and RDA had already participated in this down at MARLCNA and they held the workshop themselves at our convention.

RD and RDA were quite impressed with the turnout for the assembly (there were about 75 members) and the respect everyone had for each other. It was a very nice event and they hope that the assembly we wind up having (eventually) will be as well attended and respected. RD and RDA are planning a “GSR Assembly” and they had hoped it would be in early May but they were unable to secure a location yet. If they can't get flyers out until the next RSC meeting then the event may have to be pushed back until early June. RD would rather delay the event than not have enough time for word to spread.

This upcoming week RD and RDA are leaving for the Florida Service Symposium (FSS). They are looking forward to this learning event and plan on bringing back much more. There are four “tracks” during the symposium, Public Relations, Internet Technologies, NA World Services, and Local Services.

On our outstanding list of items we need a conscience on.

Proposal from the Northeast Zonal Forum (NEZF):

*"That the North East Zonal Forum (NEZF) form Standing Committees to include a NEZF Public Relations Committee, a NEZF H&I Committee, a NEZF Literature Review Committee, a NEZF Information Technology Committee and a NEZF Convention Coordination Committee
The membership of these committees will be the representatives of their corresponding Regional Committees*

The purpose of all of the NEZF Standing Committees 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."

Proposal from the Northeast Zonal Forum (NEZF):

*To have a Service Symposium/Conference in the Northeastern United States
(More information on this is forthcoming).*

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 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 – Justin read report. All request and updates were completed as of March 9th. The Regional Web servant and ALT Web servant position is OTF this month.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

BOD – Troy B read report. The BOD met on February 17, 2013. Elections were held to add individuals to the Board of Director, Convention Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Alt Treasurer, and Secretary.

The BOD extensively reviewed the draft Final Accounting for the 2013 Convention Additional revisions were made. Based on an estimate of Registration data, the numbers of attendees at the 2013 Convention was 2,013.

The Board discussed the Technical Director Position and qualifications. A motion was made, and passed to extend the current Technical Director’s term for one year. This will allow an Alternate to be properly trained for the position. An additional motion was made to make the Alternate technical Director’s position a two year term- one year as Alternate and the second year as Technical Director.

The Treasurer has made an appointment to meet with the Accountant to have the tax return prepared.

Elections will take place at the next BOD’s meeting to elect a new Executive Director and Alternate Executive Director.

Note: the Board of Director RSC Report was submitted, with breakdown of the 2013 Convention Final Accounting, Income, Expenses, Profit/Loss and Balance.

Convention – Lisa Marie O. read report. The CTCNA Kick-off was held in the GDA, Sunday February 17, 2013 at the United Methodist Church, 5 Clapboard Ridge Road, in Danbury CT. There were 49 addicts in attendance. All subcommittee descriptions and qualifications were read and put out to the floor for nomination and volunteers. All subcommittee positions were filled.

The next Convention Committee meeting will be held March 17, 2013 at the United Methodist Church, 5 Clapboard Ridge Road, in Danbury CT.

H&I – Sean O. read report. Seven out of nine areas attended.

GNHA- New subcommittee meeting place, The Mother Church of Our Lady of Assumption, 1700 Litchfield TPK, Woodbridge, Ct. on the last Sunday of the month, orientation at 4:30pm/ subcommittee meeting at 5:00pm .

MSUA- New subcommittee meeting time, the third Monday of every month at 6:30pm for orientation, 7:00pm for subcommittee

TVA- Learning Day, March 23, 2013 at 12:00- 4:00pm, New Britain Ct YMCA, 50 High St, New Britain Ct.

SFCA- Having trouble with contact at Bridgeport Correctional. Vol. Liaison will assist.

Regional Correctional Reports-Cheshire and Webster both are going well. Vice Chair will contact panel Coordinator for York to get a regular report/representative, (as far as they know York is going well).

Next meeting will be held April 3, 2013 at New Britain YMCA, 50 High St, New Britain Ct at 7:30pm.

Literature – Absent- Donna H. read report. The Literature did not meet and is in the process of looking for a new location in the Middletown area.

There were two sales since last region meeting.

Schedule Recap; 3/16/13

Sold 1,150 schedules within the Fellowship totaling \$21.00(GHA still owes 1,000 schedules)

Transferred 2,000 to RSC Subcommittee \$totaling \$140.00

Sold 335 outside the Fellowship for a total of \$67.00

Samples 0

Total disbursements 3,485 –for a total of \$228.00(including 1,000 schedules that a GHA still owes \$140 for)

Ending inventory 5,200, with another order to be placed in April

The Regional Literature Chair and Alt Web Servant worked together to make sure all online meeting lists were up to date.

Literature budget submitted.

The next meeting will be in May, most likely at a new location in Middletown yet to be determined.

Public Relations – Debbie D. read report. PR met on March 10, 2013. There were 7 out of 9 areas present.

As a result of recent mail outs to local schools and health facilities we are getting feedback from high schools and colleges. PR has asked the phone line coordinator, to contact Halloo because PR needs a more efficient way of updating their meeting schedule changes. Currently it is a long tedious process to update the meeting changes on the phone line. PR hopes to find some better ways to utilize their phone lines. The phone line is running well PR is averaging \$32 to \$35 dollars per month. PR is sending two addicts to the Florida Service Symposium (FSS) and is looking forward to the feedback when they return. PR had no contact with Danbury or Mid-State area and hopes to get some support soon.

Positions OTF are Vice Chair. Spanish Phone Line Coordinator

Public Relation next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 7:00 pm at St. Andrews Church, Meriden CT.

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

Policy Ad-Hoc – Verbal report by Adam, met on March 16, 2013, before RSC meeting. They are moving forward with reviewing Policy's.

AREA REPORTS

Central Connecticut Area – Libby R (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt Treasurer, Alt RCM, PR Chair, Activities Chair and Secretary

Activities: 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, Coming Alive Campout August 9-11, 2013, 42 Pierce Rd. Strawberry Park, Preston, Ct

Fund Flow: \$203.30, Area Concerns: out dated meeting schedules. Have check to purchase schedules, but RCM not authorized to get them until new ones become available.

Greater Danbury Area – Mike Q (RCM)

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

Activities: Starting Over 30 Anniversary 6:30-7:30, April 30, 2013 Madison Ave Danbury Ct

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: A lot of productive discussion about getting more attendance and support. Will probably be moving location and meeting time. Will also forgo GSR reports in favor of an open forum style, group concern session, both of those changes were motions due back in April.

Greater Hartford Area – Cindy C. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Vice Chair, Secretary, RCM Alt, RCM

Activities: Campout Spiritual Breakfast Fundraiser April 14, 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,

Miracles Do Happen Campout May 5, 2013 9:00am-12:00pm
Old Skool Speaker Jam (20 years) April 28, 2013, 2:00pm-7:00pm, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 41 Park St, Manchester Ct
Fund Flow: \$0.00 Area Concerns: Did not meet due to weather condition

Greater New Haven Area – Artie (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: RCM and Alt RCM

Activities: Speaker Jam March 23, 2013, Orange and Wall New Haven Ct, Spring Breakfast April 13, 2013 Orange and Wall New Haven Ct

Fund Flow: \$0.00, Area Concerns: None

Greater Waterbury Area – Beverly H (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Treasurer (Basketball Shootout Policy Chair and Secretary)

Activities: Basketball Shoot-Out April 27-28, 2013, (9:00am Sat. 1:00pm Sun) North End Recreation Center 268 Kingsbury St Waterbury Ct,

Shoot-out Sneaker Jam April 27, 2013, 8:00pm-1:00, North End Recreation Center 268 Kingsbury St Waterbury Ct,

Sponsor/Sponcee Dinner April 6, 2013, 2nd Congregation Church, Winsted Ct,

Scio Day mayo Picnic April 5, 2013/ TBA

Fund Flow: \$0.00 Area Concerns: Obtaining Literature

Mid-State Unity Area – Al W. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: PR Chair

Activities: Pancake Breakfast April 14, 2013, 9:30-10:30am Food, Fun, Fellowship, 10:30- 12:00 meeting 615 Main St Middletown Ct, St. Vincent DePaul Place (Soup Kitchen)

Fund Flow: \$000. Area Concerns: Chair Subcommittee going to Regional Subcommittee meetings

Southern Fairfield Country Area – Samantha-Rae M. (Alt RCM)

Positions Out to Area: RCM

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$ 6.68 Area Concerns:

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: H&I, Alt RCM, Set-up and Treasurer

Activities: Spring Bling Dance April 20, 2013, 7:30pm-12:00am, Kramer Gym 322 Prospect St. Willimantic, Ct. "There is Hope Group"

Fund Flow: \$528.04+\$166.03= \$694.07 Area Concerns: None

Break:

Sharing Session:

- **Subcommittee reports, who is absent (Al W.)**
A. WSR
- **Insurance certificate (Beverly H) Q.** would it be possible for groups to hold their own certificate? **A.** there is a generic copy and it is still the same until around June **A.** for blank copy e-mail chair, all certificates goes through Chair, so insurance company will not get calls from each area.
- **Flyer distributions (Dyan F)** why non NA event get good attendance. **A.** more flyers should be brought to Region
- **Basketball Shootout (Beverly H.)**Disclaimer need to be filled out prior to playing at Shootout event. Much discussion on disclaimer may or may not work in courts. It was suggested that someone should look further into issue.

- **Regional Schedule (Howard O.)** spoke on online schedule being pretty accurate and paper schedule information not accurate. Suggested that paper schedules should follow on-line information **A**. Literature will address issue.

Old Business:

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

H&I budget for 2013/2014

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

Intent: To follow policy and be financially responsible

Motion: M/S: Howard/ Mike

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

PR/PL budget for 2013/2014

Intent: To follow policy and be financially responsible

Motion: M/S: Howard/ Mike

To postpone for 60 days to allow for Area consideration

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

RD/ALT RD budget for 2013/2014

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

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

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

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

Motion# 1 (2/16/13): M/S: Al W (MSUA-RCM) Howard O (USA-RCM)

To table all CTRSC budget voting until April

Intent: to allow all regional groups the opportunity to vote

7/0/0 Passed

Motion#2 (2/16/13): M/S: Donna H (Alt Web Servant) Mary R (Literature)

To move \$350.00 from literature conference line item to Web Servant hosting maintenance line item to pay annual hosting fee to Image Works

Intent: to be financially responsible and pay our bills

OUT OF ORDER

Motion#3 (2/16/13): M/S: Joey C (Treasurer) Beverly H (GWA-RCM)

To move \$159.21 from Literature Committee line items \$72.09 copies, \$11.82 supplies, \$24.30 postage, \$51.00 PO Box

Intent: to balance Literature committee budget line items per RSC policy

7/0/0 Passed

Motion#4 (2/16/13) M/S Mary R (Literature) Donna H (Alt Web Servant)

To move a total of \$96.67 from the literature conference line item to the following items copies-\$9.55, 11.82 supplies, \$24.30 postage, \$51.00 PO Box

Intent: to be financially responsible

OUT OF ORDER

Elections:

Congratulation! Cynthia S.GNHA/BOD, Troy B. MSUA/BOD

Congratulation! Donna H. Web Servant

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

OTF Alt Web Servant: clean time requirement 2 years, and 6 months prior involvement in RSC

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion#1 (2/16/13) M/S Cindy C (GHA-RCM) Roberta (GNHA-RCM)

Request RD/Alt RD make presentation at March RSC on topic of their choice

Intent: Dissemination of information, teaching us how to teach

Note: motion revisited, will move forward in May 2013 passed 7-0-1

Motion#2(2/16/13) M/S Donna H (Alt Web Servant) Mary R (Literature)

To have schedule changes be made by electronic submission only for online and eventually for print

Intent: to expedite online schedule change process

Tabled for 30 days

Motion# 3(3/16/13) M/S Donna H. (Alt Web Servant) Libby R. (CCA-RMC)

To approve the proposed Literature budget of \$1,215.00 for 2013-2014 year

Intent: to be financially responsible

Tabled to areas for 60 days

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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The Meeting closed at 4:45pm.

Love to Serve NA,
Mary H.

Connecticut Region of N.A. Activities Calendar



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GWA-Recovering Women's 21st Anniversary, April 24th 2013, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, 268 Kingsbury Street (Corner of North Main and Kingsbury St) Waterbury Ct

GWA - Basketball Shoot-Out, April 27-28, 2013, (9:00am Sat. 1:00pm Sun) Northend Recreation Center 268 Kingsbury St Waterbury Ct

GWA - Basketball Shoot-out Sneaker Jam April 27, 2013, 8:00pm-1:00, Northend Recreation Center 268 Kingsbury St Waterbury Ct, (**must wear sneakers /in gym**)

MSUA- Surrender to Win 23rd Anniversary April 27, 2013, 9:00am-11:00am Holy Trinity Church 381 Main St Middletown Ct.

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GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATION (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