

**CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2013**

VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

The CTRSCNA met at Grace Episcopal Church 124 Maple Hill Avenue Newington, 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 – Chair read, Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the April minutes. Minutes for April will be corrected and put in archives. Minutes were then accepted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair – Steve read report. We filled many requests for insurance certificates for the past two month. I am requesting RCM's to please inform your Areas that all request should be directed to you.

- **Please submit the request in the following via email:**
 - **Name of Event**
 - **Date of Event**
 - **Beginning Time and Ending Time of Event**
 - **Contact Name**
 - **Contact Phone Number**
- **Please submit this request this request to my email address**
- On average it takes 2-3 business days to get the certificate although, I would appreciate it if you gave us at least a weeks' notice so as not to overtax the insurance agent.

We also had a few requests for payments during this past two month period, the largest being our insurance premium renewal due at the beginning of June. We were able to develop a communications system between Chair the Vice Treasurer and the Treasurer, all request were processed successfully.

The next RSC meeting will be on July 19, 2013, at 2:00pm at the Grace Episcopal Church 124 Maple Hill Avenue Newington, Ct. (church door will be open at 1:00)

In August we will be meeting in Danbury, therefore Chair is asking the RCM to secure a location and bring directions to the July meeting.

Vice Chair – Leonard S. read report. Vice Chair attended the Literature meeting and they had a discussion on business calendar. He attended H & I meeting and they are doing well. He also attended the PR meeting and there are several positions OTF as well as WSR, all position is OTF.

Treasurer – Absent, Dwight read the report. **(April-June 2013 report)**

Opening Balance:	\$ 3, 359.88
Donations Received:	\$3,674.83
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned	\$44.00
Expenditures Total:	\$ 3,670.07
Donation to WSO:	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance:	\$3,408.64
Schedule Reserve:	\$ 2,041.27
Checkbook Total:	\$5,449.91

Treasurer report did not pass: 3/01/4

RD & RDA – Adam H. read report. RD and RDA had no activity in the last few months. They will be attending the Northeast Zonal Forum (NEZF) in two weeks in Pittsburgh, PA. In preparation for the NEZF, rd will need to obtain some kind of a regional conscience on two proposals.

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

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Proposal from the Northeast Zonal Forum (NEZF):

To have a Service Symposium/Conference in the Northeastern United States

(More information on this is forthcoming).

RD would still like to have a GSR Assembly and would like to have a couple before the Conference Agenda Report cycle (This starts in November).

When looking at list of ongoing project in World Service, RD is reminded that we still have one literature project going on (The Traditions Book) and was wondering if any of the Areas (Literature Committees or otherwise) have been or are going to be working on this? The other project (Introduction to NA Meetings) is technically still going on but the review & input period concluded on April 30, 2013. Did any Areas do any review & input on that one?

Also ongoing is the Service System Project (SSP). Are any of our Areas discussing that or having any workshops or ad-hoc committees looking into doing anything with it?

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 – Donna H. read report. All meeting updates, calendar events and flyer links have been completed for the month.

The Basic Meeting List Toolbox (BMLT) updates directly from the author of the software. There have been many updates to the BMLT since the last update and this is in the works. One of the most noticeable changes is that the default search location won't show up as Manhattan any longer. Web Servant has been in contact with the Web Company concerning other issues.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

BOD – Phil D read report. The BOD met in Middletown CT. Currently out to the areas Positions are seat for CCA, GDA and USA. BOD also has positions OTF which are Site Selection Director and Alt Site Director.

We have been receiving Proposals from hotels that will be reviewed by Ron, Phil and Troy at their next BOD meeting.

There are three BOD budget options for this year which includes payment to the IRS. The BOD has contacted the IRS. It was necessary to set-up payment arrangement to stop levy on the bank account. The arrangement is spread-out over 72 months.

Consulting with a tax attorney in connection with filing the request for abatement has begun.

[BOD meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on June 23, 2013 at the Holy Trinity Church, 381 Main St, Middletown Ct 06457.](#)

Convention – LisaMarie O read report. All subcommittee have submitted budgets to have approved by the BOD. Chair is requesting that regional subcommittees who wish to have a workshop / presentation at Convention submitted to chair via e-mail as soon as possible.

The convention Policy and Guidelines Adhoc committee headed by Vice Chair Leigh B, will be meeting in July (date to be determined). All is well and on task.

[Convention Committee meeting will be held June 23, 2013 at the Holy Trinity Church 381 Main St, Middletown Ct, 06457](#)

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

Volunteer liaison has been in contact with DOC as to yellow card holders getting back into York Correctional, as well as better times for volunteer orientations.

T-shirt sales at Pig Roast went well. Tamijo has sent \$620.00 to region from sales, plus money collected afterward. H&I had discussion of using seed money again to print more T-shirts for Learning Days. Area reports went well. A motion that the Regional H&I vice Chair be in charge of ordering and dispensing literature to regional coordinated facilities through panel coordinators passed.

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

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

Literature – Mary R. read report. The Literature committee met last month and there were 3 addicts in attendance. The motion to create a service committee pamphlet did not pass.

There were nine outside sales since last regional meeting.

Sold 3,500 schedules sold within the fellowship for \$490.00

Transferred 6,000 to RSC Subcommittee \$840.00

Sold 825 schedules sold outside the fellowship for a total of \$139.80

Total: 10,325 schedules sold for \$1469.80

Currently Literature has a total of 9,675 schedules.

The Regional Literature Chair and Alt Web Servant worked together to make sure online and printed schedules were concurrent. The RD helped to formulate a program so online changes are streamlined to the printer, thereby, ensuring greater accuracy for the printed schedules.

The next meeting will be at the Meriden Public Library, 105 Miller Meriden Ct, Tuesday July 16, 2013, 7:00pm

Public Relations – Absent (OTF) Positions OTF are Chair, Vice Chair. Spanish Phone Line Coordinator

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

WSR – Gerry P. read report. WSR met at new location Holy Trinity Church 381 Main St, Middletown Ct, 06457 at 7:00pm. Four trusted servant were present and one new member. WSR remains hopeful that addict support will show up to fill some of the vacant positions. WSR had a booth at Pig Roast and attracted two female step guides'. Due to scheduling conflicts WSR was unable to participate in NAWS, but have learned that another Area is using our policy to organize their own committee. WSR -OTF, clean time requirement 2 years and 1 year served on the WSR committee, VC, Men's Coordinating secretary, and recording secretary.

Policy Ad-Hoc – Adam gave verbal report, will be setting up a meeting place, to continue to moving forward with reviewing Policy's.

AREA REPORTS

Central Connecticut Area – Libby R (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt RCM

Activities: CCANA –

- Surrender Group 8th Year Anniversary, July 12th, 6:30-9:00, St Andrews Church 19 Catlin St, Meriden Ct
- 2nd Annual Poker Run, July 27, 2013, 8:30am-7:30pm, Dry Dock 68 ½ Quinnipiac Ave, Wallingford Ct
- Coming Alive Campout August 9-11, 2013, 42 Pierce Rd. Strawberry Park, Preston, Ct,
- 25th Annual Spiritual Weekend, September 20-22, Enders Island, Mystic Ct

Fund Flow: \$410.97

Area Concerns: Many; Area questions Motion 1 from 5/6/13, area would like a 90 day notice of cancellation of RSC meeting except in case of a weather emergency, Area would like to know if a BOD rep can have another elected position? Area wants to know the final word on the service schedule motion.

Greater Danbury Area – Absent, Mike Q (RCM)

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

Activities: none

Fund Flow: \$0.00,

Area Concerns: none

Greater Hartford Area – Tracey D. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: PI PL Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

Activities:

- Miracles Do Happen Campout – Rock & Blues BBQ, June 30, 2013, Silver Lane P&F Pond East Hartford Ct

Fund Flow: \$1082.43

Area Concerns: No help

Greater New Haven Area – Artie (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt Sec. and Alt RCM

Activities: none

Fund Flow: \$926.35

Area Concerns: None

Greater Waterbury Area – Louise A (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Treasurer and Alt RCM

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$0.00

Area Concerns: None

Mid-State Unity Area – Al W. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area:

Activities:

- Surrender to Win Independence Day Picnic, July 13, 2013, 12:00- 4:00pm, Veterans Memorial Park, Middletown Ct.
- No Joke on Oak 5th Anniversary, July 25, 2013 5:30-7:00pm, 47 Oak St, Middletown Ct
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- Stepping Free 7th Anniversary, August 19, 2013 6:30-9:15pm, St James Church Parish Hall, 501 Killingworth Rd. Higganum Ct.

Fund Flow: \$1,151.40.

Area Concerns: e-mail, addresses and phone numbers on flyers

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

Positions Out to Area: RCM and Literature chair

Activities:

- Recovery on Park 6th Anniversary Picnic June 22, 2013, 12:00-5:00pm Wolfe Park Concert Pavilion, 285 Cutlers Farm Rd, Monroe, Ct

Fund Flow: \$ 83.12

Area Concerns: None

Tunxis Valley Area – Darlene B (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Secretary, Vice Chair and Alt Treasurer

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$0.00,

Area Concerns: None

United Shoreline Area – Howard O (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alt RCM, Alt Treasurer and Literature

Activities:

- 60th Anniversary Luau/Learning Day, June 29,2013, 2:00-8:00pm, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic Ct
- Sesames Street Group Anniversary, July 11, 2013, 6:30pm

Fund Flow: \$000

Area Concerns: None

Break:

Sharing Session:

- **Place for RD and ALT RD to have presentation/workshop A.** High ceiling, kitchen area, space, tables, and handicap assessable. Need to look into time frame, and areas. Discussed getting out flyer to fellowship and having place booked presentation/workshop.
- **Business calendar, service schedule (motion # 8 was referred back to Literature and Secretary missed putting it on the minutes and it was never voted on).** A. It was referred back to Literature Committee and recommended that we do not go forward. It was asked why not? A. since the printing schedule is pricey and the Vice Chair already make a calendar; he will work on making it into a different format, for easy read. It was asked if motion was referred to the subcommittee, how that work. Does it go back to areas? A. technically it should have been in old business, but the Secretary made a mistake in minutes. Continuing discussion, it was asked should it go back to area. A. only if RCM make a motion.
- **Names, phone numbers of Hartford areas on line, when Google some documentation, some full names. Can the web servant retract?** A. not a clear answer, other than not putting full names on documents. However, if a phone number is on a flyer and Google, information comes up as well. Suggestion to keep contact list separate in areas/ region minutes. Another suggestion is to have two separate e-mails addresses one for NA and the other for personal use.
- **Flyer on the website, A.** flyer cannot be posted on Web site two day before event
- **CAR workshop at Convention,** wondering if they should have four workshops/ presentation and how to attract more addicts and (timeframe). A suggestion was to have the meetings on separate day/ less timeframes.
- **Permission to change Bank account- new policy that all signer has to be present for transaction A.** to change banks(straw poll)
- **Treasurer/A. Chair will contact with concerns**
- **Last names on reports,** much discussion due to anonymity and showing up because it on a treasurer report. A. no clear answer.FYI; on some levels of service it will show and addict should be aware of this. After much discussion member decided to bring to their area table
- **H&I tee shirts, Q.** have a \$700.00 seed money once a year(can it be used again) should this question go back to areas/ what is the policy/ After more discussion, "yes" "no" maybe so, can H&I use again for other learning days. Q. was it put in budget just for seed money and can it be spent again? Q. Should tee shirt money be call merchandise? A. Make a motion for \$700.00 more to be added to budget
- **Problems on premise during meeting(alcohol/ disorderly conduct) A.** if need be call the police and have person removed

Old 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

Passed 8/0/0/ RD/ALT RD workshop/presentation; Topic will be Group Conscience/ July 20, 2013 at 1:00pm at the Grace Episcopal Church 124 Maple Hill Avenue Newington, Ct

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

Failed 0/8/0

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

Passed 7/0/1

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

Out of order

Elections:

Congratulation! Dwight T. filled USA, BOD seat!

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 RS

OTF PR: clean time requirement 2 year and 6 months prior involvement in PR

NEW BUSINESS:

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Intent:

Failed 1/6/1

Motion #2 (6/15/13) M/S Sean O (H&I) Libby R (CCA-RCM)

To add \$700.00 H&I budget for t-shirts seed money

Intent: To get more shirts to promote H&I awareness and help further carry the message

Passed 8/0/0

Motion #3(6/15/13) M/S Al W (MSUA-RCM) Howard o (USA)

That the issue on the service committee schedule be brought back to groups.

Intent: to better serve the primary purpose and/or service structure

Out of order

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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The Meeting closed at 5:45pm.

Love to Serve NA,
Mary H.

Connecticut Region of N.A. Activities Calendar



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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