

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2014

VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION: Mimi, Tony, and Jackie were welcomed.

CALL TO ORDER

The CTRSCNA met in Old Lyme and the meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by our chair, Leonard S. After a moment of silence and the Serenity prayer, the 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts were read.

ROLL CALL

All nine Areas were represented at roll call. The Alternate Treasurer and Alternate Delegate were not present and both sent word that they are stepping down from their commitments. RSC Secretary, Alternate Webservant, Literature chair, Public Relations chair, and Writing Steps for Recovery chair are all vacant.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Adam read the Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the January minutes.
Motion M/S: Mike (GDA)/Toby (GHA): To approve the January minutes. **9-0-0 PASSED**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair – Leonard had nothing to report. A question was asked regarding an insurance certificate obtained for an event in September but the insurance policy expires in June. Do we need to get a new certificate? A: We'll find out and discuss it. It was also suggested to give the facility what we have and explain that they it will be renewed. Another question about sending stuff in but not being taken care of. Chair explains that he and vice-chair will get it taken care of. We need to speak to insurance rep and explain that we have new trusted servants. Please send requests for insurance certificates to chair@ctna.org.

Vice Chair – Mary read reports dated 2/15/2014 and 3/15/2014. Q: MSUA purchased a cart? Mary explained that the MSUA PR Chair purchased the cart, etc. for regional PR to transport the posters, etc.

Treasurer – Gail read the report. **(March 2014 report)**. A question was asked about year-to-date contributions. Our fiscal year runs from the day of the RSC meeting in April to the day before the RSC meeting the following April. Many Areas start their fiscal year in January so the numbers won't match on your Area treasurer report and the Regional treasurer report.

Opening Balance:	\$ 3,827.00
Donations Received:	\$ 2,403.28
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned	\$ 0.00
Expenditures Total:	\$ 2,186.43
Donation to WSO:	\$ 216.85
Closing Balance:	\$ 3,827.00
Schedule Reserve:	\$ 1,239.68
Checkbook Total:	\$ 5,066.68

Motion M/S: Omar (TVA)/Al (MSUA): To approve the March Financial Statement. **Passed 8-0-0**

Regional Delegate (RD) – Adam H. read the RD report. There were thanks for good workshops, very informative.

Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA) – Dyan F. not present. She informed Leonard and Adam that she is stepping down.

Web Servant – Donna H. read the report. Q: Do we have any discussion boards on the website? A: No. Q: Can we have discussion boards if we wanted? A: Sure, if we want to. Q: The meeting info form is available online right? A: Yes.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

BOD – Phil D read the report. Q: Elaborate on the refund from IRS? A: We asked for the abatement and we received most of it back. Q: Did we do it? Did an accountant do it? A: One of the board members worked with an accountant. Also, There's a lot more accountability now, we use Quicken which makes it easier. Q: I thought it was a filing late issue? A: It was but there's more people looking at it now. Ron - We now have online storage of files whereas in the past we have problems getting the files because they were on one person's laptop. So this way someone else can access the files if needed.

Convention – Leigh B. read the report.

H&I – Dan E. read the report. Q: What do you mean by providing uniformity? A: Because each area is autonomous each area has different guidelines and someone might not be able to serve across areas without being orientated in that area.

Literature – Mary H (vice-chair) read the report. Q: On the Service Schedule, some of the meetings are wrong. A: Yes, it's just a sample.

Public Relations – Mary H. (vice-chair) report the report. There were no questions.

WSR – OTF. Gerry gave a verbal report. There are a couple of new members coming to meeting. Otherwise, it's business as usual. There was a NAWS webinar in February but Gerry couldn't participate because it was the same night as the committee meeting. There was a suggestion on having the WCNA committee add a workshop on WSR/SBTW workshop.

Policy Ad-Hoc – Adam H. reported that he forgot all about it.

AREA REPORTS

Central Connecticut Area – Allen C. (Alt. RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Vice-Chair, Webservant

Activities: March 17, 2014 – Poker Run Ad-Hoc
June 22, 2014 – Berlin Batting Cages
June 1, 2014 – Spiritual Hike

Fund Flow: \$ 441.41

Area Concerns: None.

Greater Danbury Area – Mike Q. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Vice-Chair, Activities Chair , Alternate RCM

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$ 947.32

Area Concerns: We have had 2 meetings recently close due to lack of support, with a 3rd struggling. There is still a meeting every night, but new meetings seem to struggle. We also struggle in groups and at area to fill commitments.

Greater Hartford Area – Toby L. (ASC Vice-chair)

Positions Out to Area: RCM, Alternate RCM, Alternate Treasurer

Activities:

Fund Flow: \$ 1,218.98 (Feb), March – To be mailed in.

Area Concerns: None.

Greater New Haven Area – Artie K. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: PR Chair, Secretary, Alternate RCM

Activities: Walk the Walk

Fund Flow: \$ 500.00

Area Concerns: None.

Greater Waterbury Area – Jessica D. (Alt. RCM)

Positions Out to Area: BOD seat, RCM

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$309.19

Area Concerns: There was discussion from groups about the NEZF but I don't have that info. New subcommittee – Marathon Meetings.

Mid-State Unity Area – Al W. (RCM) & Renee M. (Alt. RCM)

Positions Out to Area: PR Chair

Activities: None

Fund Flow: \$373.79

Area Concerns: None.

Southern Fairfield Country Area – Samantha M. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Webservant

Activities: March 16, 2014 – Convention Committee meeting.

Fund Flow: \$0.00

Area Concerns: Lack of support and a general interest in Area Service.

Tunxis Valley Area – Omar P. (Alt. RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alternate Treasurer

Activities: March 29, 2014 – TVA Bad Dance Party

Fund Flow: \$ 0.00

Area Concerns: Information about notifying the webservant for flyers and group events. Can groups email the web servant directly?

United Shoreline Area – Howard O. (RCM)

Positions Out to Area: Alternate RCM

Activities: April 19, 2014 – Café NA, 7pm – 10pm (after RSC).

Fund Flow: \$ 1,005.51

Area Concerns: None

BREAK

SHARING SESSION

- **RDA Position** – Does it need to go out for 30 days? A: Yes. Tony has been traveling with Adam to events... he is qualified and has been paying his own way. Various discussions about suspending policy to elect today. Tony shared that he bought a plane ticket already and plans on attending. Q: Can we appoint someone to just attend the event? A: Yes.
- **Café NA** – Howard: Event next month. Talent show. Howard trying to get tickets for regional people. It's \$5. Someone raised a concern that we shouldn't get anything for free. Howard explained that the Area was not going to be giving anyone free tickets.
- **Certificate of Insurance** – Howard: Had a number of COIs to get this past month and it hasn't been that easy to get them. Still not clear how we're going to do this in the future. Leonard apologized for not handling things properly but they're working on fixing it. Still send emails to chair@ctna.org. All we need is the location and the town (for meetings). For events we need location, town, time and date. It's in Addendum A of our Policy
- **Cancellation of Last Month** – Howard: Wants information about how that came about? Howard wasn't happy about how it all happened since he was never asked. It could have been handled better. Leonard explained that the executive committee made a decision. It's not the decision at is under questions, it's the process. We should at least keep the host area in the process.
- **A Motion that we feel is breaking the 4th tradition has been spreading to many areas. How can this be addressed and should it be?** – Tito: Motion being made at areas dictating who can or cannot serve as GSRs. Q: Did it go back to the groups? A: Yes, it was put out to the groups. It probably should have been ruled out of order. It was ruled null and void at TVA, but other areas are dealing with this and should these motions even be voted on since they tell the groups what they can and can't do. This isn't about whether or not people on DRT should serve; this is about whether or not we're going against our 4th tradition.
- **Email Issues (RSC emails)** - Adam: Crazy situation. They're not being checked. Should only have three emails ... info@, insurance@, webservant@ As for Area emails... they should stay but don't publish them. They should only be used for internal stuff. Gail... it's not the processes, it's the people. We need to get used to it. Should this be added to webservant responsibilities? Can they handle that? We probably should not publish them on the website. New England Region has an insurance request form on their home page. Donna - is there consensus here that it's okay for her to clean up mailboxes? Yes
- **Topic for Next Month** – Adam threw out traditions 4 or 3 for next month. Toby - a couple of months ago one of the topics we didn't choose was DRT. Mike - we're really not qualified to give a workshop on DRT because we're not doctors. But we can discuss 3rd Tradition. We already have Session Profile for 3rd Tradition. Maybe we can add onto it the 4th Tradition stuff. (USA is doing tradition a month challenge). Maybe it would be a chance to have discussion here about the CAR. Consensus was to do the 4th Tradition.
- **Specify Requirement for NA Events that Require Insurance Certificate** – It was suggested to always check with the RSC Chair so he or she can check with the insurance company

OLD BUSINESS

Motion #2 (11/16/2013) M/S Libby R. (CCA)/Mike Q. (GDA):

To create a state of CT regional service schedule (sample attached) that can be sold with the other IPs. Please include where region meets, all service committees including PIPL, Literature, H&I, Regional Activities, Regional Policy, etc.

Intent: To keep addicts informed on the many ways they can get involved and give back. Not everyone has internet service and the availability of info is extremely hard to come by. Many subcommittees are in dire need of support.

Motion M/S/F Al (MSUA)/Howard (USA): To postpone for 30 days. **1-6-0 FAILED (in November)**

Motion REFERRED to Literature Committee in November. Lit Chair stepped down so Literature had no formal report in December and doesn't meet again until January (after RSC). So, the Literature Committee will bring formal report on this in February.

Literature Committee came back with quotes. And a sample draft. Q: What are the recommendations? A: To print 3000 and update once a year. The sample that was handed out was just a sample. Q: Can we word the motion properly, eventually, to make sure who is responsible for printing them. A: Yes... Statement by Adam - this is actually approving a service pamphlet. Q: Can an update form (for service committee meetings) be added to website? Good idea.

Motion M/S: Allen (CCA)/Mike (GDA): Postpone for 60 days PASSED *By policy, once a motion to postpone to allow for area consideration has been made and seconded it is considered passed. **This is due back for vote in May**

Motion #1 (01/18/2014) M/S Adam (RD) / Al W. (MSUA):

To approve the policy changes as submitted.

Intent: To follow through on the ad-hoc committee's work.

Motion M/S Mike (GDA) / Toby (GHA) – To postpone for 60 days to allow for area consideration. **PASSED**

*By policy, once a motion to postpone to allow for area consideration has been made and seconded it is considered passed.

Motion M/S Allen (CCA)/Samantha (SFCA): To postpone for 60 days. 5-2-1 PASSED. This is due back in May

Motion #2 (01/18/2014) M/S Leonard (RSC Chair) / Toby (GHA):

To approve the executive committee budget of \$2,835.00 for 2014-2015.

Intent: To be financially responsible.

Motion M/S Gail (Treasurer) / Mike (GDA): To change Treasurer line item to \$150.00. (Total would be 2,685).

Amendment PASSED by unanimous consent.

Motion M/S Libby (CCA) / Samantha (SFCA): To postpone for 60 days to allow for area consideration. PASSED

Final Vote: 5-0-3 PASSED

Motion #3 (01/18/2014) M/S Donna (Webservant) / Howard (USA):

To approve the Webservant budget of \$1,010 for 2014-2015 FY.

Intent: To be financially responsible

Q: Why the change in domain registration? A: We have a GoodAsGold account with GoDaddy and its getting low so I would like to add more money to that account.

Q: And why website development? A: The \$300 would be to reprogram to allow us to upload flyers directly instead of waiting for a link.

Motion M/S Adam (RD) / Al W. (MSUA): To postpone for 60 days to allow for area consideration. PASSED

Final Vote: 6-0-2 PASSED

Motion #4 (01/18/2014) M/S Adam (RD) / Al W. (MSUA):

To approve the Regional Delegate and Alternate Delegate budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Intent: To follow policy and to be financially responsible and supportive of the regional delegate and alternate delegate positions.

Motion M/S Artie (GNHA) / Samantha (SFCA): To postpone for 60 days to allow for area consideration. PASSED

Final Vote: 6-0-2 PASSED

Motion #5 (01/18/2014) M/S Dan E. (H&I Chair) / Toby L. (GHA):

To present the 2014/15 Proposed H&I budget.

Intent: To maintain fiscal responsibility

Motion M/S Libby (CCA) / Al W. (MSUA): To postpone for 60 days to allow for area consideration. PASSED

Final Vote: 7-0-1 PASSED

Motion #6 (01/18/2014) M/S Mary H. (RSC Vice Chair) / Toby L. (GHA):

To approve the PR budget of \$6,730.00 for 2014-2015

Intent: To be financially responsible

Motion M/S Libby (CCA) / Samantha (SFCA): To postpone for 60 days to allow for area consideration. PASSED

Final Vote: 7-0-13 PASSED

Motion #7 (01/18/2014) M/S Gerry P. (WSR Chair) / Samantha (SFCA):

To approve the "Writing Steps for Recovery" budget for 2014/2015.

Intent: Fiscal Responsibility

Q: Why was rent more for year to date? A: We changed facilities and we had to pay \$20 key deposit.

Motion M/S Toby L. (GHA) / Samantha (SFCA): To postpone for 60 days to allow for area consideration. **PASSED**

Final Vote: 6-0-2 PASSED

Motion #9 (01/18/2014) M/S Toby L. (GHA) / Omar P. (TVA):

To have treasurer add due dates to the budget line items pertaining specifically to P.O. Boxes and send a reminder to the appropriate subcommittee 2 months in advance.

Intent: To pay P.O. Boxes on time and be financially responsible.

Discussion: Adam asked that this be committed to policy ad-hoc because this would affect policy. Two different sections.

Mary shared that she doesn't see why this can't just be handled by executive committee. Gail: doesn't matter if this gets added to policy she's going to add this to the treasurer's report anyway. Libby: This would help when commitments aren't filled.

Chair commits it to policy ad-hoc.

The Policy ad-hoc did not meet to discuss this.

Final Vote: 8-0-0 PASSED *(this needs to be added to RSC policy)*

Elections:

- ❖ **RSC Secretary – OTF.** 3 year clean time requirement and suggested active for at least 1 year on the CTRSC. Record accurate minutes of the monthly CTRSC meeting and distribute them in a timely manner.
- ❖ **PR Subcommittee Chair – OTF.** 2 year clean time requirement and 6 months prior involvement in PR
- ❖ **WSR Subcommittee Chair – OTF.** 2 year clean time requirement and 1 year served on the WSR committee
- ❖ **RSC Alternate Web Servant – OTF.** 2 year clean time requirement and 6 months prior involvement in RSC
- ❖ **BOD At-large seat – OTF.** 3 year clean time requirement and must be 18 years of age and resident of Connecticut.
- ❖ **Literature Chair – OTF.** 2 year clean time requirement.
- ❖ **BOD Greater Hartford Area – Jackie L.** nominated by the GHA. The RSC confirms the nomination. Congratulations Jackie!
- ❖ **Alternate Treasurer – OTF.** 4 year clean time requirement, completion of at least one NA Treasurer commitment, and suggested active for at least 1 year on the CTRSC.
- ❖ **Alternate Delegate – OTF.** 5 year clean time requirement and suggested active for at least 1 year on the CTRSC.
- ❖ **BOD Executive Director – OTF.** 3 year clean time and must be current member of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion #1 (03/15/2014) M/S Mary H. (RSC Vice-Chair) / Al W. (MSUA):

To accept proposed 2014-2015 budget for Literature Committee.

	13-14 Budget	Spent to Date 12/21/13	Proposed 14-15 Budget
Copies	\$60.00	\$16.05	\$60.00
Supplies	\$50.00		\$50.00
Postage	\$10.00		\$10.00
Workshops	\$200.00		\$200.00
Rent	\$91.00		\$60.00
P.O.Box	\$104.00	\$104.00	\$120.00
Literature Conference	\$700.00		\$0.00
LITERATURE	\$1,215.00	\$120.05	\$500.00

copies-order forms
supplies-receipt books/ binders
postage- mailouts
workshops-workshops
rent- donation/books/literature
po box- increase
literature Conference- none to date

Intent: To be fiscally responsible.

Motion M/S Mike (GDA) / Samantha (SFCA) – To postpone for 60 days to allow for area consideration. **PASSED**

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This is due back for vote in May

Motion #2 (03/15/2014) M/S Adam H. (RD)/Omar P. (TVA):

To ask Tony F. if he would be willing to attend the 2014 WSC as the alternate delegate for the Connecticut Region.

Intent: To choose today to ask someone to serve us instead of waiting for formal election next month.

Motion M/F Howard (USA)/ Postpone for 30 days. **FAILED for lack of second**

Lots of discussion about this.

Motion M/F Adam (RD)/ To withdraw the motion. **FAILED for lack of second**

Motion M/S/C To require 2/3 majority **7-0-1 CARRIES**

Final Vote: 6-2-0 PASSED

Motion #3 (03/15/2014) M/S Howard O. (USA)/Allen C. (CCA)

To amend policy as follows... Add IV.A.4.a. Reports should be submitted electronically at least 3 days in advance of the RSC meeting or in hard copy at least 15 minutes before the RSC meeting.

Intent: To allow review of reports during B months.

Motion to refer to Policy ad-hoc. Approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Question - being that we skipped last month, do we still meet three times here? No. We will only meet here twice. Precedent was set last year when we cancelled for Pig Roast.

The next RSC meeting will be on April 19, 2014 at 2:00pm at Rogers Lake Clubhouse, 75 Rogers Lake Trail, Old Lyme, CT

The meeting closed at 6:07pm.

Love to Serve NA,
Adam H.

Connecticut Region of N.A. Activities Calendar



EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	PLACE	HOSTED BY	CONTACT NUMBER
Café NA	4/19/2014	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Rogers Lake Clubhouse 75 Rogers Lake Trail Old Lyme, CT	United Shoreline Area Activities	Cheryl G. [REDACTED] Howard O. [REDACTED]
24 Year Anniversary	5/3/2014	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Church of the Holy Trinity 381 Main St. Middletown, CT	Surrender to Win group	Lennie S. [REDACTED] Ray [REDACTED]
Walk the Walk at the Beach with Speaker Meeting	5/3/2014	1:00 pm	Lighthouse Point Park New Haven, CT	Greater New Haven Area Activities	Luann S. [REDACTED] Eddie D. [REDACTED]
CCANA Spiritual Hike	6/1/2014	12:00 pm	Hubbard Park Meriden, CT	Central Connecticut Area Activities	Pam F. [REDACTED] Cathy W. [REDACTED]
Golf-Bumper Boats Go-Carts	6/22/2014	1:00 pm	Berlin Batting Cages 1081 Berlin Tpke. Berlin, CT	Central Connecticut Area Activities	Michelle [REDACTED] Vicki [REDACTED]
Independence Day Picnic	7/13/2014	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Veteran's Memorial Park Middletown, CT	Surrender to Win group	Lennie S. [REDACTED] Ray [REDACTED]

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
FSS – Florida Service Symposium (service conference)
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
NAWS – Narcotics Anonymous World Services
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
WSLD – Western Service Learning Days (service conference)
WSO – World Service Office
WSR – Writing Steps for Recovery