

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2014

VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION: Wilda Introduced herself as a visitor.

CALL TO ORDER

The CTRSCNA met in Meriden at 76 Main Street, Southington
The meeting was called to order at 2:22 pm by Mary.
After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer, Wilda read the 12 Traditions and Rene read the 12 Concepts.

ROLL CALL

9 areas were represented. 0 were not present.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Jason read the Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the minutes.
Motion: Patricia 2nd Mike : To approve the October minutes with corrections. 9-0-0 **PASSED**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair – Mary Read Report

Vice Chair – OTF.

Treasurer – Gail read the report. (November 2014 report)

Opening Balance:	\$3038.69
Donations Received:	\$1351.33
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned	\$238.70
Expenditures Total:	\$ 961.30
Donation to WSO:	\$24.24
Closing Balance:	\$3644.17
Schedule Reserve:	\$2699.84
Checkbook Total:	\$6344.01

Motion: Mike 2nd Omar to approve the September Financial Statement. 9-0-0

Regional Delegate (RD) – Adam H. read RD report.

- Discussion about only being one area before convention so will it be possible to get recommendations for workshops at convention back in time.

Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA) – Anthony F read report

Web Servant – Donna H. Read report

- Discussion about changes happening to website with emails, if that will be a charge to us or included, explained that any changes to website are within the budget.
- Discussion about checking website and updating began, RSC Chair ended discussion because topic is on sharing session

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

BOD – Ron read the report.

- Was asked about meeting location this month, will be in Stamford.
- Regional Secretary asked about possible points being taken by BOD member at Hilton and informed BOD Chair that local group he is involved with had same issue with a member and has information regarding this if BOD would like to see.

Convention- Leigh B. Read the report.

Schedule Facilitator – OTF

Public Relations – Gene F. Read the report

- Discussion about updating phone lines with area began and PR Chair informed table that this will be discussed at next PR meeting.

WSR – OTF

H and I- Dan Read the report

- Discussion about funds being returned to RSC for T Shirts , after reviewing books all is well.

Policy Ad-Hoc – Howard gave report

- Please take all 3 new pages of policy from table.

AREA REPORTS:

Central Connecticut Area – Allen C (RCM)

Positions out to Fellowship- vice Chair, Alt. RCM.webservant
Activities/Events-
Fund Flow- \$824.51
Area Concerns-

Greater Danbury Area – Mike ■ (RCM)

Positions out to Fellowship- Vice Chair, Alt RCM, Secretary
Activities/Events-
Fund Flow-
Area Concerns- Nothing at this time

Greater Hartford Area – Glovine (RCM)

Positions out to Fellowship-
Activities/Events-
Fund Flow-
Area Concerns- Access to regional web servant to allow for posting of Area activities and content.

Greater New Haven Area – Patricia (RCM)

Positions out to Fellowship-
Activities/Events-
Fund Flow-
Area Concerns-

Greater Waterbury Area – Beverly (RCM)

Positions out to Fellowship- Chair, Secretary, PR
Activities/Events- The Bird is the word, Together we can 18 years wed 1/7/15, Freedon isn't free 1 yr 12/12/14
Fund Flow-
Area Concerns-PR joining Hand I

Mid-State Unity Area – Rene (RCM) Roberto (Alt. RCM)

Positions out to Fellowship- none
Activities/Events- No Joke on Oak, Feast Before the Feast
Fund Flow- \$286.82
Area Concerns-

Southern Fairfield Country Area – Taffy (ASC Vice)

Positions out to Fellowship- Policy, RCM
Activities/Events- Thanksgiving Marathons
Fund Flow-
Area Concerns- Not enough support for policy and PR

Tunxis Valley Area – Omar (RCM)

Positions out to Fellowship- all full
Activities/Events-
Fund Flow- \$146.00
Area Concerns- none

United Shoreline Area – Elizabeth E (Alt. RCM)

Positions out to Fellowship- Alt. treasurer, RCM, Activities
Activities/Events- Dec 31 Dance
Fund Flow--\$50.02
Area Concerns-
BREAK: 3:20

SHARING SESSION:

1. Policy ADHOC, disband or make standing:

- Was created to serve a purpose so we need to either disband or create standing committee
- Currently motion at ADHOC so cannot be disbanded at this time
- Was this a standing committee and if so why did it change?
 - The committee goes through cycles and not always a need for policy chair so was disbanded around 2003
 - rare that RSC doesn't have policy chair
 - some feel there is need for one
 - maybe a member at large position
 - Fill other commitments at RSC first and possibly another member fills in for policy

2. DECEMBER WORKSHOP:

- RDA shared that he has attended many areas and workshops and the importance of writing reports is a good topic for December.

3. Changes to the Website January 2015:

- Based upon web servant report, changes for forms were discussed.
 - C.O.I Form/Requests (What is chain of command for submittal)
 - Who gets requests
 - What information is needed
 - Checking credibility of request (RCM currently)
 - Emails and are we keeping them
 - Who checks them and can't make RCM check email only suggest
 - If we delete who is deleted and what emails remain?
 - One email for CTRSC eliminates problem of not being checked
 - Web servant or Alternate should check emails
 - Addendum A is read and discussion ends

4. Line Item for Alternate Web Servant copies

- Try putting on same report as Web Servant for now

5. Topics for NEZF

- **Four workshops , topics to be decided by regional body/Bring back to ASC's for input**
 - Planning our future
 - Issue/Discussion
 - How to write reports

6. BOOKS FROM ECCNA:

- If we are accepting books from there shouldn't we decide as a region where they go.
- Books are sent for H and I so if we don't use for that purpose send them back
- Correction from floor, the books can be used as the region sees fit

- Three years no books have come to this body!
 - Where are they then, because they were sent
 - Phone call made to ECCNA BOD and response is that they have been sent to an addict's home address for three years.
 - Straw poll taken and ECCNA BOD informed that the books now will be sent to acting RSC treasurer's address

7. PDF SENT EACH MONTH TO SECRETARY:

- SECRETARY ASKS BODY IF WE ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT PDF WILL BE SENT EACH MONTH BY RSC COMMITTEE PRIOR TO RSC MEETING
- RESPONSE FROM FLOOR IS YES

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion#1 (10/18/14)

To add the following to policy: III.C.2.d "In the case of any vote requiring a 2/3 majority, all abstentions shall count as "no" votes."

Maker Mike ■

Second Renee

Intent: To responsibly make decisions with our voting

Amendment: To add the following to policy section III.C.2.d: "In the case of any vote requiring a 2/3 majority of member areas present, all abstentions shall count as "no" votes."

Made by: Adam

Seconded by: Howard

Committed to: Policy Adhoc for no specific time limit.

Motion to send to ASC's

Made by: Patricia

Seconded by: Rene

Discussion:

- Do we want to limit 2/3 to only policy or other motions
- This would make it so that a substantial amount of member areas would be required to change policy

Elections:

Vice Chair- Howard was nominated, qualified and was elected!

Schedule Facilitator- Leonard was nominated, qualified, and was elected!

H & I- OTF 3 Years clean with 2 years prior H&I experience

WSR-OTF 2 years clean time and 1 year service on WSR

Alt Treasurer- 4 year clean time and completion of 1 NA treasurer commitment and suggested 1 year active in RSC.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION # 1 (11/15/14)

TO CREATE A STANDING POLICY POSTION

INTENT: TO ENSURE THAT ANY REFERENCES TO POLICY OR QUEASTIONS ARE REASILY ADDRESSED.

MAKER: PATRICIA

SECONDED BY: MIKE ■

DISCUSSION:

THIS POSITION IS NECESSARY FOR A POINT OF ACCOUNTABILITY

MOTION TO SEND TO POLICY ADHOC UNTIL COMPLETED

MAKER: ALLEN

SECOND: OMAR

MOTION#2 (11/15/14)

As of January 2015, the contact us page of the CTNA website will have only one link to send requests or questions to called info@ctna.org. The web servant or alt. web servant will then forward to the appropriate committee member or subcommittee chair or RCM. The email addresses that will remain in their appropriate site location are: pr@ctna.org, rd@ctna.org, webservant@ctna.org, and wsr@ctna.org

INTENT: TO HAVE EFFICIENCY AND STREAMLINED HISTORY

MAKER: DONNA

SECONDED BY: ALLEN

DISCUSSION:

- FORWARDING TO APPROPRIEATE CHAIRS/RCM'S WHO GETS INFO- H AND I/P.R?
- ELIMINATING ADDRESSES MAY NOT BE BEST ROUTE OF ACTION
- KEEPING PERTINENT EMAILS WILL KEEP COMMUNICATION LINES OPEN

MOTION TO TABLE TO AREAS FOR 60 DAYS

MAKER: TAFFY

SECONDED BY: GLOVINE

Anouncements !!

-B Month workshop will be RCM responsibilities / orientation

- Policy ADHOC will meet at 1 pm prior to RSC meeting

The meeting closed at: 5:15

In Loving Service

Jason ■

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



CT REGIONAL DELEGATE REPORT

November 15, 2014



Greeting everyone. I hope everyone has had a nice month. I want to take a moment to thank the Regional Service Committee (RSC) for having faith in me and re-electing me Regional Delegate (RD) for another term. It really is a privilege. That being said, Tony and I have been working on a few things this month.

Northeast Zonal Forum (NEZF)

Tops on my list is the planning for the NEZF. Tony and I discussed the probable location (pending hotel negotiations) and based on the willingness of local area/group hosting we decided to focus our efforts on the Middletown/Cromwell area. I've been contacting hotels and are in final negotiations with two different sites. I have appointments to go visit both sites on Monday just to see the room(s) and discuss final details. Tony is going to try to arrange his schedule to join me.

Also, the day after the last RSC meeting we had a Skype call of NEZF participants to discuss the planning for the next meeting. There were nine of us on the call and we discussed the tentative schedule for the event (with 4 workshops on Saturday and a dinner/meeting/dance that night), whether to request World Board (WB) participation, and what topics to have for the workshops. We tossed around some ideas for the topics but ultimately it was left up to the Connecticut Region to decide. I'm going to put this on our Sharing Session for more discussion.

Traditions Book Project

I forwarded an email from NA World Services (NAWS), using our Google Groups discussion list, that included information about the Traditions Book. The Introduction and Tradition One section is available now for review & input (R&I). The deadline for this review period is January 31, 2015, but the sooner you can send in your input, the better. The draft is available at na.org/traditions.

I was also invited to participate in a NAWS webinar to discuss the draft and provide some initial feedback. Unfortunately, the draft had only been available for a few days at that time so not a lot of us had fully read it. I was told there will be another webinar with the same group of individuals so I should have another opportunity to provide direct feedback. If you read it and want to give me some feedback to mention directly I will be happy to provide that.

The draft includes some "workshop" material and NAWS is very interested in feedback if any group or committee wants to actually have a workshop using the material in the draft. Kind of a "how does this work" kind of thing. So if any group or committee is motivated to give it a try please let us know. I'm sure either Tony or I would be happy to assist if we can.

Convention Workshop

Truth is, Tony and I haven't fully discussed what we're going to do for our convention workshop. There is the material in the Traditions draft that I just mentioned, as well as possibly doing a general Review & Input session. There's also the Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs) that we can always choose from too. It's difficult trying to encourage participation in the RD workshop when there's about 12 other workshops going on at the same time during our convention. We will have something chosen soon so you can spread the word to your Areas and Groups.

Those are the big things I've been working on. Tony will be reporting on the proposed changes to the Guide to World Services in NA (GWSNA) and we need to report any feedback on that to NAWS by December 12, 2014. I attended the Greater Hartford Area Service Committee meeting last Saturday and I assisted Mary with getting the meeting schedules and service schedules printed.

In Loving Service,
Adam H. - rd@ctna.org

ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT
11/13/2014

Good morning all

This has been a slow month. Adam is in contact with more hotels for the upcoming Northeast Zonal Forum April 2015. We have gone over the pricing and options that the hotels have presented. Thus next Monday adam and I will be meeting at the hotels to view the meeting space.

We have discussed our presentation at the Connecticut Convention...hope to see everyone there.

Adam and I are still discussing a response to the changes to the Guide To World Services that are in the draft recently mailed out. As I have mentioned before normally the only changes to the GTWS are those decisions made at the World Service Conference. Being new, I see two changes made in the new draft that do not fit that process. If we as regions did not ask for a change or give specific direction, no matter how reasonable and we'll thought out and practical the change could be it's still not the process we have agreed upon. To supplement my understanding of how this document gets changed I try my best to read all the discussion on the the WSC participants board

Occasionally there is still discussion amongst the WSC participants (regional delegates their alternates as well as world board members and NAWS employees) about the illicit literature being produced by some groups. While any group can reproduce a certain amount of NA literature for group use and there is a clear need there are some groups mass producing some literature that gets shipped around the country as well as brought in to institutions. This isn't a new issue and so far our regions groups do not participate in this behavior that I know of. Just keeping abreast of the discussions in case action does become necessary by NAWS/WSO who are the trustee of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust.

I was not able to attend any ASC other than GHA but from past attendance there is still some need for mentoring of T'S and perhaps a need for a workshop on writing reports which Adam and I have discussed briefly

ILS...TONY F [REDACTED]



Chair Report
November /2014

Chair attended PR and was not able to attend WSR. I went to PO Box picked up mail and Check Chair email.

Public Relation meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at St. Andrews Church, Meriden CT.

WSR meets on the second Thursday at 7:00 pm, Holy Trinity Church 381 Main St, Middletown Ct, 06457

Love to Serve NA,
Mary H.

Connecticut Regional Service Committee
Treasurer's Report Summary
October 18, 2014 - November 14, 2014

OPENING BALANCE:	\$ 3,038.69	
DONATIONS RECEIVED:	\$ 1,351.33	
MISC. DONATIONS/ FUNDS RETURNED:	\$ 238.70	
EXPENDITURES TOTAL:	\$ 960.31	
DONATION TO WSO:	\$24.24	
CLOSING BALANCE:	\$ 3,644.17	
PRUDENT RESERVE:	\$ 3,644.17	
*SPECIAL RESERVE:		
TOTAL RESERVES:	\$ 3,644.17	
PRUDENT RESERVE DEFICIT:	\$ -	
EXPENDITURES		
PAID TO-	CHECK #	AMOUNT
Gerald P	175	\$ 48.90
Anthony F	176	\$ 577.24
Jason L	177	\$ 15.41
Eugene F	178	\$ 8.81
Haloo	ACH	\$ 29.95
Transfer to Schedules		\$ 280.00
		\$ 960.31
MISC. DONATIONS/ FUNDS RETURNED		YEAR TO DATE
Funds Ret'd From Advance	\$ 238.70	\$ 238.70
Transfer From Schedules	\$ -	\$ 1,030.04
Fund Flow from Individual Groups		\$ 216.09
Regional funds returned Voided Checks		\$ -
Regional funds returned H&I T Shirts		\$ 1,032.00
AREA DONATIONS		
GREATER DANBURY	\$ 375.48	\$ 1,474.33
SOUTHERN FAIRFIELD COUNTY		\$ 600.00
GREATER HARTFORD	\$ 91.76	\$ 1,201.62
MIDSTATE UNITY	\$ 210.69	\$ 961.01
GREATER NEW HAVEN		\$ 1,819.95
UNITED SHORELINE	\$ 579.22	\$ 1,456.02
GREATER WATERBURY		\$ 28.97
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT	\$ 94.18	\$ 1,878.65
TUNXIS VALLEY		\$ -
Total Area Donations:	\$ 1,351.33	\$ 9,420.55
DONATIONS TO WSO		
		YEAR TO DATE
Check 0179	\$24.24	\$2,048.65
MONTH END SUMMARY		
RSC Closing Balance:	\$ 3,644.17	
Schedule Closing balance:	\$ 2,699.84	
Check book balance	\$ 6,344.01	

**Connecticut Regional Service Committee
Treasurer's Report Budget and Expenditures
October 18, 2014 - November 14, 2014**

RSC EXPENDITURES	14-15 Budget	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	\$ 2,685.00	\$ 15.41	\$ 1,332.90
RSC Chair	\$ 100.00		\$ 9.57
RSC Vice-Chair	\$ 75.00		\$ -
RSC Secretary	\$ 100.00	\$ 15.41	\$ 15.41
RSC Treasurer	\$ 150.00		\$ 29.92
PO Box Rental <i>Due July</i>	\$ 110.00		\$ 106.00
RSC Rent	\$ 400.00		\$ 300.00
Regional Insurance Policy	\$ 900.00		\$ 872.00
Storage Unit 5x5	\$ 850.00		\$ 863.03
RD & RD-ALT.	\$ 4,950.00	\$ -	\$ 2,149.67
World Service Conference/Workshops	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 2,149.67
Conference Agenda Reports	\$ -		\$ -
CT Region Workshops	\$ 750.00		\$ -
Copies and Supplies	\$ 200.00		\$ -
WEB SERVANT	\$ 1,010.00	\$ -	\$ -
Website Hosting/Maintenance	\$ 600.00		\$ -
Report Copies	\$ 60.00		\$ -
Domain Name Registration (GoDaddy)	\$ 50.00		\$ -
Website Development	\$ 300.00		\$ -
HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 2,215.12
Rent	\$ 250.00		\$ -
Copies	\$ 100.00		\$ 84.71
Literature	\$ 200.00		\$ -
Workshops	\$ 350.00		\$ 350.00
Schedules	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 1,680.00
Misc	\$ 100.00		\$ -
Merchandise Per Budget	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,132.41
Income	\$ (1,200.00)		\$ (1,032.00)
DOC Literature	\$ 500.00		\$ -
LITERATURE	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 60.00
Copies	\$ 60.00		\$ -
Supplies	\$ 50.00		\$ -
Postage	\$ 10.00		\$ -
Workshops	\$ 200.00		\$ -
Rent	\$ 60.00		\$ 60.00
P.O. Box <i>Due October</i>	\$ 120.00		\$ -
Literature Conference	\$ -		\$ -
PUBLIC RELATIONS	\$ 6,730.00	\$ 616.00	\$ 2,213.68
Posters	\$ 500.00		\$ 199.41
Rent	\$ 600.00		\$ 225.00
Projects	\$ 1,050.00		\$ -
Literature	\$ 300.00		\$ -
Halloo	\$ 800.00	\$ 29.95	\$ 187.78
Schedules	\$ 980.00		\$ 280.00
Secretary Expenses	\$ 200.00	\$ 8.81	\$ 31.25
Convention Expenses	\$ 100.00		\$ -
Workshop Attendance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 577.24	\$ 1,290.24
Media Projects	\$ 700.00		\$ -
WSR	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 48.90	\$ 175.21
Rent	\$ 120.00		\$ -
Copies/Flyers	\$ 250.00		\$ -
Mailing Costs	\$ 550.00	\$ 48.90	\$ 95.21
Literature	\$ 25.00		\$ -
Learning Day	\$ 100.00		\$ -
PO Box <i>Due May</i>	\$ 85.00		\$ 80.00

**Connecticut Regional Service Committee
Treasurer's Report Schedule Information
October 18, 2014 - November 14, 2014**

SCHEDULE BALANCE INFORMATION				
OPENING BALANCE:	\$	2,279.84		
INCOME:	\$	140.00		
TRANSFERS FROM SUB COMMITTEES:	\$	280.00		
TOTAL INCOME (CASH PLUS TRANSFERS):	\$	420.00		
EXPENDITURES TOTAL:	\$	-		
CLOSING BALANCE	\$	2,699.84		
SCHEDULE INCOME INFORMATION				
	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		
SCHEDULE SALES	\$ 140.00	\$ 2,740.50		
SCHEDULES FOR SUB-COMMITTEE SALES	\$ 280.00	\$ 1,960.00		
TOTAL:	\$ 420.00	\$ 4,700.50		
SCHEDULE EXPENSE INFORMATION				
PAID TO:		AMOUNT	Date:	
TOTAL:		\$ -		

CTNA Webservant Report

October 18, 2014



All meeting updates, calendar events and flyer links have been completed for the month.

I sat with Al W., Alternate Webservant and walked through the webservant responsibilities step by step.

A reminder that I would like to make the following changes come January 2015 and will put this on the sharing session:

- On the 'Contact Us' page, delete all email address links and add just one called: info@ctna.org. The web servant would check this email regularly and forward to the appropriate executive committee members or subcommittee chairs. This would alleviate having email boxes full of unread emails and ultimately, CTNA's website getting a bad rap for not responding in a timely manner to requests, etc.
- Instead of having the insurance requests go to the chair's email address directly, I will create a fill able form (similar to the meeting change form) that will be sent to the web servant who will then forward to the chair/vice chair. This way, there is a trail and a process for double checking so things don't fall through the cracks (By the way, I still need to receive the final COI document as approved by the region in order to make this happen.)

As a reminder, please email all meeting changes/updates and area web site update requests to webservant@ctna.org.

Grateful to Serve,
Donna H.
CTNA Webservant

CTRCNA
2015
Regional Report

The convention committee met on Sunday October 19, 2014 in New Haven. All Sub Committees are on track.

Convention Pre Registration is still open and there are still rooms available at the Stamford Hilton so please announce this to your areas.

Please remind your area if they Pre register their name will be entered into a drawing to win a FREE ROOM at the hotel for the convention. There will be (2) winners (2) hotel rooms. Deadline is November 30th.

Winners name will be picked out of a hat at the December Regional meeting.

We have been in contact with a member in the Shoreline area to find a place to host the 2016 Convention Kickoff meeting. We will be putting it on our agenda and come back next month with a facility.

We will be holding our next meeting on Sunday November 16, 2014 1:00 pm at the Stamford Hilton.

In Loving Service

Leigh B
Convention Chair

CRCC, Inc.
Connecticut Regional Convention Committee
BOD Report

11-15-14

I attended the Board of Directors meeting on October 19th. The United Shoreline Area and the second At Large positions were filled. All Board positions are now filled with the exception of the two Site Selection positions, which are intentionally not being filled. We contract with the hotel for two years so there is nothing for Site Selection to do at this time.

I met with the Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer to set up our Quicken software to import the corporation's bank transactions directly from the bank. This will make the accounting easier and less prone to error.

Entertainment's recommendation for the disc jockey was approved and the contract was signed. The vendors recommended by Merchandise and Registration were also approved.

In addition to the routine business, a serious matter was brought up at the meeting that I want to make Region aware of. We all know how damaging rumors and misinformation can be, so my intent is to explain the situation accurately and objectively. Also, holding in high regard our directive to put principles before personalities, I will not mention in this report the names of the parties involved.

What happened was that a member of the Board of Directors accused another Board member of taking advantage of his role on the Board for personal gain. Specifically, the accusation was that the member received rewards points, which could be redeemed for free hotel rooms, etc. The accused member has been involved in site selection and contract negotiations with the Hilton recently and also when it was a part of Weston hotels. A motion was made directing me to confirm whether or not any wrongdoing had taken place.

I was copied on an email that was sent to Connie Phelps, Convention Services Manager for the Hilton hotel, by the accused member, requesting confirmation of any Board member receiving any special privileges, Hilton Honor Rewards, Starwood Rewards, complimentary rooms, etc., in connection with the negotiations of the Contracts with the Hilton (Weston) Hotel, or for any other reason relating to CRCC, Inc. business. It was clearly stated that this request was being made by the CRCC, Inc. Board of Directors in an official capacity. The email was forwarded to Jeffrey Gloeb, Director of Group Sales.

Mr. Gloeb responded by saying that to the best of their recollection, "no one member of the CRCC, Inc. was ever given an incentive to contract with the Hilton Stamford Hotel which includes but not limited to Hilton Honor Rewards, complimentary guest rooms, etc." He also said, "Should there ever be any offering of Hilton Honor Rewards this would be written into the terms and conditions of the hotel's contract. These rewards are a cost to the hotel and not given out freely." Finally, he pointed out that

the relationship between the hotel and any committee member has always been in "the best interest of the CRCC, Inc program and not for any personal gain".

I have sent this report out to the members of the CRCC, Inc. Board because our meeting is tomorrow and I felt that they should not be getting this information after everyone else. It is up to the Board to decide if the response from the Hilton will be accepted as sufficient to close this matter.

Personally, I don't like to see things like this happen anywhere, but I especially don't like to see it in NA. However, I do recognize that it is a part of life, and it has been my experience that if we all practice the principles we learn here, there is both personal growth and affirmation that this program works.

So, to end on a lighter note, I would like to ask all RCMs to announce our convention at their Area meetings so that the GSRs can announce it at their groups. Registration is open, and there is an advantage to registering early for those purchasing a Full Package. They will be entered into a drawing for a free hotel room. Registration can be done by mail or online at ctnac.org. Let's make this year's convention the most well attended ever!

Thank you all for trusting me to serve,

Ron B.

CTRCC TREASURER REPORT October 2014

2 Checks written	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$10,708.14
Check 1035 Ronald Baktis	4.68
BOD chair copies	
Check 1036 Church of the Redeemer	120.00
Rent July to Dec BOD 60.00, CC 60.00	
Staples Convention Computers	1,413.93
Staples mice for the computers	119.91
Deposit Staples Rewards	49.98
Deposit for registration packages	230.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$9,329.60

CTRNA H&I Subcommittee Report Nov. 2014

We last met November 5, 2014 at 7:30 pm @ New Britain YMCA. 8 of 9 areas were represented. We are currently making 85 presentations statewide. This total contains the 3 regional (shared) presentations at Cheshire Annex, Big Cheshire, and York East. All two thousand schedules were distributed to the attending area chairs.

Old business: There was no old business.

Elections: The chairperson, vice-chair, positions are out to fellowship. Secretary, Volunteer Liaison, and Assistant Volunteer Liaison have been filled.

New business: Brought elections to the table for volunteers and nominations, see above.

There was a discussion to change our meeting time, tabled till the next time we meet.

General info: CCA H&I subcommittee is holding a learning day on Nov. 22, from 1-4 at Cook and Hanover in Meriden which has been added to activities calendar. Next scheduled H&I regional meeting is Dec. 3, 2014 at 7:30 pm New Britain YMCA.

My commitment as chairperson has ended, thank you for the privilege of serving this region, NA, and the still sick and suffering addict.

Grateful to be clean, Dan E.





Public Relations Chair Report
November 15, 2014

I went to the Public Relations meeting this past Wednesday. We handed in the Areas group reports to the secretary and then we went over important information from each area, then we went off track from the original intent. But I'm hopeful that this part of business will go better next month.

I had several different emails on the PR email account. Some areas held presentations as well as poster drives. The Waterbury area brought a short cut instructional packet that was scanned and emailed to us so we can update our areas meeting schedules. I contacted the phonenumber coordinator for the Halloo phonenumber system that we use so I can get the passwords and she did email them to me and she has informed me that we will meet next week so I can learn the system.

We went over who and what we will be doing for the 2015 Convention. We will be doing a practice run at next month's meeting.

Berto from SFCA in need of addict support if not they may need to close. GWA area talked about Public Relation joining with H & I because H & I has the support. It's my understanding that H & I is to work together PR not the other way around.

We talked about the billboards getting off the ground. One thing that came up was that the wrong billboard design was done so more work needs to be done.

We had long discussion from the GDA about anonymity and our 11th Tradition when doing presentations.

Overall in the PR community we are very busy. My hope is that we can work with each other so we can help reach out to help carry our message to the still suffering addict.

Elections- Mike R from the USA was voted in as vice-chair of PR. Congratulations Mike!

In Loving Service,

Gene F