

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2015
“B” Month

VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION:

Chic, Chris, Mike, Rene, Matt, Angela, Scott, Cameron, Emma

CALL TO ORDER

The CTRSCNA met in Woodbury at 25 Quassuk Road
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Mary
After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer, Leigh. read the 12 Traditions and Al read the 12 Concepts.

ROLL CALL

7 Areas were represented.

2 were not present.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH’S MINUTES

Jason read the Old Business, Elections and New Business sections of the January minutes.
Motion made Taffy (SFA) 2nd J.C. (GWA): To approve the January minutes as amended. (Removed Motion #8)

5-0-0 PASSED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports “B” Month
Convention BOD, Schedule Facilitator, Treasurer, H&I were absent

Treasurer – Jason read the report. **(January 2015 report)**

Opening Balance:	\$3644.17
Donations Received:	\$1044.36
Misc. Donations/Funds Returned	\$0
Expenditures Total:	\$846.66
Donation to WSO:	\$195.70
Closing Balance:	\$ 3644.17
Schedule Reserve:	\$2152.55
Checkbook Total:	\$ 5796.72

Motion made by Roberto (MSUA) 2nd by Elizabeth (USA) to approve the January Financial Statement.

PASSED 6-0-1

Motion to allow all members of body to vote on suspending order of the day

Maker: Mike (GDA)

Seconded: Adam (RD)

Intent to allow all members traveling to make decision on changing order of the day

Passed 4-2-1

Motion To suspend order of the day and only perform business of the day and not do the B month presentation

Maker: Elizabeth (USA)

Second: Taffy (SFA)

Fails 5-8-6

“B” Month Presentation: RD &RDA did presentation on welcoming all members

AREA REPORTS

Central Connecticut Area – Absent

Greater Danbury Area – Mike Q (RCM)

Positions out to Fellowship- vice Chair, Alt RCM,

Activities/Events-

Fund Flow-

Area Concerns-

Greater Hartford Area – Glovine (RCM)

Positions out to Fellowship-

Activities/Events-

Fund Flow-

Area Concerns-

Greater New Haven Area – Moses

Positions out to Fellowship-

Activities/Events-

Fund Flow-

Area Concerns-

Greater Waterbury Area – J.C.

Positions out to Fellowship- Secretary, PR chair, Web Liason

Activities/Events- Miracles Happen 890 Bantam Road, Bantam 2/22/15 12 pm-5pm

Fund Flow-

Area Concerns-

Mid-State Unity Area – Roberto (RCM)

Positions out to Fellowship- Treasurer

Activities/Events-

Fund Flow- 95.58

Area Concerns-

Southern Fairfield Country Area – Taffy (RCM)

Positions out to Fellowship-

Activities/Events- Ol fashion skate party. 2nd Annual egg hunt

Fund Flow- 2,990.32

Area Concerns- PR in our area. Lack of line items on some of the Regional Budgets

Tunxis Valley Area – Absent

United Shoreline Area –

Positions out to Fellowship- vice chair

Activities/Events- Rock Fest May 10th Niantic CT

Fund Flow

Area Concerns-

BREAK: 3:25-3:59

SHARING SESSION:

1. Addict announces a meeting:

We are NA members who gather once a month to discuss challenges, communication and how to better serve the NA fellowship. In our gathering we have talked about possible ways to improve communication amongst the NA groups, areas, region and NA as a whole. We are asking members who have a love for this program to come and join us in our endeavor. We need people who have an honest desire to serve. If you feel this may be something that you would be interested in, you can join us at our next gathering held at the Russell Library.

Saturday March 7th

123 Broad Street, Middletown

11:30 a.m- 2:30p.m.

2. CT Convention Chair nomination of Nicole D
3. Alternate Web servant position
 - Alternate web servant received an email that he believes wasn't intended for him. After reading that email and the arguing at Regional table I need to step down for my own personal well-being. This secret meeting of members who have problems with Region, come get involved at Region. We are ostracizing members by talking about them when they aren't here, like when the Web servant isn't here, there is plenty said about her yet not when she is here. Thank you for letting me serve.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION #1(10/18/14)

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 Q

Second Renee

Intent: To responsibly make decisions with our voting

Amendment: "To replace 111.C.d.2 with "In order to set or change policy, or any motion requiring 2/3 voting, voting is by 2/3 majority of all member areas present"

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: (November RSC)

- **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**

February RSC

Policy committee recommends a substitute motion

Motion to substitute text of motion #1(10/18/14) with the following:

To add the following sentence to Policy section III.C.2.d:

"For all motions requiring a 2/3 vote majority to pass, 2/3 of all voting members present must vote in favor of this motion in order for this motion to pass."

Maker: Policy Adhoc Chair

Seconded: Mike (GDA)

Discussion:

- Majority of areas didn't understand the original motion and didn't vote because of this.
- A "No" vote means against, not an abstention

- Different scenarios of how votes tallied now and how abstentions are actually not counted currently towards total voting participants and if 5 areas are present and 2 people vote yes, 1 no, 2 abstain ... the motion passes because 2/3 of members voting is the yes and no votes only .
- This substitute motion is about clarity and that the 2/3 majority would be of the total areas present so if we have 7 areas present, we will need 5 yes votes to pass the motion.

Passes 4-3-0

Motion to table to areas for 60 days (April RSC)

Maker: Mike (GDA)

Second: Glovine (GHA)

MOTION #1 (11/15/14)

TO CREATE A STANDING POLICY POSITION

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

MAKER: PATRICIA

SECONDED BY: MIKE Q

DISCUSSION:

THIS POSITION IS NECESSARY FOR A POINT OF ACCOUNTABILITY

MOTION TO SEND TO POLICY ADHOC UNTIL COMPLETED

MAKER: ALLEN

SECOND: OMAR

Sent to areas for FEB RSC

Discussion January RSC:

- Is this position or subcommittee? Position
- Subcommittee requires time and place, reason why we disbanded policy subcommittee and formed adhoc when there is a need for policy issues.
- If this motion fails so does Policy Facilitator Position motion
- If areas like the idea of having a policy position then vote yes, if areas don't like policy facilitator motion bring back amendment to that motion.

FEBRUAY RSC

Motion to table to areas for 30 days (March RSC)

Maker: Moses (GNHA)

Second: Roberto (MSUA)

PASSES 6-1-0

Motion #1 (12/20/2014) M/S Mike (GDA)/Patricia (GNHA)

To create the following policy - 10.3 Policy Facilitator

IV.D.3. Policy Facilitator

IV.D.3.a. Requirements

IV.D.3.a.i. 3 years clean time

IV.D.3.a.ii. Active for at least one year in the NA service structure

- IV.D.3.a.iii. Six months active involvement at CTRSC during previous two years
- IV.D.3.a.iv. Willingness and desire to serve
- IV.D.3.a.v. Ability to organize
- IV.D.3.a.vi. Ability to communicate
- IV.D.3.a.vii. A good working knowledge of 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of NA
- IV.D.3.a.viii. Leadership ability
- IV.D.3.a.ix. Length of term is one year
- IV.D.3.a.x. It is recommended that the policy facilitator serve no more than 2 consecutive terms
- IV.D.3.a.xi. Can hold any other regional position other than Admin positions
- IV.D.3.b. Responsibilities
 - IV.D.3.b.i. Convenes a meeting of interested RSC members whenever required by a motion being committed to them.
 - IV.D.3.b.ii. Shall be responsible for updating the current RSC policy with any changes and shall make them available at the following RSC.
 - IV.D.3.b.iii. Shall be responsible for providing any RCM member with a current copy of policy upon request.
 - IV.D.3.b.iv. Shall attend all RSC meetings.
 - IV.D.3.b.v. Will have no vote associated with the position at the RSC, but retain their voting privileges due to any other position held.
 - IV.D.3.b.vi. May make motions only related to motions referred to them.
 - IV.D.3.b.vii. Will be available to the RSC Chair on questions of policy, thereby helping to maintain an atmosphere of recovery by ensuring that our guidelines and procedures are followed. These include, in this order, RSC policy, A Guide to Local Service, and Robert's Rules of Order
 - IV.D.3.b.viii. Will be available as a resource for workshops involving policy
 - IV.D.3.b.vix. Shall conduct an orientation for new RSC members one hour before each regularly scheduled RSC meeting

Intent: To educate ourselves and have consistency

Tabled to Areas Mike (GDA) 2nd by Devon (TVA) for 60 days. February.

FEB RSC:

Motion to table to areas for 30 days (March RSC)

Maker: Moses (GNHA)

Second: Roberto (MSUA)

Passes 7-0-0

Motion # 2 (1/17/15)

<i>RSC RD AND RD ALT PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET</i>			
RD & RD Alt.	FY 14-15 Approved	FY 14-15 Spent YTD	FY 15-16 Proposed
Conferences/Workshops/Symposiums/Forums	4,000.00	2,149.67	4,000.00
Conference Agenda Reports	-	-	300.00
Copies and Supplies	200.00	-	200.00
CT Region Workshops	750.00	139.24	750.00
TOTALS	4,950.00	2,288.91	5,250.00

The YTD figure reflects 10 months of expenses out of the fiscal year.

Conferences/Workshops/Symposiums/Forums includes, but it not limited to, the World Service Conference (WSC), World Wide Workshops (WWW), Service Symposiums, Northeast Zonal Forums (NEZF), Multi-Regional Learning Experience (MRLE) and Mid-Atlantic Regional Learning Convenference of NA (MARLCNA). Grouping all of these events in one line item allows the RD/RDA the flexibility to participate in any events necessary to the function of the position - to be the liaisons between the CT Region and the rest of NA - without either tying us to specific events or having to change line items throughout the year. All RD/RDA participation in such events will be brought to the RSC as well in advance as possible so the members of the RSC have the opportunity to voice any objection to our participation.

Still pending travel to Service Symposium in Florida, estimated cost \$1600.00

Intent: To follow policy and to be financially responsible and supportive of the positions of the RD and RDA

Maker: Adam H (RD)

Second: Allen C. (CCA)

Questions:

- Why do we spend so much on symposiums, sending RD and RDA yet we don't even hold local workshops on all the information they learn and its in their budget for CT Region workshops?
- We failed to hold workshops this year because we covered topics from WSC in the "B" month workshops here at RSC. Haven't held any outside of RSC. We will be holding 3 CAR report workshops this year
- Travel to Symposiums \$2000 plus but only \$139.00 spent locally to inform our fellowship, what is the point of spending all that money?

Motion #3 (1/17//15)

To approve Literature facilitator budget

Intent: To be financially responsible

Maker: Leonard S. (Lit)

Second: Elizabeth (USA)

RSC LITERATURE COMMITTEE PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET

	14-15 Budget	Spent to Date 12/20/14	Proposed 15-16 Budget
Copies	\$ 60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Supplies	\$ 50.00	\$3.00	\$40.00
Postage	\$ 10.00	\$34.00	\$40.00
Workshops	\$ 200.00	\$133.00	\$200.00
Rent	\$ 60.00	\$12.00	\$ -
P.O. Box	\$ 120.00	\$ 80.00	\$120.00
Literature Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LITERATURE	\$ 500.00	\$ 322.00	\$ 460.00

MOTION #4(1/17/15)

TO ACCEPT WSR BUDGET FOR 2015-2016

INTENT: TO KEEP SUBCOMMITTEE WORKING

MAKER: WSR

SECONDED: DEVON (TVA)

WSR COMMITTEE PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET

	14-15 Budget	Spent to Date 12/20/14	Proposed 15-16 Budget
Rent	\$ 120.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 120.00
Copies/Flyers	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
Mailing Costs	\$ 550.00	\$ 95.21	\$ 550.00
Literature	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Learning Day	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
P.O. Box	\$ 85.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 85.00
WSR	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 195.21	\$ 1,130.00

Motion #5 (1/17/15)

To accept 2015-2016 Proposed budget

Intent: To be financially responsible

Maker: Mary H. (Chair)

Seconded Gail S (Treasurer)

RSCADMINISTRATIVE PROPOSED 2015-2016BUDGET

	14-15 Budget	Spent to Date 12/20/14	Proposed 15-16 Budget
RSC Chair	\$ 100.00	\$ 9.57	\$100.00
RSC Vice Chair	\$ 75.00	\$ 7.06	\$75.00
RSC Secretary	\$ 100.00	\$ 15.41	\$100.00
RSC Treasurer	\$ 150.00	\$ 37.52	\$150.00
PO Box Rental - RSC	\$ 110.00	\$ 106.00	\$110.00
RSC Rent	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00	\$400.00
Regional Insurance Policy	\$ 900.00	\$ 872.00	\$900.00
Storage Unit	\$ 850.00	\$ 863.03	\$870.00
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 2,685.00	\$ 2,210.59	\$ 2,705.00

The only change was Storage Unit

Motion #6 (1/17/15)

To approve the 2015-2016 PR budget

Intent: To follow policy and be financially responsible

Maker: Gene F (PR chair)

Seconded: JC (GWANA)

RSC PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET

	14-15 Budget	Spent to Date 12/20/14	Proposed 15-16 Budget
Posters	\$ 500.00	\$ 199.41	\$ 300.00
Rent	\$ 600.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 600.00
Projects	\$ 1,050.00		\$ 800.00
Literature	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
Halloo	\$ 800.00	\$ 247.68	\$ 500.00
Schedules	\$ 980.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 980.00
Secretary Expenses	\$ 200.00	\$ 31.25	\$ 200.00
Convention Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Workshop Attendance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,149.99	\$ 1,600.00
Mobile Chair	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Media Projects	\$ 700.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 700.00
PUBLIC RELATIONS	\$ 6,730.00	\$ 2,723.33	\$ 6,080.00

DISCUSSION ABOUT PR BUDGET:

- Why is rent so high? (Being looked into)
- What do projects include, why do you need \$800.00? (Learning days, presentations, billboards)
- Aren't you asking for double of what you actually spent last year? (Lack of support didn't warrant our committee to use our budgets for presentations, etc. Now there is more support and this only reflects 10 months of our budget)
- This is only a budget

Motion #7 (1/17/15)

To approve the 2015-2016 Web Servant Budget

Intent: To follow policy and be financially responsible

Maker: Donna (Web Chair)

Seconded: JC (GWANA)

WEBSERVANT PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET

	14-15 Budget	Spent to Date 12/20/14	Proposed 15-16 Budget
Website Hstg/Maint	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Report Copies	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Domain Name Reg	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Website Development	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
	\$ -		
WEBSERVANT	\$ 1,010.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00

MOTION #10 (1/17/15)

To not fund the RD and RDA travel expenses to Florida Symposium

Intent: We are not being financially responsible with NA funds as we are already sending the team to MARLCNA

Maker: Elizabeth (USA)

Seconded: Glovine (GHA)

Postpone to area for 30 days

Maker: Taffy

Seconded: Roberto

Passed 5-3-0

Area votes to return at February RSC

DISCUSSION:

- Concern as to why the RCM's didn't bring this back last month to their ASC's
- Just because we have money to spend doesn't mean that it is financially responsible to send the RD/RDA to Florida and MARLCNA
- Also paid to send PR chair and RDA to St Louis Symposium, did we get report from that or how is the information we gained by attending being implemented in our service structure here?

February RSC:

PASSES 4-3

- Extensive discussion as to whether this is a simple majority or because it changes policy the motion requiring 2/3 and if this should go back to areas again.
- Discussion as to what the team hopes to gain by attending this event
 - RD states that the RD team from Florida is preparing information on Zones and the WSC that we as a Region would benefit for future attendance at the WSC

- RCM asks how this is different from the information we can get online and how is this different from the discussions that just happened at MARLCNA
- Another RCM states that we always learn something when we attend these events and even if the team heard stuff at MARLCNA, there is something to be learned by attending Florida
- Website for the Florida Symposium says it's for Florida Areas and Regions, Public Relations and Professionals, how can we in the CT region benefit from this when it is a Florida based event?
- Policy regarding what the RD/RDA are to attend is read Section IV.B.7.b.
 - RCM that read states that only the WSC and NEZF are clearly listed and that the other workshops are only recommended depending on financial availability.
 - Chair states that they haven't used their budget and the money is available
 - Another RCM states that just because we have money doesn't mean that we spend it after the RD and RDA just got back from MARLCNA
- Policy regarding Travel is read Section V.C.
 - RCM that read states that based on V.C.4 about responsibility of efficient use of funds is reason this motion went to areas, to see if we as a region want to spend \$1800.00 to send the RD and RDA to another workshop.
 - Another RCM states that the reason we are here talking about this is because the RD said they weren't planning on attending originally and wanted to know how the Region felt about them going, so we are here to vote today and the motion passed to not fund them.

Chair states after reviewing policy that this is a policy change and would require a 2/3 majority to pass so the motion now fails

FAILS 4-3-0

Elections:

Convention Chair- Nicole D was nominated and elected. Congratulations!

Alternate Web Servant: 2 years Clean time

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.

TVA BOD Seat- 3 years clean, resident of CT

SFCA BOD Seat- 3 years clean, resident of CT

CCA BOD Seat- 3 years clean, resident of CT

NEW BUSINESS

Motion #1 (2/21/15)

To extend website adhoc by 30 days and deliver recommendation at April RSC

Intent: To collect more information in order to deliver a more comprehensive recommendation

Maker: Jeremy Z

SECOND: ADAM (RD)

VOTE: 7-0-0 PASSES

MOTION # 2 (2/21/15)

To reconsider motion #10(1/17/15)

Intent: To allow areas an opportunity for input

Maker: Mike (GDA)

Second: J.C. (GWANA)

Discussion:

- Chair asks why the reason for this motion
- Maker states that the reason is to get the input of the entire region as there are 2 areas not present to vote and 3 other areas did not meet.
- Is this personal against RD or RDA because we already voted so why vote again and we elect RCM to carry a conscience and they did that today
- We didn't allow the whole Region to vote

VOTE 5-2-0 PASSES

MOTION TO SEND #10 (1/17/15) TO AREA FOR 30 DAYS (MARCH RSC)

INTENT: TO GET REGION INPUT

MAKER: MIKE (GDA)

SECOND: GLOVINE (GHA)

4-0-1 PASSES

VOTES FOR MARCH RSC

MOTION #1 (11/15/14)

Motion #1 (12/20/2014)

Motion # 10 (1/17/15)

Budgets:

Motion # 2 (1/17/15)

Motion # 3 (1/17/15)

Motion # 4 (1/17/15)

Motion # 5 (1/17/15)

Motion # 6 (1/17/15)

Motion # 7 (1/17/15)

Back to Groups

Motion # 1 (10/18/14)

The meeting closed at: 6:00 p.m.

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