



**Connecticut Regional Service Committee Minutes**  
March 18, 2017

The CTRSC met at 147 West Main Street, New Britain, CT. The meeting was opened by the Chairperson, Lois S. at 2:00 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Matt I. and the 12 Concepts were read by Bill D.

**Visitors:** Chris, Stephanie, Leeann, Gloria, Lou (CCA) and Michael

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>		
Chairperson	Lois S.	Present
Vice Chairperson	OTF	Vacant
Secretary	OTF	Vacant
Treasurer	Alfred D.	Present
Alternate Treasurer	OTF	Vacant
Regional Delegate	Troy B.	Present
Regional Delegate Alternate	Lisa Marie S.	Present
Web Servant	Bill B.	Present
Alternate Web Servant	John K.	Absent
Schedule Facilitator	David M.	Present
Policy Facilitator	Bryan D.	Absent
H&I Chairperson	Shannon M.	Present
PR Chairperson	OTF	Vacant
WSR Chairperson	Leonard S.	Present
Board of Directors	Troy B. (fill in)	Present
Convention Chair	Johnnie C.	Present
Ad Hoc - Learning Day	Al D.	Present
Ad Hoc - Policy	Bryan D.	Absent
<b>RCMs:</b>		
CCA	Lou D. (acting)	Present
GDA (Alt.)	Matt I.	Present
GHA (and Alt.)	Bill D. / Chick K.	Present
GNHA	Antonio H.	Present
GWA	Cameron T.	Present
MSUA	Jeff J.	Absent
SFCA	Alex W.	Present
TVA	Allyse M.	Present
USA (and Alt.)	Al D. / Tad V.	Present
<b>Total Voting Members: 8</b>		

No New Areas to Recognize

February minutes reviewed. Corrections to the Treasurer's report: reimbursement to Bill D. \$39.05 for mailing of schedules should not come out of the facilitators budget but should come from Schedule Reserves. Check for Mark (DJ) should not come out of the RD budget. Discussion was continued in the sharing session.

February Meeting Minutes - Approved with corrections, 8-0-0.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Chairperson- Lois S.**

There were nine Certificates of Insurance requests submitted and fulfilled during the month. Mail was picked up at the P.O. Box. In addition to the monthly bank statement, there were a small number of flyers for the upcoming Pig Roast which are now on the table with the reports.

##### **Vice Chair - OTF**

**Treasurer** - Alfred D. gave a written report.

Beginning Balance	\$3,580.83
Donations Received	\$1,480.96
Miscellaneous Donations/Funds Returned	\$357.00
Expenditures	\$1,119.06
Donations to WSO	\$718.90
Ending Balance	\$3,580.83
Schedule Balance	\$3,000.00
Checkbook Balance	\$6,580.83

Treasurers Report - Approved 8-0-0.

##### **Alternate Treasurer - OTF**

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Regional Delegate (RD) - Troy B.**

- Environmental Scan Survey will be placed on the agenda for discussion on its completion. The responses from this survey are due by April 30, 2017. The Survey was retransmitted to all RCM's with a request to complete by today's meeting so we can finalize a collective RSC response.
- Literature projects. Results of two surveys included in the 2016 CAR were in favor of a new informational Pamphlet on "Mental Health" and a new Daily Meditation Book. Additional information is explained within the notebooks that were distributed.
- Contribution Portal: NAWS has launched a new portal that will allow contributors to see past contributions dating back to June 2015 and track new contributions going forward. Questions, email [contributionquestions@na.org](mailto:contributionquestions@na.org) or for access to the portal: [www.na.org/contribute](http://www.na.org/contribute).

##### **Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA) - Lisa Marie S.**

Included with RD's report.

**BOD** - Troy B. filling in. Reviewed the final accounting from the convention. First page is a summary. Details follow.

## **Convention** – Johnnie C.

Convention Committee met on 3/17/2017. There was one Chair position open, and one Chair stepped down. The Registration subcommittee was filled by Toni M. from GHA. Kelly M. from MSUA stepped down from Convention Information, and that position is OTF for 30 days. All Subcommittees turned in their meeting places and times to start in March or April, depending on the week that they will be held. The budgets have gone out, and there will be instructions for the subcommittees to be as prudent as possible based on the fact that we should try to save money wherever and whenever possible. Copies of a flyer to show the subcommittee meeting places were brought for the RCMs to take back to Areas. All Chairs were thanked for their service, and we look forward to this Convention being the best one yet.

**H&I** – Shannon M. Report is attached.

**Public Relations** – OTF

**Web Servant** – Bill B. Issue with SFCFA email address is finally resolved with Imageworks. Still working on meeting database. Thankful to everyone who sent their reports.

**Alternate Web Servant** – OTF

**WSR** – Leonard S. Verbal Report

**Policy Facilitator** – Bryan D. (absent)

**Policy Ad Hoc** – Bryan D. (absent) There was a meeting in March.

**Schedule Facilitator** – David M. Report attached.

**Learning Day Ad Hoc** – Al D. No report at this time. More discussion during sharing session.

**Web Design Ad Hoc** – Bill B. Some interest received. There has not been a meeting yet.

Flyer submitted and will be listed under latest news on CTRC.org website. No meeting place chosen yet.

## **AREA REPORTS:**

**CCA** Lou D. (acting). **OTF:** VC, Alt RCM, Alt Secretary, Webservant and Policy Chair.

**Events:** 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary in New Britain. Learning Day 5/3/2017 Chili Cookout, Hubbard Park, Meriden. No area concerns. No fund flow.

**GDA** Matt I. **OTF:** VC, RCM, PR Chair. **Events:** None. Concerns: GDA P.O Box changed to 3103. Our area meeting has changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 42 Shelter Rock Road, Danbury CT 6:00pm. Fund Flow: \$239.26

**GHA** Bill D. **OTF:** RCM, Alt. RCM and Secretary. **Events:** H&I Learning Day 5/2/2017; GHA Learning Day 4/22/2017. No fund flow. No Concerns.

**GNHA** Antonio H. **OTF:** Alternate Treasurer, Alternate Policy Chairperson, Alternate RCM and Alternate Webservant. **Events:** Spring Breakfast 4/29/2017 (9:00am-Noon) St. Michaels Church 29 Wooster Street, New Haven, 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Branford On The Green 4/26/2017 (7:00pm-9:30pm) Trinity Episcopal Church 1109 Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> year Anniversary Party 4/14/2017 (6:30pm) Elm City Phoenix Club, 56 Wallace Street, New Haven. Fund flow \$205.62. No concerns.

**GWA** Cameron T. **OTF:** Vice Chair, Secretary, PR Chair, Chair, Web Servant, and Alternate RCM. **Events:** None. No Fund flow. Concern: Prudent Reserve.

**MSUA** Jeff J. Absent

**SFCFA** Alex W. **OTF:** Vice Chair, Alternate Treasurer, GSR Liaison, Literature Chair and Alternate RCM. **Events:** None. Concerns: Changing the day and time of the area meeting. Fund flow \$332.29.

**TVA** Allyse M. **OTF:** Alternate Treasurer and Alternate RCM **Events:** Comedy Show 5/6/2017 (7:00pm) St. Mark's. Concerns: Can groups be arealess? No Fund Flow.

**USA** Al D. OTF: Secretary and PR Chair. **Events:** ECCNA 21 6/23-25/2017) CT College, New London. Rock Fest, 6/7/2017 (11:30am-5:30pm) McCook's Park, Niantic. No concerns. Fund flow \$244.18.

### **SHARING SESSION**

- Expenditures that do not have a specific line item in the budget - Chairperson: There is no line item in the budget to document the \$250 that was paid to the DJ for the Regional presentation at the Convention. See motion #3 under new business.
- AD Hoc for the Learning Day. Ad Hoc Chair asked for help and direction for what the body wants to do as a Region. One of the functions for CTRSC is to sponsor a Learning Day every year. What time of year? (November-March inclement weather). SFA RCM suggested that this Ad Hoc be disbanded until after the budgets are voted on. TVA RCM suggested we help the Ad Hoc Chair and start planning. GNHA RCM volunteered to join the Ad Hoc committee. Another suggestion was to plan the Learning Day from the Regional table without an Ad Hoc. RD suggested one Learning Day, since all subcommittees have a line item in the budget for a Learning Day. All committees should collaborate. The Charter states that H&I has its own Learning Day every year. Policy states do both. A commitment from the RCMs and Subcommittee chairs was requested. Ad Hoc Chair will send an email to RSC members to ask for suggestions of a date/time to meet.
- Mental Health IP - RD stressed that when RCMs go back to their Areas, it is important to emphasize the value of this IP to those struggling with Mental Illness on the group level. "Those of us who are not navigating it can assist those who are because the input of all addicts is important".
- Creation of an RD Repository on the ctna.org website - RD - The detailed reports created each month create substantial documentation. Asks that RCMs take the time to digest what was presented, so the GSRs and the group levels get fed. The repository will be a designated spot where reports and documentation will be uploaded to reduce paper copies. This will eliminate the need for scans and attachments to the Regional Report. RD will create the folder and share it with the Webservant so information will be available on the CT Website.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Motion #3 (11/21/2015)**

Maker: GNHA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> GDA RCM

To consider moving the CT Convention to a different hotel location, other than the Hilton Stamford for 2019.

Intent: To best accommodate the needs and unity of the Connecticut Region.

**Motion Failed, 0-7-1**

Motion #2 (1/21/17) To approve the 2017/2018 Proposed Administrative Committee budget in the amount of \$2,740.

Maker: CTRSC Chair., 2<sup>nd</sup> by GDA Alt. RCM

Intent: To follow policy and to be financially responsible.

**Motion Passed, 8-0-0.**

Motion #3 (1/21/17) To approve the 2017/2018 Proposed Schedule Facilitator budget in the amount of \$300.

Maker: CTRSC Chair., 2<sup>nd</sup> by GDA Alt. RCM

Intent: To follow policy and to be financially responsible.

**Motion Passed, 8-0-0.**

Motion #4 (1/21/17) To approve the 2017/2018 Proposed Regional H&I budget in the amount of \$4,700.

Maker: H&I Chair., 2<sup>nd</sup> by USA RCM

Intent: To be fiscally responsible to the CTRNA.

Tabled to Areas for 60 days by GWA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by GHA RCM.

**Motion Passed, 8-0-0.**

Motion #5 (1/21/17) To provide the CTRSC Policy Facilitator position with \$80 annual budget for 2017/2018.

Maker: Policy Facilitator., 2<sup>nd</sup> by MSUA RCM

Intent: To provide CTRSC members with Policy packets and Policy updates.

Tabled to Areas for 60 days by GWA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by GHA RCM.

**Motion Passed, 8-0-0.**

Motion #6 (1/21/17) To accept the proposed 2017/2017 WSR budget of \$1,070.

Maker: WSR Chair., 2<sup>nd</sup> by TVA RCM

Intent: To serve Region.

Tabled to Areas for 60 days by SFCA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CCA RCM.

**Motion Passed, 8-0-0.**

Motion #8 (1/21/17) To accept the 2017/2018 Regional Web Servant budget, as laid out in the provided document, in the amount of \$1,000.

Maker: Web Servant., 2<sup>nd</sup> by MSUA RCM

Intent: To allow the ctna.org website and its services to continue.

Tabled to Areas for 60 days by GWA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by TVA RCM.

**Motion Passed, 8-0-0.**

Motion #9 (1/21/17) That the CTRSC do away with the 'B' month.

Maker: SFCA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by GHA RCM

Intent: That the CTRSC primarily conduct regional business as its primary purpose.

Tabled to Areas for 60 days by GHA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by GDA RCM.

**Motion Passed, 7-1-0.**

## **Environmental Scan Survey 2017:**

Results to be tallied. Due April 30.

## **H&I Schedules**

Too many schedules were requested in January. Discussion on the financial ramifications of a return of the excess. Treasurer and Schedule Facilitator agreed that H&I should recycle the excess schedules, as there has been an updated printing.

**ELECTIONS** - Except where noted otherwise, there were no nominations/volunteers.

**Vice Chair** - OTF

**Secretary** - Renet B. volunteered, qualified and was elected.

**Alternate Treasurer** - OTF

**PR Chair** - OTF

**Web Servant:** Bill B. volunteered, qualified and was elected.

**BOD Seats:** GDA and MSUA are all OTF at large. Also OTF - Seats for GHA, GWA and USA.

**At Large BOD Seat:** Troy B. volunteered to be recommended by CTRSC. Approved, 8-0-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion #1** (03/18/2017): To accept the 2017/2018 Regional PR Budget as laid out in the provided spreadsheet, in the amount of \$5,680.

Maker: SFCA RCM., 2<sup>nd</sup> by TVA RCM

Intent: To allow the PR Subcommittee to carry out its primary purpose "To make known that NA is a viable recovery program".

Procedural point of order - Current Regional PR policy's function does not include workshop attendance. This was explained at February's RSC meeting.

Discussion - Two Regional PR Subcommittee members brought back the identical budget that was ruled out of order in February. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the role of Regional PR. A PR Subcommittee member spoke to the potential benefits of workshop attendance. Two RCMs reported that feedback received from the World Service Office (WSO) was that the budget was improper, based on the PR policy, as well as a lack of trusted servant accountability at the RSC.

**Motion Ruled Out of Order**

**Motion #2** (03/18/2017): To remove the line item for workshop attendance from the PR budget \$1,600.00. The proposed budget is now \$4,080.00 in total.

Maker: USA RCM., 2<sup>nd</sup> by SFCA RCM

Intent: To Operate

Discussion: Pending an approved budget, PR expenses can be brought to the RSC meeting and will be handled on an as-needed basis.

**Motion Tabled back to Areas for 60 days.**

**Motion #3** (03/18/2017): To pay for 2017 Unity Day (Regional presentation at Convention) out of Administrative Budget \$250.00.

Maker: SFCA RCM., 2<sup>nd</sup> by TVA RCM

Intent: To be fully self-supporting and fiscally responsible.

**Motion Passed, 8-0-0**

The CTRSC Meeting will be hosted by GWA starting in May. GWA RCM was asked to bring back info on a meeting place for May, June and July.

Motion to close @ 6:15 p.m. by TVA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SFCA RCM

The next CTRSC meeting will be held on:

April 15, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m.

**YMCA**

50 High Street, New Britain CT

ILS -

Renet B.