



**Connecticut Regional Service Committee Minutes**  
June 17, 2017

The CTRSC met at All Saint's Episcopal Church, 262 Main Street, Oakville, CT .  
The Vice Chair opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.  
The 12 Traditions were read by Mike., and the 12 Concepts were read by Al W.

**Visitors: Chuck, Chris, Peter and Michael**

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>		
Chairperson	Lois S.	Absent
Vice Chairperson	Brian D.	Present
Secretary	Renet B.	Present
Treasurer	Alfred D.	Present
Alternate Treasurer	OTF	Vacant
Regional Delegate	Troy B.	Absent
Regional Delegate Alternate	Lisa Marie S.	Absent
Web Servant	Bill B.	Present
Alternate Web Servant	John K.	Absent
Schedule Facilitator	David M.	Present
Policy Facilitator		Present
H&I Chairperson	Shannon M.	Present
PR Chairperson	Heather S.	Present
WSR Chairperson	Leonard S.	Absent
Board of Directors	Ron B.	Present
Convention Chair	Johnnie C.	Present
Ad Hoc - Policy	Bryan D.	Present
Ad Hoc - Web Design	Bill B.	Present
<b>RCMs:</b>		
CCA	John S.	Present
GDA (Alt.)	Matt I.	Absent
GHA	Chick K.	Present
GNHA	Antonio H.	Present
GWA	Cameron T.	Present
MSUA and (Alt.)	Jeff J. / Al W.	Present
SFCA	Alex W.	Present
TVA	Garrett W. (filling in)	Absent
USA	Tad V.	Present
<b>Total Voting Members: 7</b>		

No New Areas to Recognize.

**Secretary's Minutes from May** – No questions/corrections. Motion to accept by SFCA, 2<sup>nd</sup> by GDA.  
**Passed: 7-0-0.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Chairperson-** Lois S.

I picked up the mail at the P.O. Box. and fulfilled two COI requests this month. As we discussed at the May CTRSC meeting, the yearly renewal of the regional insurance policy was due on 6/02/17 – the total cost of the renewal was \$1,072. Alfred and I met to sign a check, which I hand delivered to our agent on 5/29/17.

**Vice Chair** – Bryan D. No report

**Treasurer** – Alfred D. read written report.

Beginning Balance	\$3,206.67
Donations Received	\$ 724.33
Miscellaneous Donations/Funds Returned	\$ 107.24
Expenditures	\$2,345.93
Donations to WSO	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$1,692.31
Schedule Closing Balance	\$2,328.00
Checkbook Balance	\$4,020.31

Motion to accept by GHA, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SFCA. **Passed 7-0-0.**

**Alternate Treasurer** – OTF

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Regional Delegate (RD)** – Absent

**Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA)** – Absent

**BOD** – Ron B.

The Greater Waterbury, Greater Danbury and United Shoreline Area Board seats are still open. We also have the Technical Director, Alternate Tech Director and Alternate Site Selection seats open. All Convention subcommittee budgets have been approved. I will be working with the Treasurer to determine full package, basic registration and entertainment event prices based on those budgets. Even with a duty to fiscal responsibility in mind, it may still be necessary this year to raise prices.

**Convention** – Johnnie C.

The first walk thru at the hotel has been done and significant changes have been made to the hotel. We have chosen a theme and logo and Donna F. has been appointed as Policy Ad Hoc Chairperson to help clarify Convention Policy and Guidelines. The Ad Hoc will meet before the regular Convention Committee meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday every month.

**H&I** – Shannon M.

Eight of the nine areas were represented at the meeting on 6/7. Stonington Panel is up & running. Joint Learning Day Luau will be held 8/20/2017 at Washington Park in Groton. All the H&I shirts were sold except for 3. We have a check for CTRSC in the amount of \$1468.00. We have some tentative dates for our annual Regional H&I day and are checking on a facility.

**Public Relations** – Heather S.

Five of nine areas were represented. Absent were CCA, GDA, GHA and GNHA. The Chair will visit the area PR meetings of those areas not attending and ask how we can support them and to keep us informed of their PR efforts. We have prices to print posters. \$280 to print 500 full size (8.5x11), 500 full size with tear offs and 1000 half sheet size posters. All will be double sided English/Spanish. We will purchase one table top display @ \$136.14 and two table top presentation boards @ \$136.00 each. We are currently comparing phone service contract prices.

**Web Servant – Bill B.**

There was an additional update sent out by the BMLT Admins in late May for the “Find A Meeting” app on the website. When it was applied it caused some problems. The issue has since been resolved. An export of our database has been sent to NAWS.

**Web Design Ad Hoc - Bill B.**

No meeting in June. Meeting date & time info will be sent to the Webservant to upload on the Website.

**Alternate Web Servant – John K. - Absent**

**WSR – Leonard S. - Absent**

**Policy Facilitator – OTF**

**Policy Ad Hoc – Bryan D.**

The policy Adhoc met on May 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 with approx. 8 people in attendance including 4 area RCM'S. We continue to comb through policy and identify policy that we believe needs clarification and in some cases, recommendation for a change in policy. A motion regarding the responsibilities of the Schedule Facilitator position will be presented and discussed. I have incorporated the new policy changes into the master CTRSC policy “ See attached motions” Due to the ongoing work of the adhoc and additional policy changes that may come from this body, I’m not certain how address copies of the CTRSC policy to be provided to new CTRSC members. In an effort to be financially prudent, I recommend that we finalize the work of the policy adhoc and then print all the final copies to be provided to CTRSC members (Need to Discuss other options). My commitment as policy facilitator ended last month. I provided policy binders to the incoming policy facilitator last month; however, he has stepped down from the commitment and the position is now out OTF for 30 days. While I will continue to attend the policy adhoc meeting if it continues, I will not be available to continue as chair of the ADHOC.

**Motions Incorporated into CTRSC Policy**

**Motion #4 (04/15/2017):** To remove from policy the ability of the Policy Facilitator to hold more than one position at CTRSC. **Maker: Policy Facilitator, 2nd by TVA RCM Intent:** To be consistent with the existing policy pg. 4 sec. 4.A.6. Passed: 8:1:0

**Motion #5 (04/15/2017):** To add under page 5 section 4.B.1.Aii “ Administrative Officers” and to include al Subcommittee Chairs and Resource Positions. Suggest active for at least one year at the CTRSC or similar equivalent at the area level.

**Maker: Policy Facilitator, 2nd by TVA RCM Intent:** To allow great participation at the CTRSC

**Motion #3 (2/18/2017):** To change the mileage reimbursement rate in CTRSC Policy to reflect the current year’s rate as determined by the IRS. (this amount would change every year). **Maker:**

**SFCA, 2nd by CCA Intent:** To be fully self-supporting. Tabled to areas for 60 days by GWA, 2nd by MSUA

**Motion #1 (2/18/2017):** That any Subcommittee, Resource Position or Ad Hoc Committee that wants to spend NA funds in excess of \$250.00 submit a written request to the RSC at least 60 days in advance. The request must include an itemized breakdown of funds requested. (i.e. travel, lodging, tolls, event costs, merchandise, etc.) This request must be voted on before any funds are disbursed. **Maker: SFCA, 2nd by CCA Intent:** To be sure that all basket money is used to help the still sick and suffering addict in CT. Motion passed, 8-1-0

**Motion #9 (1/21/17):** That the CTRSC do away with the ‘B’ month. **Maker: SFCA RCM, 2nd by GHA RCM Intent:** That the CTRSC primarily conduct regional business as its primary purpose. Tabled to Areas for 60 days by GHA RCM, 2nd by GDA RCM.

**Motion #1 (04/15/2017):** That the CTRSC adopt into policy that we are aligned with the “Vision Statement for NA Service”. **Maker: SFCA RCM., 2nd by USA RCM Intent:** To express that the CTRSC supports NAWS and it’s “Vision Statement for NA Service” A Vision for NA Service All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups. Upon this common ground we stand committed. Our vision is that one day: ☐ Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life. ☐ Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service. ☐ NA service bodies worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery. ☐ Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery. Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.

**Schedule Facilitator** – David M.

15,250 – Schedules Opening Balance (April-May)  
6,750 – Distributed to Subcommittees  
8,500 – Ending Balance  
6,522 - Sold to the Fellowship  
1,180 – Sold outside the Fellowship  
788 – Remaining - Recycled

**Income from Schedules**

\$235.00 – from outside the Fellowship  
\$913.00 – from inside the Fellowship  
\$1,148.00 – Total income from Schedule sales

**18,000 meeting schedules purchased June 16, 2017**

Schedule Cost-Benefit Analysis: Hitchcock Printing & Distribution

16,000 schedules @ \$1,600.00 (\$1.00)

17,000 schedules @ \$1,649.00 (\$0.97)

18,000 schedules @ \$1,692.00 (\$0.94)

**AREA REPORTS:**

**CCA** John S. **OTF:** Vice Chair, Alt RCM, Webservant, and Policy Chair.

**Events:** July 28-30, 2017 Coming Alive Campout, Markham Meadows Campground, East Hampton CT 06424.

**Concerns:** None

**Fund Flow:** None

**GDA** Matt I. Absent – No report

**Events:** None.

**Concerns:** None

**Fund Flow:** None

**GHA** Chick K. **OTF:** Alt. RCM

**Events:** H&I Hartford Area

**Concerns:** Meeting closing: Point of Freedom

**Fund Flow:** None

**GNHA** Antonio H. **OTF:** Alt. RCM. Vice Chair and Alt. Webservant.

**Events:** New Meeting: Pay It Forward Beginning 6/19/2017. 8:00-9:30pm 104 Fairmont Avenue, New Haven 06513

**Concerns:** More details on the breakdown for the CAR Workshops.

**Fund Flow:** \$91.16

**GWA** Cameron T. **OTF:** Secretary, PR Chair, Events Chair, Campout Chair, ALT RCM, Webservant, and Literature Chair

**Events:** GWANA Together We Recover Family Campout from 6/23/17 – 6/25/17. Camp Cedarcrest 886 Mapledale Rd, Orange CT 06477.

**Concern:** We are moving temporarily (August till March 2018) due to construction.

**Fund Flow:** None

**MSUA** Jeff J. **OTF:** H&I Chair

**Events:** 31<sup>st</sup> year – Miracles on Oak, Surrender To Win, Basically Life 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Concern:** None

**Fund Flow:** \$373.43

**SFCA** Alex W. **OTF:** Vice Chair, Alt. Treasurer and GSR Liaison.

**Events:** None

**Concerns:** Area meeting moving to 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month beginning in July at the Saugatuck Congregational Church 245 Post Road, Saugatuck CT. 6:30-9:00pm.

**Fund Flow:** \$239.37

**TVA** Garrett W. Absent – No report

**Events:** None

**Concerns:** None

**Fund Flow:** None

**USA** Tad V. OTF: H&I Chair  
**Events:** Bowling, Kickball Learning Day, ECCNA  
**Concerns:** NA Discussion on moving.  
**Fund flow** \$571.51

**Motion #1 (06/17/2017):** To suspend the break  
Maker: SFCA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by MSUA RCM  
Intent: To conduct CTRSC business  
**Passed:** 7-0-0

### SHARING SESSION

- BMLT meeting finder server: we own the root server and it only has CT meetings. If we become a parent server we will be able to obtain this service in some parts of New York as well. This service works on a radius and is evolving to other states. There would be no expense for CTRSC.
- There was a request to make sure the next meeting location (GNHA) is handicapped accessible.
- Add Activities/Service Committees on the website.
- **There were returned checks from GHA to CTRSC because apparently a deposit went to the GHA savings account instead of the checking account. GHA will make good on the checks and fees. (checks were \$140 each and fees \$15 each).**

### OLD BUSINESS

**Motion #1** (05/20/2017): To purchase table stands (2) for use in PR presentations @ \$136 each.  
Maker: SFCA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CCA RCM  
Intent: To fulfill PR purpose.  
**Passed:** 7-0-0.

**Motion #2** (05/20/2017): To move the CTRSC to a central location permanently.  
Maker: GWA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by GDA RCM  
Intent: To make the CTRSC more accessible to RCMs and all CTRSC members.

#### **Tabled to Areas for 60 days**

**Motion #3** (05/20/2017): To add to Policy under Schedule Facilitator Responsibilities to do an annual review and cost analysis to include 3 bids for the printing of CTRSC Schedules to be approved by the RCMs. Also to include in Section IV.E.3.b.v Reports: out of date loss.

Maker: Policy Facilitator, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CCA RCM  
Intent: To be financially prudent with NA funds.

#### **Tabled to Areas for 60 days**

**Motion #4** (05/20/2017): To discuss the Regional Learning here at this body during the regular order of business.

Maker: GNHA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by GWA RCM  
Intent: To fulfill policy.  
**Passed** 6-0-1.

### ELECTIONS

**Alternate Treasurer** - OTF

**Policy Facilitator** - OTF

**BOD Seats:** OTF is the seat for USA and At Large is vacant.

GDA BOD: Cameron T. volunteered and qualified.

GWA BOD: Mike Q. volunteered and qualified.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Motion #2** (06/17/2017): To purchase flyers for \$280.95.  
Maker: PR, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SFCA RCM  
Intent: To fulfill PR purpose.  
**Passed:** 5-0-0.

**Motion #3** (06/17/2017): That a subcommittee must consist of a least a chair and one other Trusted Servant.

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

Intent: To be sure there is a single point of accountability.

**Rescinded: Sent back to policy ad hoc.**

**Motion #4 (06/17/2017): Any motion that seeks to add to, remove from, or change CTRSC policy shall be automatically be postponed for two months to allow for Area consideration.**

**Maker: MUSA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by GNHA RCM**

**Intent: To allow the RCMs the opportunity to discuss RSC policy changes with the members in their Areas, in keeping with Tradition Nine.**

**Tabled to Areas for 60 days**

**Passed 6-0-1.**

**Motion #5 (06/17/2017):** The Connecticut Regional Public Relations Sub-Committee will present a learning day in the year of 2017 based on the Public Relations Handbook, with a focus on chapter one and two. The Committee is encouraged to seek out two guest speakers with local and global experiences.

**Maker: MSUA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PR Chair**

**Intent:** To further our understanding of internal and external responsibilities in relating to each other and the public to further our primary purpose. As Public Relations Committees are the guiding source of all direct services to our member, potential members, institutions, the public and professionals alike. This learning day will be the first of an annual series, focused on the Public Relations Handbook and Fellowship Development. A passage from Tradition Eleven, It Works: How and Why "The principle of service, critical to the application of our Eleventh Tradition, is not a passive principle. To be of maximum service to the still suffering addict, we must energetically seek to carry our message throughout our cities, towns, and villages. We must take vigorous steps to make our program widely known. The better and broader our public relations, the better we will be able to serve".

**Ruled Out Of Order (Referred back to PR)**

Motion to close @ 4:40 p.m. by CCA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by GHA RCM

The next CTRSC meeting will be held on:

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

**All Saint's Episcopal Church**

262 Main Street, Oakville CT 06779