



**Connecticut Regional Service Committee Minutes**  
September 16, 2017

The CTRSC met at Immanuel Baptist Church 1324 Chapel Street, New Haven CT. 06511  
The Vice Chairperson opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.  
The 12 Traditions were read by Antontio H. and the 12 Concepts were read by Earl.

**Visitors: Dara R. GHA and Roberta T. USA**

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>		
Chairperson	Vacant	OTF
Vice Chairperson	Brian D.	Present
Secretary	Renet B.	Present
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.	Absent
Policy Facilitator	OTF	Vacant
H&I Chairperson	Michael B. H&I VC	Present
PR Chairperson	Heather S.	Absent
WSR Chairperson	Leonard S.	Absent
Board of Directors	Ron B.	Present
Convention Chair	Johnnie C.	Present
Ad Hoc - Policy	Al D.	Present
Ad Hoc - Web Design	Bill B.	Present
Ad Hoc - Relocation	John S.	Present
<b>RCMs:</b>		
CCA	John S.	Present
GDA	Michael A.	Present
GHA	Chick K./Michael W.	Present
GNHA	Antonio H.	Present
GWA	Cameron T.	Present
MSUA	Al W. ALT RCM	Present
SFCA	Alex W.	Present
TVA	Darlene B.	Present
USA	Al D.	Present
<b>Total Voting Members: 9</b>		

**No New Areas to Recognize.**

**Secretary's Minutes from August 2017**

**Motion: to accept Secretary's Minutes**

Maker: SFCA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> GWA RCM

Passed: 8:0:0.

### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Chairperson-** Vacant

**Vice Chair** - Bryan D.

No written report. Lot of activity. Picked up Regional PR archives, attended PR subcommittee meeting and gave them the archives. There was communication with the insurance adjuster about having additional insurance for sports and outdoor activities. No response. Will follow up. In contact with the scheduling coordinator and picked up 18 cases of schedules. I have a couple certificate of insurances and will turn them over to the agent on Monday.

**Question MSUA:** Was a printed copy of our policy requested? No. Will make the request.

**Roberta T.:** There should be a copy of the policy in the archives. The policy does not change there are additions to the original. **From the room:** When the policy is retrieved from the archives it should be posted for easy access by everyone. We need a hold harmless waiver for sporting events. This waiver should be attached to the request for COI.

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

Beginning Balance	\$1,679.35
Donations Received	\$ 516.02
Miscellaneous Donations/Funds Returned	\$ 168.36
Expenditures	\$ 453.91
Donations to WSO	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$1,909.82
Schedule Closing Balance	\$3,000.00
Checkbook Balance	\$4,909

Motion to accept by GHA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SFCA RCM. **Passed 8-0-0.**

**Alternate Treasurer** - OTF

### SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

**Regional Delegate (RD)** - Troy B. (read by LisaMarie S.)

#### **Conference Participant Webinar**

I participated in the September 9, 2017 Conference Participant Webinar. The focus for this webinar was Unity and Collaboration. There were 96 participants including Delegates from Greece, Lithuania, Malaysia, Australia, Germany, Rio de Janeiro, Ireland, Al-SASK Canada, Ontario and Quebec Regions. The outline for the discussion was: (1) What are some of the barriers to building a unified community? (2) What skills are most important in cultivating an atmosphere of trust and collaboration? And (3) What actions can we take to build a unified community?

#### **Conventions and Events Toolbox**

There was an August 30<sup>th</sup> webinar for Conventions and Events Toolbox project. There were 2 World Board Members, 5 NAWs Staff Members, and Fellowship members from Oregon, Northern California, Arizona, Rhode Island, Idaho, Nevada, Greater New York, Eastern New York, Texas, Iran etc. We went over the draft dealing with Money Management. To learn more about the project visit: [www.na.org/conventions](http://www.na.org/conventions).

#### **A Request to Inspect Trustee Activities**

On August 29, 2017 we received an email notification that the World Board had posted its preliminary response to the South Florida Region's request to inspect trustee activities. In its response the World Board advised that:

- ❖ It has requested additional information from the South Florida Region and expect to have more to report prior to the 2018 conference.
- ❖ It intends to request the guidance of the World Service Conference on this matter.

- ❖ It would like to have a general conversation with the Conference about the process for requesting an inspection of the FIPT as it is not sure this part of the Operational Rules reflects the current thinking of the Conference.

As it appears the World Board intends to engage Regional Delegates in discussions about revising the section relating to requesting an inspection of the FIPT, I have prepared an analysis of this section to review with Region.

#### **Correctional Tablets**

The World Board supported the approval of a trial for supplying literature for electronic tablets used in correctional settings. Presently, 13 states in the US have expressed interest or made an inquiry.

#### **World Convention 37 and 38**

September is the target month to open Registration for Convention 37. There is a pre-registrant contest for two full Convention packages. Options continue to be pursued between South Africa and Australia for the site of the 38<sup>th</sup> World Convention.

#### **Upcoming Events**

NEZF Meeting will be October 27-29, 2017 at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, 515 US Hwy Route 1 South, Iselin NJ 08830. Hotel room rate is \$125. MRLE VX (Multi Regional Learning Event) will take place December 15-17, 2017 at the Marriott Courtyard, Manchestere NH. Registration is \$25 and the hotel room rate is \$99.

#### **Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA)**

Included with the RD report

#### **BOD – Ron B.**

The USA Board seat and on At Large Board seat are still open. We also have the Technical Director, Alternate Technical Director and Alternate site selection seats open. The beginning balance in our checking account was \$6,682.79. After expenditures for rent, copies, and registration forms, our ending balance was \$5,963.45. The Site Selection Director discussed the ongoing negotiations with several hotels in the state for the 2019 and 2020 Convention contracts. Registration for the Convention is open and I strongly encourage all Area representatives to remind the GSRs attending their Area meetings to announce the Convention at their group meetings. As in past years there is a benefit to those who register early. They will be entered into a drawing for a free hotel room.

#### **Convention – Johnnie C.**

The Committee met the second Sunday of this month on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We are into the details with pre-planning but we are on schedule. We think the tickets to the Main Meeting worked out well last year and we plan to use them going forward. We need more signs for this year and there should be some discussion as to what to do with the Banner's. We will run out of space eventually. Last year there was a suggestion that a standard Convention format be created or adopted by Region going forward. It would include the basic meetings, Who's an Addict, Why are we here, What is NA, all 12 steps etc. along with one Sponsorship meeting, JFT, Men's, Women's, Spanish speaking, LGBT and Traditions meetings. The Regional Workshops for RD, WSR, H&I and PR are a given. The Convention Committee is looking for more guidance and a clearer policy for the future. The draft of the 2018 program is almost complete and will be brought to the Region table in October.

On another note, registration is open for the Convention itself and at the Hotel. We encourage attendees to register early.

#### **H&I – Michael B.**

All areas were in attendance and all trusted servants were present. Sean O. reported that there was yet another new Addiction Services Coordinator for the DOC. She is reaching out to all prisons not currently being serviced by H&I. Discussion was had about bringing presentations back into Manson Youth and for the first time having H&I presentations at Northern. GDA and H&I Learning Day will be held on 10/7/2017 from 11:00am – 5:00pm. GWA H&I Learning will also be held on 10/7/2017 from 12:00pm – 3:00pm. ALL REGIONAL H&I TRUSTED SERVANT POSITIONS ARE OTF. Discussion on the distribution process of the books donated from ECCNA was had. It is anticipated that they will be arriving soon. Discussion on the possibility of obtaining cardboard key tags and medalions to bring into the prisons. Alex W. will obtain more information.

**Public Relations** – Heather S.

Attached to the minutes.

**Web Servant** – Bill B.

Still exploring the details/options for the meeting search functionality on the CTNA website.

I've been in contact with the BMLT Administrator Chris M. Some options Chris and I discussed were:

- ❖ Keep your current server and open it to add other Service bodies. There is absolutely no need for the Service bodies to be related, or even geographically contiguous. The TBRNA (Tejas Bluebonnet Region) Server supports 9 Regions and 64 ASCs. Not all of them are contiguous.
- ❖ Move your meetings into the GNYR Server. Let NE and the NEZF take care of themselves or possibly, the GNYR Server might one day grow into an NEZF Server.
- ❖ Using Sandwich, which is a simple way to take the results of multiple BMLT servers and make it one. Example: 5 BMLTs aggregated for the entire 6 Regions of the Southeast Zonal Forum or 2 BMLTs aggregated for the two Regions of North and South Carolina. More to follow...

**Web Design Ad Hoc** - Bill B. – No meeting.

Spoke with Adam H. the only other member.

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

**WSR** – Absent

**Policy Facilitator** – OTF

**Policy Ad Hoc** – Al D.

What was discussed is on the sharing session.

**Schedule Facilitator** – David M. Absent

**AREA REPORTS:**

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

**Events:** 10/27: Fall Ball, Recovery on Track

**Concerns:** None

**Fund Flow:** \$205.74

**GDA** Michael A. **OTF:** Public Relations, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

**Events:** 10/7: H&I Learning Day/Picnic 11-5:00pm Bennett Mem. Park 14 Shelter Rock Rd. Bethel.

**Concerns:** No PR Chair for a long time.

**Fund Flow:** None

**GHA** Chick K. **OTF:** Activities Chair.

**Events:** 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Unity Hartford Speaker Jam

**Concerns:** Bad Check

**Fund Flow:** \$46.17

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

**Events:** None

**Concerns:** Tax Exempt status

**Fund Flow:** None

**GWA** Cameron . **OTF:**

**Events:** None

**Concern:** None.

**Fund Flow:** None

**MSUA** Al W. Alt. **OTF:** RCM and Literature Chair

**Events:** 11/22: 27<sup>th</sup> Feast Before the Feast. Shiloh Baptist Church 346 Butternut Street, Middletown CT.. 06457 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

**Concern:** Where does the line draw when making subcommittee policy? Motions being made more clear.

**Fund Flow:** None

**SFCA** Alex W. **OTF:**

**Events:**

**Concerns:** None

- Fund Flow: None**
- TVA** Darlene B. OTF: Alt Treasurer, Policy Chair and Alt. RCM.  
**Events:** None.  
**Concerns:** Lack of group service. Request RDs to give presentation at our next Learning Day on benefits of serving the group, Home Group, 1<sup>st</sup> Tradition or Speaker Jam with topics based on Service or use existing ITD that is relevant to the subject of Service.  
**Fund Flow:** None
- USA** **Tad V. OTF:**  
**Events:**  
**Concerns: None**  
**Fund flow:**

### SHARING SESSION

MSUA: More Clear on motions

The motion about moving region to a more centralized location. Questions are being asked about funding and other issues. "Cart before the horse". The motion was not clear enough. Details should have been presented up front. Bryan D.: the motion was out of order because there was no financial impact statement. CCA - Point of Order - Chair has no opinion. RD: If the Chairperson decides the motion is out of order then it is. MSUA - RCMs need to ask more questions when decisions need to be made. VC: will let the motion stand and when the financial impact statement is available will send back to the groups. Motion to rescind to follow.

CCA: PR No Show

Couple months ago PR asked for money for signs and other things. Why is there no representation for the event today? Lack of support and no funds were allocated.

SFCA: If there are no Trusted Servants at the subcommittee what are Region's responsibilities?

Should be posed to the policy committee. What about shared responsibilities? A willing RCM? The Executive Committee of Region? Straw poll that RCMs be available 10:3:6.

SFCA: Paper Key Tags and Coins

John K. would like to get inmates more involved. The Detroit Region uses paper Key Tags and Coins. We are looking to do this across the state for any area interested.

MSUA: Ruling Subcommittee Motions Out of Order

Section VI

RCMs should have voted on PRs motion instead of ruling it out of order. MSUA is looking for proper procedure to be followed.

RD: Presentation regarding a request to inspect the Trustee activities.

The RD presented the original request for inspection, the Trust in its entirety and the World Service Boards response to the request. In the midst of the Delegates explanation, chaos ensued and ultimately the Chairperson ruled the presentation out of order. This ruling was overturned by Motion #1 (09/16/2017) and the Delegate was then allowed to continue. From the Delegate: **QUESTION:** Are there areas of concerns that make it necessary for the World Service Conference to consider revising the language in the Trust that relates to the process for requesting an inspection of the trustee activities? **SHORT ANSWER:** Yes. As written the language contained in Article V - Rights and Responsibilities of the Beneficiary, Section 3: Inspection of Trustee Activities is insufficient to provide a clear and concise understanding on how to initiate and implement an inspection of trustee activities. The varying interpretations that can result from the insufficient language are chief among the reasons a revision is warranted. This analysis will simultaneously examine the Trust language from a legal and Fellowship perspective.

**ADDITIONAL INFO:** Assessing the Merits of a Request. Article I - Operational Rules, Section 3: Parties of the Trust states that the voices of the groups in Narcotics Anonymous are given "... through their regional delegates at the World Service Conference". This section of the Trust document further states that: Decisions concerning NA's intellectual properties directly affect each individual NA group as well as NA as a whole. For this reason, such decisions are made by the duly authorized representatives of the NA groups, their regional delegates, when those RDs gather at NA's World Service Conference. ...

### OLD BUSINESS

None

## ELECTIONS

**Chairperson – OTF**

**Alternate Treasurer – OTF**

**Policy Facilitator - OTF**

**BOD Seats:** OTF: At Large is vacant. Roberta T. was elected in for the BOD Seat USA

**ALL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITMENTS ARE UP AND OUT TO THE FELLOWSHIP.**

**This includes the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer and Secretary.**

## NEW BUSINESS

**Motion #1 (09/16/2017):** To overrule the Chairperson's decision to rule the RDs Presentation Out of Order.

**Maker:** GDA RCM 2<sup>nd</sup> by GWA RCM

**Intent:** To allow the Regional Delegate to provide information to the RSC which is his job as RD. Our Representative to World. He is just doing what he was elected to do.

**Passed: 6:1:2**

**Motion #2 (09/16/2017):** Funds to purchase paper keytags and coins for inmates in Connecticut prisons. The amount of the request is \$250.00.

**Maker:** H&I 2<sup>nd</sup> by SFCA RCM

**Intent:** So inmates can experience celebrating clean time while incarcerated.

**Passed: 9:0:0**

**Motion #3 (09/16/2017):** To determine if the change to PR Policy allowing anyone to vote at the Regional PR Subcommittee meeting after attending two meetings is valid.

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

**Intent:** To be compliant with Regional Policy.

**Postponed**

**Motion #4 (09/16/2017):** To rescind the motion of moving the RSC to a central location.

**Maker:** GDA RCM 2<sup>nd</sup> by SFCA RCM

**Intent:** To do more research of the feasibility, the impact to the RSC and to provide the RSC information on how this will be funded.

**Passed: 7:0:2**

Just after the motions and before closing there was a discussion about the Atmosphere of Recovery in this meeting initiated by the Alt RD who was feeling unsafe because of the interaction surrounding the Delegates Presentation. There were angry words, loud voices and postures that some members considered passion (GHA) and others disagreed that it was even contentious (the Chairperson). Meanwhile during the meeting MSUA asked for a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. We also heard from a newcomer to Region about how he thought about saying (profanity) behind the last meeting and this one was much worse. *We hope we haven't lost you.* The discussion was a reminder to be mindful of who and where we are and the goals/tasks we have at hand.

Motion to close @ 5:45 p.m. by GNHA RCM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by TVA RCM

The next CTRSC meeting will be held on:

October 21, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m.

**Immanuel Baptist Church**

1324 Chapel Street

New haven, CT 06511

ILS – Regional Secretary