



**Connecticut Regional Service Committee
Minutes**

April 21, 2018

The CTRSC met at Middlesex Memorial Hospital

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 2:07 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read by Tom R. and Amy G., respectively.

Visitors: There were visitors present but this acting secretary did not volunteer to take notes until after the visitors had introduced themselves. Welcome to all those in attendance, especially newcomers!

ROLL CALL:		
Chairperson	Alex W.	Present
Vice Chairperson	OTF	Present
Secretary	Renet B.	Absent
Treasurer	Gail S.	Present
Alternate Treasurer	Alfred D.	Present
Regional Delegate	Troy B.	Present
Regional Delegate Alternate	Lisa Marie S.	Absent
Web Servant	Billy W.	Present
Alternate Web Servant	Bill B.	Present
Schedule Facilitator	David M.	Present
Policy Facilitator	Jason L.	Present
H&I Chairperson	Michael B.	Present
PR Chairperson	Heather S.	Present
WSR Chairperson	Leonard S.	Present
Board of Directors	Ron W.	Present
Convention Chair	George D. Vice Chair	Present
Ad Hoc - Policy	Al W.	Present
Ad Hoc - Web Design	Bill B.	Present
RCMs:		
CCA	John S.	Present
GDA	Matt I. (Area Chair)	Present
GHA	Chick K.	Present
GNHA	Antonio H.	Present
GWA and Alt.		Absent
MSUA	Al W.	Present
SFCA Alt.	Andrew S.	Present
TVA	Tom R.	Present
USA	Mike R.	Present
Total Voting Members: 8		

No New Areas to Recognize.

Secretary's Minutes from November - Read by Alex W. and accepted unanimously.

Motion: to accept Secretary's Minutes Maker:
Andrew S., 2nd Al W. No discussion.
Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairperson- Alex W.

Retrieved mail at P.O. Box. Relayed COI requests. Spoke with GNHA RCM re: slip and fall incident, insurance coverage. Some discussion about what is and is not covered by our COI's. Noted that there is nothing in Policy about regular audit of CTRSC checking account.

Vice Chair - OTF

Treasurer - Gail S. read written report.

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,731.70
Donations Received	\$ 506.49
Miscellaneous Donations/Funds Returned	\$ 667.64
Expenditures	\$ 5,342.12
Donations to WSO	\$ (1,412.24)
Closing Balance	\$ 975.95
Schedule Closing Balance	\$ 1,970.56
Checkbook Balance	\$ 2,946.51

No additional report by Alternate Treasurer

Motion: to accept Secretary's Minutes Maker: Chick K., 2nd Al D. Discussion and clarification of "serious financial emergency", and the concern about writing checks in this fiscal year for next year's expense. Concern about funding our RD/RDA's expenses that WSC used to cover. Explanation from RD about difficulty in forecasting expenses in WSC cycle year. Financial Emergency should be alleviated if fund flow continues on its current trajectory, as there are no major expenses upcoming.

Passed unanimously.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Regional Delegate (RD) - Troy B.

- Conference participants who are not able to attend WSC will have the opportunity to participate virtually.
- The Conference Report, including all seated Regional reports, is posted at www.na.org/conference
- There will be a live, free Mixlr audio stream of the speaker meetings the night before the WSC begins and the closing night of the Conference; both expected to begin @ 7:30pm West Coast Time Zone. (11:30pm EST) <http://mixlr.com/nawstream2/>
- CAR Survey; the following selections received the most votes from Connecticut:
 - Recovery Literature: 1) An IP for members: NA and addicts on DRT/MAT.
2) Step Working Guide aimed at members not new to the Steps
 - Service Material: 1) Atmosphere of recovery in service
2) Collaborating among service bodies
 - Issue Discussion Topics: 1) Attracting members to service
2) Carrying the NA message and making NA attractive
- CAT proposal results and CAR voting tallies (aside from a few tally sheets not emailed to RD previously) provided in separate reports.
- See report for additional RD/RDA activities over the past month including preparing for the WSC, a proposed change to the FIPT Operational Rules, and an email from the Venezuela Region regarding their financial crisis.

Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA) - Absent, no additional report

BOD – Ron W.

Attended the April 8th BOD meeting. OTF: Technical Director, Alt. Tech. Director, Alt. Site Selection, 1/ At-Large seat, SFCA seat, GWA seat, USA seat.
Final accounting presented reflecting a net after expenses (profit) of \$1800.09 for the 2018 Connecticut Convention.

Convention – Sharon B.

Written report submitted, read by George in Sharon's absence. Convention Committee met on 4/8. All subcommittees are working on budgets to be submitted to BOD in May. Working on Convention Committee policy and guidelines and will present to RSC when completed. Renet B. voted in as Secretary and Nicole D. as Treasurer. Alt. Treasurer is OTF.

H&I - Michael B.

Met 4/4, 8 of 9 areas represented. Dave K. is the new CCA chair, Joe G. is the new GNHA chair, Tammi Jo L. is the new GWA chair, and Hannah T. is the new GDA chair. Annual T-shirt order is in the works and will be sold at Rock Fest and Pig Roast.

Public Relations – Heather S.

4 of 9 areas represented.
Discussions about NEZF PR Ad-Hoc, phone line options including Yap and Twilio that have the potential to have a text sent to addicts calling the phone-line notifying them of the five closest meetings. Cost would \$12./year and \$.05/call.
Brought an invoice for new PR posters. Will be having a table set up at the TriCircle Walk event.

Web Servant – Billy W.

Written report written and submitted by Bill B. as Alt. Web Servant.
Bill and Billy W. discussed the "ins and outs" of the Web Servant position. The April 2018 meeting schedule is online, printed schedules to follow. Working on fixing some incorrect meeting info on NAWS app.
Continues to update the events calendar, meeting information, and all business on the website.
Web Design Ad-Hoc: Holding pattern

WSR - Leonard S.

Met 4/12. Serving 14/male, 5/female inmates. Vice Chair & Recording Secretary OTF.
Will have information next month about WSR Business Cards. Will orientate new members at Pig Roast.

Policy Facilitator - Jason L.

Gave a verbal report on the activities of the Ad-Hoc committee working on finding and fixing some inconsistencies in the current CTRSC Policy.

Policy Ad-hoc: Al W. verbally asked for guidance from the RSC about their directives and how adjustments to Policy inconsistencies should be handled.

Schedule Facilitator - David M.

452 starting count. Purchased 18,000. Sold 5,650 schedules within the Fellowship and 763 outside the fellowship. 560 to subcommittees. 11,000+ remain.

AREA REPORTS

CCA: John S.

OTF: Alt. Treasurer, PR Chair

Events: 4/28 - (Free) Chili Cook-off and Comedy Show (\$15) 4-10pm 164 Hanover St. Meriden
5/18 - "Spring Fling" Recovery on Track St. Paul's Episcopal 65 N. Main St. Wallingford

Concerns: None

Fund Flow: \$0.

TVA: Tom R.

OTF: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer, Policy Chair, Alt. RCM, H&I, PR,

Activities Events: 5/12 - Bowling Night Plainville 7-10pm

6/9 - Free Picnic Paderewski Park

Concerns: None

Fund Flow: \$0.

MSUA: Al W.

OTF: Chair, Treasurer, Activities

Events: None

Concerns: Need addicts with just a few years clean for PR

Fund Flow: \$93.62

GWA: No representation

GNHA: Antonio

OTF: RCM & Alt. RCM, Alt. Secretary, PR Chair, Policy & Alt. Policy

Events: Provided a packet of 2018 upcoming events schedule for each area

Concerns: None

Fund Flow: \$392.92

GHA: Chick K.

OTF: Secretary, RCM & Alt. RCM

Events: None

Concerns: Financing GHA responsibilities

Fund Flow: \$0.

SFCA: Andrew S.

OTF: Policy Chair, Alt. Treasurer, PR Chair

Events: 7/28 - MLB Bus Trip to Yankee Stadium 1:05 game, tickets, lunch, and bus ride \$90

8/25 - Serenity on the Sound Annual Picnic on the Beach Short Beach, Stratford

Concerns: None

Fund Flow: \$201.14

USA: Mike R.

OTF: Alt. Treasurer

Events: 5/12 - Rock Fest 11:30am- 5:30 pm

Concerns: None

Fund Flow: \$188.46

GDA: Matt I.

OTF: RCM

Events: 5/12 - Spiritual Brunch 12 Cottage St. Danbury 10am - 7pm

Concerns:

Fund Flow: \$654.05

SHARING SESSION

- Troy (RD) mentioned that BOD and RD each have a storage unit incurring separate fees. The possibility of joining the two units is being explored.
- Normally to be included under elections and/or "New Business", the floor was asked for nominations or volunteers for RSC Vice Chair. There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion #3 (01/20/2018): To approve the Admin. Budget for 2018-2019 in the amount of \$2,700.00

Maker: Chairperson 2nd by

Intent: To be financially responsible.

Passed 6-0-1

Motion #6 (02/17/2018) To approve the 2018-2019 Regional Delegate Team Budget of \$4,602.22.

Maker: RD Troy B., 2nd by MSUA Al W.

Intent: To be financially responsible

Passed 6-0-1

Motion #7 (02/17/2018) To submit a revision for approval of the H&I Budget. Total amount \$5,300.00.

Maker: H&I Michael B. 2nd by SFCA Andrew S.

Intent: To be accountable for all monies needed and used for Regional H&I.

Passed 6-0-1

Motion #8 (02/17/2018) To approve the 2018-2019 WSR Budget. Total amount \$1,070.00

Maker: WSR Chair Leonard S. 2nd by MSUA Al W.

Intent: To be financially responsible.

Passed 6-0-1

Motion #10 (02/17/2018) To approve the 2018-2019 PR Budget. Total amount \$4,880.00

Maker: PR Chair Heather S. 2nd by GWA Cameron T.

Intent: To be financially responsible.

Passed 6-0-1

Motion #11 (02/17/2018) To approve the 2018-2019 Webservant Budget. Total Amount \$1,000.00.

Maker: Alt. Webservant Bill B.. 2nd by SFCA Andrew S.

Intent: To be financially responsible.

Passed 6-0-1

NEW BUSINESS

- Much of our agenda centered on the topic raised in the Chair report having to do with regular Auditing of the RSC checking account. Our Treasurer, Gail, noted that the status of the accounts is shown regularly and reconciled on her monthly reports. As the Chair clarified that he was mostly concerning this agenda item with the annual checking account change-over to new Admin/Treasurer hands, the organic discussion seemed to bleed into budgeting and prudent spending; specifically as it relates to realistic spending projections based on fund-flow trends. Interesting points were raised by Jason L., Gail, and Troy in regards to Policies being created to keep projected spending in line with actual operations (Troy), ie: fund-flowing every three months or relative to large upcoming expenses and/or use of existing Disbursement Forms (Gail), so as not to fall into financial emergencies. Though some members expressed that realistic budgeting and "prediction/projection" might be an "impossibility", other members suggested that more detailed expenses (like the RD/RDA budget-as highlighted by Jason L.) will provide us with a solution. As we circled back to the checking account topic, it was suggested that some verbage be added to Policy about auditing the checking account semi-regularly, though no motion was made.

- RSC Learning Day will be held in September, possibly at the Wallingford location that Regional H&I held their Learning Day last year. Bill and Claire both offered to help plan the event, and Michel B. will attempt to learn more about securing the location. It was discussed that H&I, PR & WSR be represented as well, though their subcommittee's may have policies regarding their own Learning Days. Also brought into play was whose budget would cover the festivities. More will be revealed.
- Heather (PR Chair) expanded a bit on PR's investigation into alternate phone answering services.
- Al W. asked about the purpose of the Policy Ad-hoc committee as it relates to the RSC. Some experience was shared, some clarifications were attempted, and it was suggested that the Ad-hoc be given a prime directive or purpose in order to narrow the scope of tasks that accompany cleaning up RSC policy to its most pristine format.
- Troy (RD) spoke to the CAR and CAT tallies and verified the votes that the RD will be carrying from the CT Region to the WSC.
- A vote was taken to determine that the RD team has a "vote of confidence" in carrying not only our votes, but also that in the event that information is brought to the WSC table that re-forms or sways the conscience on one or more of the motions, the RD team be able to adjust voting accordingly. That vote passed in the affirmative, 5-0-1.
- A brief clarification was discussed as to the timing and procedure for the check written for H&I T-shirt order.
- Gail clarified and expanded upon our earlier discussion about donations vs. expenses.
- My recording device failed to capture the reimbursement motions exact dollar amounts at the end of the meeting, but all passed unanimously and were reimbursed according to my written notes:
 - RD's request for reimbursement of postage and mileage
 - Schedule coordinator's reimbursement
 - PR rent
 - PR's request for new posters (\$420)
 Gail or Albert will have access to these receipts.
- **Finally, both the Policy ad-hoc and the "Getting addicts involved in Service" ad-hoc will meet at 12:30 prior to next month's RSC at Middlesex Hospital.**