



**Connecticut Regional Service Committee Minutes
February 19, 2022**

The CTRSC met virtually, using Zoom, Saturday February 19, 2022. The Chairperson opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions were read by Andy L. and 12 Concepts were read by Gail S.

Visitors: Kim C. SFCA web servant, Steve K USANA (RCM), Jorge (GDA), Al, D, Gene (PR)

Q/A/Comments: None

Roll Call:

Chair	John K.	X	IT Services Facilitator	Garrett W.	X
Vice-Chair	Andy L	X	Alt. IT Services Facilitator	OTF	
Secretary	DeAne B	X	Central Connecticut Area	John S.	
Treasurer	Gail S.	X	Greater Danbury Area	(Jorge.)	X
Alt. Treasurer	OTF		Greater Hartford Area	Chick K.	
Regional Delegate	Troy B.	X	Greater New Haven Area	Phil T	X
Alt. Delegate	Allyse M.	X	Greater Waterbury Area	Bob L.	X
Convention	Marc L.	X	Mid-State Unity Area	Adam H.	X
Fellowship Development	OTF		Southern Fairfield County Area	Len B.	X
Board of Directors	Ron W.	X	Tunxis Valley Area	Ron M.	X
Alt. Board of Directors	Kayla H.	X	United Shoreline Area	Steve K.	X
Hospitals & Institutions	Michael B.	X	Ad-Hoc - History of CT NA	Alex W.	X
Public Relations	(Gene F.)	X			
Writing Steps for Recovery	Joe G.	X			
Policy Facilitator	OTF				
Schedule Facilitator	Heather S.	X			

Recognition of New Areas: None

Secretary’s Minutes: report read and submitted.

- **Motion: M(MSU)/S(USA):** To accept the Secretary’s Report. **PASSED 7-0-0**

*****Any motions that are brought up during the RSC meeting, IT Services will email the motion maker the motion request form. All motions should be formally submitted to IT Services to archive, as well as the secretary so the motion can be accurately worded in the RSC minutes.*****

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

Chairperson: John K. –Received USA insurance request from USA activities for Rogers Lake club house from 12-5 on Sunday March 9th – date is incorrect. March 9th is not a Sunday. Needs verification. The event may be the “Keeping It Green” St. Patrick’s Day drive thru meal. Awaiting update.

Vice-Chair: Andy L. – No report currently.

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Treasurer: Gail S. – report read and submitted.

RSC opening balance was \$4508.27. Donations received were \$7250.74. Misc. donations were \$ 23.00. Expenditures were \$525.50. Fund flow to World was \$6748.24. The RSC balance is \$ 4508.27 which is the new prudent reserve. The schedule opening balance was \$72.17. Sales were \$420.00. Expenditures were \$0.00, leaving a schedule balance of \$492.17. Checkbook balance is \$5000.44.

Large contributions/donations due to \$4215.64 coming from USA. They were holding on to fund flow to cover any expenses/issues at the convention.

RCM emailed treasurer requesting a breakdown of expenditures. Currently documenting “paid to” and “what for.”

Asking for whom paid to and a line-item breakdown. Will attempt to document on budget page.

Anyone needing reimbursement for expenditures can scan and email form with receipts to treasurer@ctna.org.

- **Motion: M(MSU)/S(GWA):** To accept the Treasurer’s Report. **PASSED 7-0-0**

Alternate Treasurer: OTF

Regional Delegate (RD) & Alternate Delegate (AD): Allyse. – report read and submitted.

Q: Can individuals not at a meeting, vote on-line?

A: No way to vote electronically on-line. An individual can print tally sheet (available on our website) and send to RD/RDA and vote individually. Addicts can vote individually. They do not have to vote at a meeting.

Q: Is the flyer for the other Car workshop on-line at CTNA.org or just attached to the report.

A: Typo in original flyer. Currently the correct flyer is attached to the report. Troy will send in a new copy to IT Services to put on-line.

Reminder – one addict/one vote*

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Convention: Marc L. – report read and submitted. Convention committee will be meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month, via zoom.

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I): Michael B. – report read and submitted.

Public Relations (PR): Gene F. - report read and submitted.

Q: How do we obtain the meeting lists?

A: Contact Gene for information.

Q: Will you be meeting in person? If so, where do you meet?

A: Currently meeting via zoom. Will meet in Portland when areas are ready to resume meeting in person. No current plan yet.

Writing Steps for Recovery (WSR): Joe G.– report read and submitted.

Board of Directors (BOD): Ron W. – report read and submitted. GNHA, GDA, USA, Alt tech director=OTF.

2023 Convention will be held at the Hilton in Stamford.

IT Services Planning: Garrett W. – Report submitted and read.

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RESOURCE POSITION REPORTS

Policy Facilitator: OTF

Schedule Facilitator: Heather S. – Report read and submitted.

Q: How many QR card are left?

A: Heather will check.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

History of NA in CT: - Alex W. – report read and submitted.

AREA REPORTS

CCA: John S. – absent

GDA: (Jorge.) – 5 GSRs out of 7 attended. 6 meetings some meeting in-person and hybrid. No FF. Chair, Vice-Chair, PR, RCM – OTF. GSR rotate attending Region until RCM commitment is filled. Meeting via zoom. Having their annual spiritual lunch on Sat. May 7th from 1:00 – 6:00 at church, at Sacred Heart Church, 17 Congress St. Danbury, CT. Flyer sent to region to post on website.

GHA: Chick K. – absent

GNHA: Phil – 16 voting groups present. Ad-hoc to amend area's policy, being held an hour before their area meeting. Alt. chair, Alt. secretary, H&I chair, Alt RCM OTF. Request to bring back "The New Generations" meeting and a request to start a Spanish speaking meeting.

GWA: Bob L. – 11 GSRs out of 16 in attendance. Together in Recovery family camp out fundraiser – Feb. 26th Macaroni & cheese cook off. Winner will receive campout package and trophy. Event is at the All Saint's Episcopal Church on Main St. in Oakville. Having difficulty finding places to reopen meetings. No date for campout yet.

MSUA: Adam H. – 9 GSRs in attendance. Straight Lace women's meeting closed. Alt. RCM and Literature chair = OTF. PR chair will be open next month. Three upcoming events: 1.) Karaoke night March 5th @ 7 pm at Brownstone Church in Portland. Flyer to be on website shortly. 2.) Game night on April 9th including a chips, dips, and salsa contest at the Brownstone Church in Portland, Ct. 3.) Annual 12 Step Became Willing Retreat scheduled for April. Info on CTNA.org. Annual Became Willing Retreat April 8, 9 & 10th at the Incarnation Retreat Center in Ivoryton. FF \$379.26.

SFCA: Len B. (Kim C.) – Vice-chair, Alt. treasurer, GSR Liaison, activities, Alt. RCM - OTF. Discrepancy with treasurer report – under prudent reserve. No fund flow at this time. Currently being rectified. Revising policy – updating from August 2019. Started Spanish speaking meeting on Friday nights at CCAR in Bridgeport. Area funded a starter kit.

TVA: Ron M. – 15-16 GSRs in attendance on a regular basis. Majority of GSRs (~14) have voting rights. Very appreciative of schedules.

Q: 14/16 GSRs had voting privileges. Why wouldn't a GSR have voting privileges?

A: In our area you have to attend two consecutive months to have voting rights.

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USA: Steve K. – New RCM. Hybrid meeting. Discussion to maintain atmosphere of recovery, as previous area meeting was “a little heated.” Total profit from the convention was \$7855.02. Vice-chair, Alt RCM, Treasurer and Alt treasurer - OTF. MOTION #5 “to have the area treasurer form escrow accounts for profits from the USA convention. Seed money in the amount of \$2500.00 for 2023-2024 convention, \$2500.00 for special project money for PR, \$1000.00 for activities subcommittee, \$1865.02 fund flow to region. If PF and activities do not use the money within a year, the money is to be fund flowed.” INTENT: “to use the money in our area to help the sick and suffering addict.” Motion was tabled back to the groups.

Q: Was there a committee/BOD set up to shield this region or N.A. as a whole are insulated from anything that might happen during the convention? Was any precaution taken?

A: Uncertain, will investigate it.

SHARING SESSION

*Returning to in-person or hybrid meeting.

Q: Is there any talk/progress about region meeting in person or doing a hybrid?

A: Currently out of the question at the hospital. They are still in the Covid protocol. They want no one around the hospital until the virus is “pretty much gone.” Last touched base with the hospital two months ago.

*In the December report, in the RDs questions and answers, there was some discussion about this region supporting the northeast zonal forum and it not being part of our funds flowed. The northeast zonal forum has 10 different regions represented and they share in those 10 regions the cost of their zoom and some of the financial responsibilities. Although it is only \$283.00 (\$28.30 per region), we are obligated to funds flow some monies to NEZF. Something we should continue to discuss at this region. NEZF is doing a lot of activities for the benefit of this region and the northeast in general. The RD has budgeted to cover the cost of zoom and website for the NEZF. In the past we had contributed to the zonal forum. It doesn't require the trusted servants to be one of the regional delegates that might be funded from their region. It's possible for some of the trusted servants at the zonal forum to be just regular members. Some travel and it costs a considerable amount of money to serve at the zonal level. Most trusted servants take that position with the understanding that they may not receive any funding back. It would be nice to be able to fund our trusted servants at that level if we are able to. We are fortunate in CT that we are able to contribute money regularly to world services. We should consider sending a little bit of money to NEZF on a regular basis.

OLD BUSINESS

1.) Schedule pricing: make schedules available at cost (\$.11) to areas through RCMs and to subcommittees through their chairperson at the RSC. Sending email blast to schedule facilitators how to obtain/order schedules.

Q: Will the price for 18,000 schedules remain the same.

A: No. We were given current price since we were new to open again, but cost of paper is going up. Will address if/when it changes. May have to continual change price of schedules for areas.

2.) Archiving documents: Will save historical documents. Will increase storage on server.

3.) RD Budget: **M(GWA)/S(MSU)** – table for 90 days. To be voted on in April.

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- 4.) Car Report: Allyse was unable to distribute reports to some areas due to zoom meetings. She still has a few Car reports left. Please reach out to Allyse for distribution.
- 5.) PR budget to spend \$3600.00 on advertising with the DMV. \$1800.00 to be used from the current 2021 – 2022 budget and remaining from the 2022 – 2023 budget. **INTENT:** to follow policy that any amount over \$250.00 be voted on at region). Motion made was tabled for 60 days. **PASSED TO TABLE 5-1-0 (To be discussed in March)**
- 6.) Budgets: Motion to send budgets to areas for 90 days: M(MSU)/S(IT Services). To be voted on in March.
 - A.) Public Relations Budget 2022 – 2023
 - B.) Schedule Facilitator Budget 2022 – 2023
 - C.) RSC Administrative Budget 2022 – 2023
 - D.) Hospitals and Institutions Budget 2022 – 2023
 - E.) Fellowship Development Committee Budget 2022 – 2023
 - F.) IT Services Budget 2022 – 2023
 - G.) Writing Steps for Recovery Budget 2022 – 2023

Q: Is the budget correct as it was submitted?

A: Added another line item to clarify. There are particular line items shown underneath the budget that don't seem to add up to the numbers in the total column, but they actually do.

Q: The discrepancy was in the WSR budget and what the treasurer was reporting as for the year to date. Possible issues with the expenses being done in 2021, but before the fiscal year.

A: They may have incorporated reimbursements received and amounts requested for reimbursement. Now up to \$240.24. More money found. Still a discrepancy for ~ \$500.00, but probably a combination of both the fiscal year being different and non-requested reimbursements. Not a lot of consistency in subcommittee members, which may have contributed to the discrepancy. Some things may have fallen through the cracks. There is no mistake in the documenting of the amounts.

ELECTIONS

Alt. Treasurer: OTF. 5 years clean time and completion of one NA treasurer commitment required.

Public Relations Chair: OTF. 2 years clean time, and 6 months active involvement in the PR subcommittee.

Policy Facilitator: OTF. 3 years clean time and six months active involvement in the CTRSC within the last two years required.

GDA: B.O.D. – OTF

GNHA: B.O.D. – OTF

*USA: B.O.D. – OTF (area).

*****RCMs please announce regional positions OTF at your area meetings*****

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NEW BUSINESS

1.) Would anyone be interested in logging in before monthly RSC meeting for the next few months, to review policy?

a. Anyone willing to commit to chair policy ad-hoc?

i. Andy L. (vice-chair) will chair ad-hoc committee.

b. Anyone willing to go through old minutes to see if any policy has been changed?

i. Adam has been updated policy has motions have been made. Will send update to John.

2.) **MOTION: M(RD)/S(MSU):** For the Connecticut Region, as a member-region of the Northeast Zonal Forum, to make a quarterly (every 3 months) contribution to the NEZF in the amount of \$125.00.

INTENT: To participate, along with the other member-regions of the NEZF, in making regular contributions to be used for the NEZF for projects and services throughout the member-regions.

*Amendment M(treasurer)/S(MSU): Provided it doesn't put us below prudent reserve. **OTF for 90 days.**

Q: How did we determine \$125.00?

A: It is a round number, that quarterly totals \$500.00/year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Motion to close: M(GWA)/S(Hx of NA)

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Third Step Prayer.

Next RSC meeting will be held on March 19, 2022 @ 2:00 pm via Zoom.

*****POLICY AD-HOC TO MEET AT 1:00 ON March 19, 2022, VIA ZOOM*****