



Connecticut Regional Service Committee Minutes
March 19, 2022

The CTRSC met virtually, using Zoom, Saturday March 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. The 12 Concepts were read by Douglas.

Visitors: Elizabeth E. (USA-ECCNA), Al D., Kim C (SFCA Web servant), Doreen S. (TVA secretary), Ann T. (GNHA-Alt. RCM).

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		Central Connecticut Area	John S.	X
Treasurer	Gail S.	X	Greater Danbury Area	OTF	
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.		United Shoreline Area	Steve K.	X
Hospitals & Institutions	Michael B.	X	Ad-Hoc - History of CT NA	Alex W.	X
Public Relations	(Douglas M.)	X			
Writing Steps for Recovery	Joe G. (Nick P.)	X			
Policy Facilitator	OTF				
Schedule Facilitator	Heather S.				

Recognition of New Areas: None

Secretary's Minutes: (Dee absent) report read by John K. and submitted.

- **Motion: Not made due to secretary's absence.**
- *****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 to the secretary (secretary@ctna.org) so the motion can be accurately worded in the RSC minutes.*****

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

Chairperson: John K. –USA updated/corrected info pertaining to their event at Rogers Lake Club House. Certificate of insurance was requested, received, and delivered. No other issues currently.

Vice-Chair: Andy L. – Policy Ad-hoc met prior to the RSC meeting. Reviewing current policy. Adam has been updating changes to policy as they happen. Working on best way to compile the changes for the body. Adam will compile the list of changes and they will be presented to RCMs. **Ad-hoc committee will continue to meet one hour prior to the RSC meeting until policy is completely updated.**

Andy will monitor the zoom screen and chat, while John runs the meeting

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Treasurer: Gail S. – report read and submitted.

RSC opening balance was \$4508.27. Donations received \$3468.86 Misc. donations were \$1428.13 (\$891.13 – H&I shirts and \$537.00-Free as An Eagle Group). Expenditures were \$199.43. Fund flow to World was \$4697.56. The RSC balance is \$ 4508.27 which is the new prudent reserve.

The schedule opening balance was \$492.17. Sales were \$0.00. Expenditures were \$0.00, leaving a schedule balance of \$492.17. Checkbook balance is \$5000.44.

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

- **Motion: M/S:** To accept the Treasurer’s Report.

Alternate Treasurer: OTF

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

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): (Douglas M.) - report read and submitted.

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

Fellowship Development: OTF

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.

Q: Who should have email accounts at the ASC level?

A: It is within reason for each area as a body to have one email (chair, vice-chair, secretary to have access). PR and H&I should each have their own email accounts.

RESOURCE POSITION REPORTS

Policy Facilitator: OTF

Schedule Facilitator: Heather S. – absent.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

AREA REPORTS

CCA: John S. – 11 GSRs in attendance. Alt Sec, Alt treasurer, Alt RCM - OTF. \$287.04 fund flow.

GDA: RCM OTF –

GHA: Chick K. – absent

GNHA: Phil – 18 voting groups present. Vice-chair, policy, Alt. sec., \$824.50 fund flow. Ad-hoc policy committee to update police.

GWA: Bob L. – absent

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MSUA: Adam H. – 10 GSRs in attendance. Alt. RCM and Literature chair - OTF. PR chair will be open next month. Upcoming events: 1.) Karaoke night March 5th @ 7 pm at Brownstone Church in Portland. Flyer to be on website shortly. 1.) Game night on April 9th including a chips, dips, and salsa contest at the Brownstone Church in Portland, Ct. 2.) Annual 12 Step Became Willing Retreat scheduled for April 8, 9, 10th is almost sold out. Info on CTNA.org. FF Lengthy discussion about zonal forums. Fund flow \$196.00.

SFCA: Len B. (Kim C.) – 11 GSRs in attendance. Budget revised. Fund flow for past 2 months \$1098.36. Policy ad-hoc to update policy. NEZF contribution was tabled so GSRs can bring back to their groups. There was a question if the USA Convention had liability insurance to protect N.A., as a whole. Since the convention didn't have a B.O.D., they were accountable to their area. Policy will be reviewed.

TVA: Ron M. – Doing well. FF \$142.53.

USA: Steve K. – Hybrid ASC meeting. Discussion regarding literature. Now ordering quarterly. Rock Fest will be on Sunday 05/15/22 from 12-4 at McCook's Park. Motion regarding escrow accounts from the profits from USA Convention – tabled to the groups. Motion: If quorum is not met, the motion will automatically be tabled to the group for 30 days (passed).

SHARING SESSION

The RSC fiscal year starts in the month of April. Given the discussion regarding reimbursements and advances for the RD, it might be beneficial to change the month in which our fiscal year begins. For example, the World Services Conference is every other year. Plane tickets and reservations need to be made in January/February. If advances are given prior to the conference, the request for the reimbursement would fall into the next fiscal year. Adam, Gail, Allyse and Troy to discuss a proposal of when to change the beginning of the fiscal year. Will present next month.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1.) 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). **PASSED 5-0-0**

Budgets: To be voted on in March. **(RD BUDGET TO BE VOTED ON IN APRIL)**

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| A.) Public Relations Budget 2022 – 2023 | PASSED 5-0-0 |
| B.) Schedule Facilitator Budget 2022 – 2023 | PASSED 5-0-0 |
| C.) RSC Administrative Budget 2022 – 2023 | PASSED 5-0-0 |
| D.) Hospitals and Institutions Budget 2022 – 2023 | PASSED 5-0-0 |
| E.) Fellowship Development Committee Budget 2022 – 2023 | PASSED 5-0-0 |
| F.) IT Services Budget 2022 – 2023 | PASSED 5-0-0 |
| G.) Writing Steps for Recovery Budget 2022 – 2023 | PASSED 5-0-0 |
- 2.) Ad-Hoc committee for policy: housekeeping that wasn't explicitly adopted by the RSC.
- Changes that were not adopted after policy review in 2013-2014. Change in language from the "executive committee" to the "administrative officers." There are areas in the policy which still refers to the "executive committee" and not the "administrative officers." Language needs to be consistent.
 - IT Services team was created, and web servant/alt. web servant positions were eliminated. Need to update the areas in policy where the language reflects the now non-existent positions.

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- c. Straight housekeeping change on page 1 section 2D currently states we “maintain a prudent reserve and practice fund flow by forwarding all monies above prudent reserve to World Service
- d. Conference.” We do not fund flow to the conference. We currently fund flow to NAWS each month.

There are other inconsistencies that need to be addressed and included as an addendum to the current policy. The housekeeping updates need to be brought up, voted on and accepted by the RCMs to at least make these changes and put a new version of the policy on-line before anymore changes are made.

- 3.) NAWS has granted certain leeway to make minor changes without needing to go back to the areas if the updates are just grammatical or housekeeping in nature. **STRAW POLE TO MAKE CHANGES: PASSED 6-0-0.**
- 4.) **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 (to be voted on in May).**

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.

Fellowship Development: OTF

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*****

NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) Elizabeth E. representing the advisory board for ECCNA read a letter with information regarding the previous year's convention and the upcoming convention on June 10th, 11th, and 12th. For more information, please visit their website www.ECCNA.org. Elizabeth has N.A. Basic Text donated from the convention, to be given to H & I. H & I will distribute them to the D.O.C. facilities. (Elizabeth will send copy of letter to IT Services, to be attached to this month's minutes). The books will be given to Adrienne – regional vice-chair to bring to the next regional H&I subcommittee meeting on March 31st.

Q: Can H & I bring texts into facilities? Previously books were shipped directly from the publishing company.

A: That is correct. Michael B. will speak with Sean O (D.O.C. Liaison) to determine how to get the books into the facilities. Best way to assure books are being properly placed in facilities, is to reach out to a personal contact, i.e., counselor connection, and give them the books. (Prev. incident that books were in a storage room and not readily available).

A: H&I isn't currently going into any D.O.C. facilities. It's likely the only way to get the books into the facilities is by shipping them. Will confirm with Sean O.

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Q: Does H & I have to give the books only to D.O.C. facilities?

A: Once ECCNA donates books to H & I, they can distribute them however they see fit.

MOTION: M(MSU)/S(GWA): That the basic texts from the East Coast Convention (ECCNA) be given to our H&I committee to be distributed to the jails and prisons in Connecticut. **INTENT:** To follow the intention of the ECCNA to get these texts into the jails and prisons. Members that spend their money attending ECCNA do so with the understanding that this is what happens. **PASSED 6-0-0**

- 2.) Invitation by the Southeastern Zonal Forum to NEZF and Autonomy Zonal Forums asking for participation in a workgroup to discuss combining all 3 zones (Northeast Zonal, Autonomy Zonal and Southeastern Zonal forum) into a single Eastern States Zone. Seeking direction from RCMs on how RD/RDA should vote on proposal at the NEZF in April.

Q: What purpose will it serve, or direct services will it provide?

A: This is strictly a proposal to have a workgroup to discuss about the possibility of the 3 zones combining. We currently have no idea of the benefits, deficiencies or direct services could be provided. This is just a way to get together and talk about combining in an official manner.

Q: Do the other zones provide direct services now?

A: The understanding is that the Autonomy zone and the SEZF do not provide the level of services and activity that are currently going at the NEZF. The zone isn't providing direct services, more as the "table on which" the member regions can collaborate with each other and provide services within other regions that may need help or across regional lines.

STRAW POLE: 3-1-0

- 3.) Do we want to send someone from CT to sit on the advisory board for ECCNA? Volunteers? Nominations?

Q: Who are they responsible or accountable to?

A: They are an entity unto itself. They are not directly responsible any group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Motion to close: M(MSU)/S

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

Next RSC meeting will be held on April 16, 2022 @ 2:00 pm via Zoom.

*****POLICY AD-HOC TO MEET AT 1:00 ON April 16, 2022, VIA ZOOM*****