

## **WNYRCNA Minutes 9/17/11**

Jim L, RD, opened the meeting at 12:30pm with the SP.

12 Concepts read by Dave M.

12 Traditions read by Ed B.

**Roll Call** – Chair not present at start of meeting, no report, arrived late  
Treasurer absent, due to death in family, with report

Niagara Falls RCM not present at start of meeting, no report

Chautauqua RCM not present at start of meeting, no report

Quorum established according to Policy Chair and by-laws

**Next Meeting** – Next meeting will be held at November 19, 2011 at 203 Arnald Avenue Port Allegany PA 16743 Take I-90 to the 400 to the end. Take 16 S to Downtown Olean, then take 417 East to 155 South.

**Opening Balance** – \$3,219.91, statement balance is \$3,275.91 a difference of \$66.00. This is most likely checks that have not posted.

**Mailbox** – No mail to distribute as the Chair is not in attendance. Chair came in late with mail and distributed to appropriate people. A letter from Delray Beach Area stating their success and donated 45 cases of Basic texts, one case (28 books) to each of the Regions on the East coast. The website is [eccna.org](http://eccna.org). The donation earmarks for H&I usage. Can we send them a thank you note? Melanie will send it.

The post office box key will need to be transferred due the Chair's inability to get to the meeting on time and because he is stepping down. Jim L., the RD, take on the responsibility of picking up the mail at PO Box 736. The key was exchanged during the meeting.

**Minutes** – Minutes approved with corrections to spelling, motion by Bob B, seconded by Dave S., accepted.

### **Nominations & Elections**

Chair – Open

Vice-Chair - Open

H&I – Open

PI – Open

Activities – Open

Treasurer – Open – Ed B. nominated and accepted. He will have to step down if elected.

### **Executive Committee Reports**

**Chair Report** – Richard P. – Absent, no report

**Vice-Chair Report** – Open

**Secretary** – Melanie R. – No report.

**RD Report** – Jim L. – See report.

Dave S. How soon will report be available? Concerned about the inflammatory language, the zonal forum seems to be antagonistic against the fellowship assembly. Are we supporting this and what is our purpose? To access information, there is division in the fellowship regarding the USFA and the service structure proposal. These statements that came directly from RDs and RDAs at the forum.

Mike Request of funds under request for disbursement in the report in the amount of \$1,000.00 plus registration fees. Reimbursements for NEZF original request \$870.50, actual \$917.48.

Discussion ensued regarding the intent and purpose of the USFA. Dave S., Buffalo RCM, asked the RD his opinion on the USFA and service structure proposal. It is his opinion that it is not in the spirit of unity and would prefer not to attend and save the Region money.

**RD Alt Report** – Stephen D. – See report.

Bob B. the NEZF was not supposed to host at the same times and dates of Conventions. There was no waiver but it was recognized as a mistake.

**Break - Reopened meeting with SP at 2:45pm**

**Sub-Committees**

**H&I Chair** – Ed B. – See report. What happened to Attica issue? Ed B. has tried to contact Rochester with no success. Members of H&I are not willing to go to Attica but there is a gentleman that will continue to take books into Attica. A letter arrived from Groveland Correctional Facility requesting Basic Texts. Seeing as we just received 28 free books it seems fitting that they be sent to Groveland. This will be discussed under New Business.

**PI Chair** – Vacant.

**Activities** – Vacant

**Policy** – Dave M. – See report.

**Literature Chair** – Bob B. – See report. No questions.

**Website** – Michael B. – No report. Had to leave early.

**Convention** – Earlie H. – See report.

Speaker Jam on September 10<sup>th</sup>. There was not a lot of advertisement.

How much is left from speaker funds? The money was for air fare, rooms, etc.

Banquets are guaranteed at 50 but we can add more. In order to hear the entertainment, people have to purchase a banquet ticket.

Requesting \$1000.00, the money needed is questioned by Buffalo RCM. The \$1,000.00 includes airline ticket, seed money for events, hospitality room (no budget received yet) and unseen events. The Convention committee started with \$1,000.00, requested \$2,500 and now requesting \$1,000.00 more. This is partly due to lack of ability to do fundraising because of the late start. Where is the money from the registrations already sold? This money can be used as seed money. The expenses have already been allocated to other things.

The Convention was able to negotiate the banquets to 50 and the room prices. The room sales are 31 rooms as of 8/18. For every 50 rooms, there will be a complimentary room which will be for the speakers.

### **ASC Reports**

**Buffalo ASC** – Dave S. – See report. Regarding increase of rent at Buff State, other members had heard that it is \$400.00 a semester. The Area decided to pay, has this been brought up that it should go back to the homegroups. The understanding is that the homegroups were comfortable with the decision. One member (who's homegroup is Mustard Seed) felt that it was misuse of NA funds and cannot justify spending that amount on a facility. Who made the decision? The Area are satisfied right now but do not have a place to meet, it is justified because of the size and parking and ability for subcommittees to meet. Someone is supposed to talk to the school to try to negotiate. The homegroups need to address this issue and it should be brought back to homegroups. This is an Area issue.

**CAMNA ASC** – Dave M. – See report. Are activities on the website? They will be sent to the Web Servant.

**Chautauqua ASC** – Smitty – not in attendance, report read by Ed B. See report. The Area will not be able to travelling to Regional meetings. They will continue to send reports to Region and take information from Region off the website. They are still recognized as a body of the Region. They will not be counted in the quorum if they lose their voting rights by missing consecutive meetings.

**Ni-O ASC** – James H – See report. Donation of \$121.00 The RD asked if the Area will be requesting a Learning day regarding the service structure proposal. This was brought up at Area but nothing was decided.

**Niagara Falls ASC** – Amelia – Not in attendance, no report.

### **Old Business –**

### **New Business**

RCM for new NEWNY Area would like to be recognized by the Region.

Convention requesting 10 books received from FL Area. The letter clearly stated that the books were for H&I. A member from Groveland facility is requesting Basic Texts. Ed B. would like to take some of the books to Attica and Wende and Erie County Holding Center. We will send 4 to the facility in Groveland and then split up the rest throughout our facilities and Areas (Erie County, Wyoming County, CAMNA, Salvation Army

Nominations & Elections – See section on Nominations & Elections

Motion to give Convention the requested \$1000.00 seed money, 5 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstain, motion passed.

\$1050.00 requested for budgeted NEZF trip plus registration to MERL

Send the RD and RDA to Tulsa, not necessary or prudent.

Reimbursement of \$46.98 requested for difference of requested funds and actual expenses. This does not need approval but is requested.

Rent for facility 20.00

Opening Balance: \$3,219.91

Income – \$121.00

Expenses – \$2,116.98

Closing Balance: \$1,223.93

**Motion to close, 2nded and passed at 4:37pm**

**Guideline review report:**

We met from 11:00-12:00 noon just before the regular regional meeting. There were 5 people in attendance.

We made great progress working some touchy areas.

Our next meeting will be held an hour before our next regional meeting, at 11:00am in the new CAMNA Area on November 19th 2011.

In Service  
Dave M.

**H&I Report**

There is nothing new to report this meeting. Will continue to try to coordinate with the area H&I chairs for a meeting to try and make sure that we are working in cooperation with each other to provide services to those requesting them. I'm asking the RCM'S to have their area H&I chairs to send me an email letting me know when their area H&I meets and where. I will try to attend those meetings to address any concerns or problems they may or may not be having and to offer regional support.

In Loving Service,

Ed B.  
WNYRSCNA H&I Chair

**Web site report**

Hello family:

I have been limited to the amount of time spent on the website due to storm restoration for the recent Hurricane in NYC area and flood in the Binghamton Area. The WNY regional web site continues to be up and running. Minuets from the last meeting have been posted. Updates have been made. If you have any information your area needs posted to the site please contact me.

The regional web site domain name (NAWNY.ORG) expires January 30, 2012 and Website hosting company X7 Hosting expires January 19, 2011. I will pay at the end of the year and request reimbursement at the January 2012 meeting.

In loving service,  
Michael B.  
Web site committee

## **Chautauqua Area Regional Report**

First off I would like to apologize for not being able to attend the last several regional meetings. I have been unable to attend due to life on life's terms and transportation problems. Also because of the transportation issues I will not be attending this meeting also. Our area has had to make some decisions due to these problems and we will no longer be traveling to region. What our area has decided is instead of our RCM to travel to region, the RCM will send a regional report to region to keep the information flow there. Also the RCM will be writing a report from the minutes off of our regional website to our area in the opposite months of region to keep us up to date with region. This will be something new for us but hopefully it will open some doors and possibilities. Our area has had problems trying to get new RCM's and RCM Alt. due to us being so small and lack of members with transportation. So hopefully this will open the RCM position up to anybody who has wanted to serve in the past that was unable to because of transportation problems. I will have more information on our decision at the next regional meeting.

Our area is starting to grow in members who are willing to serve at home groups and at area service. The subcommittees are running well and we now have an H&I chair. I also would like that our literature committee has been able to get a stable inventory for our area and is prospering. Our activities committee is running well and is putting on an end of the summer picnic Sunday September 18th 1-4 and it is 3\$ a person and 5\$ a couple. Also we have had a new meeting start in Casadaga that's at 8:00 till 9:30 at the T.L.C facility in Casadaga.

I would like to thank region for all the experience and knowledge it has giving me in the past several years and I look forward to being at region again. If you have any issues or concerns with the decision we have made please send me an email or call me. Our areas ending treasures balance was \$408.66 and that's including our prudent reserve.

In loving service  
Smitty

TO: IUNYRSCNA

FROM: NEWNYANA

DATE: September 17, 2011

RE: SEATING OF NEW AREA.

As the RCM for the  
NORTH EAST WESTERN NEW YORK AREA  
of Narcotics Anonymous, I hereby  
Announce our membership in this  
Region. We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
at 6pm on Maple Road. Feel free  
to contact me with any questions.

Susan M

NEWNYNA RCM

9/17/11

Buffalo Area RCM Report

Aug. Area Mtg - Treasurer, vice treasurer  
not present

~~July closing~~  
~~August opening~~ balance : \$ 1088.13 / records  
show should be  
1134.78

In July: Treasurer requested  
Stacy Cannon to do audit  
difference of \$ 25.40

Don S. - Vice Chair  
Henk S. - nominated for RITW chair

\$ 800 paid of restitution for P+I theft  
( \$ 800 to go )  
\$ 960 - pd in total.

Rent of Area @ Buffalo State increased  
from \$ 25 → \$ 50

Mustard Seed's Mat went to \$ 400/mo.  
They are moving, now at Seneca  
+ Imison

looking for new location

August:  
opening bid: \$ 1088.13

donations  
rec'd: 322.76

total \$ 1410.89

less expenses: \$ 650  
- phone/line  
- #1  
- Act.  
- PI  
\$ 760.89

PI working w/ artist to design new  
signs & distribute them widely

In long service  
Dance  
Buffalo RCM

Sept 17, 2011

Camino Area est. March 2009

Couple other groups from other Area have split Camino

Couple of new groups / <sup>some</sup> group <sup>new</sup> to reg.

Some groups have moved locations

Upcoming events Oct - Nov - New Years

New meeting schedules for Sept meetings

Lit. office to world will be in the Area

HE in County Jail McKean - Potter

Looking at 61K co next

Phone line open and getting calls

Capita of WNV Region Convention will be a Area

Traffic - end of 16/14. Lit needs to

Deposit and order

Key

about 300 miles

## RCM - Report N.I.O AREA

Hello fellow committee members  
I have recently be voted to this position which I am truly grateful for. I no. region is running well new ideas and consistent participation has the area running well. We recently held elections for area service positions which were filled including RCM alt and H.F chair. We will be voting and appointing people to these positions next month. We are bringing a 121.00 dollar donation to the region. The funds were the result of ticket sales for a event that never took place. The money was then returned to some people and the rest was left for donation. The N.I.O area felt since this money was donated from people all over the region, it should be returned to the region.

In Loving Service

To: WNYRSCNA

From: Susan M, Treasurer.

Date: September 17, 2011

Re: TREASURER POSITION

As I was expecting to be relieved of my duties as Treasurer for this Committee, I have taken a position as the RCM for the newly SEATED NEWNY Area. I have given the Check Book to Melanie, Committee Secretary, & will present Archives at next meeting.

My Mother died this week, & I am unable to attend today's

Meeting. Thank you for the  
opportunity to serve this  
Committee.

Sean M.

WNYRCNA Conv. Comm.  
Regional Mtg  
SAT. SEPT. 17, 2011

EARLIE H; IVAN C; CRYSTAL M,

Everything going well as expected

Signed Contract w/ Adams Mart  
Hotel - 27 July 2011 - Wednesday;

Had 2 Fundraisers 1) Taster of  
NA - 31 July - Hyde Park - N.F.  
2) Speaker Jam - Lockport \$841.00  
Sept 10, 2011 - 726.50

Conv. Comm - Opening BAL. \$1,631.80

Expenditures

250.<sup>00</sup> ~~250~~ F/E

600.<sup>00</sup> - INS.

207.<sup>00</sup> - BANNER

319.<sup>25</sup> - Proc. (Literature.)

Reg: 133 REGISTERED

~~4~~ Conv. Conv. Speakers (4)

Has been selected:

Opening - Willie T. Bfb.

Mid-Day (Sat.) - Alandora B.

Banquet - Tony G.

Closed - Sherman L.

3 of 4 air fares has been  
taken care of ~~\$~~ for Speakers!

Two more fundraisers planned

1) <sup>SAT.</sup> Oct 10, Dinner & Dance  
3 Doat St.

2) Thurs: 10/20/11 - Pre Convention  
Event - Play - The Big  
Adams Mark Hotel

7:30 PM  
Cost \$ 10.00

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We need <sup>to</sup> select menu for  
banquet

Disc - jockey has been  
approved for Convention wknd.  
Hammerstone Productions  
\$500.00

\$4.0 party Band - signed Contract  
for \$450.00 - Banquet Entertainment

Registration / ~~March~~ Comm. will  
set up table @ Home Show - N. Falls  
Next Conv. Comm Mtg: 17 Sept. 2011  
822 Cleveland Ave.  
THURS: Sept. 22, 2011 - 6:30 pm 6:00 pm  
3 Doat St.

Conv. Comm. will BE REQUESTING  
\$1,000.00 FAITHFULLY SUBMITTED  
EARLIE H.  
WNYRCNA Conv. Comm  
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