

## WNYRSCNA Minutes 5-20-2017

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- I. Open Meeting @ 12:18 p.m.
- a. MOS
  - b. SP
  - c. Reading of page XVI Basic Text Edition 5 (Edition 6 page XVIII)
  - d. 12 Traditions/12 Concepts
- II. Roll
- a. AREAS
    - i. Buffalo present \_\_\_ absent X late \_\_\_
    - ii. CAMNA present X absent \_\_\_ late \_\_\_
    - iii. Niagara Falls present X absent \_\_\_ late \_\_\_
    - iv. NIO present X absent \_\_\_ late \_\_\_
    - v. Northeast WNY present X absent \_\_\_ late \_\_\_
    - vi. NAMANA present X absent \_\_\_ late \_\_\_
  - b. Executive Committee
    - i. Chair present \_\_\_ absent X late \_\_\_ open \_\_\_
    - ii. Vice Chair present X absent \_\_\_ late \_\_\_ open \_\_\_
    - iii. Secretary present X absent \_\_\_ late \_\_\_ open \_\_\_
    - iv. Treasurer present \_\_\_ absent \_\_\_ late X open \_\_\_
    - v. RD present X absent \_\_\_ late \_\_\_ open \_\_\_
    - vi. RDA present X absent \_\_\_ late \_\_\_ open \_\_\_
  - c. Subcommittees
    - i. Activities present \_\_\_ absent \_\_\_ late \_\_\_ open X
    - ii. Convention present X absent \_\_\_ late \_\_\_ open \_\_\_
    - iii. H & I present X absent \_\_\_ late \_\_\_ open \_\_\_
    - iv. PR present X absent \_\_\_ late \_\_\_ open \_\_\_
    - v. Literature present X absent \_\_\_ late \_\_\_ open \_\_\_
    - vi. WEB present \_\_\_ absent EXC late \_\_\_ open \_\_\_

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- III. Establish Quorum Yes X No
- IV. Next Meeting Location: 750 Wehrle Dr. Cheektowaga NY, 14225 Sat July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ noon. Convention Guideline meeting @ 11.
- V. Mail Distribution: Mail distributed.
- VI. Review Previous Meeting Minutes  
a. Approval with Corrections   X
- VII. Reports  
a. Executive Committee  
    i. Opening Treasurer's Report including opening balance  
        1. Opening Balance: \$2,659.43  
        2. HG's need to be registered with World Services  
    ii. Chair  
        1. No report.  
    iii. Vice Chair  
        1. Read report (submitted electronically)  
        2. Transferring web committee into a standing committee. Created a rough draft of Chairperson guidelines that is revisable. This was emailed out to the members.  
    iv. Secretary  
        1. No report  
    v. RDA  
        1. Report submitted together with RD  
        2. Returning \$61.29  
    vi. RD  
        1. Read report (submitted electronically to web servant April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017)  
        2. Attended NEZF held April 28-30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Discussion of NEZF and experience. Topics include social media usage, guideline approval, unapproved NA literature and starting time.  
        3. NJ will be hosting the next ZONE meeting October 27-29, 2017.  
        4. Will attend the MERLE (learning day) December 17-18, 2017. The next CARR report will be given during this learning day.  
            a. To use NA funds appropriately and MARLCNA in February, will it be beneficial to attend both MERLE and MARLCNA? A

recommendation would be to choose which one of the two that should be attended.

b. Area RCMs

- i. Buffalo – RCM Valadina - absent
  1. No written report
  2. Donation of \$750
- ii. CAMNA – Area Chair Darlene
  1. Read report
  2. Donation of \$100
  3. Full functioning executive body, switched bank and approximately \$400 in literature
  4. We do recover picnic @ Mitchell Park in Coudersport, PA May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  5. Freedom Celebration Picnic @ Sizerville State Park, PA July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Pavillion 2.
- iii. N.F. – RCM Neil H
  1. Read report
  2. Donation of \$100
  3. Women’s speaker jam today, Upcoming Father’s Day speaker jam in June
- iv. NIO – RCM Ronnie B
  1. Read report
  2. No Donation – refreshments for meeting today
  3. Activities position is vacant and Vice Chair of the area has stepped up to fill the position.
- v. NEWNY – RCM Susan M
  1. Read report (submitted electronically)
  2. Donation of \$70
  3. Convention Committee Fundraiser event June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Seneca and Harlem
- vi. NAMANA – RCM Steve G.
  1. Read report
  2. Donation of \$594.30

3. Approximately \$700 in literature, literature split evenly when two areas split up

c. Subcommittees

i. Activities-Open

ii. Convention – Earlie H

1. Emergency meeting via phone conference about a hotel proposal and contract. Minutes from the phone conference were posted on the website. \$109 room rental, fee for sound, fee to hang banners, and tickets will be \$40 which includes a plated sit-down meal with choice of beef, salmon, or chicken. The banquet ticket needs to be purchased by Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. Mention WNY group of NA when you register. We will not be supplying coffee. The comedian in mind was not able to be negotiated.
2. Closing balance \$2886.40, One event since the last meeting so we currently have a balance of \$3720.40. \$1192 will need to go back to the secretary of the committee for the t-shirts (100 t-shirts were ordered with decided upon logo). The function in CAMNA in March made a profit of \$654.32. The function in Olean, NY with a tag your it speaker jam raised a total of \$723.09. The committee is also auctioning off memorabilia from previous conventions to fundraise. The fundraiser chair is currently open.
3. The next convention meeting is at 66 Anglewood May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:00pm. A family feud of the basic text event will follow at 6:00pm.
4. Brought a copy of the signed contract with the Hyatt to the Double Tree hotel to match the contract for the 2018 convention. The hotel has 192 rooms available and will have information available by next week.
5. Spoke to Greg and will meet to close the bank account and return the funds (~\$318) to the regional bank account. The checks from the closed bank account were turned over to the treasurer to be destroyed.

iii. H & I – Erik J.

1. Read report
2. Possible H&I learning day for all treatment centers in the region

- iv. PR – Jim L
  - 1. No report
- v. Literature – Isaiah
  - 1. No report
- vi. WEB – Absent with valid excuse
  - 1. No report
- vii. Convention Guidelines
  - 1. Effective communications need to be in place because members were here at 11am and did not know that there would be no meeting

VIII. Nominations/Elections

Elections: NONE

Nominations: Activities, Treasurer - NONE

IX. Old Business

- a. Michael B. still needs to report on the following - will contact removed secretary and request thumb drive and disbursed funds. Was given \$50 for supplies. Need to get supplies or funds back. **Tabled until next month.**
- b. Motion made by Jim L. that reads “To change the website ad hoc committee of WNYRSCNA to a standing subcommittee of said body.” The rationale is “to advance the spiritual principle of rotation. Since the original assignment of the ad hoc committee has been successfully achieved. It is time to dissolve the ad hoc committee and establish the standing subcommittee.” The policy change affected is the “regional by-laws Article IV addition to the by-laws.” Seconded by Earlie H. The motion was approved to bring back to the areas. **Vote – Unanimous. The website is now an official standing subcommittee.**
- c. Discussion specific to subcommittees that are consistently vacant. A few of them that were discussed are H&I, Activities, PR, and Literature. Request to bring this information back to your areas to offer an input regarding area conscience. Repetitive theme of the Activities committee being redundant and unnecessary and possibly being turned into an Ad hoc committee when necessary. To be discussed further next meeting.
- d. WSO donation – no donation today. We should wait at least until September to discuss a WSO donation.

- e. Storage Unit will be moving to a larger location with pallets.
- X. New Business
  - a. Any requests for Disbursements
    - i. Rent - \$30
    - ii. Insurance and checks - \$568.95 to Ed B.
    - iii. Additional PO box key - \$9 to Jim L.
  - b. Convention Mailbox – Closed. The mailbox was merged into one PO box. The convention committee will begin to use the regional mailbox. Jim L had an extra key made and gave it to Ed B. We should allow Jim L the authority to open the mail if he notices something that needs immediate recognition. No one opposed to giving him this authority, thus Jim L will be given permission to open the mail as deemed fit. Should we eliminate the \$2 monthly fee for a paper bank statement? Vote – 5 Yes, 3 No: Paper statements can be eliminated.
  - c. Donations from non-members – 7 checks were received from various non-members for different amounts. This is an outside issue and unless the check specifically acknowledges the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition we cannot accept the donation. Susan volunteered to write up a letter to thank the non-members and let them know that we cannot accept their donations. She requested to have the chair or another member proof read the letter prior to sending it out.
- XI. Closing Treasurer’s Report
  - a. OB: \$2,659
  - b. Income total: \$1,614.33
  - c. Disbursements total: \$607.95
  - d. CB: \$4,011.19
- XII. Motion to approve minutes.
- XIII. Motion to Close
  
- XIV. Close @ 4:53pm