

WNYRSCNA MEETING MINUTES

5-21-2016

I. Meeting opened at 12:22pm with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer. The service

Prayer was read. The 12 Traditions read by Jim L. and 12 Concepts read by Darlene M.

II. Roll

a. AREAS

I. Buffalo	present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	(alternate)
II. CAMNA	present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	
III. Chautt-Catt	present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	
IV. NEWNY	present	<input type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	
V. NIO	present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	
VI. NF	present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	

b. Executive Committee

I. Chair	present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	open	<input type="checkbox"/>
II. Vice Chair	present	<input type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
III. Secretary	present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	open	<input type="checkbox"/>
IV. Treasurer	present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	open	<input type="checkbox"/>
V. RD	present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	open	<input type="checkbox"/>
VI. RDA	present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	open	<input type="checkbox"/>

c. Subcommittees

I. Activities	present	<input type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
II. Convention	present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	open	<input type="checkbox"/>
III. H&I	present	<input type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	open	<input type="checkbox"/>
IV. PR	present	<input type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
V. Literature	present	<input type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VI. WEB	present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	late	<input type="checkbox"/>	open	<input type="checkbox"/>

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III. Established Quorum Yes X No ___

IV. Next meeting time and location – July 16, 2016 in Niagara Falls at 822 Cleveland Ave. @ 12:00pm.

V. Mail – Distributed

VI. Meeting minutes accepted with several corrections

VII. Reports

a. Executive Committee

I. Treasurer - \$3622.91, Concurs with bank statement. He reports filing 990.

II. RDA – Attended WSC from April 23-30th. The atmosphere was not as charged and adversarial as it had been in the past. Questions seemed to be geared toward progressing forward, working together. There was a separation of myself and the RD in order to maximize information, at least that was the intent, much of the information was the same. The RD and I thought there were opportunities for more effective facilitations. One observation during Breakout sessions, which on the whole was a good session, is that these sessions needed to be more effective in order to get as much valuable information as possible. There was also a presentation on the history of Narcotics Anonymous. During the second day the electronic voting systems were tested. There has always been issues with accuracy during voting, and the new process is proving difficult for delegates to negotiate. On the first afternoon, there a terrible workshop in which the facilitators weren't clear with their instructions, impatient, yelled to get our attention and rushed through the process coming to the end of the time allotted. The second afternoon session was better and relatively uneventful. After the third afternoon session, without World Board members or NAWS staff facilitating, our breakout proved to be awesome and valuable. There were areas of progress on some proposals and brick walls on others during straw polling. All results will be posted along with other information.

Q. (WEB) What are the requested seats besides the Americas? A. one outside Turkey. Q. (WEB) Is there product of multiple online translations? A. No, it's not feasible at this time. The Zonal Model outside of the USA is more defined, functional and efficient. The production and distribution of hard copy literature in other languages is difficult because translation is subjective. RD stated that this information does not translate easily because of NA language. Why not get NA interpretation in languages that would be understood by other members outside of the USA.

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Convention Chair motioned to change the order of business. Motion was agreed by all.

III. Convention – The next event will be held on May 28, 2016 on Swan St. I'm submitting a list of names of speakers given by Programming, for approval by this Committee. The contract has been signed with a \$1500 deposit. We have a balance of \$1700. A payment will be made in June. I have pre-convention, long sleeve shirts for sale for \$15ea. Registration is going slowly. Rooms will be available on Thursday October 27th for \$99 plus tax. Friday and Saturday rate is \$119 plus tax. Looking to get more information from Byblo's to get a better understanding of costs of banquet.

Q. (Bflo RD) what is the ending balance? A. \$6662.60. Q. (Bflo RD) what is the projection of banquet ticket sales? A. unknown as of yet. Q. (Bflo RD) can hospitality bring in coffee? A. Yes. But no hot foods. Q. (Bflo RCM alt) Cost for Newcomers counted? A. Yes. Q. How many indigent packages? A. 15-20. Questions regarding submitted speakers. Q. Why these particular speakers? A. For diversity. Q. When is the last date for tape submission? A. July 31st. Q. Is there any help needed from this body? A. No, the help that was given regarding hotel contract was helpful. Thank you. Everything else is running smoothly.

Suggestion, give new events to WEB.

IV. RD - The preceding was for the purpose of gaining input, so that the home groups and individual members of the Fellowship of the region of Western New York could, if they wanted, participate in the review, discussion, and presentation of their conscience concerning the WSC 2016 CAR/CAT. RCM's continue to spread the word of the aforementioned documents and the participation desired from the Fellowship. Tally sheets gathered this cycle still confirm Western New York as a region that wants to be part of the process. Out of 210 HG's, 65 (30%) has submitted their conscience. This is an 18% decrease from the 2014 WSC. The ability to travel to all WNY Region's Areas service meetings, to gather tallies, was not as it had been in 2014. Which limited the ability to get as many HG conscience's as possible. This may account for the decrease. In order to improve participation, it is suggested that a series of CAR/CAT presentation be done at Area service meetings. Progression will happen with/without us. It would be beneficial to us to have a better functioning body

V. Secretary – Most of the \$50 put on the FED-EX has been used. Printing was done to provide Minutes, because of the delay of sending by email. Agendas, meeting lists etc. were also printed. The receipts were forgotten at home, but they will be available at the next meeting. Requesting \$50 to refill card. Will look into printing on a printer at 3 Doat and copying at the fellowship's common copying machine.

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b. Areas

- I. Buffalo – Secretary was elected. Insurance will be purchased. Report will be emailed. Regarding storage; Larkin is unwilling to provide storage. Storage of sub-committees and Region should have easy access, be fire and weather proof and be available for a long period of time.
- II. CAMNA – Report was to be emailed. As of this date it has not been received.
- III. Chautt-Catt – Our PI chair has resigned. We've gained a new HG named the Experience, Strength, and Hope. It meets Monday and Thursday at 31 Water St. in Jamestown, 2-3pm. We are donating \$349.38 to Region. Our Areas position on Liability insurance is that addicts may take advantage.
- IV. NF – We are doing badly. We've had 1 meeting and no quorum established. Money is not being efficiently used. We are holding onto unusable material. Donation will be given after the Steering Committee's audit. Phone line is receiving more calls from family member of addicts vs addicts themselves. Q (NF) How do we trade old literature for cash? A. WSO free states when purchased from free states.
- V. NIO – Report was to be emailed. As of this date it has not been received. Q. Why is the Basic Text \$.45 more? A. It accounts for shipping and freight costs. Suggesting was made to get literature from nearby Areas to decrease this cost.
- VI. NEWNY – Current Area balance is \$13. I was unable to attend today's meeting because I'm out of the country. Phone line yielded 1 call. ASC meets every second Thursday at 5:30pm at West Seneca Wegmans.

c. Sub-committees

- I. Activities – Open
- II. H&I – Reported that the report was sent. As of this date it has not been received.
- III. PR – Open
- IV. Literature – Open
- V. WEB – The web site continues to be up and running. Contact us if your area needs postings on the site. There is a fillable form for BMLT meeting changes. You can fill out the form save and send to

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webservant@nawny.org or print and submit at the next Regional meeting.

VIII. Nominations and Voting

Vice Chair – Dave Manning voted in with unanimous yeas

Activities – Open

PR – Open

IX. Old Business

- a. Insurance will cover Conventions, All Meeting and events. With the exception of horseback riding event or any event lasting more than 3 days. Roll over with invoice completion possible rider for events lasting more than 3 days etc. Added or Covered events that were specified: dances Policy effective until May 12, 2017. Statement was made that many lawsuits may impact NA fellowship. Active HG's should register with wso.com. Region covered by Officers and Directors quote to come. Check to be approved.

Motion by WEB to approve and pay rent annually: Mutual voice agreement

X. New Business

- a. Requests for disbursements
 - i. Rent - \$30
 - ii. \$50 for printing card
- b. Electronic storage – tabled
- c. Get printing and copying info via Bflo RCM alt/Secretary
- d. WSO – Up coming

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XI. Closing Treasurer's Report:

Donations:

CAMNA.....	\$92
Hope on Hertel.....	\$100
CORFU.....	\$218
Chautauqua.....	\$349.38
Mustard Seed.....	\$107

Return of Funds:

MARLCNA.....	\$33
WSC.....	\$372

Total Income:..... \$1271.38

Disbursements:..... \$1080

Free Methodist Church	\$30
WSO.....	\$1000
Secretary.....	\$50

Closing Balance.....\$3814.29

XII. Motion to Close

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