

WNYRCNA Minutes 5/21/11

Chair opened the meeting at 12:36pm with the SP.

12 Concepts read by Dave S.

12 Traditions read by Ed B.

Roll Call – Vice-Chair not in attendance, no one has heard from him. He has missed two meetings but replied to the secretary's email. We need to contact him. Nio ASC and Niagara Falls ASC not in attendance. Earlie H. cannot represent Convention and ASC. He can give check and report but cannot count for ASC vote. No quorum established. We can conduct business but cannot vote.

Next Meeting – Next meeting will be held at 750 Wehrle Drive on July 16, 2011.

Opening Balance – \$6,261.88

Mailbox – Mail distributed from PO Box.

Minutes – Motion made to waive the reading of the minutes. A friendly amendment was made to read only the Regional business portions of the minutes. The motion passed with 9 for, 1 opposed, 0 abstains. Dwight S. read the minutes. Correction was made to minutes under New Business. The RD Alt did not miss two meetings. The RD Alt stated that he also sent a report. The secretary did receive an email stating that a report would be forthcoming but did not receive a report. The minutes should also read that Convention committee was **not** able to come together to change the account signatories.

Nominations & Elections

Chair – open in May. Areas please bring back to the groups.

Vice-Chair – open in May. Areas please bring back to the groups.

Public Information – Open – no nominations – Areas please bring back to the groups.

Webservant – This is an adhoc and appointed so this is not open at this time.

Activities – Open – John M. withdrew his nomination by email. John W. nominated by Steve D. He will fill out the resume and read it at the next meeting due to lack of quorum. The position is still open until next meeting and then will be closed at that meeting. Election will be held in four months.

Treasurer – Open – Dan R. nominated

Executive Committee Reports

RD Report – Jim L. - See report. Question about the US Assembly in Ohio in October. This is not a required commitment but the RD strongly recommends discussing sending representatives. Larger reports are available in PDF format. The RSC will meet before the next . Stipend is for food

RD Alt Report – Stephen D. – Provided \$180.00 for expenses. \$45.29 returned with itemized report of expenses.

Secretary – Melanie R. – No report.

Literature Chair – Bob B. – See report. Cost of literature is increasing except for the Basic Text. The Approval Draft for Living Clean The Journey Continues is being sold for \$8.50. They are available online at World. People can attend the workshop through skype. Friday input and review sessions in Lockport are still going over the proposal. Web Chair will add Friday review to the front page of website. Does the RSC want to purchase approval drafts? Is there a link to the draft that can posted on the website? This has to be purchased.

Chair Report – Richard P. – No report

Vice-Chair Report – Ken P. - No report

Sub-Committees

H&I Chair – Ed B. – See report. The Buffalo ASC is not willing to go Attica. Will contact Rochester and see if they can reach out. Attica falls under our Region not Rochester. Ni-O H&I may be willing to go.

PI Chair – Vacant.

Activities – Vacant

Policy – Dave M. – See report. Met with Susan M. and Ed B. and made some changes. Will connect with Melanie R. to update the draft. Next meeting will be at 11am in Buffalo.

Website – Michael B. – See report. RD & RD Alt reports. All reports and minutes should be provided in PDF format. Discussion ensued regarding a retention policy and minutes for the website. We will not go back any further but will move forward in deidentifying minutes and putting minutes in PDF format.

Break - Reopened meeting with SP at 2:45pm

The Chair spoke to Vice-Chair during break

Convention – Earlie H. – See report. Report is being emailed to secretary. The balance of the WNYRCNA account is \$1060.60. Signatories have now been changed on the account. Fundraising events are listed in the Convention committee minutes with one change for the Taste of NA.

Hotels narrowed down to Millenium, Hyatt and Adam's Mark. The Hyatt will restrict times to midnight due to other events and would not allow refreshments at Convention center. They would sell refreshments and give us a percentage off of rooms. Adams' Mark would enforce a \$10 a day parking fee for people not staying in the hotel.

Will the registration forms ask for email addresses to lower mailing costs? Yes. Why was the Millenium not considered? They were asking for \$139.00 rooms and no refreshments allowed. What was the cost for Hyatt rooms? The Hyatt rooms will be \$99 per night. Was the Grand Island location not even considered? The Grand Island hotel was not considered because they are changing owners. Should we consider using the Convention Center and hotels separately? The committee will investigate this option. Did we check other hotels near the airport and the Galleria Mall? No. The RSC should receive 3 contracts to review. What date are we looking at for the Convention? The first week of November is when the Hyatt is available. This is outside of the season and prices should be lower. Also, we need to

try to use our insurance policy twice so it would need to be used before the first week of October. The RSC asked the Convention to have it earlier to draw people to the attractions. Parking downtown will be an issue regardless of the location because there is no free parking. The Convention Center in Buffalo will not allow us in on Sunday so is this a viable option? The Convention committee has to reconsider everything. Can we form an adhoc to look other hotel options? That is a good idea. We do not want to compete with RIW. This is a different type of event and we need to take advantage of the season.

Can Earlie H. get the dates for the insurance policy? Robert will get the information.

ASC Reports

Buffalo ASC – Dave S. – See report. 3rd Saturday will be Buffalo ASC Activity Day. Does RIW Activities have events on 2nd Saturday? The ASC rep had heard this also but cannot confirm. Does the ASC rep have any information on Public Information regarding the \$1500 that is missing? No information, did not know about it. The bowling event time changed due to a time conflict. Will people be reimbursed if they cannot attend now? The ASC rep does not have this information. The Buffalo ASC event would like the RD to speak at the ASC in June about the new service structure proposals. The Area will contact the RD.

Chautauqua ASC – Smitty – not in attendance, no report.

Ni-O ASC – Jeff S. – not in attendance, report sent with Steve D., RD Alt. No questions.

Niagara Falls ASC – Amelia – Not in attendance, report sent with Earlie H., Convention Chair. The Area is submitting a check for \$100.00.

Old Business –

Third event for RD – In the past we have sent reps to unbudgeted events. This seems necessary especially because of the changes taking place. The RD recommends this if there is money available. This is not until October so we have time to consider the availability of costs. This will be tabled t

RD Alt – Steve was not contacted by the Vice-Chair and no one told him that there was an issue. As addressed earlier and corrected in the minutes, the RD Alt did not miss two meetings. There is no issue with the work schedule.

WNYRCNA seed money – tabled until next meeting due to lack of quorum. The Convention Committee has money in the bank and there are no contracts to consider.

New Business

Rent check for \$15.00 approved.

Starting a new area in WNY including Batavia. Genesee and Main streets from Downtown Buffalo to Batavia. First meeting will be 6/6/10 at 6pm.

Adhoc committee to find a hotel and date/time – How much help would an adhoc or standing committee help the Convention Committee? Tremendously! Several members will be available to help. Dan R. appointed adhoc Chair.

RD – Jim L. needs disbursement of \$225 in order to book hotel ahead of time. The committee has the money now to disburse the entire \$1050.50 at this time. This was approved to be written today as it is a budgeted expense and does not require a vote.

Should the Literature Chair purchase the Approval Drafts from his budget? Will there be a workshop? There is one held every Sunday. A check for \$50.00 was written for Literature Chair.

Opening Balance: \$6261.88

Income – \$495

Expenses – \$1115.50

Closing Balance: \$5641.38

Motion to close, 2nded and passed at 4:16pm

H&I Report

I have been continually looking to put together a committee of the area H&I chairs and any other H&I members who would like to participate in our Regional committee.

Judy Minnick, Director of Volunteer Services for the NYS prisons in WNY, would like members of H&I to bring our message into all of the jails in this region of the state. One possibility is a monthly H&I speaker presentation at the prisons that don't currently have weekly panel presentations. In a spirit of cooperation, we would need committed volunteers from each Area's H&I panel to fulfill this request. I am asking the RCM's to bring this information back to their H&I Chairs and ask them to contact me with the names of interested members. Don't forget, anyone can email with H&I business at handichair@nawny.org

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to be of service to our fellowship.

In Loving Service, Ed B.

Website Report

The WNY regional web site continues to be up and running. Minuets from the last meeting have been posted. Updates have been made as they become available. If you have any information your area needs posted to the site please contact me.

In loving service, Michael B.

Guideline Review Report

We met from 11:15-12:00 noon just before the regular regional meeting. There were about 3 people in attendance. We continued to go through the revised by-laws looking for problems and errors. We plan to do the same thing next meeting until we get through the entire set of changes.

Our next meeting will be held an hour before our next regional meeting, at 11:00am in Buffalo, NY on July 16th, 2011.

In Service, Dave M.

Buffalo Area R.C.M Report - May 21, 2011

Positions for all subcommittees are filled.

Buffalo Area requests that the R.D. please appear, if available, at next Buffalo Area Service Meeting on June 11 to explain to the GSR's the proposed new service proposals, their effect on our Area, and any other information that should be reported back to the Home Groups.

Also, Buffalo Area is having a Speaker Jam and Day of Learning on June 18. Would the R.D. be available that date to present a workshop?

March and April, 2011 minutes are attached.

Inventory will be taken at Buffalo Literature.

May opening balance:	\$706.44
Group donations	: 1,092.18
Total	<u>\$ 1,798.62</u>

Less expenses:	649.46
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Closing balance:	\$1,149.16
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Donation made of \$250.00 to Region

Area activities will be the third Saturday of each month. Schedule ~~will be provided.~~

No other concerns

In loving service,

Dave S. - RCM

6/18 Speaker Jam + Dance
781 Maple
noon - 11 pm + 2nd

7/16 Chestnut Ridge
Recovery Party
10:00 am → ??
~~free~~ free

Motion

To waive the reading of the minutes with the intent of saving time since every one received minutes before the meeting. Seconded by Bob B.

Friendly Amendment to only read Regional Business.

9 For
1 Against
0 Abstain