

WNYRCNA Minutes 1/21/12

Jim L. opened the meeting at 12:35pm with the SP.

Basic Text Prayer read by Mike B.

12 Concepts read by Ivan C.

12 Traditions read by Amelia L.

Roll Call – Buffalo RCM will be late, CAMNA will not be present due to weather and will send a report. Literature Chair will not be in attendance. Quorum established and confirmed by Secretary.

Mailbox – Post Office will not hold onto anything that is large. A package from NAWS was returned. Letter from Jamestown directed to the Region, a donation from the Chautauqua Area \$626.00 and a request for the receipt. Two bank statements from Citizen's Bank dated 11/14/11 and 12/13/11. Convention flyers from various regions were distributed.

Next Meeting – Ni-O Area hosting on March 17, 2012, location to be determined and will be emailed to the secretary.

Minutes – Minutes approved with corrections, motion to accept by Earlie H., Mark H. 2nded, and motion passed.

The statement that the resume and questions must be asked at the time of nominations was questioned. This needs to be done before the elections. The Areas need this information before elections to bring back to home groups to make decisions. This was a situation in which a position was open and not filled. At the time of voting, it was discovered that the resume and questions were not completed. The committee had to wait until the next business meeting in order to bring the information back to the groups.

A question arose as to the accuracy of the treasury balance. The closing balance at the end of the last meeting should have been \$7,203.42, several committee members had this figure in their notes. As the minutes stated, the secretary did not receive a treasurer's report, as a result, the calculations for expenses were incorrect. There was a check cut for MRLCNA in the amount of \$1,000.00. The closing balance per the bank statement is \$7,249.42. The bank statements must be reconciled by the Treasurer to find the discrepancy in balances.

Opening Balance – \$7,249.42

Executive Committee Reports

Chair Report – Open

Vice-Chair Report – Open

RD Report – Jim L. – See report. Reimbursement request is \$43.65 (includes PO Box renewal). The CAR will cost approximately \$550.00 to cover all the Areas (includes travel for possible workshops, 200 tally sheets, etc). The CAT will be available in February. Can we make the copies on the Convention printer? This is on legal size paper and is approximately 2000 pages to print. Can we email the tally sheets? It is

more fruitful to actually go to an Area, more tally sheets are collected. Can they be posted online? They will be emailed to the Secretary and they can be converted to PDF. An abstention is a nay vote for group conscience votes.

We need to ensure that all Areas are involved and get the conscience of the Areas to bring to World. The proposals have to do with Literature. The language appears to give World freedom to make 'non-substantial' changes to Literature without fellowship approval, including electronic literature.

RD Alt Report – Stephen D. – See report. A question arose around #4 that states that World can update electronic literature without approval. This is in regards to the electronic literature online. This will be discussed under NB. The motions are available to the committee to review.

Secretary – Melanie R. – Lost the receipt for the file system and purchased file folders.

ASC Reports

Buffalo ASC – Dave S. – See report. Wende Correctional needs women to support H&I. The Buffalo ASC is requesting support from Ni-O and Niagara Falls. Correction: it is the county jail and not as difficult to get approved. Contact Dave S. if interested. Question as to why the Area is holding \$2,000. The Area is concerned about meeting expenses as the donations have gone down and expenses remain the same. What is the value of the Literature stockpile? This is not known by the RCM. Has the Literature money been returned? To the RCM's knowledge, all restitution has been made including the money taken from PI.

CAMNA ASC – Dave M. – Not in attendance, emailed report to Website Chair.

Chautauqua ASC – Sent donation of \$626.00 and is requesting a receipt to be mailed back.

Niagara Falls ASC – Earlie H. – No written report. Rent is usually \$20.00. Fundraising is having an event today at 5pm.

Ni-O ASC – Mark H. – See report. A donation of \$

Sub-Committees

H&I Chair – Open –

PI Chair – Vacant

Activities – Vacant

Policy – Dave M. – See report. Will meet on 2/4 at 12pm at Dave's house, 9 Ravensbrook Ct., Williamsville.

Literature Chair – Bob B. – Absent and no written report. He passed on his apologies but due to a new job he was not able to attend.

Website – Michael B. – See report. Areas should check out the NY meeting website to see if we should invest time in including our information and keeping it updated. The Website Chair is frustrated with being the only person involved in the website maintenance. If something ever happened, no one would be able to step in. Susan M. would like to get involved and help. Mike B. would like to see someone from each Area involved in the website maintenance.

Convention – Earlie H. – worked on fiscal accountability report, has not been emailed yet. The committee owes an addit \$70.00 for two banquet tickets. He has not been reimbursed yet but it would affect the balance of the checking account. Where would the reimbursement come from, the RSC? We agreed to leave \$103.19. The funds could come from this money. Will be discussed under NB.

The Buffalo RCM expressed concern that the report was not completed to clear up the confusion with the Convention funds. The committee requests that the report be emailed to the Secretary as soon as possible. The check book is in his possession and will be turned over by Earlie. There was a report submitted at the last meeting. The Secretary did not receive a written report. The Chair clarified that there were changes that needed to be made and it was not turned in. This also needs to be emailed to the Secretary to Everything is been given to the newly elected Chair.

Nominations & Elections

Chair – Open

Vice-Chair – Amelia L. elected, the vote was unanimous, 3 in favor.

H&I – Open

PI – Open

Activities – Open

Convention – Ivan, 2 in favor, Crystal, 1 in favor. Ivan is elected Convention Chair.

Treasurer – Ed B. elected, the vote in unanimous, 3 in favor.

Old Business –

Bank account signatories – The coordination of meeting at the bank with all responsible parties needs to be made immediately. The Treasurer, Vice-Chair and the RD will be the signatories on the account. A question arose as to whether the Vice-Chair can be a signatory. It is not clear in the by-laws except that the Vice-Chair covers the Chair's responsibility in the Chair's absence. This will be addressed in the Policy meeting to be included in the revised by-laws. How will we pay expenses today (including rent)? The checks can be mailed after signatories are changed.

World donation – Some projected expenses are: \$2,000 was set aside for World Conference, Convention seed money in the amount \$2,500. The Zonal forum in June will be approximately \$1,200. CAR report tally sheets and travel expenses would be approximately \$500.00. This leaves a balance of approx. \$1,800. Discussion ensued regarding an amount. A suggestion was made to send the balance to World. This would leave us at nothing and would not be prudent. We do not have an established prudent reserve at this time. Discussion ensued regarding the expenses of travel and a suggestion was made to split the donation in two. Motion by Dave S. to send \$1,000 to World Service, seconded by Mark H., 10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Budgets were not submitted. The subcommittees are supposed to submit these in January. The Secretary, Website, Treasurer, RD and RD Alt have expenses.

New Business

Area issues, concerns and requests:

The NEWNY Area would like to be recognized by this Region. They are registered with World Service and have submitted meeting schedules. They have a phone line and are in the process of establishing other sub-committees. They are trying to fill positions and lean on the experience of more experienced addicts. In the process of creating by-laws and have been working with other Areas. ASC meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6pm at 781 Maple Road. They will follow Ni-O in the rotation.

The funds owed by the Convention should not fall under the new Convention committee. It falls on the Regional Committee to reimburse these funds. A motion was made to reimburse \$70.00 for the banquet tickets, 9 in favor, motion passed.

Convention balance clarification – DJ needs to be deducted \$47 from the \$103.19. The new balance is \$56.19.

Convention CDs – What do we do with them? Dave will keep them with the other tape and CD archives.

CAR Overview – RD expenses are covered by World. The RD Alt must be funded by the RSC. Reservations and arrangements must be made. Copies can be done professionally for \$120.00. It will be posted online but we cannot collect the information electronically. Projected costs to print ourselves would be over \$100.00 for paper and ink and the machine may not handle that many copies. The RD will travel and discuss points with Areas and groups. Each home group will complete one of these tally sheets. These will be completed by April 15th in order to tally. Earlie H. made a motion to approve the funds for the copying of tally sheets and travel in the amount of \$550.00, motion 2nd by , motion passed with a unanimous vote. RCMs please consider collaborating with other Areas to host a workshop.

Rent for facility: \$20.00 - Will be written today and signed by Susan M. until a second signatory is added to the account.

Convention – requesting \$2,500 seed money. A written request for seed money was submitted, 2nd by Earlie H. A question was raised as to why the money is needed now. A friendly amendment was presented to reduce the amount seeded, it was rejected. The motion was called to order, and passed with 8 in favor, 1 against, and 1 abstain. First planning will be held Saturday, February 11th at 2pm at St Stephen's at 750 Wehrle Drive.

Previous Treasurer needs to sign checks and more checks need to be ordered.

Opening Balance: \$7,249.42

Income: \$754.31

Expenses: \$4113.65

Closing Balance: \$3,890.08 This was corrected by the Treasurer and Secretary (the balance reported was \$3,890.13)

Motion to close, 2nded and passed at 4:46pm

BUFFALO AREA REPORT

January 21, 2012

Buffalo Area is running smoothly. Had a problem with our printer and schedules weren't being produced. Problem has been rectified so this month all the group have a good number of updated schedules.

Buffalo Area H&I needs females to go out to Wende. Is Ni-O or NF interested in helping out? Could they at least pass the word? Maybe someone is willing to help.

Phone line - 96 calls last month. Doing research on a new system.

Buffalo Area elections:

Chair - Bill B.

Vice chair - Dan S.

Secretary - Tracy D.

Treasurer - Chrystal M.

Literature - Judy D.

H & I - Dan S. (Wild Bill Hickock)

Phone line - Chevy Dan

RCM - Dave S.

Steering Committee - Robb C.

Buffalo Area group conscience is Ivan for Convention Chair.

No money for Region this month. Will honor commitment and will send in money in February. Buffalo Area donations dropped by 35% during 2011.

January opening balance: \$1,656.18

Donations : 822.05

Expenses : 363.77

Closing balance : \$2,114.51

In loving service,

Dave S.

Buffalo Area RCM

NI-O Area Report

James H – NI-O Area RCM 716-534-0473

Good afternoon family. I apologize for my absence. Due to a job deadline I must work mandatory overtime all weekend. At our last ASC meeting the NI-O Area voted on the following positions:

- 1- Convention Chair – Ivan C
- 2-Regional Treasure – Ed B
- 3- Regional Vice Chair – Amelia

The NI-O Area is scheduled to hold the next regional meeting on March 17th, 2012. I do not know if my absence has an effect on this date or not. If not, I have two locations set to hold the meeting. I just have to confirm the date with the Church. If the NI-O Area will be allowed to hold the meeting, I will contact all persons with the location.

The NI-O Area will also be bringing a \$100 donation to the region.

In Loving Service,

James H

**WNYRSCNA
RD Report**

**Submitted By: Jim L.
Date: 1/18/2012**

Since the last meeting of this body, the RD and RDA attended the following zonal service commitment:

- I. MRLE
 - A) Dec. 2 – 4, 2011 Manchester, NH
 - B) Topic: CAR – Service Structure

The total dispersement for the service commitment was \$1050. The total expenditures were \$1017.65. Total funds being returned: \$32.35.

The next service commitment the RD and RDA will be attending is:

- I. MARLCNA
 - A) Feb. 10-12, 2012 Lancaster, PA
 - B) Topic: CAR and CAT proposals

The funding was dispersed at the November 2011 meeting of Region. Receipts for the service commitment will be presented at the March 2012 of Region.

The following is a summary report of the December 2011 NEZF service commitment.

NEZF ~ MRLE December 2 – 4, 2011

Friday, 12/02/11

- I. **Orientation**
 - A. **Introductions – RDs, RDAs, Executive Committee, World Board and Work Group Members**
 - B. **Review of weekend’s agenda**

Saturday, 12/03/11

- I. **NEZF**
 - A. **Review of Vision and Purpose Statements**
 - B. **Approval of previous Zonal Mtg Minutes**
 - C. **Secretary’s Report**
 - D. **Regional Reports (WNYRSCNA Report attached)**
- II. **Conference Agenda Report Workshop**
 - A. **Policy Changes**
 - 1. **done via motions example: this year’s FIPT**
 - B. **Explanations regarding resolutions, straw polls, proposals, and motions as related to the current Conference cycle**
 - 1. **Resolution – an agreement in principle/not a specific action ~ establishes a framework for possible change; where as, motions call for specific action. See page 45 of CAR.**

2. **Straw Poll** – nonbinding vote to gauge the temperament/sentiment of the body toward a particular topic or issue. See page 46 of CAR.
 3. **Regional Proposals** – an idea put forth from a regional service committee included in the CAR and considered by the WSC. See page 46 of CAR.
 4. **Motions** – call for specific action
- C. Service System Workshop**
1. **Project Background reviewed**
 2. **CAR**
 - contains 3rd draft proposal of service structure changes
 - Resolutions
 - Straw Polls
 - should the consensus @ the WSC be to continue with the Service Project resolved motion would appear in the 2014 CAR cycle
 3. **World Board Resolutions reviewed. See page 41 of CAR**
 - Service Proposal Report – see pages 51 – 98 of CAR
 - Note: one of the most significant changes as stated by WBM – Regions will be replaced by a state body in this structure change proposal. Also, the primary criterion for seating at the WSC will be state, national, province boundaries. This will never be “perfectly fair.”**
 4. **Staw Polls** – see pages 14-15 of CAR
- D. World Board Motions** – see page 42 of CAR
1. **Primarily deal with literature** – both hard copy and electronic
 2. **Change World Convention to every 3 years beginning 2018**
- E. Regional Proposals** – see page 42 of CAR

Sunday, 12/04/11

- I. NEZF Business Mtg**
- A. Roll Call** – 11 regions present
 1. **Mountain Valley Region has folded and its areas have migrated to regions in their proximity**
 - B. Old Business**
 1. **Website** - \$220 annual cost paid for by 2 regions hosting the Zone
 2. **Regional events can be uploaded to NEZF by RDs**
 3. **Zonal hosts are responsible to post NEZF event**
 - C. New Business**
 1. **Nominations/Elections**
 - secretary’s position: 2year unfunded term
 - Dennis of NNY elected 6 to 5
 2. **NNJ Hosting NEZF**
 - June 15 -17, 2012
 - Holiday Inn Somerset
 - rms: \$99 + 7% tax
 - reserve prior to May 15, 2012
 3. **NNY Hosting NEZF**
 - January 25 – 27, 2013
 - more will be revealed
 4. **June Zone Topics**
 - Money, Property, Prestige – NA Conventions
 - Service System Boundaries
 - Request RDs come to next Zone w/additional topics for discussion

D. Unfunded Trusted Servants

- 1. Expenses: \$657**
- 2. Donations: \$215**
- 3. Variance: \$442**
- 4. \$50 donation from each region would cover expenses**

Once again, your regional delegates ask that the word be spread by the RCMs that each ASC request CAR Workshops for the purpose of gaining input and conscience regarding WSC 2012 Motions, Resolutions, Straw Polls, and Proposals. It should be noted that there are 8 Resolutions dealing with the proposed changes to NA's service structure. As previously stated in reports to this body changes to NA's service structure have been proposed and the third revision of the proposed changes is in the CAR for the upcoming World Conference.

It is therefore important that the RCM's begin communicating with the homegroups of their perspective Areas that we are in a World Conference cycle Beginning in February 2012 CAR/CAT workshops will be conducted for the purpose of obtaining the conscience of each Area, so that the voice of WNYRSCNA can be carried to World.

Once again, if we as a Region want to effectively participate "in matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole" (4th Tradition), then we need to be mindful of the 7th, 8th, 9th and 11th Concepts of NA; as well as, the 1st Tradition.

- Tradition 1 "Our common welfare should come first. Personal recovery depends on NA unity."
- Concept 7 "All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes."
- Concept 8 "Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications."
- Concept 9 "All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes."
- Concept 11 "NA funds are to be used to further the primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly."

Request for workshops can be scheduled by calling Jim L. at 716-834-9522.

Request for reimbursement and dispersement are attached to this report.

More will be revealed ~ yours in service,
Jim L

PEACE BE THE JOURNEY

**WNYRSCNA
RD Report**

**Submitted By: Jim L
Date: 1/18/2012**

Receipts and Request for Reimbursement

Item	Original	Actual	Variance
I. NEZF – MRLE (12/11)	\$1050.00	\$1017.65	+\$32.35
II. PO Box 1 Year Renewal	\$0.00	\$76.00	-\$76.00
III. Reimbursement Request			\$43.65

Note request for dispersement is needed at this January meeting of Region and the approximate request will total \$550.00 for copies of CAR Tally Sheets, transportation to workshop events, miscellaneous supplies, and food for RD/RDA. Also, more will be revealed at the January meeting of Region regarding this conference cycle's World Conference.

**Yours in Service,
Jim L**

RDA Report

January 21st, 2012

Good afternoon and thank you for letting me be of service. The zonal forum, held in Manchester, New Hampshire December 2-4 was informative and spiritually fulfilling. the flow of information and the sharing of the regions was definitely not in short supply.

Two members of the world board were in attendance and after introduction, approval of the agenda, reading of the NEZF purpose and having no new proposals for new business on sunday we started the MRLE.

10 am on saturday the MRLE started out with resolutions to the service structure which to me, and other members in attendance appears to be another way for the world board to get us to understand and prepare us to the SSP. many members appeared to be concerned about proper representation and seating at the WSC when and if the SSP passes. in a time where we are attempting to become more consensus based i never felt that at any time there was true consensus in this matter.

After lunch the CAR was discussed along with motions and regional proposals which will be discussed and voted upon at the next WSC:

Motions

Motion #1: approve living clean project

Motion #2: To allow the World Board to make corrections to approved literature which do not impact (fixed typos, obsolete references and similar corrections) the w.b will announce corrections in advance.

Motion #3: To allow the world Board to bundle, excerpt and re-pack fellowship-approved lit w/out changes to the texts. The w.b will announce these changes in advance

Motion #4: To allow w.b the ability to create and approve enhanced electronic and digital versions of texts that include supplemental material. The WB will announce such enhancements in advance of publications

Motion #5: to hold the World Convention every three years alternating between the U.S and outside of the U.S

Regional Proposals

Proposal A: Carolina Region: creating written service material assisting members on how to assist in lit and publication processes as well as having resource material available in order to develop lit

Proposal B: Hawaii Region: to produce a book called the NA way: celebration comprised of articles published in the NA way from 1982-2012

Proposal C: Tejas Bluebonnet Region: for board related material to be clearly marked "service related material" and not intended to be read during recovery meetings

Proposal D: South Brasil: members wishing to receive the N.A way magazine pay a subscription fee to cover costs

Proposal E Upper Midwest Region: to revisit the discussion of world board members no longer having voting status at the W.S.C

Day Three: Zonal business

The mountain valley region is no longer in existence.

Proposals from regions need to come 30 days in advance to the zone

Nominations for secretary were held. nominations: Shawn(mid-atlantic) and Dennis (Northern New York) with Dennis taking the position

Next NEZF is hosted by the Northern New Jersey Region, June 15-17

Thank you for letting me be of service

Stephen R Dysert

1/21/2012

Guideline review report:

Unfortunately, we didn't meet this month. I had the time mixed up and I showed up too late to conduct the meeting. We have switched to meeting every month as opposed to every other month.

The next meeting will be at my house on:

February 4th at noon.

9 Ravensbrook Ct. Getzville, NY 14068.

Anyone interested in attending can email me for directions.

Then we will meet before our next regional meeting at 11:00. Location to be announced.

In Service,

Dave M.

1-21-12

To: W.N.Y.R.S.C.N.A.
From: Michael B., Trusted Servant
Ad-hoc web site committee
W.N.Y.R.S.C.N.A.
Subject: 1-21-12-web site report

Hello family:

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. We are still looking for members to join the committee from each area

We have been contacted by Chris M. GNYR RD (former Web servant) see e-mail below.

I am currently the Greater New York Region Meeting List/Web Site Chair. I maintain the GNYR Web site (<http://newyorkna.org>), as well as our meeting search system (<http://bmlt.newyorkna.org/>).

The meeting search system is based on a portable, adaptable system, called the BMLT (Basic Meeting List Toolbox). You can find out more about that system here:

<http://magshare.org/bmlt>

The GNYRSC has authorized me to reach out to the three NY Regions that are not currently participating in our meeting search system, and invite them to maintain their meeting lists with us. The system can easily support multiple Regions. You can see examples of its use here:

<http://magshare.org/blog/whos-using-the-bmlt/>

It's completely scalable, so there will be no issue with your meetings being in the server.

You can also directly embed a localized version of the interactive meeting search in your Web site. There are a number of ways to do it, but it's far better than a simple iframe element. The search can be directly implanted into your site as a local executable, with communications to the central server as a REST service. The exact manner in which this is done, is dependent upon the technology of your Web site, Web server, and the desires of your Webservant (I guess that's you). I'll be happy to expound upon it. Suffice it to say that there are a number of choices.

The first step is to set up the WNY Region on the main server. This would entail me adding the Region, as well as its ASCs, then importing your meetings. I have a way of doing this in bulk. It's a bit fiddly, but we can get it done. However, a number of Regions have chosen to "hand add" their meetings, as they feel this gives them more control.

If you'd like to participate, I can help you out a great deal. I am the author of the BMLT.

In loving service
Michael B.
Web site committee