

## **WNYRCNA Minutes 1/19/13**

Amelia L. opened the meeting at 12:00pm with the SP.

Basic Text Prayer read  
12 Concepts read  
12 Traditions read

**Roll Call** – Called by Secretary. Quorum was established after 3 RCMs arrived and Literature Chair count was removed from quorum calculations (Literature Chair stepped down but had previously not attended 3 consecutive meetings).

**Mailbox** – Not much in the mailbox for November and December. Event flyers from various locations. Question brought up as to who else has a key. No one knows who has the other key. 3 Cases of Basic Texts were brought by the NEWNY Chair that were delivered by the SunCoast Region.

**Next Meeting** – Per Area rotation schedule, Niagara Falls will host the next meeting at 822 Cleveland Ave, Niagara Falls, NY 14305. Policy will meet at 11pm.

**Minutes** – Change to Ni-O should read Mike B not Mike K. and meeting time for Jim L, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ivan minutes approved with changes.

### **Nominations & Elections**

Public Information, Activities, Literature and Secretary are open. No nominations at this time.

Amelia appointed Mike K. to H&I Chair and Joseph J. for RSC Chair. Discussion ensued regarding appointments when we were in the election process. The nominations were made in Sept and then could not be voted on in Nov due to quorum not being met.

Elections: H&I Chair – Mike K. – 1 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention. Position is still vacant.  
Chair – Joseph J. – 3 in favor, 1 abstention

Discussion ensued on voting with abstentions.

**Opening Balance** – We do not have an opening balance. The Treasurer sent the checkbook and information to be given to the RD. A concern was raised with regards to the mailbox. We have not received bank statements. It was suggested to use the closing balance for the opening balance. We do not have a Treasurer's report and the bank statements could have affected the opening balance.

### **Executive Committee Reports**

**Chair Report** – Vacant

**Vice-Chair Report** – Amelia L. – no report. No questions at this time.

**RD Report** – Jim L. – See report.

**RD Alt Report** – Stephen D. – No written report. Nothing to report. Looking forward to the ZF and then will have a lot to report.

**Secretary** – Melanie R. – this position is up this month and I do not intend to continue as Secretary at this time. The archives are in my truck. I will complete the minutes for this meeting and send them out.

### **Sub-Committees**

**H&I Chair** – Vacant

**PI Chair** – Vacant

**Activities** – Vacant

**By-Law Review** – Dave M. – See report. Met today to start a final review and will meet again next month at the Chair's home.

**Literature Chair** – Bob B. – Not in attendance, has stepped down via email in November (see November report). Position is now vacant.

**Website** – Michael B. – Absent, report emailed. See report. Requesting \$193.86 for reimbursement for domain name, invoice submitted.

**Convention** – Ivan T. – See report. Closing bank statement balance as of 11/29 7,890.26 with one \$174 outstanding check. The closing balance is \$7,716.26. The Convention Treasurer had another balance of \$8,315.20, this is a variance of \$598.94. The Convention Chair would like to meet with other trusted servants and the RSC to review the books and resolve the variance. He will set up a meeting and be in touch with requested participants for this review.

The Convention books should be turned over today and a check should have been written to the RSC of the balance. No, the Treasurer is not available but a double signed check can be organized today so that it can be deposited.

How much needs to be left in the Convention account? There must be enough left to cover the outstanding check. The PO Box will need to be paid. The Convention Chair believes that the PO Box was paid recently. This needs to be confirmed so that we do not lose the PO Box.

It was suggested that the Early Bird registrations should be left for the next committee to start with.

Keep in mind when looking for new dates not to interfere with World Convention at the end of August. We are already penciled in at the Holiday Inn in Grand Island in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of September.

Motion was made by Ni-O to leave a balance of \$400.00 in the bank account for outstanding check and fees. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>ed by NF RCM. The check will be written in the amount of \$7,490.26. A member left to obtain a 2<sup>nd</sup> signature from the Convention Treasurer.

Ivan indicated that several members of the committee counted the money at the end of the Convention. The next day there was a different amount when counted at the bank. This was a counted error on the part of the committee and the bank counted another amount. It should have been counted twice and it wasn't and this was an error of the committee. This could be the source of the variance.

The Convention Chair turned over the reports and bills to the RSC Secretary but will hold onto the books until the meeting is held with the RSC to review the books.

The Convention Chair will meet with the RD (acting as Treasurer) on Monday to sign the check turning over the funds from the Convention to be deposited in the RSC checking account.

### **ASC Reports**

**Buffalo ASC** – Keith W. – Concerns about non-NA related materials on the website. The website should be NA-related and should be reviewed however there is only a one-man committee responsible at this point. The website is developed by the RSC and the RSC serves the Areas. The Web Servant needs to review and remove any non-NA related materials from the website.

**CAMNA ASC** – Dave M. – Not in attendance, no report submitted.

**Chautauqua ASC** – Not in attendance, no report submitted.

**Niagara Falls ASC** – Elexendar S. – newly elected and gathering information to bring back to the Area.

**Ni-O ASC** – James H. – Not in attendance, RCM Alt. representing the Area. What Areas have particular weeks for Activities? Areas are autonomous in planning activities. Buffalo ASC has 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays. NF has 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays of the month. It is hard to coordinate activities with 5 Areas and specific events holding fundraising. Collaboration needs to be addressed in the future.

**NEWNY ASC** – Susan M. – New schedules available.

### **Old Business –**

Tax exempt – We lost \$300.00-\$400.00 in taxes because we did not have the documentation. There will not be a check cut from the hotel. Tax exempt status is retroactive however the hotel's stance is that it cannot write a check after the fact. We are tax exempt, however. We need to make sure that this is current for the next Convention cycle. There is a certificate in the Treasurer's possession.

Nomination for Convention - Recommendation from Convention committee for Convention is Tyron H. Elections are supposed to be today. Buffalo ASC nominated Tyron H.

Questions read aloud and will be submitted in writing. Q – Will you be able to help choose effective leaders that will help diversify the Convention? A - Aware that there is an issue and will encourage a diverse committee. Tyron stated he would like to have Area speakers as opposed to out-of-town speakers. Q – What will you do to maintain an open and welcoming atmosphere for those that want to participate in the Convention this year? Q – Concepts, Traditions and Steps are the only source as well as Roberts Rules of Order. Powerless over people but will attempt to run the meetings affectively. Q – Will you be able to ensure that subcommittee members are Trusted Servants of a subcommittee of the RSC and abide by the by-laws. A – He believes in policy and procedures and will try to maintain them.

All in favor, voting unanimous

Questions raised about nomination and election procedures at the subcommittee meetings. Guidelines If there are holes in a subcommittee meeting guidelines then the RSC guidelines would fill in the blanks

## **New Business**

**Tax Exempt Number Usage** – Who can use it? We are a Region and incorporated. The Areas cannot use a tax exempt number however subcommittees can. Areas can get their own tax exempt status.

### **Basic Texts –**

Ni-O - 10

NF – Case

Wyoming County Jail - 10

**PO Box & Bank Statements** – Could they have been switched to electronic statements? Check with the Treasurer. These should not be electronic so that we have a paper record. We should be able to do both. If there is an online account there needs to be access.

A letter was received from an incarcerated addict looking for referral services. The new Chair Joseph J. will respond to the letter.

A concerned member wants to remind the committee that the RSC generally ends 4-5pm. We are losing voting members before the end of the minutes. This is a commitment that only occurs every other month for 12pm to at least 5pm. Please be prepared to stay from prayer to prayer.

Jim can deposit the Convention check after Ivan signs the check on

There should have been a report from the Treasurer in his absence today.

Opening Balance: \$502.24 (based on Closing balance from last meeting)

Expense Rent to Redeemed Lutheran: \$20.00

Expense Website hosting: \$193.86

Income Convention: \$7,490.26

**Projected** Closing Balance: \$7,778.64

Motion to closed at 3:30pm.

Since the last meeting of this body in November, this trusted servant has continued to work on the previous reported service commitments:

- ❖ As previously stated, discussions continue to address the events of the 2012 WSC, the attempts of regions and areas to experiment with aspects of the proposed new service from what is now PI to a PR based approach. Again, the role of regional servants regarding the outcome of the votes, what the Zones will be doing as the Fellowship moves forward, and what the New York State Delegates meeting would reveal concerning the possibility of a statewide service project are projected to be agenda items the next NEZF in January 2013. This is in addition to the planned agenda Issue Discussion Topic – Collaboration.

The discussion regarding NA services and how they might interact with the proposals of the SSP continue to gain momentum as we move toward a new reality regarding our service structure. NA World Services is requesting any input from areas and regions that are experimenting with aspects of the Service Structure Proposals; especially, those related to the GSU, LSU, and CBDM. The “field testing” that they initiated continues. A summary of what was previously reported can be found in this RD’s report dated 11/16/12. World has posted a field testing frame to the Service System webpage that provides an understanding of the field test in detail. All of this information can be found by going to [WWW.na.org/servicesystem](http://WWW.na.org/servicesystem).

As far as the **State/Nation/Province Service Delivery: shared services and regional reunification** aspect of the proposal goes, World is reaching out to the regions so that they can gather more information about unification efforts or discussions, and cooperative statewide service delivery (the NY State Delegate Website project is an example of this). Again, as your delegate, I ask that we put the following on the agenda under New Business: Active participation in any effort or conversations regarding shared services or regional reunification. It is much better for us as a Region to respond to such topics, so that we do not have to react at a later date. More will definitely be revealed through participation rather avoidance. We can simply engage in the process by going to [servicessystem@na.org](mailto:servicessystem@na.org)

At this time one learning day has been scheduled by the NIO area – topic will be the SSP and the Fellowship in transition. Date: February 23, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to 6: p.m. Please take and distribute the flyers that are being made available here today to your homegroups and service committees. It is strongly suggested that all those interested in the future of service in NA attend.

- ❖ **WCNA 35.** NA’s 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be celebrated at this world convention to be held in Philadelphia. Early registration packages are available for \$79 until end January 31. Pre-registration will still be available for \$89. On-site registration will be \$99. It is highly recommended that hotel reservations be made if you wish to reserve a room in the reserved block of rooms. Updates can be accessed at [www.na.org/wcna](http://www.na.org/wcna).
- ❖ World Service has started to gather ideas from the Fellowship on the Traditions book through the following:
  1. Session profile and PowerPoint presentation workshops
  2. Online submission area for workshop responses
  3. Traditions Book Project discussion board

All these strategies can be accessed through the project page at [www.na.org/traditions](http://www.na.org/traditions). Any input, such as worksheets used in the sponsorship/sponsee work or source materials is directed to [worldboard@na.org](mailto:worldboard@na.org).

- ❖ Out for review and input from the fellowship – ***An Introduction to NA Meetings***. Deadline date for submissions is April 30, 2013. (This will be a 2014 CAR item.)
- ❖ Maintained open lines of communication regarding delegate project
- ❖ Finally, preparation has been made for our attendance at both the upcoming NEZF (Jan. 25-27, 2013 and MARLCNA in Feb 2013).

Again, I ask all the trusted servants to remind the homegroups of WNY that openmindedness and willingness is what will be needed if we are to work collaboratively and actively participate in shaping the new reality that lies before the Fellowship. If we are to actively participate in the process, I ask that the areas schedule workshops/learning days on service related topics such as: SSP and what it means for the Fellowship, PR vs PI, and/or consensus based decision making (CBDM). O, an item of specific concern an area would like to workshop.

So in closing, I remind us that: If we as a Region want to effectively participate “in matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole” (4<sup>th</sup> Tradition), then we need to be mindful of the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Concepts of NA; as well as, the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.”

**With certainty ~ More will be Revealed ~ yours in service,**  
*Jim L.*

Guideline review report:

We met today just before the regional meeting. There were about 5 people in attendance. We are reviewing the final draft of the new by-laws. We have found some changes that need to be made so our work continues.

Our next meeting is at noon on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at my house. Then we will meet again in March an hour before the regular regional meeting.

In Service  
Dave M.

1-19-13

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: 1-19-13-web site report

Hello family:

The WNY regional web site continues to be up and running. No minutes 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 us.

The regional web site hosting company (X7Hosting) has been paid and we are current until January 19, 2014. I am requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$193.86. Our domain name (nawny.org) is ours until Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 2017. The company called Network Solution handles this.

In loving service,

Michael B.