

WNYRSCNA Minutes 9-17-2016

- I. Open Meeting @ 12:30 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 Abs/ - late
 - ii. CAMNA Abs
 - iii. Chaut-Catt Present
 - iv. NEWNY Abs/PR Service lateness excused
 - v. Niagara Falls Present
 - vi. NIO Present

 - b. Executive Committee
 - i. Chair present
 - ii. Vice Chair present
 - iii. Secretary absent
 - iv. Treasurer present/PR Service Event
 - v. RD present
 - vi. RDA absent

 - c. Subcommittees
 - i. Activities present ___ absent ___ late ___ open X
 - ii. Convention present absent X late ___ open ___
 - iii. H & I present X absent X/PR Service late ___
 - iv. PR present ___ absent ___ late ___ open X
 - v. Literature present ___ absent ___ late ___ open X
 - vi. WEB present X absent ___ late ___ open ___

- III. Establish Quorum - no

- IV. Next Meeting Location: 387 Center Street Free Methodist Church
Salamanca 14779 (NEWNY) Nov. 19, 2016 **After discuss during
new business rotation returns to NEWNY.**

- V. Mail Distribution:
 - a. H&I – Donations
 - b. Donations: CAMNA \$120, Make It Happen \$181.45 and \$100, and
Hope on Hertel \$50

- VI. Review Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Approval with Corrections X
 - b. Approval w/out Corrections

- VII. Reports
 - a. Executive Committee
 - i. Opening Treasurer’s Report including opening balance
 - 1. \$6782.29 this balance includes donations received
and deposited prior to meeting of 9/17/16 from the
Mustard Seed and Buffalo Area. Any variance resulted
from donations and deposits.
 - ii. Chair – none
 - iii. Vice Chair – none
 - iv. Secretary – none
 - v. RDA – abs.
 - vi. RD – WSO request for our participation in a community
event in Lancaster, NY. Has been fulfilled and a table set for
the PR event. Dispersement of \$1250 for NEZF
 - b. Area RCMs
 - i. Buffalo – see report (Shared Storage – Region and Buffalo –
old business and By-Law change: focus on theft policy and
misappropriation of funds – Discussion regarding prudent
reserve at the Buffalo Area continues to be addressed and a
donation of \$2000 is made at today’s meeting of Region.)
 - ii. CAMNA – verbal provided by VC of Region – focus at this
time is social media and its effective use. Looking for
information regarding the following question: What are the

issues surrounding Face Book and it use so there are no violations of NA's 12 Traditions? Looking for feedback. This issue has been placed under new business .Made donation of \$120. Area is growing.

- iii. Chautt-Catt – see report/ No split – rumor laid to rest. Growing and moving forward carrying the message. RCM will be added to the email list. Name of H&I Chair John K. and contact information 585-403-2112 provided to the Regional H&I Chair. No donation at this time.
 - iv. NF – Donation \$100. Area still struggling with “personalities”. There are significant funds that are not being donated due to desire to do events similar to Buffalo Area. Currently NF is experiencing challenge of filling positions of service with committed servants. Currently 4 open positions (Lit, PI, Policy, and Phone Line) are being filled by the Area's Vice Chair. Annual Year End Event Dec 31st – \$25 donation. Fundraiser Nov 3rd \$3 donation.
 - v. NIO – all positions at area –service rich money poor. Annual picnic Kruel Park in August a success
 - vi. NEWNY – present opening Bal- \$205 hotline fielded 2 calls. New group: Women Do Recover. Donation \$205
- c. Subcommittees
- i. Activities-Open
 - ii. Convention – see report. In great shape - 4 main speakers confirmed – merchandise order has been made, 230 registrations, 40 banquets out of ? (\$2200. Ticket Cost: \$35), 147 rms. out of 208. Contract read by Ed B. indicates room block of 140. Dates for contract adjustments must be made by date stated in contract. Closing Bal: \$5,361.36. Recommended Nominees for next Convention Chair are Early H (recommended by Convention Committee) and Donald W. Why wasn't the VC present to provide the report? Also, how can anyone present purchase tickets if the committee has no person present? Lives on life's terms

have happened and we need to be compassionate when questioning the absence of committee members. Questions regarding contract #s and dates will be addressed via Michael B to Convention Chair Al G to address said issue related to contract issues.

- iii. H & I – see report. Reported when area H&I committees meet and # of trusted servants. Erie and Niagara Counties cannot gain access to facilities if they have a criminal record.
- iv. PR-Open – presentation given by Jim L, Ed B, and Michael M in CAMNA July 30 at the area meeting that was positively received. Participated in a Lancaster Free Event for drug awareness initially well attended but rained out. We need to fill this service position.
- v. Literature – Open
- vi. WEB – status quo – any meeting changes need to be communicated so that regional website and BMLT can be updated. Contact web servant for any and all postings this includes area minutes and meeting lists. Brief discussion was raised regarding website redesign.

VIII. Nominations/Elections

Activities –none

PR – none

Literature –none

Convention – recommendations have been made Earlie G and Donald

IX. Old Business

- a. Request input from trusted servants regarding any business remaining open to discussion before moving on to next order of business
- b. Physical storage space – Review of Details included: \$60 monthly shared by both Region and Buffalo Area -1st year paid for by Buffalo, 2nd year paid for by Region, and 3rd year paid for by both region and Buffalo. Single points of accountability are a must –

there will be a code to get into the facility and key for lock. Security of personal information was raised and may very much be a critical issue... This must be voted on if we are to share this expense. Motion to share expense was made and seconded. **Called to vote and passed unanimously based upon those present. Regional Treasurer will hold the key. Check for the 2017. This will hold the storage facility for two years June 2016 - June 2018.**

- c. Electronic storage for archives – thumb drive passed on to the secretary from RD and the secretary will back up with second thumb drive. Tabled till next regional meeting.
 - d. Printing and copying info via Buffalo RCM/Alt/Secretary is off the table. Region purchased its own copier for use by the Convention committee. At this time the A&G chair has the printer. At the end of this Convention the printer can go to the secretary then it will be shared. It is recommended that the purchase of printer cartridges be made in advance so that one is always on hand.
 - e. WSO donation – Previous tabled - emphasis on balance (\$7898.74) and suggested fund flow. Motion to send WSO \$3500 seconded, moved, and voted on with one dissenting vote. Donation to be sent: \$3500.
 - f. Projected Meeting of Region at the Convention: put to new business.
 - g. Treasury Reconciliation of OB – approved and minutes of 7/16/16 approved with corrections.
- X. New Business
- a. Any requests for Disbursements
 - i. Rent – \$30
 - ii. NEZF – \$1250
 - iii. WSO - \$3500
 - iv. Storage Facility Payment Year 3 - \$360
 - b. Convention Hotel Contracts – tabled: possible contracts for next Convention are expected at next meeting

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- c. Regional prime time slot for convention workshop to be confirmed
 - i. Topic: Meet and Greet gather for Panel Discussion – Hot Button Topics
 - d. Motion: Change in Convention Guidelines – To include in the Convention Guidelines that the WNYRSCNA have a time slot reserved on Saturday afternoon of the regional convention.
 - i. Discussed and entertained 3 pros and 3 cons
 - ii. Straw Poll: Vote today 5 to 3
 - iii. Vote: 7 for 1 against and 1 abstention
 - iv. Motion to amend the motion out of order at this point and discuss to set up an ad hoc committee will be raised at the next meeting of Region.
 - e. Facebook Discussion – use of social media and its use by NA. RD will bring further info regarding its use in NA and service. The major issue that some areas are dealing with is the rogue elements. For further information and experience it was suggested that WSO be contacted.
 - f. NEWNY - should read North East Western New York. This directly impacts rotation. NEWNY follows NI-O. Next meeting is 750 Wherle Dr. Cheektowaga, NY 14225
- XI. Closing Treasurer's Report
OB - \$6782.29
CB - \$4398.74 - \$100 Niagara Falls Donation = \$4298.74
- XII. Motion to Close
- XIII. Close 5:25