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- I. Open Meeting @ 12:20 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            present  absent  late
    - ii. CAMNA            present  absent  late
    - iii. Chaut-Catt        present  absent  late
    - iv. Niagara Falls     present  absent  late
    - v. NIO                present  absent  late
    - vi. Northeast WNY    present  absent  late
  
  - b. Executive Committee
    - i. Chair              present  absent  late  open
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    - ii. Vice Chair        present  absent  late  open
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    - iii. Secretary        present  absent  late  open
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    - iv. Treasurer        present  absent  late  open
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    - v. RD                 present  absent  late  open
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - vi. RDA                present  absent  late  open
    - \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - c. Subcommittees
    - i. Activities        present  absent  late  open
    - ii. Convention      present  absent  late  open
    - iii. H & I            present  absent  late  open

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- iv. PR            present \_\_\_ absent \_\_\_ late \_\_\_ open X
- v. Literature    present \_\_\_ absent \_\_\_ late \_\_\_ open X
- vi. WEB          present \_\_\_ absent X late \_\_\_ open \_\_\_

III. Establish Quorum    Yes X    No \_\_\_

IV. Next Meeting Location: CAMNA 203 Arnold Ave. Port Allegany, PA  
16743

V. Mail Distribution: Distributed

VI. Review Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. Approval with Corrections    \_\_\_
- b. Approval w/out Corrections    X

VII. Reports

a. Executive Committee

i. Opening Treasurer's Report including opening balance

- 1. OB: \$4,298.74
- 2. PO Box due 1/17: \$109 check cut for payment

ii. Chair

- 1. none

iii. Vice Chair

- 1. none

iv. Secretary

- 1. Abs
- 2. Failure to fulfill duties of position placed under new business

v. RDA

- 1. Verbal – see specifics per RD report

vi. RD

- 1. See final report

b. Area RCMs

i. Buffalo – RCM Erik J.

- 1. No written report
- 2. Discussion on topic of misappropriation vs theft of NA funds. Buffalo approved change of theft policy.

3. Storage Space covered for 3 years and new larger space will be provided by 1/17
  4. Buffalo still has significant financial balance
- ii. CAMNA – Area Chair: Darlene
    1. “Awesome workshop provided by Region.” 17 in attendance
    2. Home groups are coming together – unity
      - a. Cohesiveness of area is developing
    3. \$500 balance
    4. Social Media issue – thanks for sharing at the H&I event and bringing a different personality to the issue
    5. CAMNA would like to invite Regional committee members to share on trusted servant positions – learning day sometime in March 2017
  - iii. Chautt-Catt - absent
    1. Split is a reality – which direction the Chautt and Catt go is yet to be determined
  - iv. N.F. – RCM Earlie
    1. Read report
    2. Thanked the Region for the insurance policy –“... helped a lot of home groups stay where they are located”
    3. Donation: \$500 + \$275 intended to be put toward Regional Insurance payment mailed in total: \$775
    4. All positions open at this time
  - v. NIO – RCM Ronnie
    1. 2 home groups moved to new meeting location 555 Davison Rd – see meeting list
    2. “Thank you for the insurance and copy of the policy.”
    3. RCM Alt will attend next meeting in my absence
  - vi. NEWNY – Susan M
    1. Donation: \$109
    2. Two new meetings – see meeting list

3. Area meets every second Wed. of the month
  4. Requesting \$30 for Regional meeting – cover expense.
- c. Subcommittees
- i. Activities-Open
  - ii. Convention – Chair Al G
    1. Final Convention Report
      - a. “1<sup>st</sup> thank you good to see the Regional Body in attendance.”
      - b. All expenses to hotel paid
      - c. CB \$7896.36 \$7500 presented to Treasurer of Region
        - i. \$396.36 left in bank account for next convention
        - ii. Account Receivable due from facility for \$275 – this included registration and banquet tickets. Why were this provided without payment.
      - d. Taping Company – 2 rooms covered for two nights for a cost of \$476.00
      - e. Alternate Merchandise issue of payment of \$20 for entire weekend (Questioned \$20 as 20% of total sales). Informed TS that he had done extremely well and left immediately.
      - f. Registration issues specific to banquet ticket sales prior to the dinner this raises serious questions. How many were sold at \$25 VS \$35? Questionable behavior – where is the point of accountability. How can the committee keep accurate account of tickets?
      - g. Lots of issues to discuss – discussion should be moved to new business.
      - h. Recommendation for next Convention Chair:  
Greg B.
    - iii. H & I – Chair Darrell

1. End of first term
  2. Reported on H&I meetings/facilities and acting members providing service
- iv. PR-Open
  - v. Literature-Open
  - vi. WEB - absent

VIII. Nominations/Elections

Activities - open

Treasurer - open

PR - Jim L 2<sup>nd</sup> by NF

Literature - Isaiah M. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bflo

Convention - Earlie 2<sup>nd</sup> by NIO accepted/recommended by CC

Greg B 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buffalo accepted

Vice Chair moves up to Chair unless contested

Vice Chair - 2<sup>nd</sup> by NF Dave M accepts

Secretary - Jean J 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al G

RD Alt moves up to RD unless contested

RD Alt - Sarah L. 2<sup>nd</sup> by NF and accepted

H&I - Erik 2<sup>nd</sup> by NIO accepted

WEB - Why does this remain an ad hoc committee? Should this not be a standing subcommittee? This should be placed under new business.

**All nominees read service resumes and were informed resumes needed to be submitted for Regional review.**

**Convention Chair:**

- **Earlie - Clean Date: 3/19/93 has held multiple service positions and has completed all terms of service including previous position as Convention Chair 6 years prior.**
  - **Have you ever misappropriated funds? Yes - over stepped decision making and result was a determination of misappropriation of funds**

related to literature. This is the “Gift from God Money” that had resulted from a lost check to WSO that cleared Earlie of misappropriation of funds related to that issue.

- Are you willing to hold the convention meetings outside the Bflo/NF areas? Yes.
  - Can you hold TS accountable to fulfilling their duties and remove them from their positions if they do not? Yes.
  - What will you do to ensure the CC understands that it does take direction **from** the committee to which it is accountable? Response: increase transparency and hold TS accountable to the direction of the Regional Committee.
- **Greg B. Clean Date: 8-09-03. Served as treasurer this past Convention and comptroller previously. Has held multiple positions of service throughout his recovery. Military service has provided a great deal of experience about team work. Completed all terms of service. Emphasized military background related to leadership. Never misappropriated**
    - What will you do to ensure that TS of the CC understand they are there to serve not attend as members of the fellowship? Can only take a person at their word they will serve. No we can't hold them accountable.
    - This body approves the speakers. Are you going to have a problem bringing the speakers for recommendation? What do you plan to do about increasing diversity? Got to get more people to participate.
  - **Vice Chair**

- **Dave M. Clean Date: 7-21-81** Has held multiple service position throughout recovery. Has just completed term as Chair and has been chair previously, Ad-hoc Policy Chair, treasurer, vice chair, and other positions. Completed all terms of service. Helped write the guidelines. Very flexible. Self-employed allowing for flexibility. Never misappropriated funds. Believe in the spirit of rotation and sticking with the by-laws.
- **Secretary**
  - **Jean J.** accepted at first, then due to life on life's withdrew acceptance of nomination.
- **PR**
  - **Jim L. Clean Date: 11-12-97.** Presently acting as secretary and has just completed 8 years of service at the position of RD ALT and RD for the Region. See attached service resume.
- **H&I**
  - **Erik. Clean Date: 10-30-11.** Multiple positions range from home group to area to RITW, and now RCM. Completed all terms of service to date. Main experience has been on H&I. Professional work as a resident assistant and food coordinator, and record keeping. Life experience has made me a personable person. I have returned to school in the field of human services. Never misappropriate NA funds.
- **RD Alt**
  - **Sarah L. Clean Date: 9-19-07. Service Positions:** active member of home group, active GSR, Chair of H&I. Completed all terms of service. Both a working knowledge of NA and professional experience such as director of a non-profit agency. Never misappropriated NA

**funds. BS in Communication and a Masters in Leadership. Can meet demands of time and travel.**

○ **Literature**

- **Isaiah M. Clean Date: 9-01-93. Service Position – Doing service work since 90 days clean. Served as NY Lit Chair. Served in multiple service positions during recovery. Completed all terms of service these last 5 years. Professional background working in Social work with various agencies. Volunteer in my community. Never misappropriated NA funds. Willing to travel.**

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. Electronic storage for archives – get storage back/absent from 2 meetings no report. Was given \$50 for supplies. Need to get supplies or funds back. Automatically removed per bylaws therefore she has not completed terms of the service position. Attempted contact will be made to acquire secretary's material and archives.
- c. Convention Hotel Contracts – one proposal for review from Grand Island. Earlie has continued to seek out information on hotels – at this time there are new hotels in the Falls that can be approached based upon our size. Currently waiting on proposal from Double Tree and others on the search list. Discussion was had regarding off season as it relates to the sports calendar. Contracts must be brought to the next meeting to avoid lead time challenges for the next Convention Committee. Ask about free meeting space, F&B and Sleeping nights – negotiate cost of room to cost of free coffee example. Consider airport hotel locations only challenge is parking. Think about what it is we can guarantee the hotel. Chris



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available by phone to assist with review. Ad-hoc committee is comprised of Ed B., Al G., Earlie and Chris as consultant.

- d. Regional workshops at convention 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. Ad-hoc committee includes Susan M., Erik, Dave as Ad-hoc Chair. Next meeting of Region first meeting will be at 11:00 a.m.
  - e. WSO donation: \$3500 donation to WSO approved
- X. New Business
- a. Any requests for Disbursements
    - i. Rent: \$30
    - ii. MARLCNA -\$1250
  - b. WSO: \$3500 Donation approved
  - c. Question: Was the report given during Subcommittee Reports the Convention's final report? There are items that need to be addressed: 1) How much did we get from taping? Please submit report specific to vendors. 2) What about the check from the treatment facility of \$275? 3) What about the alt merchandise sales? Al will call and discuss 4) How many total registrations were sold? 5) How much was the income from registrations? 6) How much did it cost for hospitality? 7) How much merchandise was sold (total income and expenses)? The request for answers to these questions caused great conflict. Final report expected at next meeting.
- XI. Closing Treasurer's Report: OB: \$4298.74 Income: \$8867.50  
Disbursements: \$4882 CB: \$8284.24
- XII. Motion to Close: 6 p.m.

Yours in service, Jim L (Corrections made 1/21/17 are highlighted)