

WNYRSCNA Minutes 7-15-2017

I. Open Meeting @ 12:13pm

- 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. Niagara Falls present absent late
- iv. NIO present absent late
- v. Northeast WNY present absent late
- vi. NAMANA present absent late

b. Executive Committee

- i. Chair present absent late open
- ii. Vice Chair present absent late open
- iii. Secretary present absent late open
- iv. Treasurer present absent late open
- 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
- iv. PR present absent late open
- v. Literature present absent late open
- vi. WEB present absent late open

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- III. Establish Quorum Yes X No
- IV. Next Meeting Location: September 16th, 2017 at 750 Wehrle Drive. Convention Guideline meeting 11.
- V. Mail Distribution: Mail distributed.
- VI. Reports
- a. Executive Committee
- i. Opening Treasurer's Report including opening balance
 1. Opening Balance: \$4011.19
 - ii. Chair
 1. No report.
 - iii. Vice Chair
 1. No report.
 - iv. Secretary
 1. Questions about printing 5-6 copies of the minutes to disburse at the regional meetings. Several people volunteered to print the copies to save the funds.
 - v. RD
 1. Discussion about adding standing subcommittees and how we would fund them
 2. Do we want to give authority to the RD and RDA team to make decisions for this regional body? To be discussed in new business.
 3. August 27th, 2017 @ 3pm a virtual meeting between the regions from the zone will be held using Zoom.
 4. The next NEZF will be held October 27-29 2017 in Iselin NJ.
 5. Requesting disbursements of \$1,200 will be given in September.
 - vi. RDA
 1. No report.
- b. Area RCMs
- i. Buffalo – RCM Valdina (RCM Alt Sadie A)
 1. No written report
 2. No donation
 3. The buffalo area will need a key lock for the two storage facilities that will be splitting up that holds regional property.
 - ii. CAMNA – Area Chair Darlene
 1. Read report
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2. Donation sent in mail, not received.
 3. Two successful picnics since last meeting: We do recover picnic and our freedom celebration.
 4. Two new meetings are in the process of opening in August.
- iii. N.F. – RCM Neil H - Absent
 1. No report
 2. No donation
 - iv. NIO – RCM Ronnie B
 1. Read report
 2. Donation of \$100
 3. Nominations for all positions in the NIO area are open
 4. The annual family picnic is going to be held August 20th, 2017 at Krull Park from 12-5.
 - v. NEWNY – RCM Susan M
 1. Read report (submitted electronically)
 2. Donation of \$76
 3. Meets second Monday at Seneca and Harlem
 - vi. NAMANA – RCM Steve G. - Absent
 1. No report
 2. No donation
- c. Subcommittees
- i. Activities-Open
 - ii. Convention – Earlie H
 1. Absent with no report
 2. Vice chair provided update on the Convention:
 - a. Programming chair made their choices on the 4 main speakers. Opening speaker – Yolanda S. from Buffalo, Banquet Speaker – Barry K. from North Carolina, Mid-day speaker – Michelle P. from Cleveland and Closing speaker – Sharon R. from the Bronx
 - i. The regional bylaws require the speakers to be approved from the region, we want written recommendation and tapes from the speakers to be approved. Phone conference was held with the programming chair from the convention committee and Denise will give the tapes and written

- recommendation to the chair to turn over to this body. – The speakers are approved from the body.
- b. \$800 for transportation for the speakers' transportation and cost of their rooms. The convention committee needs to fund the transportation for their speakers, not the region.
 - c. We have approximately \$4,000 including seed money towards the convention so far.
 - d. Taste of NA event held July 22nd, 2017 in Niagara Falls at Hyde Park. Contest for best tastes.
 - e. Luau fundraiser held August 26th, 2017 in Olean, prizes for the best costume.
 - f. Request for two workshops/time-slots at the Convention: One workshop for H&I and the second is still undecided.
 - i. Possible topic of explaining the website, how it's ran and effectively gets information to our members.
 - ii. Combination of the website and the newer member or NA and the new millennium.
 - iii. Introducing the significance of the service work on the regional level and explaining the purpose to members who might not be aware. What does region have to do with me?
 - iv. Breaking down literature such as the group booklet and service work for the newcomer or newer member.
 - v. NA and the new millennium or What does region have to do with me? Vote favored NA and the new millennium.
 - vi. Discussion of proposals between hotels for future conventions. We need to match the contract we have between the Hyatt and when we have a date we can discuss negotiations. For the next meeting bring back a proposal for review.
 - iii. H & I – Erik J.
 - 1. Read report
 - 2. Reached out to the Area H&I chairs and spoke with the NIO area whom is in the process of getting into the Albion correctional facility.
 - 3. Requesting for the H&I chairs at the area level phone information.

4. Inmates from three different facilities requested literature, how would I go about getting literature to these facilities. Look at where the facilities are and if they hold meetings in the facility. If NA meetings are not held at the facility, we can send paperback copies or IPs. Two of the facilities are outside of our region so the RD volunteered to reach out to the correct regional RD to get them the literature. These facilities are requesting meeting schedules from the area which can be sent by the H&I chair.
5. Learning day scheduled September 2nd at either the ECCC city campus or the public library in downtown Buffalo.
 - a. Next time project further out to communicate the information effectively to the areas and bring back a projected budget to the region to request for disbursements.
 - b. Discussion of moving the H&I learning day to October and possibly changing it to a workshop at the Convention. This could not be considered a learning day during the convention because this is a paid event.
 - c. Final Report to request \$150 for refreshments for the learning day to be held after the next regional meeting September 16th, 2017 at 750 Wherle Drive. The decision was also made to do an H&I workshop at the Convention.
 - d. Question called for \$150 for the learning day for H&I to be held September 16th, 2017. Vote – 8 Yes, 2 No, 1 Abstain.
- iv. PR – Jim L
 1. No report
 2. Request for the RCM's to bring back to their Area the availability to put on a learning day in the Area
- v. Literature – Isaiah - Absent
 1. No report
- vi. WEB – Absent
 1. No report
- vii. Convention Guidelines
 1. We continue to review the guidelines and are making nice progress, we anticipate completed guidelines in the future for review.

VII. Nominations/Elections

Elections: NONE

Nominations: Activities, Treasurer - NONE

VIII. Old Business

- a. Michael B. still needs to report on the following - will contact removed secretary and request thumb drive and disbursed funds. Removed secretary was given \$50 for supplies. Need to get supplies or funds back. **Tabled to next month.**
- b. Discussion specific to subcommittees that are consistently vacant. A few of them that were discussed are H&I, Activities, PR, and Literature. Request to bring this information back to your areas to offer an input regarding area conscience. Repetitive theme of the Activities committee being redundant and unnecessary and possibly being turned into an Ad hoc committee when necessary. To be discussed further next meeting. **Motion will be brought to the next meeting to eliminate the activities and literature positions that can be formed as an adhoc committee when deemed necessary. This motion will create a change in the by-laws which must be written in accordance to the by-laws.**
- c. WSO donation – no donation today. We should wait at least until September to discuss a WSO donation.
- d. Convention Mailbox – Closed. The mailbox was merged into one PO box. The convention committee will begin to use the regional mailbox. Jim L had an extra key made and gave it to Ed B. We should allow Jim L the authority to open the mail if he notices something that needs immediate recognition. No one opposed to giving him this authority, thus Jim L will be given permission to open the mail as deemed fit. Should we eliminate the \$2 monthly fee for a paper bank statement? Vote – 5 Yes, 3 No: Paper statements can be eliminated. **The funds from the previous convention chair have been returned to the region in a check which will be deposited for the next meeting.**
- e. Motion made by Jim L. that reads “To change the website ad hoc committee of WNYRSCNA to a standing subcommittee of said body.” The rationale is “to advance the spiritual principle of rotation. Since the original assignment of the ad hoc committee has been successfully achieved. It is time to dissolve the ad hoc committee and establish the standing subcommittee.” The policy change affected is the “regional by-laws Article IV addition to the by-laws.” Seconded by Earlie H. The motion was approved to bring back to the areas. **Vote – Unanimous. The website is now an official standing subcommittee. We need to take back the**

proposed guidelines for the website standing committee to be discussed next meeting and voted on in November.

- f. Donations from non-members – 7 checks were received from various non-members for different amounts. This is an outside issue and unless the check specifically acknowledges the 7th tradition we cannot accept the donation. Susan volunteered to write up a letter to thank the non-members and let them know that we cannot accept their donations. She requested to have the chair or another member proof read the letter prior to sending it out. **The letters and checks were sent back.**

IX. New Business

a. Any requests for Disbursements

i. Rent - \$30

ii. H&I learning day - \$150

- b. Do we want to give authority to the RD and RDA team to make decisions for the regional body at a virtual level at the zone meeting using Zoom? Yes, the RD and RDA team have been given permission to do a vote of confidence.

c.

X. Closing Treasurer's Report

a. OB: \$4011.19

b. Income total: \$226

c. Disbursements total: \$180

d. CB: \$4057.19

XI. Motion to approve minutes: _____X_____

XII. Motion to Close

XIII. Close @ 5:11pm