

WNYRSCNA Minutes 9-16-2017

- I. Open Meeting @ 12:11pm
- 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. North East 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
- III. Establish Quorum Yes No
- IV. Next Meeting Location: November 18th, 2017 is the next meeting @ the Convention see Ed or registration. January 20th, 2017 meeting is 203 Arnold Ave Port Allegany PA, 16743.

V. Mail Distribution: Mail distributed.

VI. Reports

a. Executive Committee

i. Opening Treasurer's Report including opening balance

1. Opening Balance: \$4057.19

ii. Chair

1. No report.

iii. Vice Chair

1. Read report.

iv. Secretary

1. No report.

v. RD

1. Virtual zonal meeting held on August 27th which had poor attendance.

2. NAWS sent a letter to address the FIPT from the South Florida region

3. NEZF October 27-29 held @ Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel in Iceland NJ.

4. Requesting \$1250 for disbursements for the trip

vi. RDA

1. No report.

b. Area RCMs

i. Buffalo – RCM Valdina (RCM Alt Sadie A)

1. Read report

2. No donation

3. Opening balance of \$3110.39 donation of \$1575.40 & expenses of \$566.68 brings it to a closing balance of \$4,119.11.

4. In need of a Buffalo Area webmaster

5. Activities will no longer receive any disbursements of funds until current chair and vice chair return the previous funds

6. Tina H. was voted in as the PR chair

7. Recovery in the woods returned \$500 to the Area, all bills were paid. The next Recovery in the Woods will happen in 2019 and Hank S. will be the chair. We are suggesting to not have the meeting in 2018 due to the world convention.

8. Storage facility will move to Metro Storage the end of October, the current contract will continue at the new location.

ii. CAMNA – Area Chair Darlene

1. Read report

2. Donation \$100.
 3. PR was invited to participate in a community event called Messengers for recovery, this was a successful event.
 4. Area ordered a rubber stamp to give the helpline number to the facilities that H&I enters.
- iii. N.F. – RCM Ronnie B
1. Submitted electronic report
 2. Donation of \$300
 3. Closing balance of \$4,190.34.
 4. Several activities and fundraising events coming up flyers should be disbursed.
 5. Fundraising balance is \$1377.17.
- iv. NIO – RCM Dave R
1. Read report
 2. Donation of \$100
- v. NEWNY – RCM Susan M
1. Read report (submitted electronically)
 2. Donation of \$50
 3. Meets second Monday at Seneca and Harlem
- vi. NAMANA – RCM Don
1. read report
 2. No donation
 3. Doing well as a new area. A new meeting is in the Fredonia area and needs to be updated on the website.
- c. Subcommittees
- i. Activities-Open
 - ii. Convention – Earlie H
 1. Upcoming event 9/23 @ Englewood, Buffalo NY the Denim Night. Tickets will be \$5 at the door and \$3 for an advance ticket.
 2. Closing balance of \$4,269.40.
 3. 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. **Speakers are in place. The speaker tapes have not been submitted for the speakers which should have been provided to this body.**
- b. Currently reviewing proposals for entertainment for the weekend of the convention, merchandise is also reviewing and finalizing merchandise for the pre-registration packages, and reviewing proposals for vendors. Does anyone have a hard copy of the vendor contracts for the WNYRCNA?
 - c. 64 rooms out of the 200 have been reserved so far towards the convention.
 - d. 210 registrations sold already and 20 banquets.
 - e. Flyers or pre-registration forms are not being seen at the HG's or at area. The chair responded and said he will personally ensure flyers are distributed.
 - f. A recommendation has been made to look at hotel contract proposals for the following year in the fall. We need to expand search and possibly limit quantity.
- iii. H & I – Erik J.
- 1. No written report.
 - 2. Learning day is being held today after this meeting, no flyers were distributed but have been announcing this by word of mouth.
 - 3. Buffalo area is still having a problem with participation into the women's jail due to issues with getting approval to enter the facility.
 - 4. NF's going well, facilities are running smooth. Requesting to speak with director from Sundaram Manner to hold a meeting in the facility.
- 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 and gave out contact information.
 - 3. If no Areas reach out to put on a learning day before the next meeting a request will be made to put on a regional PR learning day.
- v. Literature – Isaiah
- 1. No report
- vi. WEB – Michael B.
- 1. Minutes from the last meeting have been posted to the website

2. Willing to continue to fulfill duties of the web servant until a new person is elected into the position
3. Whoever takes over the position will need to be financially responsible due to the fees required for the position. Currently the fees are covered up front and reimbursed at the regional meeting.
4. Website is currently paid until January 30, 2022. Domain name for a five-year period is \$184.95 and the yearly website hosting payment is \$217.86.

vii. Convention Guidelines

1. We continue to review the guidelines and are making slow progress we are about two and a half pages in. We are not meeting at the next regional meeting.

VII. Nominations/Elections

Elections: NONE

Nominations: Activities, Web - 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. **Reached out to the previous secretary and said she could not find the thumb drive. It does not appear that she is trying to return any items that she might have. It is misappropriation of funds at this point. We will give it until the next meeting to see if any contact with her can be made. It might be the time for the secretary to send out a letter to her home address and explain that we would like the regional property back or this will be documented as misappropriation of funds. An address or resume was not available so an email was sent directly to her email address.**
- 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 ad hoc committee when deemed necessary. This motion will create a change in**

the by-laws which must be written in accordance to the by-laws. To be addressed in new business.

- c. WSO donation – no donation today. We should wait at least until September to discuss a WSO donation. We may want to hang on to the money that we currently have. A motion has been made to send a \$1000 donation to world, it has been seconded. Discussion of the funds needed for the convention room rental as per contract could impact the amount of funds available. The motion maker withdraws motion and will be tabled until November to verify if we reach the room limit sold for the convention.
- d. The funds from the previous convention chair have been returned to the region in a check which will be deposited for the next meeting. The check will be turned over to the regional treasurer to be deposited.
- e. We need to take back the proposed guidelines for the website standing committee to be discussed next meeting and voted on in November. To be discussed in new business.

IX. New Business

a. Any requests for Disbursements

- i. Rent - \$30
- ii. RD - \$1,250

b. Vice Chair proposed motions to be taken back to each area and voted on individually at our November meeting.

1. Motion to change #2 of addendum B to “2) If you are appointed or elected as a trusted servant and, attempt to steal, steal, misappropriate or misuse property and/or money, your service commitment will terminate immediately.

2. Motion to add to section A in Article IX. “Voting shall take place during the regular November meeting.”

3. Motion to change the order of the meeting agenda in #1 of section D of Article V to add “Set up next Regional meeting.” as C) after Roll call. All items after will be re-lettered.

4. Motion to add to section E. (application) of Article III “All completed service resume’s and theft policies shall be held in the RSC archives for a minimum of 5 years after the end of the trusted servants term of office.”

5. Motion to add to section F, number 1. of Article V; shall now read "1. Quorum requirements for the RSC shall be defined as two thirds (2/3) of Regional trusted servants as defined in section C of Article III and fifty percent (50%) of the ASC's.

6. Motion to add a letter L. to Article VI. "L. A nominee shall have the required clean time for a service position by the date they will take office, not the date that they are nominated."

7. Motion to add #4 of section F of Article V: "4. If an ASC has lost their voting rights, they will not be included in future quorum calculations that they are absent from until they have attended 2 consecutive regular RSC meetings. They will be included in quorum calculations that they are present for." Current #4 will become #5.

8. Motion to add letter D) of section A of Article VII. "D) Arriving 30 minutes late to three (3) regularly scheduled meetings within any 12-month period."

9. Motion to remove letter J. from Article IV eliminating the Activities Chairperson position.

10. Motion to remove letter H. from Article IV eliminating the Literature Chairperson position

11. Motion to add a Website Chairperson position after I. (H & I Chairperson) section in Article IV. "Website Chairperson" It is the duty of the Website Chairperson of this committee to:

- 1) Coordinate the functions of all subcommittees for listing on the website, stays informed of all committee activities, and consult when scheduling conflicts arise.
- 2) Conduct correspondence of the Committee, as may be necessary.
- 3) Vote on all Regional business matters.
- 4) Post on website all updated meeting schedules, events, minutes and any other information that will further our primary purpose in a timely manner.
- 5) Make sure all bills and expenses needed to keep the website running properly get paid on time to make sure service is not interrupted.
- 6) Submit a written report to the RSC at all regularly scheduled meetings.
- 7) Submit a proposed budget for the upcoming 12 months at the meeting following their election or appointment.
- 8) Make an annual written report of each year's work.
- 9) Must have necessary computer, technological and website development skills necessary to perform the duties of the position.

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The required clean time for this position is five (5) years continuous abstinence from all drugs. Must have a working knowledge of website design. The term of office for this position shall begin at the end of the November meeting and shall continue for a period of twenty-four (24) months." Letters L. and M. will become letters M and N.

12. Motion to re-letter Article IV to reflect any guideline changes made.

13. Motion to add page number column on the table of contents to the far right.

14. Motion to revise the table of contents to reflect any changes to guidelines passed.

c. Convention concerns about travel expenses for one of the speakers. Paid for the two nights, the banquet and registration. Paid half of the money up front and he will receive the other half upon arrival.

d. Activities and events are being held outside of the area they serve and it then brings the areas fighting for money. We should look at carrying the message.

X. Closing Treasurer's Report

a. OB: \$4057.19

b. Income total: \$700

c. Disbursements total: \$1280

d. Return of fund: \$57.70

e. CB: \$3534.89

OB next meeting will reflect outstanding deposit from the last convention.

Motion to approve minutes: X

XI. Motion to Close

XII. Close @ 5:31pm