WNYRSCNA 07-16-11

# **Minutes**

- I. Open mtg w/MOS @ 12:00
  - A. Acting Chair Jim L RD
  - B. Readings
    - 1. Basic Text pg XVI prayer
    - 2. 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Executive Co.
    - 1. Absent:
      - Secretary no report
      - Vice Chair no report
      - Chair not present at start of meeting/arrived late and departed early due to work schedule no report
  - B. ASC
- 1. Absent:

RCM Buffalo @ start of mtg. Arrived late. RCM Alternate present @ start/left early

Niagara Falls RCM @ start of mtg. Arrived late.

Chautt. RCM and RCM Alt

NIO RCM and RCM Alt

- C. Subcommittees
  - 1. Activities open/nominations being accepted
  - 2. PI open nominations being accepted
  - 3. Literature absent no report
  - 4. Present:
    - H&I, Convention, Website, and Policy

# Quorum Established @ 12:45 due to late arrival of trusted servants

- III. Location of next meeting September 17, 2011
  - A. 750 Wehrle Dr. St. Stephen's (to be confirmed by Ed B and Buffalo RCM)
- IV. Distribution of Mail
  - A. Nothing demanding immediate attention
- V. Opening Balance
  - A. \$5,641.38 (Treasurer)
  - B. 5,639.38 (Bank Statement \$2 fee for paper statement)
- VI. Approval of Mtg Minutes of May 2011
  - A. No Corrections
  - B. Motion to Accept minutes
    - 1. Motioned by Earlie H.
    - 2. Seconded by Mike B.

# VII. Reports

- A. Executive Co.
  - 1. RD see attached
    - Questions none
    - Reimbursement requested and approved (\$89.47 for Service Structure Workshop)
  - 2. RDA no report required at this time
  - 3. Vice Chair no report
  - 4. Chair no report
  - 5. Secretary no report
  - 6. Treasurer see opening and closing reports
- \* Discussion regarding Order of Business: Dave recognized/discussion should be under New Business
- \*Michael requests Change of Business to address Convention issue
- \*Chair Calls for vote to change order of business: 6 In favor 2 Opposed and 0 Abstain
- \*Order of Business changed to address Convention

## Convention Chair Earlie H.

- ~ Thanked those who showed up for the emergency mtg at 822 Cleveland even though there was no quorum there was much discussed
- ~ Addressed the disinformation regarding the Convention confirmation and signing of Contract/location
- ~ Researched previous Conventions, their costs; as well as alternate locations ~ at this point Earlie gave VC Crystal M. the floor
  - Opening Balance: \$1,133.56 as of 7/16/11
  - Programing: Cost of Keynote Speakers estimated @ \$2500. This is to include transportation, rms, and registration
  - Merchandise: Pre-Convention Ts
    - -quantity order 60
    - -34 sold to date @ 13 ea.
    - -26 left in inventory
    - -Income Total: \$442 + \$15 (pre-convention merch) = \$457
  - Merchandise Budget (last year \$5300): This year projecting the same expenditure for all merchandise including registration packets
  - No quote from ADSEC until they know specifically what is being ordered
  - Hospitality: No budget at this time
  - Provided tree copies of possible logo

     reminded the theme must continue to include 8<sup>th</sup> Wonder of the World

- Last fund raising function: \$300 budgeted. Expenses \$75
   DJ and Hall \$75. Income after expenses: \$553 + \$83
   (reg)=\$636
- Banquet Tickets

   being raffled: income to date \$99 (cost of banquet tickets project at \$35 ea)
- Next event: Taste of NA July 31 Duck Island, Hyde Park,
   N.F. best dish wins Registration and Banquet Ticket
- Convention Chair requested questions @1:05 since he ghad to leave: Ed B What was the cost of the pre-Convention Ts? Ans. \$538. Michael B. What was the cost of last year's banner and do you plan to spend about the same amount? Ans. About \$350/Yes. And that was for the banner and signs throughout the hotel. Susan M. Does the RSC need to approve the logo? Ans. No, but we bring it here for transparency. Jim L. Does ADSPEC charge for creating the electronic version. Ans. No.
- 1:20 Convention Chair turn over report to the Vice Chair
- Responded to requests for info /and questions asked @ emergency mtg:
  - Hyatt can't do anything for Oct.
  - Adam's Mark is mirroring last year's contract and is available for Oct 20-23. Rm Block 203 @ \$109 and \$129 for Exec. w/complimentary rm @ every 50. In the event we do not sell the rooms the speakers' rms will be \$99
  - One time set up fee \$1000
  - \$35 Charge for banquet tickets based on the 203 rm block #
  - o Will allow hospitality to set up
  - Parking: complimentary for overnight guests all others pay \$5 per day in and out
  - Continued w/reading of contract. Expected revenue \$21,947 and Banquet \$7,497.50 based upon room block # of 203. Cancellation is standard term – failure to reach committed revenue will result in our obligation to pay the difference
  - o Deposit required: \$900 non refundable
  - o 50% of Contract due 21 days prior to event
  - o Remaining 50% due 7 days prior to the event
  - o Insurance required for the event

<sup>\*</sup>Change of Business called for by Jim L and Seconded by Stephen Passesd w/simple majority vote.

Chair Dave given floor for introductions: VC Darlene, H&I Chair Mary, and concerned member Seth. We were established in March 2009 and registered w/World as of Feb 2010. Would like to be part of the WNYRSCNA instead of Pitt based upon travel. We would like to know how we can help serve and receive help in the form of service from WNYRSCNA. We have a meeting schedule, Hotline, H&I and PI committee. Some meetings are from other areas and are on our list in the spirit of unity and cooperation. At this time we are bringing a donation totaling \$100.

Dave was directed to Web Servant so that C.A.M. N.A. could be posted on NAWNY.ORG

Next meeting of Region C.A.M.N.A. will have voting rights and will enter rotation of regional meetings. Chair Dave stated that meetings could be hosted in the Alleghany location.

RDA Steven voiced concern regarding quick recognition of C.A.M.N.A. and reminded the committee of the Alley-Catts. RD Jim asked the committee to keep in mind the spiritual principles and our Traditions while emphasizing the point that C.A.M.N.A. has been a viable area part of N.A. for more than 3 years and did actively participate in the last C.A.R.

At this point C.A.M.N.A. was formally welcomed and the committee broke from session from 2:05 to 2:30.

#### New Business continued:

- 1. Convention requests \$3500 dispersement. Rationale: Secure location, hotel, merchandise, and ... such as A&G and programming.
  - John M \$2500 is outrageous for speakers
  - Ed B. Do we wan to commit to the 203 # and banquets/pay't 21 days prior to the eventneeds to be pay't @ close of event.
  - Michal B. The way rthe requests stands now, I can't support it. We need to renegotiate the #s of rms and banquets
  - RCM Buffalo We've got the cart before the horse. The contract is the #1 issue. Can we get closer to last year's #s?
  - Dave (CAMNA) You can anticpate 39 -40 new members. How often have the members meet to reach this conclusion. (3xs). We need to trust the process and the servants. Time is an issue considering a date of October 2011.

<sup>\*</sup> Order of Business – New Business

<sup>\*</sup>Chair recognizes visitors: C.A.M.N.A.

- Crystal We have a copy of last year's contract and can try to get it this year's contract to mirror it. I am willing to go back and request Adam's Mark give us a contract mirroring last year's contract. Still, we need approval to move forward.
- Ed B. Last year it made no difference to the committee.
- RCM Buffalo Are we allowed to conditionally approve the contract? Rm adjustment and down pay't.
- Michael B, Is this a vote of confidence we are talking about? We need to be specific regarding rm and banquets; as well as money due.
- Susan M. I don't agree with the contract or the vote of confidence.
- Buffalo RCM Drafting motion –see motion attached addressing the # of rms. in block to 170 and banquets to 50, and pay't to read set up fee, 50% of banquet and ½ at end/motion seconded.
  - o 3pros 3 cons
    - Ed B. No way can we pay 50%. %0% of what is my point. It should be banquet and set up fee.
  - o Friendly Amendment offered and accepted (see motion attached)
    - Susan M. There are items still unaddressed
    - Michael B.  $-\operatorname{pro} 3^{\operatorname{rd}}$  Concept. If we recognize the wonderful job the committee is doing why do we not move forward. They have guidelines to adhere to and direction to follow.
    - RCM Buffalo pro- reiterates similar points
  - O Question Called: 3 in favor, 2 opposed, and 2 abstentions. Motion passes.
- Amelia RCM NF- Motion for \$2500/Seconded RCM Buffalo
  - o 3 pros 3cons
    - Dave M.- pro- \$2500 is reasonable and necessary they need it or they will have to back and ask for more next meeting.
    - Ed B. Will we have enough funds for other service commitments?
    - Dave CAMNA pro- They are trusted servants.
  - o Question Called: 4 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion passes.
- 2. Motion to NEZF read and direction requested.
  - 3 pros 3 cons
    - Ed B. pro It's a good place to go to get ESH
    - o Michael B. con- Against it the spiritual intent is questionable/
    - Steven D. con- Against it. It just creates another level of service.
  - Question Called: 1 in favor, 3 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion fails.

## Return to regular Order of Business

## VIII. Reports

## B. Subcommittees

• H&I – see report. Next mtg??? No committee members. How can we generate involvement? Response; Establish time and place contact remains the same.

- Policy report will be forwarded to secretary as usual.
- Web see report. Noted that he received email from Chautt. @12:06: Ken P w/drawsdue to life on life's terms and steps down. Chautt Area RCM absent due to life on life's terms/transportation issue. Reviewed website stats. Request remains the same Please continue to review mtgs and send updates as necessary. CAMNA is now officially up on the website.
- IX. Nominations
  - A. Activities Ed B Nominates John M/ John accepted and answered the 5 questions. Nominations close.
- X. Closing Balance See Report
  - A. Opening Bal: \$5,641.38 less \$2 fee + Income: \$250.00 Expenditures: \$2,609.47
  - B. Closing Bal: \$3,219,91
- XI. Motion to Close -4:05

Yours in Service – Jim L. Acting Secretary

Peace be the Journey

Vice Chair Report

To the regional body:

I would like to notify this body due to the fact that my regional vice chair position was completed as of may 2011 and knowing that it is an automatic nomination for the chair position, I am unfortunately having to withdraw that nomination due to personal life on life's terms. I would like to thank the regional body for helping me grow in my recovery and furthering my process. Hopefully in the future I will be able to serve at this body again in the future. Sorry for any inconvenience.

In loving service Ken P.

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Chautauqua RCM Report July 16th, 2011

First off I would like to apologize for not being able to attend the last few regional meetings due to transportation problems and life on life's terms. Our area has had a couple meetings close down do to lack of members or violating our traditions. Even though our area has had a couple meetings close down the rest of them are thriving and growing in attendance.

We have currently lost our H&I chair and we are in the process of filling that position. Also we are still in the process of making our area more sufficient by taking a look at where most of our money is spent, and using other avenues to save money to send to other levels of service. Also our literature committee has been able to get a stable amount of literature for area that has really helped our area grow. Another action we took at area was increasing our literature by %5. We have increased our literature due to the increase of literature from world service.

I once again would like to apologize for not being at region and hopefully will no longer have issues with transportation and life on life's terms. Our area ending balance was \$642.96.

In loving service Smitty

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# Minutes

Guideline review Report

We met from 11:30-12:00 noon just before the regular regional meeting. There were 3 people in attendance.

We continued to go through the revised by-laws looking for problems and errors.

Our next meeting will be held an hour before our next regional meeting, at 11:00am in Buffalo, NY on September 17th 2011.

In Service Dave. M.

Treasurer's Report to Region for July 16, 2011

1. Opening Balance: \$5,641.38

a. Bank Balance: \$5,639.38 (\$2.00 Service Charge/Paper Statement Fee)

b. Revised Opening Balance: \$5,639.38

- 2. Income:
  - a. \$50.00, Donation, Hope On Hertel Homegroup of NA
  - b. \$ 100.00, Donation, Central Allegheny Mountain Area, newly seated at Region
  - c. \$ 100.00, Donation, Niagara Falls Area
- 3. Expense:
  - a. \$89.47, #684, Workshop Reimbursement, James Lowe, RD
  - b. \$ 20.00, # 683, Meeting Space Rental/Refreshments, Friendship Foundation
  - c. \$2,500.00, #685, Seed Money, Convention Committee
- 4. Closing Balance: \$3,219.91

In Service & Unity,

Susan M.

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