

WNYRSCNA Minutes 3-17-18

I. Open Meeting @ 12:16pm

- 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 ☐

- Chautauqua removed from roll call due to missing two meetings in a row.

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 (subcommittee previously approved to be removed)
- ii. Convention present ☒ absent ☐ late ☐ open ☐
- iii. H & I present ☐ absent ☒ late ☐ open ☐
- iv. PR present ☒ absent ☐ late ☐ open ☐
- v. Literature (subcommittee previously approved to be removed)
- vi. WEB present ☒ absent ☐ late ☐ open ☐

III. Establish Quorum Yes ☒ No ☐

- IV. Next Meeting Location: The next meeting will be May 19th at 12pm with address confirmation pending. Anticipation of meeting location at 555 Davison Rd Lockport NY 14094. Guideline review meeting held at 11 am.
- V. Mail distribution. Mail distributed.
- VI. Reports
 - a. Executive Committee
 - i. Opening Treasurer's Report including opening balance
 - 1. Opening Balance: \$6755.12 balance according to bank was \$6745.12 due to math error. Correct OB is 6745.12.
 - ii. Chair
 - 1. No report.
 - iii. Vice Chair
 - 1. All is going well with committee, submitted report electronically
 - iv. Secretary
 - 1. Updated the bylaws as requested to incorporate 14 new motions into the bylaws, however I did not make a copy available due to an issue updating the table of contents. I have reached out to the webservant and she is currently helping me with updating the table of contents and a hard copy will be available next meeting.
 - v. RD
 - 1. See report posted on NAWNY.org website.
 - 2. Attended MARLCNA February 2/9-2/10 2018
 - 3. Two pieces of literature will be proposed (and approved) at the WSC2018 Daily Meditations & Mental Illness IP.
 - 4. Literature price increase effective 7/1/18 5% on the Basic Text and 6% on all other literature. First increase since 2014
 - 5. The CAT contains the 2018-20 strategic plan, the project plan, the proposed budget, proposed reimbursement policy, tools and the decision making at the WSC, the WSC seating report, Proposals for service tools approvals process and the NAWS environmental scan
 - 6. We will be meeting at the WSC to discuss our topics for the next NEZF in October 2018
 - vi. RDA
 - 1. No Report
 - b. Area RCMs
 - i. Buffalo – RCM Valdina (RCM Alt Amy)
 - 1. \$500 donation

2. Question about where the archives from 1999 should go and if they should be kept on file. Suggestion to shrink down the files and discuss this and decide at the area level on what to do with them.
 3. Question on why RD was coming so late and why a presentation did not occur earlier to inform our GSRS (RD scheduled to attend April 8th)
 4. Looking for guidance on where to go for books to be donated to H&I. This is an area H&I issue to create a budget to buy and donate the literature as requested.
- ii. CAMNA – Area Chair Darlene
1. \$100 donation
 2. The RD/RDA team came to the area to present CAR presentation and tally sheets so the GSR's could bring information back to HG's
 3. Approximately \$500 of literature and a balance of \$391.13.
 4. May 26th there will be a picnic "We do Recover" at Hamilin Park in Smethport, PA 16749 flyers have been distributed.
- iii. Chautauqua – Absent
- iv. N.F. – RCM Ronnie B
1. No Donation, it has been motioned and since tabled to donate \$1000 to the region. The area decided they would like to know about the Convention before making the donation. (Still no donation)
 2. Approximately \$6000 balance
 3. Would like to increase the seed money for the regional convention to pay for registrations, etc. (Cannot increase an amount that has not yet been requested).
 4. RD and RDA came to area to do a CAR report
- v. NIO – RCM Dave R
1. \$760.74 closing balance with 15 active meetings.
 2. RD/RDA put on presentation that went well to discuss CAR motions
 3. No donation
- vi. NEWNY – RCM Susan M
1. Current balance of \$0
 2. \$40 donation
 3. Please come join us as we grow, and we declined RD/RDA presentation due to small area.

- 4. Activity on our phonline
- vii. NAMANA – RCM Don - Absent
 - 1. No donation
- c. Subcommittees
 - i. Convention – Earlie H
 - 1. Vice Chair – Ed. B, Treasurer – Susan M, Comptroller – Jim L, Registration – Irish H, Programming – Darlene M
 - 2. All other positions are still open, and a meeting will be held from 1-3 at 910 Ontario avenue tomorrow to seek more nominees and hold a committee meeting.
 - 3. At conclusion of last convention there was a discrepancy in the amount of funds. The old bank account has more funds than recorded in the books.
 - 4. Would like to open a new bank account due to starting a new convention and committee. We would like to spend the \$30 for new checks to open a new account. This is a committee issue which needs to be discussed at committee meeting.
 - 5. Would like to get to storage locker for merchandise to bring to the next regional meeting to try to fundraise some of these materials
 - 6. Looking into proposals for the next convention to be discussed at the committee meeting.
 - ii. H & I – Erik J - Absent
 - 1. No Report
 - iii. PR – Jim L
 - 1. Still requesting areas to reach out for a learning day or workshop and received very little contact from areas
 - 2. Have been in contact with the Buffalo Area
 - 3. Provided updated information to the Zone
 - iv. WEB – Janine
 - 1. Redesigned the entire website
 - 2. Need more notice to post events please do not wait until last minute
 - 3. Question about what events I can and cannot post outside of our region. If it is an NA event, then it is approved to be posted. Unanimous Vote to allow Web servant ability to use discretion on what to post.
 - v. Convention Guidelines

1. Currently on the executive committee members

VII. Old Business

- a. 14 motions proposed by vice chair: Vote unanimous, motion passes. Secretary will update the bylaws and make a hard copy available at the next meeting to be reviewed prior to approval. **Due to an issue with updating the table of contents the hard copy will not be available until the next meeting in May. The regional printer will be available to make hard copies for anyone who wishes.**
- b. WSO donation: New motion was written, it was seconded to send \$5000 to world services. Vote is unanimous, motion passes and \$5000 will be sent to world. **Receipt was received from world services thanking the region for our donation.**
- c. WEB: The new web chair presented a new website that will cost the region approximately \$360 for 3 years. In the long run this will create savings for the region. Vote is unanimous. Transition is projected to take place prior to the March meeting. Requesting \$360 to pay for the new website.

VIII. New Business

- a. Any requests for Disbursements
 - i. Rent - \$30
 - ii. RD - \$ 165.54 for WSC lodging
 - iii. RD - \$250.00 for WSC car rental
 - iv. RDA – \$2500 for WSC
- b. Nominations/Elections
None.
- c. Issues of predatory behavior and opinions of individuals who are on medically assisted treatment programs brought to the attention of the body from the current chairperson of the Buffalo Area regarding an atmosphere of recovery. This is an issue of fellowship development and a list of solutions have been created to resolve the issues. He is requesting any insight, support, or guidance to help resolve the issue. See attached letter. Discussion of experience, strength, and hope was shared amongst the body.
- d. Issue of Buffalo H&I member selling drugs in facility and in return losing facility. This is an issue that should be brought to the attention of the H&I chairperson. Discussion of pros and cons were shared amongst the body.

IX. Closing Treasurer's Report

a. OB: \$6755.12

*Correct Bank balance of \$6745.12, variance of \$10 corrected due to simple computational error.

b. Income total: \$1310

c. Disbursements total: \$2945.54

d. CB: \$5109.58

Motion to approve minutes: X

X. Motion to Close

XI. Close @ 5:18 pm