

## WNYRSCNA Minutes 3-16-19

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- I. Open Meeting @ 12:04pm
  - 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 X absent      late
    - ii. CAMNA present X absent      late
    - iii. Chautauqua Present      absent X late
    - iv. Niagara Falls present X absent      late
    - v. NIO present X absent      late
    - vi. North East WNY present X absent      late
    - vii. NAMANA present X absent      late
  - b. Executive Committee
    - i. Chair present X absent      late
    - ii. Vice Chair present X absent      late
    - iii. Secretary present X absent      late
    - iv. Treasurer present X absent      late
    - v. RD present X absent      late
    - vi. RDA present X absent      late
  - c. Subcommittees
    - i. Convention present      absent      late      open X
    - ii. H & I present      absent X late
    - iii. PR present X absent      late
    - iv. WEB present      absent      late X
- III. Establish Quorum Yes X No
- iv. Next Meeting Location: The next meeting will be hosted by NAMANA at First Baptist Church 133 S Union St Olean NY, 14760. Guideline review at 11.
- V. Mail distribution – Mail distributed.

VI. Reports

a. Executive Committee

i. Opening Treasurer's Report including opening balance

1. Opening Balance: \$4569.10
2. The 990 was filed.

ii. Chair

1. No report.

iii. Vice Chair

1. Read and sent report electronically. See attached.

iv. Secretary

1. No report.

v. RD

1. Read and sent electronically. See attached.
2. Zonal PR is no longer an ad-hoc committee, it is now a standing subcommittee.
3. The RD team will be attending the NEZF on April 26-28th, 2019 in Rochester NY. Due to the proximity of the NEZF I would strongly encourage members attend to experience this level of service

vi. RDA

1. No report.

b. Area RCMs

i. Buffalo – RCM Amy

1. Donation – No donation
2. See attached report.
- 3.

ii. CAMNA – Area Chair Darlene

1. Donation - \$100
2. Accepting nominations at the area level/voting will take place next meeting.
3. \$315.35 in account and approximately \$500 in literature
4. Celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year in existence with a 3-day camping trip the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup> at Sizer Ville State Park in Pennsylvania.

iii. Chautauqua – Absent

iv. N.F. – RCM Earlie

1. \$200 donation

2. 2 new meetings on the schedule
3. NF's year end event on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> at the Sheridan Niagara Hotel and Hospitality downtown Niagara Falls.
- v. NIO – RCM Dave R
  1. Read report
  2. Donation: No donation.
  3. \$607.32 Closing balance.
  4. Fellowship development day held on 3/02/19 with the regional PR with about 30 people in attendance
  5. New meeting in the area.
- vi. NEWNY – RCM Susan M
  1. Due to lack of Trusted Servant support at the Area level, the North East Western New York Area has disbanded.
- vii. NAMANA – RCM Don
  1. Submitted electronically. See attached.
  2. \$250 donation
- c. Subcommittees
  - i. Convention – Open
    1. Jim has volunteered to store the financial archives
    2. A motion was made to closing the bank account for the Convention committee and the \$789.93 account balance will be returned over to the Regional Committee. Vote was unanimous. The account will be closed after the next meeting. The secretary will return the check book and a check will be written to the Regional Committee for the remainder of the balance.  
**Checks and stamp were turned over to Jim L. The check was written for \$789.93 and turned in to the treasurer. Check number 146 will effectively close out the account.**
  - ii. H & I – Ken J
    1. Absent – report read by Ed.
    2. Books have all been delivered to Area H&I subcommittees.
  - iii. PR – Jim L
    1. Read and submitted electronically. See attached.
    2. Attended the Finger Lakes Area of Narcotics Anonymous at the annual recovery convention on Feb 1, 2019 from 4-5:30. This was hosted at the

Quality Inn in the Cab East Room on 2468 Rt. 414 Waterloo, NY 13165.  
Was well attended by law enforcement, jails and institutions and government.

3. Put on fellowship development day with Ni-O area March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 555 Davidson rd.
4. \$119.91 is requested to be returned to replace literature that was distributed during learning days.
5. \$162.89 will be requested to attend the 2 remaining areas learning days.
6. Total of \$300 being requested.

iv. WEB – Janine

1. Gave verbal report. Would be willing to accept a nomination at this point and is meeting tomorrow 3-17-19 with a member of this fellowship who designs websites for a living. He is willing to offer his services.

v. Convention Guidelines

1. Did not meet this month.

### VII. Nominations/Elections

Chair – Dave Ma – accepts **Vote: Yes – 4 No – 0 Abstain - 0**

Vice chair – Dave My Vote : **Yes – 4 No – 0 Abstain - 0**

Secretary – Stephanie – accepts **Vote: Yes – 4 No – 0 Abstain - 0**

Treasurer – Ed – accepts (withdraws interest in position), Matt S. nominated – Accepts, questions answered and will vote on next month.

Convention – Erik J nominated, accepts questions answered and will vote on next month.

H&I – Ken J – accepts (Not present to vote, tabled to next month)

PR – Jim – accepts **Vote: Yes – 4 No – 0 Abstain - 0**

Web – Janine nominated for position to vote next month.

### VIII. Old Business –

Website Issues

- a. By-Law Revisions will be edited and presented at next meeting in September and voted on in 11/18. Since vice chair is absent this meeting we will table until next month to vote so elaboration on the revisions occurs. Tabled again due to not having majority vote. **Vote: Yes – 4 No – 0 Abstain – 0 bylaws updated by secretary**
- b. Convention contract – No information available currently for a convention contract. Discussion of amount of time, effort and space needed. Might not be bad idea to downsize the convention. Possibility of an NA fair or concert. **A poll/survey could be taken to allow addicts the availability to offer input on which route they would like to take regarding the next convention. Janine will email the questions out to the areas. The areas will then have the home groups sign onto the website to take the survey.**
- c. Buffalo Area's concerns: Adding requirements for areas into the bylaws and what is the definition of an area, looking for a balance on the prudent reserve (we don't have one) suggestion for an amount in a motion at next meeting.
- d. Discussion regarding the prudent reserve. Different sections of the bylaws specifically address the prudent reserve and how it is determined by the treasurer. The amount will be determined depending on what cycle we are to ensure proper fund flow. **Prudent Reserve value: This year without having the convention there is a possibility that we will be unable to cover the costs of the RD/RDA team attending things they usually attend. We want to ensure proper fund flow. The money going out cannot exceed the money coming in. The Ni-O area would like to operate within the bylaws as written and allow the treasurer to determine a value for the prudent reserve.**
  - i. Discussion of adding requirements for areas – guide to local service recommends 5 minimal meetings for an area. CAMNA mentioned that H&I, Phonenumber and PR are important for their area to be effective. Groups make up area, area makes up region not the other way around. **This was withdrawn by the Buffalo Area per RCM report.**
- e. RD – Funding for the zoom account and the NEZF website hosting which is approximately \$23.50 annually. Currently it is used on an individual's personal account. This should be considered a budgeted item.
- f. RD - Due to this being a non-conference year, The RD team will not be attending MARLCNA. Instead the RDA attended the Multi Zonal Service Symposium and the

RD will be attending the Florida Service Symposium on March 22-24 in Tampa FL. Discussion of the importance of sending two delegates as opposed to one. Vote unanimous, \$760 will be disbursed.

g. PR – Finger lake convention and FD for Ni-O area discussed under report, this is a budgeted item.

h.

IX. New Business

a. Any requests for Disbursements

i. Rent – \$35

ii. PR - \$300

iii. RD - \$850

b. RD – What about trying to find different locations to host the meetings and add some diversity to reach more addicts? We meet at the same location every time an area hosts the regional meeting, why not try to host at a different location.

c. BICCNA did receive notice that they are in fact covered under the insurance policy. The insurance will be forwarded directly to the facility that is hosting the event.

d. Who will be responsible for the insurance policy? Who will oversee the printer?

X. Closing Treasurer's Report

a. OB: \$4569.10

b. Income total: \$1339.93

c. Disbursements total: \$ 1185

d. CB: \$4724.03

Motion to approve minutes: \_\_X\_\_

XI. Motion to Close

XII. Close @ 4:04pm