

WNYRSCNA Minutes 3-20-21

Open Meeting @ 12:06 am

- a) MOS
- b) SP
- c) Service prayer

II. Roll

a) AREAS

- i. Buffalo present X absent _____ late _____
- ii. CAMNA present _____ absent X late _____
- iii. Niagara Falls present X absent _____ late _____
- iv. NIO present X absent _____ late _____
- v. NAMANA present X absent _____ late _____

b) Executive Committee

- i. Chair present X absent _____ late _____
- ii. Vice Chair present X absent _____ late _____
- iii. Secretary present _____ absent _____ late _____ Vacant X
- iv. Treasurer present _____ absent _____ late X
- v. RD present X absent _____ late _____
- vi. RDA present _____ absent _____ late _____ Vacant X

c) Subcommittees

- i. Convention present X absent _____ late _____ open _____
- ii. H & I present X absent _____ late _____
- iii. PR present X absent _____ late _____
- iv. WEB present _____ absent _____ late _____ Vacant X

III. Establish Quorum Yes X No _____

a) Next Meeting Location: Next meeting will be held via Zoom on May 15th, 2021 at noon.

IV. Mail distribution – Mail distributed.

- a) Hope on hertle donation - \$25
- b) Straight away - \$100 donation
- c) Insurance is up for renewal
- d) Reciept from NAWS for our donation

V. Reports

a) Executive Committee

- i. Opening Treasurer's Report including opening balance
 - 1. Opening Balance: \$5061.25
 - 2. **Asked for permission to check the mail in between meetings and make sure to pay the premium and renew the insurance policy, the CB this month will be the OB next month less the insurance payment**
- ii. Chair -
 - 1. Read and submitted report electronically. See attached.
 - 2. Provides an overview of vision of the upcoming term
 - 3. Suggests that members submit reports as soon as possible

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- iii. Vice Chair
 - 1. No Report.
- iv. Secretary
 - 1. Vacant
- v. RD
 - 1. Read and submitted electronically. See attached.
 - 2. 230 responses from service toolbox
 - 3. WSC 2022 unclear still due to COVID
 - 4. FIPT updates posted at www.na.org/FIPT
 - 5. NEZF meets on the 4th Sundays of EVEN months at 3pm
 - 6. NEZF FD meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 8pm.
 - 7. NESSNA – Northeastern States Service Symposium – 4th Sunday at 11:30 am.
- vi. RDA -
 - 1. Vacant
- b) Area RCM
 - i. Buffalo – RCM Barb G, RCM alt – Jennifer G.
 - 1. Submitted report electronically. See attached.
 - 2. No donation
 - 3. H&I – serving 4 facilities
 - 4. Buffalo area convention sept 2-5th at The buffalo airport hotel
 - 5. CB - \$2827.16
 - ii. CAMNA –
 - 1. \$100 donation
 - 2. no report
 - iii. Chautauqua – Dan & Greg (visitors shared)
 - 1. Area has dissolved recently due to misappropriation issues
 - 2. Some groups merged with the NAMANA area, some chose not to merge
 - iv. N.F. – RCM Alex, RCMA – Freddie A
 - 1. \$100 donation
 - 2. H&I reinstated contact with two facilities to resume zoom meetings
 - 3. Continue to meet with hotel staff to plan convention 2022
 - 4. CB 3035.37
 - v. NIO – RCM – Isaiah
 - 1. No donation
 - 2. No report.
 - 3. Looking into meeting for ASC in person meetings
 - 4. CB \$383.67
 - vi. NAMANA – RCM Don, RCM alt Shanea
 - 1. Read report, submitted electronically.
 - 2. no donation
 - 3. 5 HGs meeting face to face with zoom options
 - 4. H&I – in a new facility

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5. CB – \$842.90

c) Subcommittees

i. Convention – Tyron

1. No report was submitted, verbal message that positions have recently opened up on the committee and is currently looking to have the positions filled

ii. H & I – Amy F

1. Read and submitted electronically. See attached.
2. Gathering a list of area H&I chairs
3. Looking to form a subcommittee consisting of H&I chairs to discuss business
4. Gathering a list of ideas on how to better serve the region with H&I matters

iii. PR – Jim L

1. Read and submitted report electronically. See attached.
2. Re-engaged participation with NEZF PR participation
3. Looking for area PR chairs to reach out to collaborate possible PR events
4. Projected annual budget of \$2,000

iv. WEB – Janine

1. Read and submitted electronically. See attached.
2. Sent an update from what the website was to where it is now
3. Reimbursement of 388.80 hosting service for website through Jan 27, 2024

VI. Nominations/Elections –

- i. RDA – Brett V – vote unanimous
- ii. Webservant – Dave – vote unanimous
- iii. Secretary – Vacant

VII. Old Business –

- a. Seating new areas & guidelines for shrinking areas – discussion regarding the conscience of the area regarding business and having a voice. Is it fair that larger areas have the same voice as a smaller area? Standards need to be in place, this is something that needs to be further discussed. Possibility of a work group to form and address this further. Members should discuss this with their areas to determine a direction to take on this matter for next meeting.
- b. Face to Face meetings – Discussion of changing Buffalo face to face meeting list to a Regional Face to Face meeting list. There is a separate face to face list for NAMANA, this would need to be imported into the regional list. Consensus of the group appear to be in concurrence.
- c. Suggestions to take a look at the Zoom portion of the RD position or possibility to open a new position. Discussion took place and it seems to make sense that the Chair should be in control of the zoom meeting.
- d. Bank account – discussion of removing old signers for the bank account and adding new signers. The RD, Chair, & Vice Chair need to be on the bank account. **This will be discussed at the end of the meeting to determine time and location.**

VIII. New Business

- a) Any requests for Disbursements
 - i. Rent – \$0

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ii. \$388.80 – website reimbursement through Jan 27, 2024

iii.

- b) Do we want to get involved and connect with a month of caring and sharing the journey continues additional information can be found by reaching out to info@tjcna.org for additional information
- c) Changing the names on NAWNY.org – due to positions changing, the names should be updated on the website.
- d) Subcommittee reports – suggestion to submit reports electronically two weeks early if possible this is not required just suggested.
- e) Establishing a time frame for the regional service meetings – Typically the meeting starts at 12 maybe we need to discuss a closing time that we do not meet past. Tabled until July.
- f) Discussion of shared services – possibility of statewide phone line or nationwide phone line to share services. Possibility of sharing different positions that may not be filled such as literature or H&I. Taken a new dimension worldwide due to Pandemic and virtual capabilities. RCMs report back on this next meeting
- g) Projected annual budgets – tabled until next meeting in May.
- h) Bank account for website account/zoom account – will be discussed at the end of the meeting along with the bank account signers and will report back in May.
- i) Access to a zoom platform – for H&I as an organizational meeting. H&I needs to request access or possibility of regional H&I zoom account.
- j) Funding of H&I literature – books should be purchased as a budgeted item, so a budget should be prepared and shared next meeting. Point of information – books into jails need to be paperback only. East coast convention is in June so we may still receive a literature donation from them as we usually do, more info at <http://eccna.org/>.

IX. Sharing Session

- a) Diane from Rochester – An adhoc committee was formed to observe different regions to establish a region to join. Would like to know what the WNY region has to offer them if they decide to join our region. Our region has spiritual boundaries, discussion of travelling.
- b) Discussion of a HG receiving a copy of insurance policy, must be up to date with world services.

X. Closing Treasurer's Report

- a) OB: \$5061.25
- b) Income total: \$325
- c) Disbursements total: \$388.80
- d) CB: \$4997.45
- e) Motion to approve minutes: ___X___

XI. Motion to Close

XII. Close @ 3:18 pm

WNY Regional Chair Report

Good afternoon,

Thank you for letting me be of service. As we continue to meet virtually as a region for the foreseeable future we should consider how we can best be of service to our member areas and how to assist effective communication practices between World, the NEZF and the Region. Emails from the zone and the WSC/WB can make their way down from the RD team to the region; the RCM's down to the area and the GSR's down to the groups- the most important level of NA service. Working up the inverted pyramid in the most efficient way possible should be the focus for this year especially since this is a non conference cycle and the RD teams attending the WSC in 2022 in person is for now, on the table. We have time in the non conference years to really see where we can best serve the areas.

I am going to send my report early and moving forward I will be sending my report two weeks early and I would like to encourage sub committees to do the same. If we have the reports out early we can read and review reports and save the report reading for questions regarding the report(s). This is something I saw the Canadian assembly (CANA) do and it was a good use of precious time. If an entire country can do it we can certainly try it. We can discuss this during new business of course. We will be having a NEZF FD presentation this month and if your area is meeting before this report (NI-O, Buffalo) you may want to let GSR's know so they might attend. The FD team can help us determine how we may best serve our areas during this time. I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

In loving service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Stephen D.', written in a cursive style.

Stephen D
WNY Regional Chair
Regionalchair@nawny.org
716-548-3293

Western New York – Regional Delegate

March Report

March 20, 2021

Conference Participants Call

- Virtual Meeting/Local Service Tool Box Update – 230 responses received (from more than half US states and 27 countries to the Local Service Toolbox Project virtual meeting survey. Report will be issued to fellowship soon.
 - 2 main focuses for the project now:
 - One: best practices for virtual recovery meetings
 - Two: how virtual recovery meetings are connecting to the wider world of NA and NA service delivery.
- WSC 2022 – unclear as to what will take place as current COVID protocols and legal requirements for social distancing would require double the amount of rooms; which is causing additional thoughts regarding the venue (space). There is communication with the hotel.
- **FIPT**- Revisions have been made to the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust – and have been posted at: www.na.org/fipt for 6 month fellowship review until the end of May. WSC 2020 passed a motion to begin the process of revision for zonal delegates to be added to the FIPT as decision makers (in line with Conference decisions to make zonal delegates full Conference participants). **The cover memo of the draft explains the revisions and the background in more detail.**
- Communication with Members –
 - Media – check out the resources – www.na.org/media
- Other updates:
 - Spiritual Principle a Day book is on schedule to publish a draft for approval in the 2022 Conference Agenda Report.
 - Project page – www.na.org/spad - latest ways to contribute
- WCNA 38- working on rescheduling to be held in Melbourne for 2022
- Invest in our Future
 - Self-supporting pamphlets:
 - Money Matters
 - Funding NA Services

Zone - nezf.org – Meets on the 4th Sunday of EVEN Months – Next Meeting is on April 23-25, 2021. (Bi-Annual Weekend) – working on strategic planning

Summary of Decisions Made at Last Meeting – February 28, 2021

• ***Fellowship Development***

- In coordination with the NEZF Chair, FD will Come up with alternative dates to have the Delegate Training Workshop and have the NEZF Chair email it in survey form to gauge the Zone's preference
 - FD would like the opportunity to attend all NEZF/AZF regions to give a 10-15 minute presentation about NEZF Fellowship Development.
 - RCM Training Workgroup is requesting RCM contact information for all willing to share that information – for the purposes of direct contact with RCM's for inviting to the workgroup and workshops.
 - Decision: Is there any opposition to FD responding to other opportunities that might arise during the cycle? **No Opposition**
- NEZF approved the initial "Phase 1" recommendations of the meeting of the US Zones Strategic Plan
 - US Website with basic common PR information
 - Central shared email for each zone
 - Developing presenting on IDT on FD (input gathering)
 - FD Inventory Tool to evaluate current strengths and needs
 - This has gone back and forth since November 2020. The proposal is from the Meeting of the Zones. The NEZF is split regarding moving forward – Decision – 5Y- 4N – 2A.
 - NEZF sent back vote to postpone.

Fellowship Development – NEZF FD <https://fd.nezf.org> Committee Meeting – Meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 8 pm.

- fd.nezf.org
 - if you have a willingness to add your name into the "Human Resource Pool" please take 15-20 minutes to complete the HRP Input Form
- Fellowship Development has active committees – if this is an area that interests you or someone in your area – send them to the committee meeting on the 2nd Tuesday for more info!! You can find all the minutes and details on the website!

NESSNA [NESSNA – Northeastern States Service Symposium](#) – 4th Sunday – EVEN months at 11:30 am.

- Event is postponed to allow for an IN-PERSON event July 29, 2022 – July 31, 2022 – (following WSC 2022) More details coming 🍷

A Month of Caring and Sharing



Public Relations Statement

Why Public Relations Is Important to the NA Member

The Narcotics Anonymous message is “that an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to us and find a new way to live.” Our relations with the public enable us to share this message broadly so that those who might benefit from our program of recovery can find us. We perform public relations service to increase the awareness and credibility of the NA program. We share our message openly with the public at large, with prospective members, and with professionals. Maintaining an open, attractive attitude in these efforts helps us create and improve relationships with those outside the fellowship. Establishing and maintaining commitment to these relationships, can help us further our primary purpose.

The spiritual principles of our steps, traditions, and concepts guide us in pursuing our public relations aims and our efforts to enhance NA’s public image and reputation. These principles apply to our community and service efforts as well as to the personal behavior and attitude of individual NA members. (PR Basics)

Since the last meeting of Region this trusted servant has participated in the following:

- ❖ NEZF PR Committee Meeting re-engaged participation:



- This group continues to meet monthly via Zoom platform to discuss the PR/PI needs within our Zone's NA communities internally and externally and has engaged in activities through prioritized project work to carry the message of NA via collaborative efforts with an emphasis on shared services. At times it has been SIMPLY through the shared Experience, Strength, and Hope of the trusted servants coming together from areas, regions, and zones near and far.
 - Current examples collaborative initiatives include: **Multi-Zonal PR Week Event Saturday, June 12** (Autonomy Multi-Zonal Forum, South East Zonal Forum, and North East Zonal Forum) Key emphasis will be on bringing professionals together from outside NA to share on their relationship with NA.
 - NEZF PR Chair reported attendance at NYS OASAS Alumni Association Mtg. February 25 and Office Addiction Treatment Center Directors – 12 OASAS Treatment Centers requesting help re-establishing H&I meetings, sponsorship connections, and onsite access to NA literature. (No engagement for past year.)
 - WNY Buffalo specific: Margaret A Stutzman ATC Director Contact Information – Robert Chapman – Email: Robert.Chapman@oasas.ny.gov Phone: (716) 882-4900. Address: 360 Forest Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14213.
 - Informed that government officials are willing to **PUSH** out our local Helpline information and meeting lists.
 - Virtual Conference for Government Officials: Planning Steps – target date 9/21.



It is with this in mind this trusted servant continues to offer the areas of WNY any assistance they may request regarding fellowship development both within the fellowship and within the boarder community specific to its Public Relations efforts.

It is with this in mind this trusted servants requests the assistance of the Areas' RCMs in reaching out to each Area within WNY for the purpose of communicating the need for committed committee members to participate in carrying the NA's message to prospective members, the public in general, and professionals via project work specific to PR efforts. For example: conducting round table discussions on how to increase our exposure within WNY with drug courts, treatment facilities, schools, and faith-based communities, posting public service announcements with various media – this could include doing a PSA for TV broadcast within the Region, attending public events, and conducting presentations throughout the Region's areas by inviting professionals learning day or symposiums.

In accordance with our Regional Bylaws and since PR efforts are relatively new to the Region a discretionary budget of \$2000 to cover learning days and public/professional presentations, as well as possible attendance at PR events for the purpose of participation and learning is requested. The requests for disbursement are subject to Regional approval once a disbursement is requested.

Finally, in an attempt to bring the WNY Area PR/PI committees together, this trusted servant is once again requesting the RCMs provide the Region with the contact information of their Area's PR/PI Chair.



Should the area have its own website and the preferred method of contact is via the web's email, you are asked to provide to web address.

- Goals
 - To request each area conduct an Area Inventory that will help in planning and responding to the needs of each area regarding its PR/PI priorities/needs or requests.
 - To invite each area to collaborate on the planning a PR Week Event in WNY to held in June 2021. This could take the form of a one of the two PR Learning Days required by the Region's Bylaws.
 - To introduce the areas PR committees to idea of collaboration and shared services for the purpose of coordinating services (One such example would be establishing a shared helpline for all the areas of WNY and Upstate NY, eventually culminating in a shared helpline for the entire state of NY. Previous discussion included such a topic and presentation on YAP by Northern New York.)

In closing, for those interested in attending a collaborative international PI Zoom Event see the attached flier. Share in the ESH of a worldwide fellowship.

***The primary purpose of our public relations efforts is to tell the story of
Narcotics Anonymous and what our program offers to the still-suffering addict.
(It Works: How and Why)***



PUBLIC INFORMATION



MARCH 21, 2021

Zoom ID: 845 4654 4297

NO PASSWORD

AN INTERNATIONAL PI
LEARNING DAY HOSTED BY
MANHATTAN AREA PI

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

PR experience in HK - Hong Kong PI

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Booth sittings, Health fairs - UK PI

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

PR Basics - Bronx Area PR

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Myths & Misconceptions as they relate to
PR Traditions - Manhattan Area PI

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

Phonelines - Chicagoland PR

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

PI/H&I Collaboration J-Pay tablets to
Corrections - N.I/NN.I Region Workgroup

2:00 PM - 2:40 PM

Mock Presentation to Professionals/ Do's
& Don'ts - Brooklyn Area PI



Yours in service,
Jim L. PR Chair

H&I Report- March 20, 2021

Spoken to H&I Chairs from Buffalo (Ken J.), NAMANA (Jon C.) . I also heard from Niagara Falls . They're very enthusiastic about the Subcommittee. **New Business**—access to a Zoom Platform so we can connect directly with each other, sharing ideas for collaboration, new ideas, and people's E, S, H.

Gathering a list of facilities served by each Area; whether they are meeting in-person, virtually or no access at this time.

Developing ideas to help carry the message:

Behind the Walls sponsorship/stepwork with experienced members

Literature access for those in jails and prisons

Rural Outreach—collaboration between Areas

Preparing for a virtual learning day in the fall; the Committee members or NA members to discuss format, topics and speakers.

New Business:

Discuss Region purchasing 6th ed. Basic Texts- order from World; No conference for past two years for the copies. Will discuss needs of each Area in the Subcommittee and report next meeting as to how many to request for purchase.

Yours in Service,

Amy F.

**Buffalo Area RCM Regional Report
March 20, 2021**

- 1. Buffalo Area last met on Sunday March 14th 2021. Our next meeting is on April 11, 2021 at 2pm. Zoom ID -# 661-353-5188 password - bascna.**
- 2. H & I are currently servicing 4 facilities**
- 3. Our Convention Committee Chair has spoken with the hotel, their name has changed to "Buffalo Airport Hotel". The rates for rooms are still the same - \$ 89.00 plus tax daily. The Buffalo Area Convention is September 2,3,4,and 5, 2021. For registration contact Senceria P. at (716)200-8420. If you would like a room contact The Buffalo Airport Hotel and mention Narcotics Anonymous at (716)634-6969.**
- 4. Our areas Alt RCM has stepped down, we are currently accepting nominations.**
- 5. Public Relations can now resume their commitment at the Buffalo Public Library. They set up a table and provide information every other Wednesday.**
- 6. Closing balance \$ 2827.16. No donation.**

Niagara Falls RCM report 3/20/21

We met at area on March 6th 2021, on our 211 297 922 zoom ID. Our convention committee chairs continue to meet with hotel staff to iron out details for the coming convention in 2022. Our convention committee returned from a hiatus to start hosting zoom functions regularly. Our next function is March 28th, 2021 at 11am til 6pm on our 211 697 922. Our H&I chair has re-established contact with clear view and horizon village to set up zoom meetings to carry the message into those facilities. We currently have five face to face meetings meeting once a week, and three online meetings that meet multiple days a week. All meetings are up-to-date with the regional list. We are donating 100\$ up the service structure. Our closing balance was 3,035.37

in loving service,

Alex S.

Niagara falls RCM

NAMANA REGIONAL REPORT
3/20/21

This report was submitted electronically by Don R, RCM. We currently have 5 home groups. Recovery on the Rez was closed due to the Church's covid policy. Most of the groups are doing well and meeting face to face with a zoom option.

Five area members are celebrating various amounts of clean time...1yr, 2yrs, 3yrs, 4yrs and 25yrs. H&I has managed to get into the WCA rehab facility in Jamestown. The activities committee is meeting March 27th on zoom to discuss suggestions for virtual events.

Our area asked the RCM(me) if our region was planning on getting involved with the fundraising initiative for NAWS that was created by the Washington/Idaho region for the month of April?

Our closing balance was \$842.90 and our next Area mtg will be in Olean at the Trinity Methodist Church. No donation.

ILS,

Don R RCM NAMANA