

**ABCD REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF N.A.
MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2015 MEETING
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ABCD REGIONAL SERVICE BODY MEMBERS			
CHAIRPERSON	OPEN		Open
VICE CHAIRPERSON	OPEN		Open
TREASURER	Phil S		Feb 2016
SECRETARY	Marc E.)		June 2015
REGIONAL DELEGATE	Sandy M.		July 2015
REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE	Pat H. (abcdrna.rda@gmail.com)		July 2015
ALBANY/RENSSELAER AREA RCM	AI P.		Area
BERKSHIRE COUNTY AREA RCM	Teri J.)		Area
GREEN MOUNTAIN AREA RCM	?		Area
MID-HUDSON AREA RCM	Michelle L.		Area
MOHAWK RIVER AREA RCM	?		Area
SAMMA RCM	?		Area
HELPLINE	Adam B. (?	Mar 2016
HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS	Shawn M. (Apr 2016
POLICY	Mary W. (Mar 2016
FELLOWSHIP RESOURCES	OPEN		Open
CONVENTION CHAIR	Lillian S. (?	Dec 2016
CONVENTION VICE CHAIR	Bob (?)	?	?
CONVENTION TREASURER	Lance (?	?
ALT. CONVENTION TREASURER	OPEN		Open
MEETING LIST COORDINATOR	Jake R. (?	Mar 2016

REGIONAL/AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETINGS			
ABCD Region	First Saturday of each month	10:00 AM	Rotating Locations
Albany/Rensselaer Area	Last Thursday of each month	7:00 PM	14th St. & 1st Ave., Watervliet, NY
Berkshire County Area	Third Tuesday of each month	6:30 PM	B.M.C., Private dining rooms, Level G, 275 North St., Pittsfield, MA
Green Mountain Area	Last Sunday of each month	1:15 PM	Springfield Hospital Library, Springfield, VT
Mid-Hudson Area	Last Thursday of each month	7:00 PM	Rotating locations
Mohawk River Area	Last Saturday of each month	1:00PM	970 State St., Schenectady, NY
SAMMA	Second Sunday of each month	3:00PM	37 Saratoga Ave., S. Glens Falls, NY

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Service Prayer, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts were read. Roll call was then taken.

Roll Call

POSITION	NAME	PRESENT
Chairperson	OPEN	
Vice Chairperson	OPEN	
Treasurer	Phil S.	✓
Secretary	Marc E.	✓
Regional Delegate	Sandy M.	✓
Regional Delegate Alt.	Pat H.	✓
ARANA RCM	AI P.	✓
BCANA RCM	Teri J.	✓
GMA RCM	?	
MHA RCM	Michelle L.	✓
MRA ASR	?	
SAMMA RCM	Carla (acting)	✓
Helpline Chair	Adam B.	✓
Hospitals & Institutions Chair	Shawn	✓
Policy	Mary W.	✓
Resources Coordinator	OPEN	
Convention Chair	Lillian S.	

Convention Treasurer	Lance D.	
Meeting Lists Coordinator	Jake R.	✓

Visitors: Matt (Web Servant), David, Dennis, Jim, Sal, Irene, Don, Jim P

Review of Minutes from previous month – accepted.

Treasurer’s Report – no written report received

Representative Reports

Chair Person Report OPEN

Vice Chair Report OPEN

Secretary’s Report Marc E. (no report)

Regional Delegate Report Sandy M. (no written report received)

Regional Delegate Alternate Report Pat H. (no written report received)

Area Business

Albany Rensselaer Area

(Written report)

I was unable to attend the ARA Meeting due to work. We have no Alternate RCM. Open positions: Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer. I do have a vote for the one Regional motion voted on in May.

In loving service, Al P.

Berkshire County Area

(Written report)

BCANA met on May 19th. We did not have quorum for the second month in a row. I hope this is not a trend. There is a flyer available on our website for the Campout which can be downloaded and printed so people can register by mail for Serenity in the Berkshires 26. The same is true for the Convention. They are currently working on some glitches with PayPal which should be up and running for online registration very soon. Sandy, our RD, came and spoke to us regarding her motion requesting clarification of World Board expenses. She explained it way better than I could. Thanks Sandy. Discussed Pat’s motion about getting all the business done before the special events occur. The only input was from someone who had been RD before and he said he appreciated the break in the middle of the week.

In loving service, Teri J.

Green Mountain Area

(no written report) Absent

No report.

Mid-Hudson Area

(Written report)

Mid-Hudson Area Service committee met on May 28th @ 7:00 PM. Quorum was met w/ area business being conducted. The Mid-Hudson Area regional donation was made in the amount of One Hundred and Seventy Eight Dollars and fifty three cents.

Sandy and Pat’s motions were put forth along with Don’s nomination for Vice Chair.

Our sub committees are running well.

HELP LINE: is now working w/ the UCJ discharge planning and release program to have current meeting lists available for inmates being released from UCJ. The phone line has been updated with current phone numbers and meeting list information. Also, CAPE the council on addiction, prevention, and education has Mid-Hudson Area Helpline listed on page 73 in their resource manual.

OUTREACH: expressed the need for meeting support in the Hudson Area. Outreach chair and her committee continue to visit groups in need of guidance and support.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Rob, S has been nominated and accepted the position of PI chair.

E and A: has an open mic event on June 13th @ George Freer Park in Port Ewen NY from one to six PM. The event is an open mic as well as subcommittee workshops. It's a free event with food, fun and fellowship.

The Leave Your Monkey in The Woods Festival is July 11th @ Marbletown Park on Tongore Road in Marbletown. 10 dollar admission, food, fun, fellowship, meetings, outdoor activities, and creek swimming.

Please note: that due to Mid-Hudson Area secretary issues, I am asking for time to get the regional policy and the appendix re distributed to our area groups through the GSR's in an effort to support an accurate vote at the region.

In loving Service, Michelle, L

Mohawk River Area
(no written report)

Southern Adirondack Miracles
(no written report) Absent
No report.

Subcommittee Reports

Help Line
(no written report received)

Policy
No report

Convention Chair

Not much to report. We did two events in May. We held a Spring Fling dance in Albany on Saturday, May 2nd. It was not well attended. Dances can be hit or miss in terms of fundraising. However they do provide a social outlet for people in recovery and garner good spirit toward the convention. We also held a Speaker Jam in Schenectady. This event was well attended and successful. We have several events in the works and we are still attempting to schedule events on other areas. Our next event is the Sponsor/Sponsee Speaker Jam and Spaghetti Dinner on June 13th in Albany. We would like to hold two events per month up to the winter months and then hold one event per month through the winter. We are working on getting the brochures ready to distribute and working on getting the webpage populated. As always we continue to work on maintaining unity within the committee and making plans toward the convention. Having the drafted policy in place would go a long way toward achieving these goals.

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Convention Treasurer

Starting Balance	\$3,526.88		
Debits			1,363.74
Credits			1,340.25
Ending Balance		\$3,503.39	

Hospitals & Institutions Chair
(no written report received)

Fellowship Resources Chair OPEN

Meeting List Coordinator
(no written report received)

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As the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) is worded, Regional Delegates are the representatives of the fellowship for purposes of insuring the beneficiaries of the FIPT (the fellowship) are truly receiving the entire and best benefit of the trust. That is a primary charge of the RD's when the Trust was created. Therefore, it is important for the RD's to be able to understand, clearly, how the FIPT money is being spent and to ensure it is in keeping with our primary purpose and is being used in the most prudent and effective fashion.

60-day Motion to be voted on at the July RSC Meeting

#0502152

Motion Maker: Pat H.

Second: Sandra Lee H J.

MOTION:

To direct the agenda for the World Service Conference (WSC) to be constructed in such a way that the old and new business of the conference be conducted as the priority, without interruption, aside from the normal breaks.

INTENT:

The primary reason for the WSC, the business of the conference, would be conducted as a first priority leaving the Regional and Zonal reports and videos, small group discussion exercises, and last of all, the Mid Week Day at the Ranch, in that order, for those who choose to stay and participate in those extraneous activities.

REGIONAL RATIONALE:

The business of the WSC as contained in the CAR and the CAT would be a known quantitative decision making process garnered through workshops with the representative regions, areas and groups, if sought. The small group discussion, the "day at the ranch", the Regional and Zonal Reports and videos and any other such extraneous efforts would be put off until all business has been concluded. The small group exercises and the Mid-Week Day at the Ranch should have little or no effect on the business of the WDC but would enable and encourage networking amount the world delegate peers, after the business of the conference has concluded.

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Motion: To nominate Don M. as ABCD Regional Vice-Chair

Qualifications: 24 years, 9 months clean. Has a working relationship with a sponsor, working knowledge of the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts. Has a home group and served in all group service positions. Has served as H & I panel leader for 12 years, was the RCM for Alb/Rens Area, convention treasurer, vice chair and merchandising chair.

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New Business

Motions as follow:

#0606151

Motion Maker: Don M.

Second: Jake R.

Motion: To nominate Sal M. as ABCD Regional Chair

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Announcements (Including Treasury Balance)

Meeting Closed with Serenity Prayer

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PROPOSALS FOR CAR 2016 FROM ABCD REGION

ABCD REGION PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FOR 2016 CONFERENCE AGENDA REPORT

#0502151

Motion Maker: Sandy.

Second: Teri J.

PROPOSAL:

To draft the Annual Report by (1) separating expenses of NAWS (including expenses for its board to meet) from expenses from the World Service Conference (including separate line items for expenses for personnel, accounting, overhead, travel, lodging and technology for NAWS special workers and WB members for their meetings) and (2) to be clear in the line item under "Fixed Operational Expenses" and rename the line item thereunder currently titled "fellowship support" to read "world board travel for fellowship support".

INTENT:

To provide better transparency and accountability and to make the consolidated report easier for the delegates and members to understand.

REGIONAL RATIONALE: ("approximately 250 words")

(1) The 2014 Annual Report reflected that \$1,488,134 (about 20% of our overall budget) had been spent on the World Service Conference between July 2012 and July 2013. However, there was no World Service Conference between July 2012 and July 2013. The conference was in April 2014. At WSC 2014 it was clarified that these expenses were, primarily, incurred by NAWS in personnel expenses, overhead and by WB with its quarterly meetings. For clarification, the actual expenses of the conference (the biennial meeting for RD's from around the world) should be separated from the expenses of NAWS and its board to the extent possible for better understanding and clarification.

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13. New Business
14. Announcements (Including Treasury Balance).
15. Close the Meeting with the Serenity Prayer

"KEEP COMING BACK"