

**ABCD REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF N.A.
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 MEETING
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CONVENTION TREASURER	OPEN		
ALT. CONVENTION TREASURER			
TAKING NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS TO BE FILLED IN JAN 2017			

REGIONAL/AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETINGS			
ABCD Region	First Saturday of each month	11:00 AM	McKownville Methodist Church 1565 Western Ave, Albany, NY
Albany/Rensselaer Area	Last Thursday of each month	7:00 PM	49 Killian Drive, Colonie, 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	St. James Church, Corner of Fair and Pearl Streets, Kingston, NY
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
ABCDRNA CC	Second and Fourth Wednesday each month	6:00PM	388 Clinton Avenue SEFCU Bldg, Albany, NY

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 with a moment of silence, followed by a reading of the Service Prayer, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts. Read Concept 8. Roll call taken.

Roll Call

POSITION	NAME	PRESENT
Chairperson	Sal M.	✓
Vice Chairperson	Don M.	✓
Treasurer	OPEN	
Secretary	Pat H.	✓
Regional Delegate	Terl j.	✓
Regional Delegate Alt.	OPEN	
ARANA RCM	Kristen T.	✓
BCANA RCM	Ryan S.	✓
GMA RCM-Alt	Pierre A.	✓
MHA RCM Alt	Michelle L.	✓
MRA-RCM	Robert H.	✓

SAMMA RCM	OPEN	
Helpline Chair	Jerome C.	✓
Hospitals & Institutions Chair	Mike	✓
Policy	Mary W.	✓
Meeting List Coordinator	OPEN	
ABCD Regional Webservant	Matt A.	✓
Convention Chair	Lillian S.	
Convention Treasurer	OPEN	

Visitors: Bobby R., Marc E., Stephanie S., Danielle M., Phil S., Stephen L., Brooke K.

Review of Minutes from previous month –Remove Bobby’s name from Shared Session (see replacement page attached to minutes)

Representative Reports

Treasurer’s Report Written report read by Don, attached.

Chair Person Report Written report read by Sal attached. Paid remaining balance of Convention Hotel bill 889.59, (see attached statements from the hotel). Questions were raised, Q. why was hotel balance paid from RSC’s account. A. Unknown balance of convention committee account. Chair appointed Stephanie S., as Audit AdHoc Chair for Region and Convention books. Stephanie wanted to know the objectives, fraud? Control weaknesses? A. All of the above. Mary will assist.

Vice Chair Report Written report read by Don, attached.

Secretary’s Report Report by Pat read. Written report attached.

Regional Delegate Report Report by Teri read. Written report attached. Q. Is there an agenda for NEZF. A. Flyer provided. Chair appointed Michelle (RDA Nominee) to attend NEZF with Teri.

Regional Delegate Alternate Report OPEN

Subcommittee Reports

Helpline Report Written report read by Jerome, attached.

Policy Report Mary was present, nothing to report.

Convention Committee Report: No one from convention committee attended.

Convention Treasurer Report OPEN

Hospitals & Institutions Mike M. gave oral report on behalf of H&I. Jim sent report after meeting started, this was read and is attached.

Meeting List Coordinator OPEN Bobby reported that there are 740 mtg lists left. More changes provided, hopes to print in Nov. ARA H&I check outstanding (Shawn came in later and turned it in). Regional H&I wants \$200 in meeting lists from their budget. Email abcdnymlc@gmail.com with changes to meeting lists, also email abcd.webservant@gmail.com We should wait to print, perhaps strike out changes. BCA stressed the errors/omissions in list are reason BCA does not purchase them. Bobby passed around a very early meeting list from ABCD Area, it is not dated, attached with reports.

Webservant Oral report given and written report attached. Oral report not necessarily same as written. Meeting list system is still broken. The BMLT is a great tool used through the USA and World. Will provide training to anyone interested, need more than one person to train to make it feasible for time spent. BMLT also has an app called NYNA Meeting but only for Iphones. Matt needs to have the pdf sent so that the website can be accurate. He also provides updates to World. He has not received a pdf for a very long time. Meeting list on website is not current.

Ad-Hocs: Inventory: Written report by Lura, attached with a flyer to generate interest in Regional Inventory. **Events:** Written report by Pat, attached.

Albany Rensselaer Area Report by Kristin read. Written report attached. Q. Why does ARA want to put on a convention? Where will funds come from? A. Group members from the area put a motion on the floor. Not sure where money will come from.

Berkshire County Area Written report by Ryan, attached

Green Mountain Area Written report by Pierre, attached. Q. Helpline Chair needs PR chair of GMA's phone number. A. will provide later.

Mid-Hudson Area Written report by Michelle read, attached.

Mohawk River Area Report by Robert read. Written report attached.

Southern Adirondack Miracles OPEN

Open Sharing List of Topics 1) Hope & Glory Retreat flyers, registrations fundraiser provided. 2) ARA Downtown meetings members include many on suboxone. Rooms are full of them, chairing meetings. What to do. Could have a learning day on the topic of DRTs and complete abstinence. Many oldtimers came in on methadone and got clean, perhaps that message should be shared more broadly.

New Business

Motions as follows:

Motion Maker: Robert H.-MRA

Second: Teri J.-BCA

Motion: For the formation of a Regional Events and Activities Subcommittee

Intent: To create unity in our region to better serve our groups and areas.

90 day Policy motion to be voted on at the Oct. RSC Meeting PASSED After much ado about what 2/3 meant.

Motion Maker: Robert H.-MRA

Second: Michelle-MHA

Motion: To add to the regional policy that it is the responsibility of the RD and RDA to hold four north south east and west workshops/learning days on topics **such as** the IDTs presented at conference each non conference year **working in coordination with areas E&A committees** at a cost not to exceed \$250 each. (\$.054 per mi reimbursement for gas)

Intent: To continue to share WSC information throughout the year with areas and groups. (red addresses questions asked regarding topics other than IDTs from World.

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Second: Kristin T.

Motion: To increase the daily food allowance budget for the alternate regional delegate to \$75 from \$55.

Intent: To allow for any ARD to be able to eat well when at the WSC, based on rising food costs and availability there.

90 day Policy motion to be voted on at the Nov. RSC Meeting FRIENDLY AMENDMENT SEE AGENDA

Motion Maker: MRA-Robert H.

Second: MHA-Michelle

Motion: To nominate Bobby R for regional treasurer.

Intent: To have a dedicated and experienced regional treasurer at the ABCD region.

Qualifications: Multiple group treasurer. Area Treasurer, 3 times Convention Treasurer.

60 day Election motion to be voted on at the Oct. RSC Meeting WITHDRAWN

Announcements (Including Treasury Balance)

Operating Balance: ?

Meeting Closed with Serenity Prayer

DRAFT AGENDA FOR ABCD RSC
Saturday – November 5, 2016 11:00am
1565 Western Avenue
McKownville Church

1. Bring Meeting to Order @ 11:00 a.m. w/Serenity Prayer
2. Reading of the Service Prayer
3. Reading of the 12 Traditions of N.A.
4. Reading of the 12 Concepts of N.A.
5. Roll Call
6. Reading of Concept of the Month (11th)
7. Minutes of Last Meeting
8. Treasurer's Report
9. Alternate Treasurer's Report
10. Representative's Report
 - A) Chairperson
 - B) Vice Chairperson
 - C) Secretary Report
 - D) Regional Delegate
 - E) Regional Delegate Alternate
11. Subcommittee Reports:
 - A) Helpline
 - B) Policy
 - C) Convention Chair
 - D) Convention Treasurer
 - E) Hospitals & Institutions
 - F) Ad-Hoc Committee(s)
 - G) Meeting List Coordinator
 - H) Regional Webservant
12. Area Business:
 - Albany-Rensselaer Area RCM Report
 - Berkshire County Area RCM Report
 - Green Mountain Area RCM Report
 - Mid-Hudson Area RCM Report
 - Mohawk River Area ASR Report
 - Southern Adirondack Mountain Miracle Area RCM Report

13. Sharing Session
14. Old Business/New Business

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90 day Policy motion to be voted on at the Nov. RSC Meeting

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Second: Kristin T.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Motion: To increase the daily food allowance budget for the alternate regional delegate from \$55/day to be the same as the per diem rate for state workers in Los Angeles, California at that current time.

Intent: To allow the RDA to be able to eat in a healthy manner while at the WSC despite personal financial situation.

90 day Policy motion to be voted on at the Nov. RSC Meeting

Motion Maker: Kristin T. (ARA)

Second: Robert H. (MRA)

Motion: To elect Michelle L as Alt. Regional Delegate.

Intent: To elect a dedicated servant to fulfill this position.

Qualifications: Makes meetings. Knowledge of 12 steps, 12 Traditions, has sponsor, has homegroup, commitment in homegroup. Has been H&I secretary, H&I Chair, current MHA RCM, Festival programming for 3 years, willingness to serve.

60 day Election motion to be voted on at the Nov. RSC Meeting

Motion Maker: Teri J.

Second: Robert H.

Motion: To supplement the food allowance for the RD from the world allowance of \$55/day to the per diem rate for state workers in Los Angeles, California at that current time, if needed.

Intent: To allow the RD to be able to eat in a healthy manner while at the WSC despite personal financial situation.

90 day Policy motion to be voted on at the Jan. RSC Meeting

Motion Maker: Pat H.

Second: Jerome C.

Motion: To re-elect Don as Vice Chair for the RSC..

Intent: For continuity of forward movement of our region.

Qualifications: I have 26 + years clean I belong to a home group and have done all service positions of the group. I have a working relationship with a sponsor and live the 12+12+12 to the best of my ability. I am the current Vice Chair, I served on the H+I subcommittee for many years I was the A.R.A.N.A. - R.C.M. for 18 months, I served on the Conv. committee as vice treasure for two years and merchandising chair for two years, I also have served on many adhoc committees and other subcommittees

60 day Election motion to be voted on at the Dec. RSC Meeting

Motion Maker: Pat H.

Second: Jerome C.

Motion: To re-elect Sal as Chair for the RSC..

Intent: For continuity of forward movement of our region.

Qualifications: been regional chair position for 16 months now I have a sponsor who has a sponsor who has a sponsor a working knowledge of the 12 12 and 12 and Robert rules of order done group area regional and world service. 25 years, 4 months clean.

60 day Election motion to be voted on at the Dec. RSC Meeting

Motion Maker: Marc E.

Second: Robert H.

Motion: To elect Shawn M. as ABCD Regional H&I Chair

Intent: to fill upcoming vacancy from committee.

Qualifications: 28 years clean, held previous area and past regional H&I chair. Working knowledge of 12 steps, 12 traditions and 12 concepts. Has an NA sponsor and willingness to serve.

60 day Election motion to be voted on at the Dec. RSC Meeting

Motion Maker: Kristin T.

Second: Ryan S.

Motion: To nominate Brook K. as Meeting List Coordinator.

Intent: To fulfill open position and create a single point of accountability.

Qualifications: 17+ years clean, has an NA sponsor and sponsors women in NA. was ARANA chair for one year. Organized, computer proficient, editing experience, experience collaborating with printing companies.

60 day Election motion to be voted on at the Dec. RSC Meeting

Motion Maker: Robert H.

Second: Pierre AS

Motion: To elect Pat H. to the position of Regional Events & Activities Chairperson

Intent: To fulfill this position with an experienced, passionate person.

Qualifications: Clean date 5/24/94, working knowledge of 12/12/12. Experienced E&A Subcommittee chair on area level, served 2 terms, also continue to participate on committee. Group service at same home group for over 22 years, served all positions on group level, service at other groups as needed, Area positions include secretary in deed, not in title on and off for years when we have had none, current Treasurer, Vice Chair to chair, completed all terms. Regional positions include RCM, RDA, and current Regional secretary. I was elected Fundraising Chair for convention but was removed by the Convention Committee but not because I did not do the position. That was a learning experience as I have never been removed from a position. Have a sponsor, have sponsees. I only attend NA meetings since my early years.

60 day Election motion to be voted on at the Dec. RSC Meeting

15. Announcements (Including Treasury Balance).

16. Close the Meeting with the Serenity Prayer

"KEEP COMING BACK"

REPLACEMENT PAGE FOR SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Southern Adirondack Miracles OPEN

Open Sharing List of Topics 1) Convention Committee: Get in contact with Lillian to get checkbook and change signatories. Need to go over convention policy line by line. Audit convention. Greater transparency with areas to be more involved. Rumors that hotel was not fully paid and other money owed. **A member in attendance** was present when hotel was paid in full on the last day of convention. It helps to have a responsible party present to answer questions on behalf of committee. Lack of accountability has been present and unaddressed for a long time. 2) Disunity in ARASC. Lots of criticism but not from involved members.

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