

GREATER NEW YORK REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE

Minutes for Nov 8 2025

READINGS

- Serenity Prayer: meeting opened by Kat at 10 am.
- Readings: 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts
- Opening Prayer: NA Service Prayer

ROLE CALL & QUORUM

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| - RSC Chair: Kat | - Kings Bay Area RCM: Martha |
| - RSC Vice Chair: Chanterelle | - Kings Bay Area RCMA: Adam |
| - RSC Treasurer: Tom L. | - Manhattan Area RCM: Joel |
| - RSC Helpline/BMLT Chair: Maureen | - Manhattan Area RCMA nominee: Juan |
| - RSC Webservant: Eugene | - NYC Area RCM: Stefan |
| - RSC PR Chair: Bob W. | - NYC Area RCMA: Fern |
| - RSO BOD Chair: Al L. | - Open Arms Area RCM: Wanda |
| - RSO BOD Treasurer: Sandra N. | - Rockland RCMA: Max |
| - RD: Maurice | - Westchester RCM: Rodney |
| - RDA: Don | - Babette (BOD) |
| - Regional H&I Chair: Roy | - Anna (BOD) |
| - Convention Chair: Peter C. | - Jerry (BOD) |
| - Convention Graphics: Gary (also BOD nominee) | - Roberta (BOD) |
| - Bronx RCMA: Karyn | - Don (BOD) |
| - Brooklyn Area RCM: Lenny | - Alphonso T (BOD Nominee) |
| - Eastern Long Island RCM: Ashley | - Sara (Visiting) |
| - Heart of Long Island RCM: Marty | - Steve (Visiting) |
| | - Kathleen (Visiting) |

Quorum: 10 RCMs

Motions need to be submitted by 10:45 am

REPORTS

Chairperson

Given by Kat.

- Nothing much to report
 - Maurice had a question: Does candidate for Policy Chair have to have had service at the Region.
 - Answer: No.

Vice Chairperson

Given by Chanterelle

- Nothing much to report
 - Joel asked: who gives the Intellectual Trust report
 - Answer: The Board.

Treasurer

Given by Tom.

- **Opening Balance: \$18,104.94**
- Expenses for this past period (Sept - Nov 7): \$591.10 (double check)
- Donations: \$9,137.07 (double check) - a bit higher than typical.
- Everything received through Thursday was deposited Friday (yesterday).
- Current Balance of \$21,402.71 - \$9,350 Prudent - **\$12,052.71 (Closing Balance)**
- Insurance for the upcoming year: 25% - Down payment was paid by the RSO Oct 15 - Needs to be reimbursed.
- Also: Yesterday got some info from webserv on domain names we have to pay for. I will coordinate with Eugene on payment for those invoices.
- Recommend donate \$3,000.
- **Questions:**
 - Maurice: Reminder it's a world service conference year, so there are expenses - couple thousand dollars - maybe worth adding. Cost supposed to be split between Region and RSO for RD team to go to World Services Conference.
 - Answer: Not part of Prudent Reserve. Aware of this.
 - Al: 3 Invoices, 2 from Regional H&I, 1 from PR subcommittee - want to know whether they got paid for them. - Also asking about Intellectual Property Trust.
 - Answer: Region holds the Impossible Dream book intellectual property in trust. Board is required to give a report on the administration of the trust - sales of the book, stock of the book, etc.
 - Joel: eVoices - what are they for? Twilio Charges - what are they for? \$1,000 for NEZF - can we get a breakdown? - That's not in the policy but we should put it in the policy.
 - Answer: I'm not sure why we have that expense in the Prudent Reserve. The only reason we have the reserve for video equipment is because it was approved by the Region. I believe Maurice attached the NEZF treasurers report. Maurice can direct you to the information you're looking for. - eVoices, Zoom, and Twilio all have to do with Helpline, automated telephone system etc.

OLD BUSINESS

RSC Nominations

Elections:

Roy (H&I Chair) - 9 in favor. 0 opposed. 1 abstain.
 Maureen (Helpline/BMLT) - 9 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstain.
 Eugene (Webserv) - 9 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstain.
 Bob W (PR) - 9 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstain.
 Tom L (Treasurer) - 9 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstain.
 Roi (Secretary) - 9 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstain.
 Chanti (Vice Chair) - 9 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstain.
 Kat (Chair) - 9 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstain.

Policy Chair - still open.

BOD Nomination:

Gary S - Going back to Areas for vote in January.

Question by Stefan about Gary S being rejected at first as a nominee.

Al answered that by the time it goes for the vote Gary will have completed his 3 months in the Pool.

Alphonso T - No questions. Going back to Areas for vote in January.

Joel - No questions. Going back to Areas for vote in January.

Lenny - Resume missing so Al read his Resume (see Resume for all the info, he will be sending it out).

Questions:

Joel: Resume needs to be presented at a Board meeting.

Answer: Correct. This will have to be submitted in December for a vote in January.

AREA REPORTS

Bronx

Given by Karyn (RCMA in training)

- I do not have anything to report as I am RCMA in training.
- See report for full details

Brooklyn Area Report

Given by Lenny S

- Successful fundraiser.
- PR/H&I having a joint learning day today.
- 5 open positions.
- Upcoming convention - preregistration going on right now.
- No donations to Region this month.
- See report for full details

Eastern Island Area Report

Given by Ashley

- 5 groups attending area.
- Area has 3 open commitments.
- 7 H&I presentations.
- See report for full details.
- Questions:

- Maureen: Those 100+ meetings you're referring to reflect another region too. So you should only include the meetings in this area that you're paying for insurance for.
 - Answer: Thank you I'll go back and make that edit.
- Al: I've been trying to get in touch for a minute about doing a presentation. Will leave my # in the chat.
 - Answer: No problem.

Heart of Long Island Area Report

Given by Marty

- No new meetings opened, no closed.
- We elected a PI chairperson - will be in touch with Bob.
- Contacted Region regarding insurance - if someone can help us understand what we owe for our meetings.
- Litteration order was perfect this month - RSC seems to be improving.
- 2 years are up, final Region meetings - thank you all.
- See report for full details

Kings Bay Area

Given by Martha

- We lost Boys to Men, closed down.
- A couple of months ago, we lost Miracles on 21st Ave. We have a new group forming to replace it soon.
- Spiritual Breakfast - Feb 28. No other events that day to avoid conflict.
- Our Area Chair Bill is our PR liaison.
- We have an open position of Speaker Exchange.
- See report for full details

Manhattan

Given by Joel T

- H&I - 16 presentations, 13 are filled, 3 are vacant.
- Open positions - Chairperson, Policy Chair, RCM
- Training Juan for RCM.
- Manhattan Area has a newsletter. I will share it.
- See flyers for events (so much coming up! Holiday Marathons, 2 group anniversaries, Unity Group Speaker Jam, Masquerade Ball, etc.)
- See reports for full details

New York City

Given by Stefan

- 2 groups reopening (reflecting 4 meetings). JFT Group, No Matter What Group.
- Elections this month for RCM and RCMA, Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer. (I will be running for 2nd term for RCM, Fern for RCMA, Alisa for 2nd term as Treasurer). We have some vacant positions (see report).
- Joel rejuvenating PR subcommittee which had been down for a long time.
- We will be having Holiday Marathons at Ukrainian Church, after failing to find an alternate venue.
- One of our Area reps was admonished for sharing information about newcomers getting free tickets at the convention. Confused about how much information is public or confidential. Looking for clarity.
 - Peter responds: We didn't have an issue as a committee. The issue we would have is to specify the # of newcomer packages available. We don't want the # of packages public because it's not an accurate reflection of the conscience of the committee (if there are,

say, 300 packages, and a 301st newcomer wants to come in, we'll use our discretion to let them in, so it's not set in stone). Our official position is don't discuss the NUMBER, but otherwise it's OK to discuss newcomer packages.

- See report for full details.

Open Arms Area

Given by Wanda

- Average of 20 groups attend.
- No Secretary at the moment. In need of a Co-Secretary and co-Treasurer.
- Vice Chair stepped down as he's now E&A chair.
- Free formal event New Years Eve.
- We will be making a donation in January after the Convention Committee closes out for the year. Babette will send.
- We currently do not have a Mailing Address anymore, but we have a website: OpenArmsArea.Net.
- See report for full details.

Rockland

Given by Max (RCMA)

- 14 groups attending Area.
- We'll have more info next month as Area meeting was postponed to Nov 11.
- A lot of open commitments.
- No donations this month.
- See report for full details.

South Jamaica

Given by N/A

- See report for full details.

Staten Island

Given by N/A

- Frank not present today.
- See report for full details.

Westchester

Given by Rodney

- New H&I Chair.
- New PR rep.
- Central Park Recovery meeting has closed - seeking new space.
- Lots of open positions - elections in January.
- New meeting - Men & Women of Grace - Grace Church, starting this month.
- 4 H&I presentations currently meeting, 2 in the works.
- Nov 22 - Speaker Jam Dance (see flyer)
- See report for full details.

BOD REPORTS

BOD Chair Report

Given by Al

- We had a Close Out meeting for the Convention.
- We want to make sure we can visit all Areas to speak on Convention and Insurance and Literature, etc. My # is in the chat, please reach out to set up for us to come speak.
- There's gonna be a NAWA price increase January 1st - blaming tariffs - 15% increase. We have to raise prices to reflect that plus shipping or we'll be losing money.
- We sent out a Convention Flyer.
- Elections for Convention Subcommittee in January. Hospitality, Programming, Arts & Graphics, Serenity Keeper. All the other commitments are financial positions held by board members who will be voted in at the Board Meeting January.
- Officer Elections - Jan 5 - Secretary, Office Manager, Chair, Vice Chair, Webmaster, Assistant Treasurer, Policy. Before the Regional Meeting. Which will be my last report.
- If you want to be a Board Member, you go through the Pool Process for 3 months (training period). And at the next Regional Meeting you get voted into the position. (4 years to be a Pool Member but 5 to be voted in.)
- The Book went out to the printer. Only thing left to do is get the cover. Book should be printed out soon. We are ordering 1000 softcover and 1000 hardcover. Both of them sell. High demand at the convention.
- Insurance: we got new policy on the 14th. All the info re: Insurance you want you can go to Tom for.
 - Issue that's been coming up: when you throw these events at a business like a Bowling Alley, they sometimes make you sign a waiver. We will not be insuring you, we are not responsible for what happens at these events.
 - Jerry has made a release letter that we'll be sending to all the Areas to clarify. You can speak to him for more info.
- Inventory on the 28th and 29th of November. Office will be CLOSED.
- Arrangements to have the floor stripped and waxed, hasn't been cleaned in a long time. Idea to have a "Paint Party" — good idea to fellowship and repaint.
- **Questions:**
- Maurice (Question 1): One of the reasons we had clients buying from us from other Regions is because we were competitive with the price with World - people were eager to buy from us. If our prices aren't competitive with World, how are we planning on reaching other Regions. We get a Volume discount since we buy so much. Keep that in mind. If we're not competitive we will lose clients.
 - Answer: Our price isn't wildly different. It's not a huge jump, just a few pennies here and there, we need help covering the Shipping Costs.
- Maurice (Question 2): Insurance: Are marathons and parties committees insured? Or only meeting list meetings?
 - Answer: When you put on an event you can submit for insurance coverage and we can submit it to Insurance Company and we can get it insured. There may be a supplement to be paid in some cases (like it's longer than a regular meeting, like a Marathon Meeting).
- Maureen: If you're having a special event, go on the website, go to Resources, complete the Insurance Policy form. All the information is there. It's simple and clear.
- Don: This is the same conversation we had a year ago. Last year we put the form up and put aside a prudent reserve but we actually never had an additional fee charged. Do you really think we're gonna end up with a big bill?
 - Answer: Sometimes people file the form in a vague way. Need to be super clear about what to expect about the event.
- Joel: We might need to work with Insurance Rep to update application/link to ensure it's in compliance - there's no place to put info about how many people are gonna be there, etc. maybe we need a new updated Form.
 - Jerry jumps in to speak: Anything that pertains to 500 or more people at your event, I'm supposed to report that to them in good faith. The only events that are not covered are

events dealing with sporting events. If it meets during the time of the meeting list meeting, you're covered, you only need to submit it meets OUTSIDE that window.

- Roi: Have any events actually ended up costing more?
 - Answer: Yes.
- Maureen: We created the form. We can add a bit of info about "how many people" etc. We can do that. It's OUR form not the insurance company's form.
 - Answer: Let's do it.

BOD Treasurer's Report

Given by Sandra

- Closing balance: \$2,292,70.
- Reserve: \$13,356.95
- No longer have a credit card. We're using the Apple Debit account for shipping.
- See report for more info.

Convention Report

Given by Peter

- People really loved the convention.
- We met Oct 15 to close out the convention cycle.
- Balance \$121,893.77
- Boat Ride sold out. 580 people attended.
- Comedy show sold out - had to move to bigger room. 455 people attended.
- Took a hit at the pasta event - only sold 136 out of a projected 300.
- Merchandise - \$25,375 sold.
- Creating a new website - creating a standalone bank account to avoid any issues with having to move from RSO account to Convention account.
- Over 3,000 people attended.
- 228 newcomers attended. Nobody was turned away or denied.
- Over 400 HIPIC badges.
- Thank you for letting me be *of* service. One of the proudest moments in my almost-32 years of recovery. Phenomenal experience.
- Questions:
 - Al: I want to set up a meeting to discuss the issues we had with the hotel so we can iron it out for next convention. Also bought more jackets and putting them up on the website.
 - Joel: Policy says convention commitments actually go on for 3 months AFTER the convention to help for a smooth transition.
 - Answer: I am here to help for a smooth transition! I am here no matter what!

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

RD Team Report

Given by Don

- Fairly long report as there's a lot going on.
- Read report and go to NEZF.org for more information.
- 15 participating regions, 14 of which were in attendance.
- 5 CAR motions this cycle. CAR report is very in-depth and has to do with more than these motions. Financial update on the 15% price increase on everything across the board.
- Survey is very important.

- Learning Weekend will be held at a Multiple Region Learning Event in New Hampshire - flyer on the Region's website.
- Looking to see if anyone else would like to get involved - Maurice's cycle is almost over. There's a lot of information coming, it would be great to have someone else's input and someone else there to help us navigate!
- CAR Report is available. Maurice and I are available to discuss. There's a lot of information. Beyond the motions there are the workshops. Really in-depth.
- Questions:
 - Joel: We should start a document on policy we need to update. How are we gonna navigate the surveys?
 - Answer: Completely online. You fill it out yourself. Has nothing to do with the Region, we don't need to get involved. It's the group and individual's responsibility to fill the survey. We can encourage them to do it.
 - Maurice: Purpose of all these things and what's different than past years is we've tried to get the fellowship to get more involved in what goes on in World Services — rather than it just be funneled through Regions.
 - Joel: How do we know who's actually submitting the surveys, that people aren't submitting multiple?
 - Answer: Our hope is it's gonna be so statistically insignificant that it won't affect anything. But we believed it was important to allow people to speak on this on the local level. This is our first time doing it this way.
 - Stefan: Isn't Survey meaningless if we can't quantify it?
 - Answer: It's just information gathering. It's not about quantifying it.
 - Maurice (Update): PLEASE NOTE- MRLE with CAR Workshops run by NEZF and will include World Board Member participation will take place in person and ONLINE Dec. 5 thru Dec. 7. You MUST register BEFORE in order to get it online! Cost is \$10.

POLICY

~~THIS POSITION IS VACANT PLEASE LET YOUR AREAS KNOW~~

Helpline/BMLT (Basic Meeting List Toolkit)

Given by Maureen O.

BMLT:

- Things look good.
- 4 new in-person meetings.
- 560 meetings total. 309>314 in-person meetings.
- Questions:
 - Joel: Our Regional Website has a disclaimer. But it's not on the printable meeting list. Can we get that language onto there?
 - Answer: Yes.

Helpline:

- Year to date: 3,170 calls.
- Coverage is 100%.
- 2 new members that will be taking calls.
- Open Arms Area Liaison has been extremely helpful.
- Been hearing complaints about email - we will do better and reply promptly.
- Please let us know if there's a meeting closing even if only for one night. We don't want to alienate visiting addicts or newcomers.
- 54 meetings closed for holiday. 52 meetings open on Thanksgiving, but please double check to ensure that's true and let us know if your meeting is gonna be closed asap!
- Question:

- Joel: When you are unpublishing a meeting (after 3 calls) are you letting Area know?
- Answer: Yes.

Hospitals & Institutions

Given by Roy

- We need the 2nd Wednesday of every month.
- There are only 4 Areas in attendance and a couple more emailed reports. Hard to get an accurate count of how many meetings we have. Estimate around 75 but that could be low because of limited attendance.
- Still trying to get any info I can on the South Jamaica Area. Who is running their H&I presentations? What is the quality?
- Sing Sing Correctional contacted Westchester Area - trying to figure out which Area that fell into. It was determined it is Westchester. At their next business meeting they're gonna discuss going into the prison for a presentation.
- Learning Day today.
- Two Learning Days since we last met. Bronx and Eastern Long Island. Well-attended, run really well.
- Questions:
 - Maureen: I just recently made contact with South Jamaica Area and helped update their meeting list.
 - Answer: Please send me their info and we'll go from there!
 - Al: I have the info for the South Jamaica chairperson Gina, I'll share the info. We've been trying to help them get their Area up and running.
 - Answer: Thank you.

Public Relations

Given by Bob

- Bi-monthly PR meeting was rescheduled from the 3rd to the 10th (updated info shared in chat and sent out to members who participate).
- There are several Areas that have no PR. In my report I requested that if Areas have no PR person or committee, RCMs send a contact name.
- Today Brooklyn 12pm is having a joint learning day for PR/H&I.
- Questions:
 - Joel: Share about HIPIC with committee via Election Convention Flyer.
 - Answer: HIPIC is usually a cooperative venture with PR and H&I and we learned some things at last convention we can apply now - Roy and I will discuss.

Webmaster

Given by Eugene

- Need to update Domain.
- Really easy to update the insurance policy forms. I can update those quickly once you tell me what you need updated.
- We used to use this OnePassword app, but previous webservant hasn't responded. I reached out to the company, they told me they can give me access. It will be super useful for managing accessibility.
- See report for full details
- Questions:
 - Joel: Who paid those hosting / domain bills? They're not on any Treasury reports.
 - Answer: Sandra paid for Domain. Believe it was paid by RSO. RSC paid for the other.
 - Joel: Why? Who is responsible for paying these things?
 - Answer: RSC was the credit card on file. Then I reached out to Sandra. Not sure whose responsibility it is, but I'm pretty sure it's RSO.
 - Joel: Why dot com AND dot org.

- Answer: To ensure people have access to the website and nobody else can buy it and pretend to be NA.
- Stefan: If they click dot org does it go to dot com and vice versa?
- Answer: Yep.

Treasury Report & Closing Balance

Given by Tom L.

- See above for full report notes.
- Closing balance: **\$12,052.71**

NEW BUSINESS

Motion from Manhattan Area MASC Motion 11/8/25:

“Motion: To have the GNYRSC & RD Team plan and organize a virtual CAR workshop/ Issue discussion workshop on Gender Neutral and Inclusive Language in NA Literature by 1/31/26.

Intent: To better understand one of the CAR items before tally's happen at group/area level and in the spirit of Concept 1,3, and 8.”

SECONDED by Stefan.

- Question by Chanti about Timeline - is it urgent?
- Joel answered about urgency, saying it is.
- Don clarified it's not actually that urgent.
- Maurice clarifies it's just a discussion group for a topic the World is discussing. He and Don are willing to work something into the January calendar.
- In which case, Joel is willing to rescind the motion.
- Motion rescinded. Maurice and Don will organize something.

Joel - Motion to donate \$3,000 to NAWs:

SECONDED by Rodney.

Motion passes. No abstentions.

SHARING SESSION

Kathleen - A lot of information that was said today was very important. If any of this information WASN'T in your reports, that's how misinformation happens. Please try to prepare your reports in a way that's clear to people who are new to service and still learning. People try to keep the information accurate and clear. If there's anything that shouldn't be shared / if there's anything that needs to be kept private, please specify as such.

Rodney - Are the minutes going out? (Roi: yes!)

Kat - Been taking notes about Policy and if we don't get a Policy Nominee then we'll create a Policy Adhoc to address any concerns.

Meeting closed at 1.08PM.