

GREATER NEW YORK REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE

Minutes for Jan 10 2026

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: Adam |
| - RSC Vice Chair: Chanterelle | - Manhattan Area RCM: Juan J |
| - RSC Secretary: Roi | - NYC Area RCM: Stefan |
| - RSC Treasurer: Tom L. | - Open Arms Area RCM: Wanda |
| - RSC Helpline/BMLT Chair: Maureen | - Rockland RCMA: Max |
| - RSC Webservant: N/A | - Westchester RCM: Rodney |
| - RSC PR Chair: Bob W. | - South Jamaica Queens RCM: Gerald S |
| - RSO BOD Chair: Al | - Staten Island RCM: Frank |
| - RSO BOD Treasurer: Sandra N. | - Joel (BOD Nominee) |
| - RD: Maurice | - Alphonso T. (BOD nominee) |
| - RDA: Don | - Babette (BOD Member) |
| - Regional H&I Chair: Roy | - Gary (BOD Nominee) |
| - Convention Chair: Peter C. | - Regina G (South Jamaica Queens) |
| - Convention Graphics: Gary | - Lenny (Policy Chair Nominee) |
| - Bronx RCM: Karyn | - Kathleen (NYC Area Chair) |
| - Brooklyn Area RCM: Henry | - Roberta J. (BOD Member) |
| - Brooklyn Area RCMA: Lawrence J | - Sara W (visiting) |
| - Eastern Long Island RCM: Ashley | - Steve T (visiting) |
| | - Annette (pool member) |

Quorum: 11 RCMs

Kat Opened at 10:02AM

Motions need to be submitted by 10:45 am

Juan J motion to accept last month's minutes - motion passes - minutes accepted.

REPORTS

Chairperson

Given by Kat.

- Has to leave early. Chanti will take over.

Vice Chairperson

Given by Chanterelle

- RCM Orientation went well this morning.
- South Jamaica Queens is here.

Secretary

Given by Roi

- Please send in reports by Wednesday. Didn't get many on time this week.

Treasurer

Given by Tom.

- **Opening Balance: \$21,402.71**

OLD BUSINESS

Lenny - Policy Chair nominee.

Questions for Lenny:

- Tom L.: Can you share about your interest in being Policy Chair.
 - Answer: Sponsor suggested I do it. Clean 35 years. Interested in doing service. Retired but old job dealt with complex regulations and policies.

AREA REPORTS

Bronx

Given by Antoine S. (RCM)

- We meet 1st Saturday of the month, virtual.
- 65 meetings. 45 virtual. 20 in-person.
- Open Positions - Vice Chair, Co-Treasurer, Newsletter, E&A, Literature Review, Vice Chair
- H&I - 30 presentations, 19 filled, 11 open.
- Upcoming Events
 - Speaker Jam, 489 E169th St. - Saturday Jan 17, 1pm - 10pm.
 - CAR Workshop - Sunday Jan 25th, 12-2pm. (See report for zoom details)
 - God & Love Group Anniversary (34 years) - Friday Feb 6 7-8:30pm, 449 E149th St
- Donation in the 4th quarter of 2025 (see report for amount)
- Questions:
 - Maureen: Please email me your flyers! Thank you.

Brooklyn Area Report

Given by Henry (RCM)

- CAR Workshop coming up.

- Questions:
 - Tom: Have you gotten the information about Insurance Payments that are due from the Area?
 - Answer: Yes Area is aware of that.

Eastern Island Area Report

Given by Ashley (RCM)

- We meet the first Sunday of the month.
- 13 groups. 21 in-person meetings in our Area. 28 Virtual.
- Group anniversary coming up Jan 30th: Life After Drugs. 38th Group Anniversary.
- Open positions: RCMA, Web, Chair, Sec, and PI.

Heart of Long Island Area Report

Given by N/A

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Kings Bay Area

Given by Adam (RCMA)

- Annual Spiritual Breakfast - Feb 28 - \$25 - Catered brunch.
- We did not receive an insurance invoice email. lionspaw3000@gmail.com
- Would like 20 hard copies of CAR reports. Need to pick up some other orders.
- Nominations for elections that are in April.
- 25 Groups. 29 Meetings. 6 Virtual meetings.
- Convention in August on Long Island. Flyers incoming.
- H&I opened up a new meeting at the VA Tuesday nights. Might add Thursday as well.
- CAR Presentation (with Maurice) in March - 2nd Thursday at 6.30PM. 430 Ave W.
- Questions:
 - Tom: Do you get the Secretary email?
 - Answer: Yes.
 - Tom: Look for "Group RSC Insurance" in the email.
 - Answer: Thank you. I will bring a check for the full amount to the Region.
 - Al: If anyone else wants copies of the CAR reports, please reach out. Remember you must pay for them.

Manhattan

Given by Juan J (RCM)

- Attended Orientation this morning.
- 88 meetings. 50 virtual, 32 in-person, 6 hybrid.
- \$250 donation in December. \$250 donation in January.
- Open positions: Chair, Policy Chair, RCMA.
- H&I: 17 Presentations. 13 Filled. 4 Open.
- Upcoming events:
 - Topic Discussion of Gender Neutral Language (see flyer).
 - Activities Masquerade Ball (see flyer). Last day to get tickets is TODAY. Cannot buy tickets at the door.
- Newsletter is attached (see below).

New York City

Given by Stefan (RCM)

- 3rd Sunday of the Month at 2pm virtually (link in report).
- 57 Groups. 43 Virtual. 42 In-person, 1 Hybrid.
- Only about half come to Area. Trying to increase.

- H&I - 1st Saturday of every month at 1PM virtually.
 - 11 Presentations. 6 open positions - please come be of service!
- Group Anniversaries: East Side Story (39 years) - Monday Feb 2nd at 240 E31st St at 7pm.
- CAR Workshop Dec 14 - well attended and successful.
- Did not donate Nov or Dec.
- We fulfilled our outstanding balance for Insurance.
- Funded our E&A from Marathons.

Open Arms Area

Given by Wanda (RCM)

- Area meetings first Thursday of every month.
- 38 Groups. (1 new meeting). 37 in-person, 1 Virtual.
- Avg of 20 Groups regularly attend Area.
- H&I - 8 presentations a week. 6 commitments at 6 facilities, 4 unfulfilled.
- Open commitments at Area level (see report)
- Upcoming events
 - E&A Superbowl Party - Feb 8
 - Bingo - Feb 18
- Donation Dec 4 - \$6,738.62 (bulk of that was from Convention funds).
- No mailing address anymore. Website is OpenArmsArea.net

Rockland

Given by Max (RCMA)

- Meet 1st Tuesday of the Month. 7.30 on Zoom (see website)
- 17 groups, 19 meetings, 3 virtual, 16 in-person.
- Had to close 2 meeting spaces (Thursday night and Saturday night).
- New PR chair, new H&I chair, new E&A chair.
- H&I - meets 3rd Tuesday of every month
- E&A - meets 4th Tuesday of every month.
- PR - meets 2nd Tuesday of every month.
- No donations.
- Policy Review adhoc.
- Events: Visions of Recovery (Jan 31) - flyer on website.
- Questions:
 - Roy: Who is the new H&I Chair?
 - Answer: Alex.

South Jamaica

Given by Regina A (RCM)

- Meet 2nd Thursday of Month 1021 Sutphin Blvd.
 - Couldn't meet this week because one trusted servant was sick and another had a death in the family.
- Always struggled, pre-covid and after.
- Started off with 7 groups. Down to 6. 4 in-person, 2 virtual.
- Struggling with people willing to do service.
- AI been reaching out and trying to come out to do a presentation.
- Last month Chairperson dropped out suddenly. One of our Treasurers passed, another moved out of state. Someone stepped up to do it.
- Gerald stepping up to be RCMA. Thank you for your service Gerald!
- We don't have H&I in our Area. Queens Area has them all.
- Not sure if our insurance is paid. If not, it will be paid by the end of the week.

- Doing Speaker Jams.
 - Questions:
 - Al: Queens Area holds all H&I commitments? There should be a boundary. Are there established boundaries?
 - Answer: Personalities are the bigger issue. We're struggling.
 - Al: You can find out what the boundaries are and what presentations fall within it. At one point can negotiate with Queens to take over those commitments that fall within your boundaries.
 - Juan: Has South Jamaica Area ever considered joining with Queens Area?
 - Answer: Areas got split up due to personalities. We've made attempts at resolving those issues.
 - Maurice: Queens is in another Region. Part of the Eastern NY Region. That's the issue.
 - Bob W: What is the nature of the dispute? Meeting level? Or Service level? Is Queens taking on H&I commitments that are in your Area?
 - Answer: We have to get to the bottom of what the boundaries are. But our priority is helping our Area meetings right now.
 - Al: The boundaries should've been established when Jamaica and Queens split off. A potential solution is just joining Queens Area. But if you want to stick with us we'll help you best we can.
 - Kat: we can keep this going off-line, we have an Adhoc for this.

Staten Island

Given by Frank (RCM)

- Area struggling to get newer members involved in Area-level service.
- Holiday Marathons went extremely well.
- Two Upcoming Events (see report for details!)
- Area struggling with checks that aren't cashed. Almost \$4,000 donations that go back to Aug 11 still not cashed. In Nov we sent out our Insurance check and it still hasn't been cashed. We're hoping this can be resolved.
- Questions:
 - Tom L: I thought we solved this. I go down to the office regularly. Send me an email or text when checks are sent/dropped off and I'll look into. It's possible they were put in the wrong closet/locker by mistake?
 - Al: Closet #8 is for H&I Chair and Regional Chair mail. Treasurer closet is #7. I have found checks in the wrong closet before. If a check is missing, we won't know you sent a check unless you let us know. When you send checks make sure you put Suite 1A.
 - Juan J: Can Areas pay virtually?
 - Tom: Yes. But Staten Island been resistant to the PayPal fees.

Westchester

Given by Rodney (RCM)

- We meet 3rd Saturday of the Month (this month we meet 2nd due to event).
- 17 Riverdale Ave in Yonkers 12pm (steering 11:15am)
- 34 Groups, 10 virtual meetings, 28 in-person.
- New meeting at Grace Church (see report)
- 9 GSRs in attendance at the last Area meeting.
- H&I - 6 presentations currently active.
- Open commitments (elections next month) - assistant sec, assistant treasurer.
- Note that I will be rotating out of commitment, Jose C will take over. I will be RCMA.
- No upcoming events. No group anniversaries.
- Donation to Region of \$390.
- Questions:

- Rodney: New form seems LESS detailed than the old form? How did that come about?
- Chanti: We'll look into that.

BOD REPORTS

BOD Chair Report

Given by AI

- Impossible Dream book being printed. Softcover printed. Waiting for hardcover. Will be getting info on shipping soon.
- When you go back to your Areas, let them know the book will be available soon.
- Will have a flyer letting everyone know the prices etc.
- Pricing for literature - NAWS went up 15% - we went up 5 or 10 cents beyond NAWS pricing.
- Prices are different for individuals and groups.
- Note: If you are a group it is cheaper to purchase from Area than from us.
- If you did not get the new priceless we will send it out. Two order forms. 1 for groups, 1 for regions and areas.
- Using convention funds to buy new printers and office equipment. It's not cost effective the way we're doing it. We will save money by buying our own printer.
- AC needs to be services.
- Spoke to Eugene about updating website.
- Please encourage members to get Early Registration. \$50 now. Will go up to \$70 on-site.
- Flyer coming next month.
- Policy and by-laws need to be updated.
- Insurance and liability letter: when you go and have events at public places, you still need to sign a waiver. Up to your Area to send it out. (Joel will send out letter now. I will send it out with the Minutes.)
- If you'd like to get involved with being a Board members, see report for board member qualifications.
- Concerns were raised about limited office availability during the week. It is critical we recruit people to get involved with BOD. Please have anyone in your Area who is interested in doing service reach out to me.
- Tomorrow we are having a meeting at 7PM. Any RCM can attend. (Reach out to me for info).
- Conventional Elections are scheduled at the next BOD meeting. Flyers went out. If you want to be a participant on the convention committee, keep in mind which positions are for BOD members and which are fully open (see report for details).
- This is my final report. It has been an honor to serve! Thank you. I love y'all!
- **Questions:**
 - Don: Will the new form be on the website?
 - Answer: Yes. It will be added to website.
 - Ashley: New waiver form - does it need to be signed by each member or each group.
 - Answer: Each member.
 - Maurice: At the RSO we always tried to be competitive with World prices, encourage groups to buy from us. Why are we charging more money than World?
 - Answer: The way it was set up before, we were selling at loss, losing money. We can't buy the literature for more and sell it for less and then absorb the shipping cost.
 - Maurice (cont'd): We used to get one of the biggest discounts in the world, we didn't pay the same price as a Region, so we were basing our pricing on what we actually paid. We were NOT losing money. We were still making a profit. What has changed? Do we no longer get that large discount?

- Answer: We still get a discount. But things have changed financially.
- Rodney: Insurance Waiver - each individual has to sign?
 - Answer: Jerry can fill you in in the details.
- Don: I think it's really imperative RCMs get a clear and thorough report way ahead of time. There's so much information we get all this info ahead of time so we can be involved in an educated manner.
- Tom L: Policy says these purchases need Board approval. Are these purchases going to come up in the next Board meeting?
 - Answer: Yes. These have not yet been voted on yet. They are proposals that will be voted on.

BOD Treasurer's Report

Given by Sandra

- Closing balance (as of Jan 6): \$1,036.13
- Reserve (as of Jan 6): \$13,362.53
- Chase Convention Account: \$122,594.40
- See report for detailed information and bank statements.
- Questions:
 - Tom L: There's a check I mailed in in the middle of December. It was received around Christmas. Have you managed to get ahold of that check?
 - Answer: Not yet. I will pick it up tomorrow.
 - Tom L: This was a down payment for the insurance. Were you able to cover that out of RSO expenses?
 - Answer: Yes.

Recess at 11:30AM for Members Meeting.

VOTING for BOD Nominees:

- Alphonso
 - 10 for.
 - 0 opposed.
 - 0 abstentions.
 - PASSED.
 - Gary
 - 10 for.
 - 0 opposed.
 - 0 abstentions.
 - PASSED.
 - Joel
 - 11 for.
 - 0 opposed.
 - 0 abstentions.
 - Lenny's resume did not go out. Please take it out to your areas.
- AI - Motion to let waive Joel's clean time to allow him to get voted in today. Discussion.
- 2nd by Frank.
 - Tom L: Cleantime waiver cannot occur during BOD meeting, needs to occur in RSC session.
 - (SEE NEW BUSINESS FOR CONT'D)

Lenny S. shares his qualifications with the group:

- Serve as Transportation Secretary in 90s.
- Served as Brooklyn Treasurer under Babette
- GSR, chair, many positions.
- Willing to serve. Trustworthy. Never been asked to step down.
- Questions:
 - Juan - Ever had issues with another trusted servant?
 - Answer: No. Never been asked to step down.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

RD Team Report

Given by Don

- Regional Delegate Team participated in a Learning Day - Dec 5 2025.
- Participated in a CAR Workshop Dec 14 2025.
- 2026 CAR materials are available on the NA.org website.
- 15% increase in literature now in effect.
- CAR Surveys due April 1 2026. Participation is strongly encouraged.
- We have presented a discussion topic to get the fellowship input on a new commitment RDA2. For more info see report.
- See report for more detail.
- Maurice: Elections will be in June and July, motion to add RDA2 should come before that.
- See report for Upcoming CAR Workshops.
- Questions:
 - Frank: This commitment you're presenting (RDA2) - would this be a 9 year track?
 - Answer: Yes. We should have an Adhoc to discuss further.

POLICY

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

Helpline/BMLT (Basic Meeting List Toolkit)

Given by Maureen O.

BMLT:

- Please do NOT share passwords! Reach out to Maureen to get passwords.
- 562 meetings in our Region. 324 in person. 219 Virtual. 19 Hybrid.
- New term: "Tagging" - if you know a meeting is gonna be closed, pull up the meeting, update the name with closed at the end of the meeting name.
- www.USA-NA.org website created by 7 zonal forums.
- Just celebrated 31 years clean! Celebrating at ABC Steps Virtual.
- Questions:
 - Adam: Need to update insurance, we only have 6 virtual meetings. Can you please update?
 - Tom: Annual amounts set in September. We'll notify and let you know when we update.
 - Joel: Question about USA-NA website. Are we part of the US collaboration of Zones?
 - Maurice: I think we're just an observer? We can discuss off-line.

Helpline:

- Ended year with 3704 calls.
- 40 committee members.
- Liaison from Open Arms.
- Someone from Rockland might be interested.
- Covered 100%.
- A lot of marathon calls around xmas time (a lot of people asking for marathons with food).
- A lot of complimentary phone calls.
- Only yelled at once in December!

Hospitals & Institutions

Given by Roy

- Some errors in my report - please see corrected report.
- 2nd Wednesday of every month 7pm on Zoom (last met Dec 10).
- 5 Areas + mobile unit.
- Kings Bay, Bronx, and Long Island attended and sent their reports.
- 75 Meetings in-person, handful on Zoom.
- Sing Sing contacted us. Westchester planning on having a PR meeting with staff.
- **Questions:**
 - Bob W: Lit that might have been designated as H&I literature at the convention was HIPIC lit. Might've been a semantic issue.
 - Maurice: You mentioned something about the NEZF?
 - Answer: We've been participating in the H&I handbook review. NEZF voted to shut down the H&I work group.
 - Maurice: Westchester said they couldn't find people to do Sing Sing and the State Women's Prison in Bedford.
 - Answer: They have a new H&I rep. Rodney can speak to this.
 - Bob W: Something may have changed as originally Sing Sing was an in-house meeting.

Public Relations

Given by Bob

- Apologies for sending report late, see Minutes for report.
- Primary purpose is to lend support to Area PR chairpeople who often come in with little to no experience.
- Website calendar is missing our info, needs to be updated. See report for Zoom info.
- Next meeting will be March 9th.
- If your committee does not have a PR Chairperson try to designate a point of contact to ensure I have someone to reach out to.
- Interest in members being involved in PRIDE parade. If you'd like to participate contact me.
- Bronx has requested a Learning Day.

Webmaster

Eugene not available today

- But see his report for more information!

Treasury Report & Closing Balance

Given by Tom L.

- Please see report for detailed information.
- Several checks still in the office, I will pick up and deposit shortly.
- Recommend a \$3,000 donation to World Services.
- Closing balance: **\$15,724.22**

NEW BUSINESS

Bob W - Motions need to be in by 10:45AM no?

Tom L - Step 1 - RCMs by 2/3 vote need to agree to suspend the orders of the day to entertain a waiver motion AFTER 10:45am and treat it as a Time Sensitive motion. Then we need to also ask does a motion to waive need to go out to the Areas?

Joel T. - In 83 days I will have 5 years. Areas mistakenly voted on me as a Pool Member.

Chanti (Chair) - 2/3 vote on whether we can suspend business to proceed.

- 11 in favor. 2/3 passes.

Rodney - **Motion to waive Joel's clean-time.** 2nded by Frank.

Any opposition?

- Bob W (PR) - Thinks there should have been discussion. Doesn't feel like a time sensitive motion.

Vote:

- 8 for (quorum is currently 10)
- 1 opposed.
- 1 abstention.

Motion passes.

Recess back to Members Meeting.

Frank

- Motion to donate \$3,000 to World.
- 2nd by Rodney.
- MOTION PASSES.

SHARING SESSION (starts at 1:13PM)

Roy - Feb 18th I'll have 39 years Clean.

Meeting closed at 1:15PM.