

GREATER NEW YORK REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE

Minutes for

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 | - Bronx RCM: Antoine |
| - RSC Vice Chair: | - Brooklyn Area RCM: Henry |
| - RSC Secretary: Roi | - Brooklyn Area RCMA: |
| - RSC Treasurer: Tom L | - Heart of Long Island RCM: Marty |
| - RSC Helpline/BMLT Chair: | - Kings Bay Area RCM: Adam |
| - RSC Webservant: | - Manhattan Area RCM: Juan J |
| - RSC PR Chair: Bob W | - Manhattan Area RCMA: |
| - RSC H&I Chair: Roy | - NYC Area RCM: Stefan L |
| - RSC Policy Chair: Lenny M. | - NYC Area RCMA: Fern |
| - RSO BOD Chair: Jerry | - Open Arms Area RCM: Wanda |
| - RSO BOD Treasurer: Joel | - Rockland RCM: Max |
| - RD: Maurice | - Rockland RCMA: |
| - RDA: Don | - Staten Island RCM: Frankie |
| - RDA Nominee: Kathleen | - Westchester RCM: Jose |
| - Regional H&I Chair: | - Westchester RCMA: Rodney |
| - Convention Chair: | - BOD: Roberta J, Alphonso T, Lenny S. |
| - Convention Graphics: | |
| - Convention Treasurer: | |

Quorum: 10 RCMs

Motions need to be submitted by 10:45 am

REPORTS

Chairperson

Given by Kat

- All is well.
- This September, Regional Position resumes will be submitted to go back to Areas for November election.
- Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, PR are all up. Secretary has option for another term if he'd like.
- BMLT, Helpline, H&I are selected within the subcommittee.
- *Question: Is the Steering Committee meeting solely for admin committee?*
 - *Answer: Yes, as reflected in the policy.*

Vice Chairperson

Given by Chanterelle

- Spoke to representative at South Jamaica, more people are starting to attend, things are looking up for them, hopefully they'll join us soon.

Secretary

Given by Roi

- Please send reports as text or PDF. Thanks.

Treasurer

Given by Tom.

- Opening Balance: \$27,043.77

OLD BUSINESS

VOTES:

RD - Maurice

For - 8

Opposed - 0

Abstain - 2

Passes

RDA - Kathleen

For - 8

Opposed - 0

Abstain - 2

Passes

BUDGET:

For - 8
Opposed - 0
Abstain - 1

Passes

MOTIONS:

1. Hospitality Policy Clarification

(Note: Policy Motion * Needs 2/3s majority to pass ***)**

For - 8
Opposed - 0
Abstain - 1

Passes

2. Programing Committee Clarification

(Note: Policy Motion)

For - 9
Opposed - 0
Abstain - 1

Passes

3. Seed Money Motion

For - 2
Opposed - 5
Abstain - 2

Fails

AREA REPORTS

Bronx

Given by Antoine

- New Meeting: Recovery on Tiffany - 980 Westchester Ave - Saturday 1 - 2:30PM
- Would like to speak with NY Area for a Disruptive Environments Workshop. Who do I speak to.

- See report for full details

Brooklyn Area Report

Given by Henry

- In need of Secretary. In need of an E&A Chair/Vice. In need of Public Information Chair.
- Nominees for Regional Programming: Juanita and Virgil.
- Annual Picnic: Saturday Aug 1 - Highland Park Brooklyn.
- See report for full details.

Heart of Long Island Area Report

Given by Marty

- New PI subcommittee. Will be reaching out to other Areas.
- See report for full details.

Kings Bay Area

Given by Adam

- Sent Tom \$500 Check for Jan-May, another check for \$300 will cover us from June-Aug (per our Policy, \$100 per month).
- People asked what RSC does with that money, not sure.
- Speaker Jam - Aug 8 (see report for details).
- Brooklyn Convention upcoming! (see flyer for details).
- Kings Bay Area Anniversary picnic - 10AM - 4PM - Manhattan Beach. Speakers at noon.
- See report for full details.

Manhattan

Given by Juan

- Almost 100% full, only positions open: Unity Chair, RCMA.
- Elected Vice Chair, Policy Chair, Assistant Treasurer.
- Donation of \$250 for May & June.
- 1 hybrid meeting that will no longer be meeting in-person (Wash Heights Group).
- Recovery in the Park (began in April), going thru Oct 25, weather permitting. Relocated to 143 st b/t Lennox & 5th.
- See flyers for events. Lots of events coming up! Group anniversaries & picnics!
- See reports for full details.

New York City

Given by Stefan

- Several open positions: Policy Chair, E&A Chair, PR Chair, Helpline. All vacant.
- NA Birthday Bash hosted by E&A committee - Sunday Aug 2nd 1-5pm - 402 e8th st. (See report for details.) If you want to get tickets in advance reach out to me or Joel.
- See report for full details.
- *Questions*
 - *Tom L: Clarifying donation amounts.*
 - *Answer: June check is going in mailbox today.*
 - *Bob W: Does NYCA have a PR Chairperson?*
 - *Answer: Position is open. But other positions in that committee fulfilling the committee's needs.*

Open Arms Area

Given by Wanda

- 35 Groups. 1 Virtual, 34 in-person. Average attendance 20.
- H&I Chair pending nominations.
- H&I needs support especially for Women's Positions.
- Open Positions: Assistant Treasurer, H&I, E&A, Helpline.
- See report for full details.

Rockland

Given by Max

- 11 in-person meetings, 3 virtual.
- 6 GSRs at our last Area meeting. Looking on improving attendance.
- Elected H&I Chair.
- Reduced 8 Presentations down to 5 due to lack of panel leaders.
- New PR Chair.
- Open Positions: 2 GSR, RCMA.
- New Treasurer - figuring out bank account.
- See flyers for event details.
- See report for full details.

Staten Island

Given by Frank

- Annual Free Picnic - Aug 27 - 10am - 6pm at Wilbrook Park.
- For the first time Staten Island will be the Host Area for East Coast Convention - College of Staten Island - Elwood is Convention Chair - see report for more information.
- See report for full details.

Westchester

Given by Jose

- No E&A Chair, but trying to figure out how to organize some events.
- Got some questions about Insurance & the # of meetings we have, will reach out to Tom.
 - *Tom L: Every meeting is encouraged to have a Meeting List Coordinator to communicate with Maureen. Whatever is in the BMLT for each Area by September, that's how we calculate Insurance. We calculate in **October**.*
- See report for full details.

BOD REPORTS

BOD Chair Report

Given by Jerry

- Cease & Desist to Choices as they are using our convention logo to sell merch (see report for images).
- Would like to visit each Area to introduce ourselves and figure out ways we can support. We would like to do a brief 15 min presentation. RCMs please reach out to coordinate this.
- BOD Workshop (see report for details).
- Please register for the convention.
- See report for full details.

BOD Treasurer's Report

Given by Joel

- Finally we have generated more income than expenses! Great news for the Board!
- Total Income: \$46,484.75.
- Total Expenses: \$42,751.34.
- Currently researching switching from Apple Bank to Chase Bank.
 - Apple Bank doesn't have online features that we need - no images of checks/deposits.
 - Would also allow us to have all our accounts under one institution (Convention account is Chase).
 - The branch near us is closed on Saturdays, which is the only day I can deposit checks.
 - Transition will take some work. Need to ensure automatic payments are transitioned as seamlessly as possible so there are no missed payments.
- St. Luke's Church issue - we have a longstanding verbal agreement of them paying 55% of Con Ed bill to use some of our space as storage. They have NOT paid us and would like to negotiate a different percentage. Jerry and I are working on getting them to pay their outstanding bills going back to October 2025 to present. Once we finalize that we will figure out negotiations. We also want to transition this longstanding verbal agreement to a written agreement.
- See report for full details and numbers.
- Questions:
 - *Fern: What is the Time Frame for the St. Luke's situation to be resolved?*
 - *Answer: We pay the Con Ed bill upfront. There is no timeline, we just want to iron this out so that going forward there's clarity in writing, especially for future trusted servants. St. Luke's is being vague and semi-ghosting at the moment.*
 - *Tom L: Do you track purchases to NAWS to ensure you're gonna meet the Minimum for the Discount? If so, how far are we from meeting the Minimum?*
 - *Answer: I will talk to Anna and look into tracking it moving forward.*
 - *Tom L follow-up: Worth coordinating with RCMs in case we need to organize purchases to be earlier*
 - *Juan: St. Luke's?*
 - *Answer: St. Luke's is a church in the neighborhood. RSO rents room RA and RB, RB used to be phone lines, but St. Luke's offered to take over and use it as storage. Con Ed bill covers both rooms. In the past an agreement was made between St. Luke's and a past trusted servant that they would cover a portion of Con Ed bill. Con Ed told them it would cost \$15,000 to set up their own meter.*
 - *Stefan: Did anyone look into whether Choices did anything with World Convention at DC stuff?*
 - *Answer: No. Just us, Impossible Dream 2, and 2 AA conventions. Not sure why. Maybe there were requests for that specific merch.*

Convention Report

Given by Alphonso

- Impossible Dream 3 - July 2-4th 2027. Midtown Hilton.
- Filled - Serenity Keeper (Wanda M)
- Fundraising - still looking for an event in Manhattan. Looking for a location.
- Boat Ride - July 1 2027.
- Dinner (fka Pasta Dinner).
- Talking to Hotel about Hotel Block Registration.
- Programming Committee - 2nd Wednesday at 7pm. Meeting regularly.
- Website accepting registrations - \$70.
- Questions:
 - **Joel: *Please do not contact the hotel directly right now. We are still finalizing discount codes and details. Contact Convention Committee directly.***

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

RD Team Report

Given by Maurice

- Report is on the website, feel free to review all the details there.
- Please see the two **Addendums** that relate to CAR report details are relevant to our Region.
- “Summary of 2026 WSC Decisions” and “NAWS 2026 Annual Report” which details annual WSC finances - long reports but have relevant info. If you have any questions about any of the contents of the reports, please don’t hesitate to reach out to the RD Team.
- Get involved! No service positions are required to be involved in the Work Groups.
- Current Work Groups: Communication, Information, Technology, Public Relations, Rural and Marginalized Communities, and Public Mentorship.
- One example of a Work Group: Israel, Ukrainian, Iranian, Russian organizing Work Group discussing NA in War-Time.
- Thank you Don H for your services in the last cycle, and thank you Kathleen for your continued service!
- Ongoing discussion re: gender neutrality in literature. “People, members” etc, removing gendered &/or religious language. Hard getting consensus. This has been under discussion since the 80s.
- 10 Board Members were elected which includes 2 members from our zone.
- H&I Webinar TODAY (go to NAWS Webinars to see info) and PR Webinar upcoming on July 18. July 26 NEZF meeting.
- Please review 2026 Summary of Decisions: at the WSC Motion 2 was adopted, concerning the collaboratively created 2026-2029 Plan for the next 3 year cycle. Expect more Work Groups and Surveys going forward, they are open to all NA members.
- Please review 2026 Strategic Plan.
- See report for full details.

Policy Report

Given by Lenny

- Next meeting rescheduled for **July 20 at 6:30pm**.
- We are currently at “K” and continuing discussion. Please get involved!
- See report for more information.

Hospitals & Institutions

Given by Roy

- Roughly 75 meetings a week, roughly 60 are running (hard to get a hard number due to shifting attendance)
- Mobile Unit
 - Peter doing a great job.
 - 2 Mens, 2 Womens, in 2 facilities at Rikers.
 - Only jail Mobile Unit is currently serving is Riker’s Island - reached out to some Areas about serving more Jails and Prisons.
- No Vice Chair or Secretary. Hard to conduct full business. Steering committee is just me and Peter.
- Got a long voicemail from Wilvena (?) about looking to put NA meetings in 58 jails around New York State. I wasn’t clear on how to precede.
- We next meet Wednesday Aug 12th 7pm on Zoom.

- RCMs: please find out if in your Area Policy your Area Chairpeople are required to attend the Regional meeting.
- Questions:
 - Joel: *I believe Wilvena was contacting you in her professional capacity.*
 - Fern: *I believe Wilvena is trying to get Zoom meetings into facilities.*
 - Answer: *Voicemail didn't mention Zoom, but I will look into.*

Public Relations

Given by Bob W

- At Norway for European convention.
- PR is willing to participate in a Learning Day in coordination with NYCA Public Relations committee.
- Thanks for having me of service as my term comes to an end.
- Questions:
 - Maurice: *RE: WSC Report: July 18 there's gonna be a PR webinar put on by the World. Also, in the upcoming Strategic Plan for the 3 years PR is being discussed.*
 - Joel: *Doing PR Report now without suspending order of business is out of order without a motion.*
 - Motion made and seconded.
 - Joel 2: *For PR to say they're committed to getting the Motion done goes against the spirit of the Motion, which has already been put in.*
 - Answer: *If a Motion is put in it's not going to come to us for another 4 months for approval. But if we set aside the Motion and informally agree RSC PR is willing to participate we could expedite the timeline.*
 - Stefan: *Following up on Joel, the Motion is up to the RCMs at this point. Don't feel comfortable rescinding the Motion.*
 - Answer: *I don't remember Learning Days ever being Motions that have to go out. In the past you bring it to Standing Committee, rather than all the Areas voting on a Learning Day for a single Area's event. If it goes through a Motion it has to be approved at the next PR meeting in 2 months then the next Region in 2 months.*
 - Stefan 2: *The reason for the Motion is because you did not feel this should be handled at the Regional level, but at the Area level.*
 - Answer: *Despite my personal belief that Anonymity is an Area level concern, I am willing to do whatever the Areas would like and facilitate this event.*

Treasury Report & Closing Balance

Given by Tom L.

- May 10 - July 11
- Please see report for detailed accounting and more info.
- Closing Balance: \$23,438.70
- Operating Balance (minus Prudent Reserve): **\$15,088.70**
- I recommend a donation of \$4,000 to NAWS.
- Questions:
 - Juan: *Operating Balance is what you need to conduct balance?*
 - Answer: *Operating Balance is the funds available in the bank and available to the Region for expenses.*
 - Juan 2: *Is there a reason our Prudent Reserve does not match our Expenses?*
 - Answer: *Our Prudent Reserve is well above our Typical Expenses.*

NEW BUSINESS

Motion (Frank) to donate \$4,000 to NAWS.

2nd (Wanda)

Motion PASSES by acclimation.

Motion (NYCA - Stefan) - PR Hybrid Workshop on Anonymity with NYCA

2nd (Frank)

Motion (Stefan) - To make an amendment to make the motion time sensitive.

Tom L point of information: the Chair can rule on whether it's time sensitive.

- Chair ruled it was a Time Sensitive motion.

Joel spoke in favor of the motion.

VOTE:

For - 7

Opposed - 0

Abstain - 1

Motion Passes - PR will begin planning with NYCA imminently!

SHARING SESSION

Juan - Are we allowed to help financially support our upcoming convention?

Tom L - There is no rule against groups donating.

Juan - What about us as a body supporting financially?

Tom L - Historically they're meant to be autonomous. We already donate a nominal "rent" amount even though we don't use the RSO at all (although maybe with this PR event we will start using it). Historically

Elwood - I am the East Coast Convention Chair. Visiting to keep you guys updated and in the loop. It's generally a convention to help support getting literature into prisons. 26 regions are involved. East Coast Convention #30. Staten Island has never hosted a convention and NYC has never hosted an East Coast Convention. We're very excited about it.

We will be meeting Hybrid and I will send Frankie the Zoom info to pass along. Every last Wednesday of the Month. We understand that the Impossible Dream is 3 weeks later.

It's typically sponsored by an Area and sometimes by a Region.

All positions full but Merchandising and Registration.

In the past we've needed help with Literature Distribution. They JUST finished sending out the last of the literature from the convention 2 years ago. There are strict rules for distribution, they must be sent by the publisher etc.

ECCNA.org

Maurice - July 26 is the NEZF meeting, which includes a good portion of the East Coast. **NEZF.org**. Recommending you pass this info along so East Coast regions can join. It meets virtually.

Roy - Is there any discussion about providing any literature beyond Basic Texts (IPs, etc)?

Elwood - There's been discussion about that, but historically it's been just Basic Texts.

Meeting closed at 12:51PM.