

GREATER NEW YORK REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE

Minutes for Sept 12 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 | - BOD Member : |
| - RSC Vice Chair: Chanterelle | - Regional H&I Chair: |
| - RSC Secretary: Roi | - Eastern Long Island RCM: Ashley |
| - RSC Secretary Nominee: Claire | - Heart of Long Island: |
| - RSC Treasurer: Tom L. | - Kings Bay Area RCM: Adam |
| - RSC Helpline/BMLT Chair: Maureen | - Manhattan Area RCM: Juan J |
| - RSC Helpline Vice Chair: Deirdre | - Brooklyn Area RCM: |
| - RSC Webservant: Eugene | - Bronx Area RCM: Antoine S |
| - RSC PR Chair: Bob W | - NYC Area RCM: Stefan |
| - H&I Chair: | - NYC Area RCMA: |
| - RSO BOD Chair: Jerry J | - Open Arms Area RCM: |
| - RSO BOD Treasurer: Joel T | - Rockland RCM: Max |
| - BOD Secretary: | - Westchester RCM: Rodney |
| - BOD Member: Roberta, Anna | - Staten Island RCM: Frank |
| - RDA Nominee: | - Staten Island RCMA: |
| - RD: Maurice | - Policy Chair: |
| - RDA: Kathleen | - Visiting: |
| - Convention Chair: Peter C. | |
| - Convention Treasurer: | |

Quorum: 7 RCMs

Motions need to be submitted by 10:45 am

Minutes accepted by acclimation.

REPORTS

Chairperson

Given by Kat.

- Resumes coming in.
- Waiting for Resumes from subcommittees.

Vice Chairperson

Given by Chanterelle

- Attending Convention Committee (except for August).
- Speaking to members of South Jamaica Queens Area. Area is doing better.

Secretary

Given by Roi

- Updating Email list to remove dead names.

Treasurer

Given by Tom.

- **Opening Balance: \$23,438.70**

OLD BUSINESS

- Nominations:
- Chair: Chanterelle
 - Nominated by Kat, 2nd by RCM
- Vice Chair: Roi
 - Nominated by Chanti, 2nd by RCM
 - Questions: Which Area? (NYC) and Are you OK with attending Area meetings? (Yes)
- Secretary: Claire
 - Nominated by Roi, 2nd by RCM
- Treasurer: Kat
 - Nominated by Chanti, 2nd by RCM
 - Questions: Do you know how to use Excel? (Yes!) Weekly/biweekly pickups at the RSO? (Yes, of course.)

All of these going back to Areas and we will be voting on them in November.

Open positions: Webservant, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer

Eugene been Webservant for a long time - might need to step down due to school.

Questions: Roi - Is it the Webservant's responsibility to redesign the website? Is it against Policy/Traditions to hire someone to redesign?

Answer: Not sure about Policy, but it's actually not that difficult, it's all on Wordpress, we need to buy a new Theme, our Theme is 15 years old.

Joel: Maybe Admin Body should make a flyer to let Areas know about open commitments!

Kat: I will make a flyer!

Stefan: I don't think it makes sense to bring on a non-NA member because they'd need to be trained in our Traditions and Policies.

Eugene Answer: I wouldn't hire someone for management, I have time to manage it, I just need help redesigning/rebuilding the website.

AREA REPORTS

Bronx Area Report

- Given by Antoine S.
- Upcoming Events: Saturday Sept 26, Saturday Oct 3, Saturday Nov 14 (See Report and Flyers for details)
- Open positions: Area Vice Chairperson, Area Recording Secretary, RCM B, Area Co Treasurer, Literature Review Chair, Literature Review Vice Chair, Newsletter Chairperson, Newsletter Vice Chairperson, E & A Treasurer, Speaker Exchange, Chair & Vice Chair, Area Printer Liaison.
- Questions:
 - Maureen: Flyers for Events?
 - Answer: Will send!

Eastern Island Area Report

Given by Ashley

- Area meeting tomorrow at 3pm.
- 13 groups in the Area.
- Some open commitments in our Area (see Report).
- Upcoming Picnic - Sunday Sept 27 - from 12pm to Dusk - location change (See new Flyer!)
- Friendsgiving - Nov 21 - (See Flyer!)
- Some group anniversaries (see Report)

Kings Bay Area

Given by Adam

- 34 Year Anniversary - Sept 19 - 10am to 4pm in Manhattan Beach (see Report for details).
- 23 Groups - 29 Meetings (1 Virtual)
- Convention was a big success.
- Positions up since April - no one ran, so we're continuing in our positions til next term.
- I'm Kings Bay Programming Rep — gonna start listening to tapes.
- H&I doing great. Lot of participation.
- Our website has everything on it - Flyers, Anniversaries

Manhattan

Given by Juan

- H&I subcommittee is getting new Panel Leader.
- Open Positions: Unity Chair, RCMA.
- Newsletter is growing every month. Check it out! (It's in the Report doc.)

- Holiday Marathons coming up - will send flyers.

New York City

Given by Stefan

- Meet every 3rd Sunday of Month (link in Report).
- 58 Groups (42 Virtually, 43 IRL).
- Many open positions! Nominations in November, Elections in December! Come get involved! (See Report for details)
- Recently added a QR code for Zelle. Still have PayPal option.
- NA Birthday Bash was very successful, which accounts for bigger donation in August.

Rockland

Given by Max

- 11 in-person, 3 Virtual.
- All our groups generally attend Area.
- 8 H&I presentations (increase of 2).
- 3 Open Positions: GSR, RCMA, Helpline.
- Upcoming Halloween Party (no flyer yet - will send when it's ready).
- New Updated Meeting List (will send with Minutes).
- Questions:
 - Kathleen: What was the H&I drama?
 - Answer: Some issues with previous chair and people not showing up to their presentations. We have a new chair now and things are running smoothly.
 - Maureen: Since you guys don't use the BMLT need you to send me updates on meeting list changes.
 - Answer: Will do.

Staten Island

Given by Frank

- Annual Free Picnic
- We are hosting East Coast Convention - new location - more info to follow.
- Thank you to Board for coming and showing support.

Westchester

Given by Rodney

- No upcoming events but new E&A Chairperson, meeting now planning out the calendar.
- Open Position: Assistant Treasurer.

BOD REPORTS

BOD Chair Report

Given by Jerry

- Great BOD workshop Aug 15. Thanks Tom for giving history of RSO and Board. Thanks Danny and Tom from World Services for answering a lot of our questions & concerns.
- Noticed a lot of people are buying literature from other sources who are then buying it from us and charging them more. Please try and buy from us!
- We sent Cease & Desist letter to Choices. They owe us money.
- We are working on a Child Waiver form for children attending our events.
- We have 1678 copies of IP-21 The Loner from a previous edition (new version coming out soon). 174 copies of outdated H&I Basics booklet. Any suggestions?
- We incorrectly received 1000 copies of #23 pamphlet from NAWs. We will be returning it.

- We are increasing cost of B&W copies from 5 cent to 10 cent and Color copies from 10 cent to 20 cents.
- Does RSC have a PO Box? We are on a waiting list. If RSC has one, can we share it?
- We made \$1,000 at the Brooklyn Convention from selling specialty items.
- Brooklyn Convention and Kings Bay sending us \$5,000 each — that'll help us with operating expenses (per Tom's question).
- See Report for more info!
- Questions:
 - Maurice: I think it would be wise to let the WSO know about our legal issue with Choices. Also: suggest you guys attend NEZF. We could potentially get more customers along the east coast.
 - Maureen: I don't see trusted servants at zoom meetings guiding people to our website to buy literature. I think we can do better with that and encouraging that.

BOD Treasurer's Report

Given by Joel

- Report covers 7/13-9/10
- Total Income: \$30,058.92
- Total Expenses: \$27,230.60.
- Had to pay outstanding debt from 2025 for Impossible Dream History Book that went to debt collector. Resolved it by speaking directly to Publisher and paying them directly.
- See report for more detailed numbers/information! (Thanks for the detailed report!)
- Questions:
 - Tom L: Can you break down what each account is used for?
 - Answer:
 - Apple Bank Checking 0501: was our Operating Checking account for online transactions, online orders, day-to-day expenses.
 - Apple Savings 5968: Basically a Prudent Reserve.
 - Chase: Convention Account. I don't list a breakdown as Alfonso
 - New Chase 5669: Will be replacing the 0501 account.
 - Tom L pt 2: Are you concerned with cashflow? Balances seem low, especially considering ongoing expenses?
 - Answer:
 - Right now we're barely breaking even. So yes we have some minor concerns. One thing that the board is looking into is getting a written policy for collection of outstanding balances with Areas.
 - Tom L pt 3: Convention balance doesn't seem to be changing. Doesn't seem to be needed for current expenses. Has the board considered using Convention funds to help with cashflow if needed?
 - Answer:
 - We have discussed it unofficially as a contingency plan yes. We also have the \$5,000 reserve that could be used as well if needed.
 - Adam: Areas don't pay immediately for literature?
 - Answer:
 - No. Every Area is handled very differently. Generally it takes a month to month-and-a-half. We have an Area or two that are behind by 3 months. We're considering putting in a Policy that you cannot order more literature until you pay your debt. NAWS gives us a 30 day grace period so we've extended it to Areas as well as a courtesy.
 - Maurice: Concerning the 30 day credit which we get from the World. In the past we were pretty strict that if you have an outstanding balance you cannot order new literature. We kept it pretty strict to 30 days and it seemed to work.

Convention Report

Given by Peter C

- Met Aug 19th at 7:30pm.
- **Balance: \$107,779.99.**
- First fundraising event Nov 1 in the Bronx (see flyer on website).
- Still finalizing all event details, hoping to lock it all in by end of month.
- Still have leftover merchandise for sale. Will be for sale at events.
- Registration: room block available. **Please do not call Hotel or 3rd party websites or book through Hotel or 3rd party websites!**
- 221 Registrations done. 80 boat ride tickets sold.
- See Report and Website for more details!
- Questions:
 - Antoine: Why has the registration price increased since last year?
 - Answer: Cost of expenses keeps increasing year over year. Better to do \$5 increments every two years than to have sticker shock with cost jumping suddenly. We have to stay in line with unpredictable price increases.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

RD Team Report

Given by Maurice

- 3 year strategic plans for World. 2 year strategic plan for NEZF.
- Thank you to Kathleen for her help with putting together the Report!
- Thank you to Eugene for his help with our surveys/etc on the website!
- Please see Report for very detailed information!
- Questions:
 - Joel: Do we know when the next annual membership fee for the NEZF is?
 - Answer: Our policy has us donating \$1,000 a year. We usually give \$500 at each of the in-person NEZF meetings, which meet twice a year (March, October).
 - Tom L: East Coast Convention is occurring 3 weeks before the Regional Convention. Both have open positions. Do you have any concerns about the Conventions happening so close together. Is RD Team supporting East Coast Convention or Regional Convention?
 - Answer: We are not supporting, just sharing information. RD Team is not involved directly with the East Coast Convention. It's a good concern. Thank you for raising it. I will talk to East Coast Convention Chair Elwood who I know well.
 - Jerry J: Question about Hybrid equipment at the RSO?
 - Answer: I think there is already equipment at the office?
 - Kat/Tom: There is \$8750 set aside for purchasing Hybrid equipment. It was voted on a while back to set that money aside, it has not yet been purchased.

Policy

Given by N/A (*Lenny unavailable today*)

- Policy meeting Monday 7pm if you'd like to join!
- Meeting ID: 99132795320 Passcode: GNYRSC

Helpline/BMLT (Basic Meeting List Toolkit)

Given by Maureen

BMLT:

- Please ask your meeting administrator to TAG a meeting with temporary closure info! (See Report for details on how.)

- **Can everyone please go on the Regional Calendar and make sure your meeting Zoom info is correct and up to date?**

Helpline:

- Updated the Voice Message when you call, Option 3 in Spanish.
- When we miss a call, we updated the message the caller receives. It now says that a Helpline Volunteer will return the call shortly.
- We lost 1 Helpline volunteer, changed all her info and disappeared, oddly.

Public Relations

Given by Bob W

- Please send me copies of the flyers that seem to be raising issues so I can review.
- My commitment is over at the end of this year (I've been doing it for 2 years), by policy I am not eligible to run again. I am capable of managing incoming PR requests etc, but I am traveling a lot lately, 3-4 months a year. I feel like I'm not able to fully give this commitment the energy it deserves.
- I will get my report in by end of day.
- Question:
 - Joel T: I attended but nobody was there.
 - Answer: Two zoom codes were created. I was on the meeting and nobody showed up. There were two zoom codes that was why.
 - Maurice: Are you on the Zonal Mailing List? Was asked by NEZF PR chair
 - Answer: We receive emails from them.

Webmaster

Given by Eugene

- Roi and Kat offered to help with updating the website.
- Everything else is pretty much up to date. If you see anything that's not up to date please let me know!
- Me and Maureen were discussing who has BMLT access. Which is extremely important. Maybe we can add this to Area Reports: who is your BMLT person?

Treasury Report & Closing Balance

Given by Tom L.

- No unusual expenses. Insurance is paid up.
- We were in touch with final Area with an outstanding balance. They will be sending a payment asap.
- Still waiting on breakdown from Insurance Company. Will have in November.
- See Report for detailed accounting and breakdown.
- **Closing balance: \$16,893.75**
- I recommend a donation to World Services of \$5,000.

NEW BUSINESS

- Frank: Motion to donate \$5,000 to World Services.
- 2nd from Juan.
- No opposition. Motion passes by acclimation.

SHARING SESSION

Maureen - Will get some flyers with people's faces and NA logo for Bob W / PR to review.

Meeting closed at 12:40PM.