

**Minutes for NA 'Region with no name'**  
**August 3.2003**

Ramada Hotel Wilkes-Barre. Pa

Meeting opened w/Serenity Prayer & Twelve Traditions at 12:09.

Minutes read & accepted from July 12,2003

Secretary Craig L. not present. Minutes taken by Todd S with no objections from the floor.

**Roll call:**

Henry D.	RSC Chair
Hadi M.	RSC co-Chair
Dick R	Region Treasurer
Nancy O.	Region Policy Chair
Mike S.	Regional Meeting List Chair
Tim R.	Regional P .I. Chair
Linda W.	RCM, Bucks
Diane S.	ALT RCM, Bucks
Mike E.	RCM, Bee Hive
Dave B.	Alt RCM, Bee Hive
Jim B.	Pure and Simple ASC Ad Hoc Chair
Michele M.	Pure and Simple Member
Nancy E.	Bee Hive Member
Glenn W	Bee Hive Member
Alan S.	Bucks ASC Meeting List rep
Adam D	H & I Chair, Bee Hive ASC
Rich	Bee Hive Member
Todd S.	Montgomery ASC Treasurer

**Absent:**

Mont co RCM, Region Secretary

Quorum was met.

Henry D suggested consensus voting. No objection from RCM's. RCM's reserve right to call for RCM vote.

**AREA REPORTS**

**Bucks County Area Report**

- Area service meets the last Sunday of each month at Christ Evangelical Church, Lakeside and Low Lanes, Levittown, P A. 3pm.
- **Next regional meeting** to be hosted by Bucks County Area at Faith Reformed Church, Stony Brook Drive and Sexton Lane. Levittown. PA at 12 o'clock noon.
- No Donation.

In Service Linda W. Bucks County Area RCM (215)-788-3860

**BeeHive Area Report**

- Bee Hive Area is doing well.
- Our convention committee campout is Aug 29-31 at Rickett's Glen State Park.
- Area Convention Nov 21-23 at Ramada Hotel. Wilkes-Barre, PA 570-824- 7100
- Area Service is the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2 pm. Our meeting is located at Franklin and Academy streets in Wilkes-Barre.

Mike E. Bee Hive RCM [maevanitos@aol.com](mailto:maevanitos@aol.com) 570-256-0975

## **Subcommittee Reports**

**H & I** no committee

### **Public Information**

As a sub committee we have yet to meet. I was hoping to have a meeting before this regional meeting, however; that did not take place. The sub committee needs to approve our committee policy, create a contingency plan, train members giving presentations, discuss phone line possibilities and discuss institution/school coverage as far as mailings and presentations.

At this time, I don't feel we need to be concerned about PSAs; however, they are a vital part of PI's purpose and will need to be addressed in the future. If possible, I'd like to schedule a sub committee meeting for 11 a.m. Sept. 7, one hour before Region meets. No P.I. Chair in Bucks. BeeHive is the only area with a functioning PI committee. Need a list of all institutions.

Bucks and BeeHive have phone lines, Montco and Pure and Simple do not. Need to talk over whether to create a 'White Elephant' like Phila. or individual phone lines and help maintain them. Make sure schools are covered. BeeHive is good with that. **Adam D.** added, BeeHive got their 800 numbers through their answering service after cost comparison. **Tim R.** It goes beyond 1-800 #. (Need to talk about answering service. Bucks uses a pager. ) I want to compare those ideas to see which are more functional.

In loving service, Tim R. 215-805-3430 cell/ 215-295-3923 home

### **Policy committee report**

Did not hold a meeting yet, I'm in the process of compiling info from other regions to have policies to go over to form a policy for this new region. Committee to meet one hour before next region. For copies of policy or questions contact Nancy O.

In loving service, Nancy O. 267-251-8219

**Literature Review** no committee

### **Meeting list**

Group registration forms have been distributed to the areas to correct the world website. I am still waiting for any info from Montco and Beehive to correct Philly Regional meeting list. There is a policy put together and will be submitted at a later date. When we have registration forms from all groups we will have world send them NA Way magazine. Bucks forms are finished. Mike E. asked to make sure we give forms to Pure and Simple. Mike S. responded also looking into doing something with Philly. Will make copies and get them to Pure and Simple. Sub committee meeting one hour before region.

Mike S. 267-321-7532 <shiningstar72101hotmail.com>

## **Old Business**

**Henry D.** No agenda at this time. We will begin with nominations that are not filled. Open positions as follows:

H&I Chair	Lit Review Chair	Unity/Activities Chair
Help Line Chair	Co-Secretary	Region Liaison
Regional Delegate	Alternate Regional Delegate	

Positions are temporary until November

**H&I Chair** Adam D. nominated by Mike E. Seconded. Adam D. qualified self with multiple service commitments. Clean date 4/8/89. Unanimously PASSED

**Lit Review Chair** No nominations at this time.

**Unity/Activities Chair** No nominations at this time.

**Help Line** Todd S. Motioned to keep PI & Help Line Committees together until we have enough people to serve. Seconded Mike S. PASSED

**Co-Secretary** Tabled to next month

**Regional Delegate** Motion to combine Region Delegate and Liaison as suggested in service guide. Seconded by Nancy O. PASSED

Duties outlined by Henry D. "to attend World Service Conference Biannually. Five years clean. Position not to be taken lightly. Donna J. nominated. Qualification read from current guide to local service. Funding for travel

from World when seated at World; by our RSC until seated. Participation at regional level with conference agenda issues is a must. Hold workshops for Conference Agenda Reports.

**Hadi:** Why is there such a desire to communicate with Phila. and what is it you want from Phila.?

**Dick R:** One reason why, is so all suffering addicts ~ helped out. Secondly, it would be cost effective as far as meeting lists go, group insurance and things like that. Keep information flowing back and forth so it is cost effective for this region to get on the ground.

**Todd S:** Someone has to go to Phila. Region and get info.

**Tim R.:** It comes down to fostering a feeling of fellowship and maintaining the fact that this is not an adversarial situation. It is our first tradition. UNITY

**Michelle M:** It is only temporary and we need to have a liaison.

**Henry D:** The main thing we are talking about is cooperation rather than affiliation. Co-Chair of this region becomes liaison temporarily, or write policy to split the position for a vote in November.

**Hadi:** Since I have been delegated these duties, I don't have a problem with it. It would be a great thing to do. Outside of the meeting list, what do you want me to go there and ask for, without animosity or any of that kind of stuff?

**Henry:** We have the meeting list people, H&I, Etc. who may meet with their committees and we also have the RSC meeting on Sunday afternoon. Do we want to have representation at the open forum?

**Mike E:** I don't think we need to become that involved in their region. Did we ever discuss the letter from our region to their region?

**Hadi:** If you really want to help, if you (GPRSC) have some information for us, maybe we can get together and have a learning day. The people on their committees with the experience can come in and help us with some stuff.

**Todd S-** Motion: to table Regional Delegate nomination. (9-4-0/passed)

**Mike E:** From all the areas represented here, how many of the area subcommittees, previous to joining this region, participated in Phila. (GPRSC)?

**Linda W:** Bucks area did in all aspects

**Henry:** Montco used to do phone line (committee) up to 9 months ago. So in past 9 months, not at all.

**Jim B:** Tim used to go.

**Linda W:** If our purpose is to start fresh, why are we still going back?

**Henry:** I don't think we are trying to be affiliated with the old region, we are trying to cooperate. PSA's share the same media. Help lines need to share info, etc. Solution: Let sub committee chair people come up with some ideas and interface with Philly region on their own and bring back some more concrete ideas to

this body next month. We also need to participate in Zonal Forums.

**Hadi:** We need to interface with Mid Atlantic and all other regions.

**Tim R:** Regional Chair duties include reaching out to surrounding regions, their PI chairs and sub- committees, that's our job. Mid Atlantic, Free State, New York etc.

#### **Treasurer's Report** Submitted by Dick R. 609-771-6925

Last month balance	\$189.00
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No expenses	
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Ramada	<u>-25.00</u>
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Balance 08/03/03	\$164.00
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**Mike E.** Motion to donate \$25.00 to Ramada Inn. Seconded. PASSED Motion to accept treasury. Seconded. PASSED

#### **AGENDA ITEM**

1) Insurance **Dick R**

Written Report as submitted:

*I spoke to George from Recovery Source Insurance in Minnesota and was informed they are not licensed in*

*Pa. They only cover groups and the cost is \$450 a year. They gave me a few pointers that we will need.  
(a) We need a name. (b) We need a non-profit number. (c) We need to be incorporated. I can start researching commercial insurance companies for prices and requirements using a 100 meeting standard and code. Next month I hope to have at least 3 bids to see where we go from here.*

**Dick R:** According to what I have been told, Phila. already has insurance on the groups. That's why I believe we need a liaison to contact and find out where they got their insurance from and how much they pay. Maybe it would be cost effective to get on board with their insurance. Also contact Mid Atlantic. We are elected as responsible people to the fellowship; and in our concepts, it talks about doing things like that, taking care of our 7th tradition so NA funds are managed in a responsible way."

**Hadi:** Phila. does or doesn't have insurance?

*Summary of discussion 'Phila. knows how to get insurance.'*

**Henry:** Dick R. will find out how to financially incorporate the name and how to get non-profit title.

**Dick R.:** A lawyer is needed. I will get names of a few who can fulfill our needs after we choose a name.

**Jim B:** Using an accountant to incorporate is cheaper from my recent experience.

**Q.** Would a camp out be covered by insurance?

**Dick R.:** That would come under a rider

Break 1: 45 Reconvene at 2:06 after 15-minute break

**Mike E.:** What is the status of the letter from new Region to old region?

**Henry:** No status. If you guys want to bring up a motion or delegate them other than that, there is no action. Do you want to delegate a writer?

**Todd S.:** Since Hadi made an eloquent unity of purpose statement; I would like to delegate the responsibility to him. So delegated from all present.

**Adam D.:** Please ask area H&I Chair people to forward names, addresses and phone #'s of all facilities.

**Meeting List:** Mike S. As soon as all registration forms are in, I will mail them into world. We need Montco and Pure & Simple to E-mail updated lists to compare and correct GPR list. I will bring amendments to next region meeting.

**\*\*\*\*\* All Subcommittees will meet one hour before next regional meeting!!!\*\*\*\*\***

Alan S.: Sponsorship Book coming back from world for approval. Cost is \$5.00. Will bring to next region.

**Dick R.:** Motion: to have hosting area pay rent for regional service committee & subcommittees. Intent: for the areas be financially responsible as part of NA. Unanimously passed.

After Area Announcements, meeting closed with Serenity Prayer. 14:37

**Next Region Meeting -Sept 7th 12:00 Sub-committees at 11:00**

Faith Reform Church, Sexton & Stony brook Dr. Levittown, Pa.

**Next month Agenda:**

1) Region name, 2) Bank & Insurance info, 3)Co-Secretary,  
Tell areas to have all people who want to serve in an elected position to be present in October  
Respectfully submitted with love,

Todd S.

I want to thank the Regional body for one more I never; I never thought I could do this.