

Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes

December 7, 2003

- 2:10pm Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer.
- 12 Traditions read by: Mike S.
- Roll Call:

RSC Chair	Henry D.
RSC Co-Chair	Hadi M.
Secretary	Michele M.
Treasurer	Dick R.
Literature Review	<i>Position Open</i>
H & I	<i>Position Open</i>
PI/Helpline	Tim R.
Activities	<i>Not Present</i>
Policy	<i>Not Present</i>
Meeting List	Mike S.
Regional Delegate	Jim H.
RD Alt.	<i>Position Open</i>
RCM Mont. Co.	Craig L.
RCM Bucks Co.	Diane S. (Alt.)
RCM Pure & Simple	Craig R. (Alt.)
RCM Beehive	<i>Not Present</i>

- Quorum met.
- Last month's minutes read and accepted.

Regional Delegate Report:

Hello Family,

I am proud to be giving my first report as RD for the Eastern PA Region of Narcotics Anonymous. On November 29th the regional chair and I attended a multi-regional learning day of the Autonomy Zone, held in Baltimore. Along with several service workshops, there was a question and answer period with Craig from the World board. One of the points that Craig brought up was lack of support from the fellowship for world services. The way the fellowship gives input to world services is through the world pool. Anyone with five years clean or more can be in the world pool. The way to become a part of it is to fill out the world pool form on the world's web site. The way it works, is when the fellowship approves a project, i.e. new literature, fellowship issues, etc. The world board gathers a group of people in the pool from all over the fellowship, and they work on the project separately, and also by conference call. In respect to literature review, anyone who has filled out the world pool form can give input. This was approved by the fellowship as the process with which the fellowship will give input into world service projects. The World Board Is asking for more fellowship input, they ask that anyone who is eligible to fill out the world pool forms. One of the things that the World Board is currently working on is gathering information from professionals and non-governmental organizations on their opinions of Narcotics Anonymous. This is an attempt at having misconceptions about our fellowship corrected, and gathering info to better communicate with the public. The major focus of the World Board right now is to improve communication throughout the fellowship, and improve leadership by example.

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Regional Delegate Report (cont.):

At the Learning day, I met several of the RD's and RD Alts from the different regions involved. The general idea is that we can participate in the Autonomy Zone regardless of our seating at the world conference. The next Autonomy Zonal Forum will be held in West Virginia on January 29th 2004. I will be attending, to gather more information for the region. I have not yet received the exact time and place, but will report about it next month. The Greater New York region is holding its 17th annual convention at the New York Hilton and Towers. On May 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st. I only have three registration forms, but I can get more if we need them. In loving service Jim H. RD

Subcommittee Reports

Meeting List: We met today and more amendment sheets were passed out. Also, we discussed becoming an active part of the Philadelphia regional meeting list committee, and working together to help rectify the meeting list. Also, I have been in contact with a couple of printers as requested to find out whether or not it would be const effective to have our own meeting list printed or not.

In loving service, Mike S.

Public Information: We met today at 1:10pm. Present were the Pure and Simple PI Chair and myself. We had a productive meeting working primarily on our policy. We discussed the purpose of the Regional PI Subcommittee and will be developing a contingency plan in the future. We would like to be able to meet 2 hours before region. We are aware that this will affect the hosting area in relation to the times the facilities are available. However, we feel that more time is needed to be able to effectively conduct business. As things stand, people arriving for the RSC meeting early cause unintended disruptions.

In loving service, Tim R.

Area Reports

Beehive: *Not Present*

Bucks County: Bucks County Area meets the last Sunday of each month at the Christ Evangelical Church on Lakeside and Low Lane, Levittown, Pennsylvania. Sub Committees @1:30, Area Service begins @3:00. Regional donation in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00.) Our upcoming Unity events consists of the following: New Year's Celebration - Wednesday, December 31, 2003, 9:00-1:00, Christ Evangelical Church on Lakeside Drive and Low Lane, Levittown, Pennsylvania. Music, Fun, Food, Fellowship!! \$5.00 per person 50/50 drawing plus a roller skating party Friday, January 30, 2004, 11:00-1:00, Cornwells Skating Center, 2350 Bristol Pike, Bensalem, Pennsylvania. Bucks County Area will be hosting the next Eastern PA Region meeting Sunday, January 5, 2004, Faith Reformed Church, 476 Stoneybrook Drive and Sexton Lane, Levittown, Pennsylvania, Sub Committees @1:00, RSC begins @ 2:00.

As always, in loving service, Diane S.

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Area Reports (cont.)

Montgomery County: Area service meets the last Sunday of every month at Suburban General Hospital at 12pm on Dekalb and Germantown Pike. Good participation, strong group rep attendance and participation. Rejuvenation process continues to grow on area. Donation to region: \$247.18. New Year's Eve Party- Wednesday 12/31 at United Methodist Church in Willow Grove, Church St. and Old York Rd. at 8pm, donation.

RCM, Craig L.

Pure and Simple: I met with RCM Kenny at Starbucks in Southampton Wednesday 12/3, he said he would formally resign position at area next Sunday. I will be, god willing, the new RCM for Pure and Simple. Area service meets in Sellersville on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 2pm at St. Michaels Lutheran Church. Spiritual Foundations group to host a Learning Day in spring, more info to follow.

RCM Alt., Craig R.

Treasurer Report

- I had the bylaws reviewed by the CPA/lawyers from Carvala and Martin and did not see any problems with them. I will file with the PA State Dept of Corporation Bureau this week. As soon as I get the approved papers back I will give a copy to our bank. I'm submitting a motion for \$100.00 to pay for filing fees. I will start getting bids on group insurance as soon as the cooperation is approved.
- This month's transactions:

Check#	Description	Amount
	Opening Balance	2497.19
	Montco Donation	247.18
	Bucks Co. Donation	150.00
	Balance After Donations	2894.37
	Reimbursement to Meeting List	-68.90
	Filing fees for Articles of Incorporation	-100.00
	Closing Balance	2725.47

Old Business

1. Positions are still open for H&I Chair, RD Alt., Literature Review Chair, Co-Secretary, and Co-Treasurer. No nominations.

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New Business

- **Meeting List** Since there is a new chair in the Philly meeting list subcommittee, we would like to work in cooperation w/them on creating a multi-regional meeting list.
- **Public Information** Motion: *To Increase all subcommittee meeting times to two hours before region meets. Intent is to allow the subcommittees to more effectively conduct business.* Motion fails (3-6-1)
- **Treasurer** Motion by Treasurer: *\$100.00 to file corporation documents. Intent is for the Eastern PA Region to be incorporated.* Motion passes (11-0-0)

Open Forum

- **WSC Recognition** This is part an FYI and part apology for the RSC body. I was apparently misinformed about the status of the "seating of our region" at the World Service Conference. On that information, I stated we possibly may have been accepted as a "voting" region by 2006, wrong info. After some phone calls and emails, there appears to be quite a different time frame. I found the REAL policies pertaining to this subject. The time frame is this; we need to be serving groups/areas actively and consistently for several years (up to 2006), then we will be given the "paperwork" to file with the WSC Recognition Panel. They will do their research and bring the vote to the WSC floor in 2008 for acceptance. Upon being accepted, the first voting chance we will be able to do is WSC 2010. I understand this to seem long and tiresome, but we do have alternatives to understand. First, if we would like to vote on C.A.R. motions, we may do so temporarily with another regional body. Secondly, we may attend the WSC as observers until then. Either way, we have some time to look into these options and talk about this later. So for now, we are unable to vote on world level issues but we can still keep our eyes and ears open for any relevant news from the World service conference. If there are any questions on this, feel free to call. (215) 725-5313. Once again, I apologize for the wrong information that I passed down originally.
- **Agenda** Motion by Jim H.: *To amend the regional meeting format. When setting the agenda for new business that we ask in "pecking order" areas, RD/alt, subcommittees, administrative, then individuals. After the item is given, that it be placed on the agenda in order as above. The agenda is to be set before any discussion or debate ensues. Intent is to facilitate business in a smooth and efficient manner.* Motion passes (9-0-2)

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Open Forum (cont.)

- **Establish Meeting Location** Discussion of changing from a rotation of the RSC meeting location between the areas to a single meeting place. Ad hoc committee appointed: Jim H. (P&S) to chair, Hadi M. (Montco), Mike S. (Bucks Co.), and Beehive will be contacted and appointed a member from their area. Would like a central location, preferably within the region's geographical boundaries. Ad hoc's intent will be to research and propose a location.
- **Consensus Voting** Motion by Mike S.: *Only members of the RSC structure have the ability to vote on anything that arises that requires a vote. Intent is to make informed decisions.* Quorum is lost. Motion is tabled.
- **4:30pm Meeting closes with the Serenity Prayer.**

The Next Regional Services will take place:

January 5, 2003 at 2pm

Hosted by the Bucks County Area

Faith Reformed Church

476 Stoneybrook Drive and Sexton Lane, Levittown

Subcommittees at 1pm

***Montgomery County Area to host Regional Services in February.
Time & place to be announced.**

Open Positions on Regional Level:

Co-Secretary

Co-Treasurer

RD Alternate

H & I Chair

Lit. Review Chair