

Unapproved November UKRSC minutes

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14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Session 1** 10.00-11.30 am Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Chair housekeeping There will be 3 x 1½ hour breaks and 1n hour for lunch. 1.30 pm.

RCMs

NWENW David, NASA Emilie, FREE COUNTIES Ian, NW London Claire, YAHANA Martina, WCANA Allison & Ian (Alt RCM), SHIRES Alt RCM Ian, SUSSEX Neil, ESSEX Chris, HAMPSHIRE Tara, SE London Bruno, SURREY Charlie, SWLondon Michael, EDINBURGH AND LOTHIAN Cara, WMANA Earl, NE London Steven + Deirdre

SUB-COMMITTEES.

FD vice Chair Stuart, UKSO Alex, UKCNA 31 David, COMM<sup>2</sup> Chair Hardeep, TECH Andrew,  
UK FD Chair Pete

ADMIN COMMITTEE

Chair RSC Lisa, Treasurer Hayley, RD Simon, Resource Craig, Alt RD Sam

Chair to observers via web link this is your RSC those here are your RCMs some areas not represented. If your area is not currently represented please consider becoming RCM.

Approval of Minute, being done by transcript as no secretary. September minutes sent out a few days ago. Proposes Chris Essex SE London Chris and Emily seconded May March also approved.

Service prayer, Resource. Concepts NWENW

Treasury Report £ 21.891.20 opening balance. £11.350.00 prudent reserve

Admin Committee Positions vacant All admin committee rotate out tomorrow.

Positions and clean time requirements. RD 6, Alt RD 4, both 2 year terms

1 Year terms Chair RSC 5. Vice Chair 4, Treasurer 4 Vice Treasurer 3, Secretary 3, Vice Secretary 2, Resource 3, Vice Resource 2.

UK sub committees UKPI only has secretary see list for positions vacant terms and cctrs.

All meetings are now on line so its a great time to get involved or just observe.

Anyone forward for 2 day on Admin- none.

Next RSC will be on line. 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Admin elections will be tomorrow 10 am till 1pm

Q. In view of potential vaccine etc and removal of restrictions as bids to host regions should be submitted at least 4 months in advance should we be looking for bids for March. R. Continuing on line till things change. January will be on line nothing's changed to date. Use default if there is a sudden change it would be up to Admin to select default. Default is now Cotton Court Preston.

**Questions to Region** from RCM s reports. Will be distributed in the post meeting report. As listed in pre-region reports

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EACLANA running late

Essex

Farsi

Hampshire Q. How do groups approach members recording the meeting. Member threatening to write article for Huf post. May have been dealt with by the group in question.

R, NW London Recording not allowed in settings Surrey. Isn't that breaking anonymity. Shires ? against law to record any one without consent discrimination law. RD you are welcome your behaviours is not. See the disruptive behaviour leaflet.

Thanks settings changed. Accusations of predatory behaviour suggested female only meeting.

UKSO there are many recordings available on line. For the hard of hearing there is a program available on zoom.

Member directed to on line and invited to ASC,

Chair reminded all of the autonomy of meetings

NW London no questions.

NWENW Q1. new H and I area committee what is the point of contact. Q2. What H and I service are any groups able to carry out.

R2. Alt Essex Chris are taking virtual meetings in to various facilities, Hampshire 4 treatment centres taking meetings. Literature packs are being taken into prison, Midlands 1 treatment and 2 secure unit now ceased, 1 prison has online meeting

R1 online resources. YAHANA online into 1 the treatment centre before extending into more. Dorset. Treatment centres do access on line meetings.

FD New Mexico are setting an example. 2 H and I nation wide has been proposed.

Chair Areas can put on their own learning day.

RD social media page NA service solutions available for any members to use.

NAWS workshop November,

*CHAIR* No Functioning H and I Committee it can no longer be supported by individual dual members of the admin committee.

Emily can the admin committee continue to support no. Problem within the fellowship in attracting members to service.

not fair to expect them to do so. This expectation on the steering committee due to the onerous extra service that is expected. The committee needs to fold and we all need to take responsibility for the situation. This is a hugely important function of our fellowship it is down to the RCMs to take this to the fellowship.

Prison Sponsorship is continuing as a stand alone

Edinburgh

Shires

SW London Inventorying of areas. How often. Ideally annually.

Coms<sup>2</sup> used the format of London FD, dramatically improved the function and atmosphere of the committee.

UKFD as rotate out of position do list of what would like to do if in that position again, Admin committee will distribute the questions received by e mail from SW London

Don't have to wait till next RSC can chat in the break and between regions.

Chat now open live stream closed.

Second Session 12 noon

16 RCMs new Will UKPI Vice Chair. H, ECLANA RCM

check all have got the welcome to region etc any queries use the chat room or chat at the break.

Area reports continued.

Sussex

West Midlands Q1 re ZOOM NA meeting drop the Zoom. R. Include no affiliation to zoom in the

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preamble. Try not to use the term zoom. Non affiliation is personal responsibility. (Said Will in his Wranglers). Virtual implies not real try to avoid that too.

Q2 Using group service forums Guide to local services 2020 version. Would be doing face to face if could. Not keen on WhatsApp

R.2 GSF ? WhatsApp group for discussions not decisions. Meet early for new GSRs.

WhatsApp groups are frequently misused. They should not replace ASC. WhatsApp is not anonymous. Group assemblies are a very effective way of communicating, Group Assemblies are for every member not just for GSRs etc. Can be really useful.

Chair Ask Simon. There are many GSR workshops on line.

Earl Thanks. There are other apps eg telegram does not display phone number.

ECLANA Q. are committee meetings essential. No business meetings are essential would be max of 6 re 15 at a meeting is total of 15 and that is the Law. On ukna.org. There was a suggestion that staff (i.e staff employed by the building) could be extras. If it is possible for a meeting to be held on a virtual platform it should continue to be so held.

Coms<sup>2</sup> not a NA meeting if not free Access. Hampshire has had problems involving PH England and police PR nightmare. Newcomers are able to get clean on virtual meetings so face to face not necessary.

Some are not able to access virtual meetings.

West county Is there a check list for face to face meetings. Not practical so many different requirements for different areas. The law is the law.

Good idea for the future.

Public liability insurance some sort of guidance for the future would be useful.

The current advice on the ukna website is already fully self explanatory follow it.

Direct responsibility of the groups to comply with the law. There is a tick box to confirm that groups wanting to hold face to face meetings are aware of this.

### Sub Committees

UKPI last meeting November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Will be more evident on the new website. Survey should be ready for January region,

Treasurer opening balance £479.06 minimal expenses

Mac (chit) meeting attendance confirmation. Simon is new trainer

Gov Liaison Officer (GLO) APPG all party political group influence MPs and Lords. Pilots around the country. 1 enquiry from Dorset.

FLO flo@pi.ukna.org updating pi area v contacts vice.chair@pi.ukna.org New posters artwork etc  
EVENTS

MEDIA were spending £350-100 per month to carry the message to professionals  
meetings first Tuesday every month on line. GDPR and e mails .

Chair [5 years], Vice-Treasurer [3 years], Vice Events [3 years], Massimo handed in his service.

Neil was voted in as Vice FLO

### UK PI WEBSITES/PAGES

Are now active in the professionals tab on the ukna.org website, it is not very prominent, and is accessed through the For Professional's tab but until the new ukna site goes live the website committee cannot do anything about that.

Only change made this month was changing the expected results date of the survey from October to November, once we have the new data I will update the pages.

### TRAINING REPORT- SIMON

Nothing ongoing to report. Attended MAC webinar on Sunday. Plan to create an online training for members

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interested in PI and offer it to Areas. More will be revealed.

**GLO REPORT- TOM B**

Gave a presentation at APPG on 20th October mainly addressing the MAC. This is a good group still finding its feet but I think will grow increasingly influential – several MPS and members of the House of Lords have joined since the last meeting. The future (post lockdown) was the main topic of discussion and the possibility of a joint presentation about what 12 Step Recovery has to offer a population and government which will have scant financial resources.

The next meeting will be late this year or early next. It would be good to have the survey as a finished document to refer to.

**Comm<sup>2</sup>** Need treasurer urgently  
other vacancies I Website & Distance sponsorship  
UK helpline needing coordinators. There are vacancies  
On line meetings have continuing need for servants

12 step volunteers. [ukna.org/12 step](http://ukna.org/12step).

Comm<sup>2</sup> inventory done was very beneficial suggest worth doing.

Share revue reviewers needed

Request to all `area committees and subcommittees to add meeting details to website under service. Also new online meetings click add new meeting,.

Not all shares are added 1 criteria available on letter

Online meetings. Is ` new and young service committee looking for members with more experience.

Covid guidelines

Distance sponsorship

Reminder to all groups re updating meetings re Holiday functioning time

Q, 12 step needs updating regularly e mails. May have gone to junk or spam. Check on [email@ukna.org](mailto:email@ukna.org) Can still work virtually if responders self isolating  
[online@ukna.org](mailto:online@ukna.org) ????? relates to the [ukna.org](http://ukna.org) daily meetings.

Helpline,

Continuing use of WhatsApp All the support documents for the RSC are available in working documents.

**3<sup>rd</sup> session 14.30 Welcome to live stream. Voting RCMS 15.**

RD. Report. RD and Alt RD

EDM met once ? ECCNA Egypt 2020 postponed 2021 Kiev Ukraine still going ahead.

Winter EDM in Rome Italy is likely to be held virtually though no final decision made as yet.

As has previously been reported, a group of NA members, calling themselves the Autonomous Region of NA, petitioned the court in Los Angeles, accusing NAWS of several breaches of the FIPT (Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust). There was an initial hearing in front of a judge. As a result of NAWS lawyers issuing a 'demurrer', or objection, the case was dismissed, with no opportunity to appeal the decision. The court documents are attached, and a further statement from the WB (World Board) will come after their next meeting.

This is, of course, good news. The reality is that this cost NA more than \$218,000 in court & legal fees; money that should be being used to carry the message.

As a result of Covid-19 the USA has developed 2 schemes similar to furlough in uk. See documents in pre-region report

1. EIDL (Economic Injury Disaster Loan) is a low interest loan, of up to \$150,000, with the

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possibility that some of the loan will be 'forgiven', or forgotten about. This part of the scheme has not been taken up, as it would be in breach of our traditions.

2. PPP (Payroll Protection Programme) is a larger, longer term, means tested loan, that is similar to the UK Furlough

Scheme. We were offered, and have accepted \$676,740.00 and there is ongoing discussion about 'loan forgiveness'. The loan is directly based on the amount of tax (payroll, state & federal) that NAWS has previously paid, so any forgiveness would be like a tax refund, rather than any kind of gift.

### **WCNA38** (World Convention in Australia, 2021 to 3 year cycle)

At the last Conference Participants webinar there was a discussion about the possibility of postponing WCNA38 until 2022, due to uncertainty as a result of the pandemic and its' effect on our members' ability to travel safely, if at all. The straw-poll result was 92% in favour of this, so discussions with the host committee, venue etc will happen now. Any change from WCNA38 happening in 2021 will require a vote by the Delegates; more will be revealed. Following world convention will be in 2024.

NA Online project still running.

The last webinar for Conference Participants - RDs from 'seated' Regions, and Zonal Delegates from Seated Zones, all of whom

can attend the WSC (World Service Conference) - spent some time discussing online, or virtual meetings. The main focus is to develop some literature and guidance around best practise. It will be an IDT (Issue Discussion Topic) for the 2020 - 2022 cycle,

Some literature will be created to add to the Local Services Toolbox (information here).

How online groups can become a part of our service structure will be discussed at the next webinar on 31.10.2020. I hope to report about that here. NAWS is in the process of collecting Delegate input for a Fellowship-wide Survey on this subject. There are many issues that require to be sorted out relating to the registration and incorporating online meetings into the service structure. When this is available, we will let you know.

SPAD project continuing.

Meanwhile back in the UK. Should this region be recognising Online NA meetings.

Point of Information. Motions need to be brought to RSC by RCMs in order for issues to be discussed this can occur during the process of a RSC meeting.

The RSC Task Force Workgroup is continuing to research and post the current Government and NHS guidelines around meetings

- both Recovery and Service meetings. As changes in the guidance occur they will be posted here: <https://ukna.org/covid19>

The future of virtual NA, including on-line Groups and their place within our service structure will continue to be discussed in future Conference Participants webinars (Virtual meetings are already listed on the NAWS website). There is currently no plan to incorporate on line meeting into the wider service structure. The latest webinar was on 31st October. We will supply a link to the notes when available.

Open world service webinars are there for anyone to access and are available on line.

### **UKSO**

14<sup>th</sup> Nov office operating one day week +/- a half day.

Plus special worker one day week on furlough.

Preston office leased from 1/11 due to start functioning January 2021 likely to be open 3 days a week. 3 new Directors in process of appointing still another vacancy soon due to rotation.

Currently losing about £1K/ month.

Q. Lease and available funds. Is there a break clause in the lease that enables closure in the event of perpetual lockdown. Plus Brexit effects. There is a built in safety net to allow delay in starting function. Viability impossible to assess due to uncertainty of Brexit. 3 months rent free. Will be

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functional for at least 18 months. Q. pondering on significance of commitment to one source of supply? Route of supply for the future. We hope that our membership will continue to purchase through UKSP Closure 16<sup>th</sup> December last order date for stock take and move of stock.

R. The existing freedom of choice as to where we buy our literature will persist. UKSO will aim to remain competitive. Q. What is the lease on Preston. <sup>2</sup>R. 5 year lease with break clauses.

This is the exciting culmination of a lot of hard work by directors and others since 2017. It is hoped that the aims of the vision committee to ensure the viability of UKSO is now bearing fruit.

**UKCNA** many vacancies on sub committee.

New Years Eve and New Years Day function. Motion that this become a WS fund raiser. Is that ok.

Not normal process of fund raising. Looking for volunteer. Will mainly be conducted on zoom, WS and fellowship videos being downloaded wide variety of speakers from all over the world.

Can be done by a motion to donate funds raised to WS. Motion can be processed in advance so that attendees are aware of the final recipients of funds raised. Motion passed with no objection.

Both UK region and UKCNA 31 are in a reasonably secure financial state. UKNA does not have a fund raising committee. UKCNA is used to putting on fundraising events.

Policy on donating funds to WS explained. Suggestion that everything above our prudent reserve should be sent to WS.

### **UKFD**

meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month can't do tomorrow so will be the following Sunday.

Need treasurer and Secretary. October meeting inundated with Cornwallians. Had input from USA region that nearly collapsed. Absence of Prison meetings discussed. Environmental scan (mini inventory of current status) has been suggested and may be worth considering. Also someone from Guernsey. Contact came via WS and there is now an NA meeting in Guernsey. Similar one in Scotland and a participant from Shetland.

Meeting details on the website.

**16.00 Closure of session back at 16.30 for ratifications and new business.**

### **16.00 Final Session**

**Treasury Report.** Shared screen opening balance £21,891.10 Prudent reserve £11350.

Incomings £13,828.30 Outgoings £1,319.52

Contribution to NAWS and EDM £6,672.38 (£13,517.45 inc £60.00 buffer)

Closing balance £20,017.45

Signatories will be updated tomorrow.

1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 £26,070.47 transferred to NAWS £12,486.13 to EDM

The UK region bank account is now NA UK RSC

Q. Re prudent reserve and possible increase contribution to NAWS

R. prudent reserve will stay the same. RCMs decide on contributions to NAWS.

Motion may be coming forward re contribution to NAWS.

Guidelines can be changed through a motion.

One off increase in contribution can be done by agreement.

Q. Send an extra £10,000 to NAWS not enough in pot. Proposal amended to £8,500

R. Public liability situation needs clarification before reducing funds

Generally in favour but would prefer to take back to groups.

We have a prudent reserve for a reason. Support go back to groups.

Time is beating us table for future meeting. We need to move on.

Once f-f meetings start venues are going to start requesting insurance.

Maybe consider contribution % at a future meeting.

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Point of information Insurance quotes are no longer relevant. One off the previous quotes was based on inaccurate information.

### **YEAR End Financial Summary.**

During lockdown income up expenses down. See working documents for projections and details of prudent reserve calculations. Please refer to working documents.

### **Guidelines to ratify.**

Coms<sup>2</sup> variations. Have been produced by the committees. Ratified without dissension

WhatsApp guidelines for online meetings. Ratified

Online share revue committee re guidelines for approval of online shares. These have not been circulated. Some have received them through working documents.

### **Motions**

**North East London.** To produce a world wide approved pamphlet detailing the actions to be taken. Disruptive/predatory behaviour. Seconded NW London. There are currently several pamphlets on disruptive behaviour approved by various bodies within NA this motion is to produce one conference approved pamphlet that covers f-f and online meeting. NE London currently looking at ways of helping locally.

R. many regions produce their own guidelines. This is a relatively simple process.

Worldwide guidance is much more complex and needs to fit with the WS strategic plan. Not possible to cover every specific situation. There are several cultural differences world wide. The proposal is therefore unrealistic. The regional literature should be sufficient if not then it should be rewritten. It could then be added to NA resources for reference to other communities.

NE London reword to apply to regional approval rather than world wide.

There was a motion passed in Jersey re producing a safeguarding leaflet. This is still to be acted on. Straw Poll for Naws -approval no support.

Straw Poll for Regional approval- more support. This item will be returned to the Area.

The current resources are added to the working documents.

**UK H and I Subcommittee.** Chair emphasised the value and appreciation of all the hard work that has been done over the years by this committee.

Motion is to fold this committee which is currently being supported by the UKRSC sub committee itself working at half capacity. This is no longer sustainable.

The lack of servants on the H and I committee has been a long standing problem.

The committee effectively no longer exists so the motion is not necessary.

Clarification of fate of the Prison Sponsorship committee. Would be accountable directly to Region Experience is that a non functional committee is better to fold that be propped up. It is not likely to be re-established if continuing to limp on.

This has recently happened with the FD committee.

The motion is necessary as this committee has been limping on for years. A new committee can only reform if the existing committee ceases.

When the FD sub committee folded distance sponsorship was transferred to Communications committee.

The committee has had no chair nor treasurer since August those standing in are no longer in a position to do so.

No strong objections to this motion. It is therefore passed.

It is hoped that this will stimulate the formation of new vibrant committee.

### **Public Liability Insurance.**

Several suggestions have been made by individuals. Renewal is going to be a great deal more expensive than was suggested by the quotes given at the last RSC. Most insurance companies will not cover a meeting associated Covid outbreak.

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Plea for information.

UK wide policy should be instigated in preparation for the demand from venues.

Time to form a working group. Maybe approach AA and other 12 step fellowships.

Benitta offered to be involved.

NA is classified as 'vulnerable people' by some venues. Confirmed by several areas.

RSC contact list. Please will RCMs send e mails and phone numbers and confirm that it is ok to hold these details under GDPR.

Thanks to all subcommittees and all RCMs for their participation.

Need motion for work group re insurance. Can take several months £900 for basic third party insurance. Not covering Covid. Some meetings not listed by UKNA and not linking to an area re not covered and have been informed that they are covered by venues insurance.

Elections to Admin Committee will start at 10 am tomorrow (Sunday) morning

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020

10 am Introductions.

Lisa Outgoing Chair. Thank you for allowing me to serve in many capacities over the last 7 years. I step down.

Haley Outgoing treasurer

Craig Outgoing Resource

Free Counties Sussex Shires alt SE London Bruno, Deirdre Alt, West Country Allison. YAHANA Martina, E and L Caron, West Country Ian Vice, NW London Claire, EACL. H. West Midlands Earl, Hampshire Tara, Surrey Charlie, SW London Michael, Essex Chris, NWENW David, NASA Emily,

Sub committees FD vice Stuart, UKCNA 31 Dave, UKSO Benitta (finance) Mickey, Visitors East Midlands Gino, Shires Reese. FD Peter.

Welcome to online visitors. If your area is not represented then please consider getting involved

Lisa Chair. I have served in many capacities starting as an RCM as demanded by my sponsor 7 years ago. I have enjoyed it and learned to apply spiritual principles in a variety of circumstances.

Haley Treasurer. Thank you. It has not always been easy but I have learned a lot I stand down.

Craig Resource I step down today

Sam Alt RD I have served in many capacities. It has been a privilege and an education to serve. I now step down.

Simon I do not step down yet. I now take over the election process.

4<sup>th</sup> Concept of service read.

Order of elections. When face to face the chair would be the first elected and would then take over. In this case on line the RD will continue to conduct the full elections.

In each case the requirement and role will be described prior to election. Voting will be conducted

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via the zoom voting process

Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Resource. None forward.

RD time to take a pause without members of the Admin committee we are not a functioning Region of NA.

Alt RD Reese, Craig. Role read from the Guidelines. NA Cvs given. Specified questions responded to by each candidate.

Questions from the floor. The role has changed due to changes associated with Covid and online meetings replacing f-f.

Conflict of interest statement read.

Voting RCM 16

hitch with the voting process. This process is not going to fulfil our needs. Discussion around alternatives. Vote for either candidate or present not voting. Poll will be recreated. Repeated. 16 voted poll completed. Leader now forward for second poll. Craig elected by means of 60% agreement of RCMs

Vice Chair. Reese forward. Process started.

Early break taken.

2<sup>nd</sup> Session. Thanks to 'Tech' for keeping those watching on live streaming connected.

Reese elected.

Vice treasurer, Vice Secretary. No one forward.

Alternate Resource. Gino. Process followed. Gino elected.

Next item is election of RD. Craig as alternate RD will take over conducting the elections.

RD Sam forward. Process followed. Sam elected.

End of today's elections.

Region is still looking for a Treasurer and vice Treasurer, Secretary and vice Secretary, Resource

End of business for today.

Thanks to all that have participated and joined via the streaming.

Next region will revert to one day

Are outgoing members prepared to sponsor new servants. Out going treasurer is.

Would it be a good idea to keep a potential time open for Sunday morning. Will be discussed in next Admin meeting.

Emphasised that the admin committee that should be 10 individuals is now having to function with 4 members. Best way to support is to be supportive ie be nice.

Comms<sup>2</sup> ensuring that the vice chair will be able to fill the extra commitments the outgoing chair had taken in Covid liaison sub group.

RD please get all reports in on time. This will be a great help. RCMs all encouraged to emphasise the positions vacant and the personal benefits of being involved.

Meeting share finders can make the Benefits of Service the topic for recovery meetings.

Session closed with we version of the Serenity Prayer.

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