

RCM Report to ASC January 2023

RCM: Ben G

Alt RCM: (Vacant)

Ben G attended both days 14th and 15th Jan 2023 in Liverpool

Next Region: March: Swansea in Wales

20 voting RCMs (online) – some more joined later.

There is no secretary at Region at the moment so there will be no minutes, the event was live streamed and a recording will be available on request. There will also be an 'Action List' and a Post Region report which will capture all reports given from different Regions and UK sub committees before the meeting.

There is plenty of service available, anyone wishing to stand for election should inform the RSC Resource prior to the meeting so time can be set aside in the agenda. (resource@ukna.org).

Bids for hosting Region:

May: W. Yorkshire bid for May Region – Close to Leeds city centre. £840 for the weekend. No one objected.

Ratifications:

Hannah to be ratified as Region Tech – she will be responsible for live streaming future Region meetings: Concept 4 and a job description was. After a delay while clarification was obtained around the role, Hannah was eventually ratified.

Reese to be ratified UKSO Director. Job description read out and Reese questioned. UKSO have already unanimously approved Reese. Reese was voted in.

RCM Reports, points of interest

Chiltern and Thames Valley: Did trials for card readers and have now agreed to supply them in bulk to give to meetings on request.

Meeting Attendance Confirmation (MAC) friendly meetings: This is encouraged, information is available from UKPI

GSR Engagement: Offer food and set up an event. Jacobs Join. GSR welcome pack in Surrey.

Sussex Questions for Region:

Hastings Saturday would like Region to look into the possibility of having environmentally friendly, non-plastic keyrings. *David:* This has been discussed previously and previously the WSC voted against it due to cost, UKSO may well pursue this themselves. It was explained that any change would take quite a lot of time. It was suggested that the group that suggested this discuss with Sussex ASC whether to raise a formal motion for this change – this would then go to Region who would then discuss and if in agreement, make a formal motion to the WSC.

Would like to know if the possibility of an exclusive ASC for online meetings has been discussed and what the outcome was. HIGNA (<https://www.higna.org.uk/>) are the Highlands and Islands Group of NA and joined as a Region last year as an exclusively online ASC – anyone can join this ASC, a Dorset meeting already has. Ben to reach out to another fellow who mentioned consideration of another geography agnostic ASC.

Sub Committees:

UKComms (Tanya): Have been receiving abusive calls and emails from NA members not happy with the service, this is not acceptable. They only have a team of 4 and could do with some support, no need for advanced technical skills

UKSO (David):

UKSO are a service board who legally also have to function as a business and therefore have 'directors' – this doesn't mean they are in charge of anything in NA!

Supply issue has been ongoing from China £66,000.00 worth of stock held, buying stock to ensure they don't run short. Big shortage of white keyrings – reasons unclear. Back order of 6000 for 6 months, 12,000 sold each year. Members should return 'excess' white keyrings so they can be handed out again. WSO voted against non-plastic keyrings due to cost, but UKSO will continue to look at independently.

CAR Workshop (Craig):

The Regional Delegate (Sam) and Alternate Delegate (Craig) represent UK conscience at Europe and World Service.

The CAR (Conference Agenda Report) report provides the tools for RCMs to deliver CAR workshops to GSRs.

Engagement from GSRs is required to carry groups conscience to World.

CAR is a set of motions that form the business at world service....it is how groups speak to the world

25 motions:

1. World board motions
2. Regional motions (from countries) – if UK want to change e.g. plastic keyrings – we can put a motion forward.

Info can be found at na.org → for our members → world service conference (<https://www.na.org/?ID=wsc2023-vids>)

The CAR report is a list of the motions and the essays around them....

There are a lot for PowerPoints and videos.

Will be collecting conscience in March – deadline will be March Region.

Craig went through all 25 motions and explained the options RCMs have for collecting the conscience from their Regions

Day 2

Central Scotland being put before the floor to be seated at RSC

Requirements read out, presentation

Tech position

It was preferred that the tech person – who would be responsible for streaming – be present at Region meetings.

Prison Sponsorship: Ellis:

Service positions available, **really need male sponsors.**

There is a prison sponsorship webpage.

Trying to get NA as a trusted supplier – issues with post. Postal strike, security (suspicions of psychoactive substances being sprayed onto letters etc).

Archiving:

Currently 3 members in the Cambridge Area, they will take material back home to work on it which should reduce costs. They are working on a flyer to let people know what they do. Looking for people willing to do service. Request for funds made.

UKPI: Will:

Lots of Service available on UK NA website. Royal College of GPs and Nurses conferences booked. Harm reduction conference. Proposed to change name from UKPI to UKPR. 17 Areas missing from UKPI scene. Wish to increase stipend significantly due to desired attendance at increased physical conference. We are doing very well with negotiating our lower process than private companies.

There were extensive discussions about the predicted projects for the year..

Conference and Events £5,000

Training £1,500

Merchandise £1,500

PSAs video project £5000

Cash point campaign £500

Festival Campaign £1500

Possible financial outgoings: £28,000

UKCNA: Mick

Will be at Norbreck Castle in Blackpool. 29 June, 2023 - 17:00 to Sunday, 2 July, 2023 - 17:00.

Creche may not be cost effective.

It is up to ASCs to put bid in to host NYE and National Conventions.

Inappropriate behaviour ad-hoc group

Meeting every 3 months but struggling for attendance

NE London have an inappropriate behaviour Working Group

A regional subgroup will collaboratively work with NE London Area.

Fellowship Development: Stu:

Looking for regional representatives to support local requests.....they only have 2.5 at the moment

Environmental scan was performed

Region Bid secure, March 2023 South Wales (Swansea) deposit paid.

There is a service day in Berlin and FD would like to send 2 reps.

GSR assembly UK being considered. Take back to groups – FD happy to support.

UKH&I: Micky:

Mission synopsis read. Unity days being rolled out nationwide. They are here to support H&I activity. Needs to be better attended. Learning days booked.

Guidelines ad hoc group: Willow-Rose:

Guidelines for ad-hocs being worked on

Old Business

The sound quality for those online has been very good.

We will do without a secretary until March.

Treasury

£26,051 opening

£17,846 closing

£21,000 prudent reserve due to increase in stipends

Only £5,500 this month (last Jan was £10,090)