

## **RCM Report to ASC November 2020**

On-line Region Saturday 14/11/20 & Sunday 15/11/20  
RCM (Neil P) attended both days.

This was a busy RSC meeting, 31 in attendance at throughout the day, including Admin committee, sub-committee chairs RCMs and Alt RCMs. 16 Voting RCMs present.

There was also over 30 people signed into the live stream for observers at points.

### **Action at Region:**

**Bids for region** – January Region will be held via on-line Sat 9<sup>th</sup>. Link to follow. Discussion was held about the possibility of March region going back to F2F. Feeling was that it was too early to make that decision. This will be revisited in January. RSC has two default venues, Manchester and Preston, it was stated that these should be available if needed.

**Positions Vacant** – (All admin committee members stand down) Chair – 5yr CTR, Vice Chair – 4yr CTR, Secretary – 3yr CTR, Vice Secretary – 2yr CTR, Resource – 3yr, CTR Vice Resource – 2yr CTR, Treasurer – 5yr CTR, Vice Treasurer – 4yr CTR, RD – 5yr CTR, Alt RD – 4yr CTR

**Elections** – Sam K – RD, Craig SK – Alt RD, Reese – Vice Chair, Gino – Vice Resource.

**Minutes for last region** – March, May, July and September minutes were all approved without any edits. These are now available on the Sussex website.

### **Treasurer report:**

Opening Balance £ 21,891.10

Prudent reserve £ 11,350.00

Income £13,828.30

Expenses £1319.52

NAWs & EDM contributions £6672.38 each.

Closing balance: £20,017.16

EDM & NAWs Contributions balance £13,517.45 (This includes a small buffer for any transfer fees)

At September RSC it was agreed to make a higher one-off payment to NAWs as we were well over our prudent reserve. Usual contribution to EDM and NAWs is 20% over prudent reserve to each. At September RSC it was agreed to send 40% to NAWs as a one off. This was to help NAWs with these tough financial times. On 01/10/20 UKRSC made contributions of £26,070.47 to NAWs and £12,486.13 to EDM. This was gratefully received and recognised by NAWs with a letter of thanks.

The point was raised that we are still well over our prudent reserve and that this should be passed on asap. After some discussion it was agreed that rather than just making one off extraordinary contribution it might be better to change our policy. It was suggested that this should go back to groups to seek opinion. The

recommendation was that we leave the EDM contribution at 20% and increase the NAWs contribution.

UKRSC end of year figures and 2021 projections have been released. These have been added to the UK Region section on the Sussex website.

### **Ratifications:**

**Old Business** – PLI question was raised again. The general feeling was that a blanket policy for the UK as a whole would be the preferred option. It was suggested that we form a working group to look further into this. It has come to light that previous quotes were infact based on 1150 meetings per year and not per week. It was also highlighted that some venues have been offering insurance included but after further investigation it turned out that this didn't include NA meetings as we are seen as "vulnerable" so please be careful with this. One area has had 2 cases of Covid in their F2F meetings which has been a real PR challenge.

### **Sub Committees –**

Full versions of all Sub-committee reports and all region working documents can be found in the UK Region section in the For members page at [www.sussexna.org](http://www.sussexna.org)  
This includes all positions vacant, meeting times and meeting id links.

### **UKPI**

#### **COMMITTEE POSITIONS VACANT**

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

#### **UK PI WEBSITES/PAGES**

Are now active in the professionals tab on the ukna.org website, it's not very prominent, and is accessed through the 'For Professionals' 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.

UK Survey should be finalised and ready for January Region.

### **UKCOMS**

Vice Chair (4 years) , Secretary (1 year) , Vice Secretary (6 months) , Treasurer (5 years) Vice Treasurer (4 years), Website Chair (2 years) , Website Secretary (1 year), Distance Sponsorship Chair (3 years) & Vice Chair (2 years) , Email Coordinator (2 years), Vice Helpline Coordinator (3 years clean time & 1 year experience as Day Coordinator) , Day Coordinators x 2 (2 years Clean time & 1 year experience as Helpline Volunteer), Helpline Volunteers (1 year clean time & full training given, Share Review Vice Chair (2 years) Share Review Committee Reviewers (1 years) , Distance Sponsors (2 years) , 12 Step Volunteers (1 year).

Can we please encourage people to add committee information to the website?  
[www.ukna.org/committees](http://www.ukna.org/committees)

Can we please encourage people to put themselves forward as a 12 step volunteer?

[www.ukna.org/12](http://www.ukna.org/12)

Stats

August 2020 ~ 1405 calls = 7471 minutes,

September 2020 ~ 1455 calls = 7710 minutes

October 2020 (up to 28/10/2020) ~ 1254 calls = 6961 minutes.

### **Fellowship Development**

Needs a treasurer and minutes secretary.

### **UKH&I**

No report see a.o.b

### **UKCNA**

#### **Committee Vacancies**

Secretary and vice

Vice Treasurer

Merchandise chair and vice

Vice newcomer rep

Arts and graphics chair and vice

Please contact Dave on 07711100898 for CTR, roles and responsibilities, or to get involved.

New Years Eve Celebration of Recovery and Fundraiser

We need volunteers to help with the zoom meeting.

The UK convention committee is looking for volunteers for our New year's eve celebration, could you help? We are looking for people to serve in various positions throughout the afternoon and evening.

Do you have a working knowledge of the Narcotics anonymous programme including the Traditions, have an NA sponsor, a desire to help a fellow addict, experience in using zoom?

We need you, please email [volunteer@convention.ukna.org](mailto:volunteer@convention.ukna.org)

### **UKSO**

Lease has been signed for office in Preston and notice given on London Office.

We have made offered on the job of new Office Manager based in Preston

Preston office is on plan to open in January 2021

We have two new Directors – not yet officially appointed but in process. Will advise of positions next Region.

**Please keep reminding groups that the office is taking orders and encourage the use of the UKSO.**

**Last day for orders is Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**RD**

**WCNA38 (World Convention in Australia, 2021)** 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.

### **NAWs Webinar 19 December: Carrying the Message Effectively and Virtually**

The next open webinar will be 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Pacific Standard Time. The focus is on PR service that supports virtual H&I efforts. Members of the Fellowship will share their experience carrying the message virtually to jails, prisons, and parolees. We are asking fewer members to share this time, so that there will be more time for questions and answers.

We will once again be using the Zoom webinar platform and live-streaming the webinar to YouTube at the same time. Spanish and Portuguese interpretation feeds will be available on the Zoom platform. We would be happy to provide an interpretation feed for any other language community that needs it and that can provide an interpreter. The Zoom log-in information is here, and the live-stream link will be posted on the Local Service Toolbox project page when the webinar begins: [www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox).

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://NAWS.zoom.us/j/98909745931>

### **Virtual Meetings Survey**

We are putting together resources for virtual meetings, and we need your help. We posted a survey to collect input for the project [www.na.org/toolbox](http://www.na.org/toolbox). The survey will be up through the end of the calendar year, and the responses will help us collect experience on a wide range of topics and determine the next steps for the project. Please help us spread the word!

### **AoB**

#### **Motion 1 - To fold the UK H&I subcommittee with immediate effect.**

The existing Committee has not had a steering committee for several months. The treasury and running of the meeting has become the responsibility of the UKRSC Admin committee, and this is not sustainable.

The Prison Sponsorship sub-committee will need to report to the RSC for the time being.

As detailed on the motion UKH&I has not had a functioning committee for several months. This has been discussed on more than one occasion at the RSC. After some discussion the general consensus was that by using the RSC admin committee to facilitate the meeting, we were in effect preventing possible new members from stepping up. It was decided that it would be better to let the

committee fold and leave the results with God. This has happened in the past with other sub-committees which in the end came back stronger.

**No objections – Motion Passed.**

**Motion 2 - UKCNA subcommittee shall hold a virtual online recovery event over New Years Eve and New Years Day.**

All money raised by this event shall be contributed to NA World Services by the RSC in line with the consensus of the UKRSC.

All other service bodies we contribute to have ample funds in place due to restricted travel expenses.

World services has a much-reduced income due to the lack of face-to-face NA meetings having an effect on literature sales.

The question was raised about where we could actually do this as we have a policy in place regarding flow of funds. It was highlighted that we are regularly over prudent reserve and that all excess money should be passed down the service structure.

After much discussion it was decided that the event would go ahead but that all monies would then come back to RSC. We would then look at changing policy on the amount donated to NAWs. (See treasury section)

The convention chair agreed with this.

**Motion withdrawn.**

**Motion 3 - For a new (updated) pamphlet to cover Unacceptable Behaviour in NA.**

Have one specific pamphlet/booklet that is fellowship approved and covers NA worldwide. That includes virtual meetings To include clear guidelines and direction a process to adhere to following spiritual principles.

Currently we in the UK have a pamphlet that is Region approved 'Guidelines for dealing with inappropriate behaviour in meetings' Interestingly this appears on na.org as draft only

There is a Board approved pamphlet 'disruptive & Violent behaviour.

We need an updated pamphlet that is fellowship approved and is therefore available worldwide

Whilst there is other documentation 'Predatory Behaviour', Florida workshop region conference produced a pamphlet - is this conference approved?

The discussion on this one centred around the fact that as stated in the motion the UK already has an RSC ratified pamphlet covering most of this topic. It was pointed out that to try and turn this into CAR motion would take a huge amount of work and also were we in a position to deliver a pamphlet that would include the whole fellowship worldwide? After further discussion the consensus of the body was that it would be a better option to work towards an update on the UK pamphlet. Various members showed willingness to take part in a work group to facilitate this.

The RCM that brought the motion agreed and took the motion off the table. He will take the discussion back to his ASC and we can revisit this in January.

**Motion withdrawn.**

