

May 2020 Minutes for Regional service committee meeting.

Welcome to region and those watching on live stream and new RCMs

Housekeeping

22 Voting RCMs

January minutes 2nded by North East London RCM, then Norfolk and Suffolk. No objections or any changes asked for.

Treasury's opening balance £16880.35

Prudent reserve £11350.00

Positions vacant

Vice chair, vice treasurer, vice resource, secretary and vice secretary. – RSC Vacancies.

More vacancies on all of our regional subcommittees. These will be in the reports and also in a vacancy sheet sent out with the minutes after each region. PLEASE PLEASE discuss these at your ASCs . We need people to do service.

No one coming forward now for position.

Please if you are interested in any positions contact resource person for info. We would be really happy to see you and do service along side you.

Ratifications - Concept 4 read out

Will from P.I. – Vice chair of UKPI - answered yes to all requirements as per guidelines - is willing to sign misappropriations form. – Ratified.

Zoe from website – being ratified for vice chair of comms committee. – Ratified

Some Questions asked re live link to you tube stream.

Agreed by RCMs to hold next Region in July online via same zoom platform.

RCMs reminded that yearly the RSC does an inventory. This is going to be harder due to the meeting being online and our RSC time being reduced. RCMs asked to

think how to proceed form an ad hock committee ? miss it due to circumstances and do when back face to face ?

BREAK

Roll call 22 voting RCMs

Suggestion from RCM that perhaps fellowship development committee could lead the ad-hoc committee for the inventory. A few RCMs offered to be on the committee for the inventory.

Chair explains how this would work and explains that the ad hock committee need to meet and discuss. And also to discuss if they want more time to do the workshops i.e. do they want the RCMs to meet on the Sunday as well.

Robert came to be ratified for vice chair of fellowship development. – some questions where asked and a few concerns raised – was not ratified. Robert was thanked for putting himself forward.

Reports questions for feedback:-

Issue of zoom bombing in meetings:- directed to website guidelines and security guidelines for zoom meetings. Also suggested having a good amount of co-hosts to keep on top of if people have to be removed.

LUNCH

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Some ASCs have formed committee just to facilitate zoom meetings. Others have set up individually on online platforms.

Question of if RSC should be continues online even after lockdown. – RCMs reminded that this is for them to decide. RCMs bring motions if it is seconded then it comes to the floor for discussion.

Some ASCs are questioning or not recognising the online GSRs as legitimate. – feedback was that this was an ASC issue – however other ASCs where acknowledging that in these times things are changing.

RCM brought to the floor that PDFs are being distributed online of full books not just leaflets. – discussion had about this being in breach of copyright. That on NA.ORG full leaflets and I.Ps can be downloaded for free however there is a charge for full books. RD informed the body that WSO – world service office can send out cease and desist letters as it is illegal to pass these on. Reminded that the funds from books pay for the literature to be translated into 123 languages and other services / projects.

Some RCMs gave there opinion that they should be able to pass on downloaded PDFs . It was suggested that during lockdown it is an option to buy electronic copies ie. Kindle and you can buy these for a newcomer also.

Pointed out that copyright is also important to protect our literature from being used or changed without our permission. Copyright has to be protected to keep our literature protected. – In short we have to protect our copyright to stop other people taking that copyright and writing what they want under our name.

People reminded by RCM that the white booklet is free and all the leaflets – helping a newcomer is more than just getting them a basic text.

Discussion about etiquette in meetings – resulted in that it is up to the groups to decide. Guidelines on the website however meetings can decide.

RCM thanked Comms committee for all their hard work and support over this time.

Concerns brought about individuals putting bank details in the chat on online meetings as fraudsters can use to set up payments.

Discussion had about pay pal and pros and cons of this.

BREAK

RCM brought that some groups are choosing to not list their online meetings on the website and may be sharing links through face book. Some members are feeling excluded by this. Different RCMs commented on their view of this in regards to traditions. Meetings should be accessible to all. How will newcomer find the meeting etc. ? – RSC cannot do anything about this it is down to the groups. Thankfully hundreds of groups are listed so people can get to meetings.

Subcommittee reports –

UKSO - financial viability of business is an issue. – cannot stock literature as European office has closed for now. Staff have been furloughed on government scheme. Rent is being negotiated. Also registration for charity status has been rejected. However this was something that they had to do. Office move has been delayed. Real possibility of office becoming insolvent if situation does not change.

As running way behind agenda asked RCMs if they could stay extra hour – agreed.

Comms committee - see report.

UKCNA - Unity day to celebrate 40 years of NA to be held on the 4th July. Online. Hilton have allowed us to move convention to next year. Convention committee asked to stay in place for another year. – agreed. Also agreed to hold event.

RD - read report world service committee is still ongoing.

PI – Read the report.

Treasurer report – see report.

APOLOGIES TO ANY SUBCOMMITTEES OR RCMs who did not have their reports read or questions answered. As the 1st online RSC we have gone over time and need to end. learning has been gained from this experience. Thank you everyone for your patience

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