

New England Regional Minutes December 2015

The next Regional weekend- on February 13th & 14th

Will be hosted by the Western Mass Area

At the Church of the Atonement

36 Court Street, Westfield, MA 01085

The Subcommittees Meet on Saturday 12/12/15 at 12:00 noon

The Regional Service Committee will meet on Sunday at 11:00am

The RD, RDA Team will be holding a CAR Workshop after the Saturday Subcommittee's meet.

RCMS: PLEASE LET GROUPS KNOW, THEY NEED A RIDER BINDER FOR SPECIAL EVENTS COVERAGE.

REPORTS

CHAIR- No report

VICE CHAIR- No report.

SECRETARY- No report.

TREASURER/FINANCE report-

October 12th, 2015

We started the meeting at 12:30 pm. Thank you Greater Providence Area for hosting. Present were:

- Michelle M. - Finance Chair
- Dave P. - Treasurer

Before business started we had a negative balance of \$6.00 because of two \$3 service charges for the bank account for the months of October and November 2015. As a reminder, we closed business in October operating \$208.82 under Prudent Reserve at \$2763.18. We received the check for \$1,039.25 from Philadelphia Insurance Companies for the August 2015 insurance overpayment. Also, the NERCC, Inc. cut a check for \$3530.00 to the NERSC. These funds were part of the restitution repayment, and were returned because the Convention Corporation did not want to hold money above their designated seed money amount.

Group and Area Donations totaling \$4,908.63 were received. RMD Sales were received totaling \$651.31. Miscellaneous Deposits totaled \$4,598.74 which included \$29.49 in cash from unused hosting money, the insurance repayment, and the NERCC, Inc. check. Insurance checks were received from Cape Cod and SEMA totaling \$942.00. Total Deposits = \$11,102.68.

Set Aside Transfers were processed. Customary Expenses in the amount of \$751.09 for RMD Postage (\$20.10), RMD Printing (\$680) and PR Printer Ink (\$50.99) were paid. A check for \$500.00 was cut to the Western Mass Area to host Region in February. \$208.82 was transferred to Prudent Reserve, to restore Prudent Reserve to \$2972.00.

Set Aside Balances are the following:

- Website - \$116.50
- Travel - \$500.00
- RD/RDA - \$5,053.12
- Insurance - \$1,732.75

Prudent Reserve is full at \$2972.00

Our opening balance is \$7,516.27.

Sunday Dec 13th

- Money motions from RD/RDA set aside for travel to MRLCNA and copies of CAT totaling \$1,068.40
- Other money motions from general fund totaling \$236.23
- Motion to hold aside \$2000.00 for possible website costs, pending further information from website committee
- Donation to NAWS of \$5,280.04

CONVENTION-

Good Morning RSC

NERC met yesterday at noon

We had 14 people in attendance with 4 voting members.

Reports were given followed by elections. The following positions were filled yesterday.

Vice chairperson-Damon W

Assistant treasurer- DAVE A

H&H Chairperson - Denise H

We still need an Assistant secretary, Arts & Graphics chairperson, Merchandise chairperson and Registration chairperson.

Please spread the word that we need trusted servants for these positions.

At the next regional weekend (Saturday) we want to choose a Logo and Theme for the next convention please submit them to me or Damon at or before our next committee meeting. At lunch on Saturday we will be asking all in attendance to help us choose our logo and theme for NERC XVII.

The programming committee is asking for the areas and individual members to submit any ideas for workshop topics to be used at the next convention. These ideas can be emailed to erinphillips@cox.net. The programming committee asks that you use diversity and creativity when coming up with these topics. For Example "9th step....the keys to resolution, restoration and restitution "

The F&E committee has planned its first fund raiser a speaker jam and Dance which will be held at River to Recovery in Fall River from 1:30 pm - 11:30 pm on Saturday 1/23/2016. Flyers will be posted online soon and distribution wherever possible.

Our closing balance is \$5750.00

With \$300.00 set aside for fundraiser resulting in a working balance of \$5450.00.

In loving service

Debbie L

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT-

December 13, 2015

Greetings and thank you to the Greater Providence area for hosting. We met Saturday, December 12, 2015 with 6 (six) members in attendance. The bulk of our time was spent in discussion about the purpose of the sub-committee and how best to be of service to our member Areas and groups.

We decided to create a survey to go out to the members with a list of possible workshops/discussions we can offer to facilitate. I have bullet-ed the ideas we came up with and we are open to more being added. At this point we are thinking of narrowing the list down to about six(6) options. Areas hosting the RSC may request one of these topics for their Saturday session. We are also willing to travel on request to Areas or groups (depending on sub-committee member availability). We also encourage any Area Outreach sub-committee to send a representative to the Saturday session.

Potential Areas for Work shopping/Discussion:

- DRT (Drug Replacement Therapy) / MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment)
- The medicalization of substance use treatment
- Money Issues
- Introduction to NA Meetings (IP)
- Trusted Servants (attracting, training, mentoring)
- Treatment Facilities (disruptions/ literature distribution)
- Unity
- Technology
- Project Based Service
- Conventions
- Best Practices
- Change (growth/ stability)
- Service Delivery
- Service Interaction/ Collaboration
- Building Strong Home Groups
- Public Relations/ Media and the individual member
- Court Cards

In Loving Service,
Noel D. - RD

H & I-

We Opened with a Moment of Silence Followed By The Serenity Prayer, Read 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts. Unfortunately there was no Previous Report to Approve

We had 4 Areas In Attendance

All is well for SEMA H&I. Like most areas, we have a need for more panel leaders to take commitments. We have been making announcements at meetings to encourage people to help out. This is my first regional meeting attendance and I plan on having a more detailed report next month. I will include the number of commitments we have and how many are filled.

Good Morning,

All is well on the WSR committee. We are currently writing with two inmates.

On Dec 5th i attended the south shore PR/H&I learning day and did a presentation to the group as well as the director of all volunteers for the MA state prison system. He seemed very interested in the program and sent an email with me in copy to all Directors of treatment and superintendents in the MA state prison system. I hope to see some activity from this shortly. It was also brought to my attention that the Minnesota California WSR program needs help with sponsors and anyone who wants to get active can write. i will put the link below. <http://www.naminnesota.org/index.php/help-wanted/opportunities/event/703-wanted-sponsors-behind-the-walls>

Other than that we are in the same situation where I think I'm past 2 years but don't have an issue with continuing to help out. This job is the perfect example of right person for the right job so I would suggest considering who you may elect. I haven't done everything i could for the committee due to time constraints and a highly motivated created service oriented addict could bring new life into the program at a much faster pace then i have. Saying that i also should mention we have had more progress over the last 6 months then we have had in the previous 2 years and we are trending in the right direction. I will try to attend Feb.

Please let me know if you have any questions,
Zane
857 991 5798

Loving service,
Alli
SEMA H&I Vice Chair

Metro West H&I subcommittee report

We're having trouble at MCI Framingham getting clearance for speakers. Our volunteers have no problems entering the facility but getting guest speakers has been next to impossible. We have also started doing commitments at the Norfolk County House Of Corrections. On the 2nd Tuesday of every month we'll be going into the Intensive Treatment Unit (Drug block) All else is well and we only have minimal open commitments and we have members of our subcommittee covering those commitments for the time being. I am missing Greater Providence Area Report, Sorry John

We had elections
Billy V From MetroWest is the new Region Vice Chair
Alli M From SEMA Is the New Secretary
The next Region will be In February I believe on the 3rd Week in Berkshires
ILS
MIKE C
H/I CHAIR

INSURANCE-

(Submitted for the February minutes)
As of 1/19/2016 there has been three requests for insurance binders. One was for a meeting that is held on Thursdays from 7:30pm-9:00pm at the Bishop Hendricken High School at 2615 Warwick Ave Warwick, RI 02889. The second one was for the Journey Retreat. The event is going to be held at The Barton Center (Fuller Dining Hall/Rainbow Ridge/Shangri-La) 30 Ennis Rd North Oxford, MA 01537. The event is being held from 2/26/2016 at Noon, to 2/28/2016 at 1pm. The third binder was for Saturday Night Live Anniversary & PVAVA Fundraiser. It will take place on 2/27/2016 from 5:30pm - 10pm. Second Congregational Church 1080 Pleasant St Palmer, MA 01069. Back in August 2015 we made a double payment, so on 10/12/2015 Philadelphia Insurance mailed us a check for \$1039.25.

I will find out the total of our next installment by the April regional meeting, and we have until 5/16/2016 to make the first payment. Any questions feel free to call me 413-204-3256 or shoot me an email.

In Loving Service
John F

LITERATURE- No report

POLICY-

Nothing major has been changed or added to our regions current policy. I did add into the policy that all Regional Service Meeting must be handicap accessible. If any areas need help or input on their Policy or need a hand in updating their policy please feel free to reach out to me at any time. My cell is 617-429-1644. It was also brought to my attention that the Convention and the BOD are going to be updating their

policies so I will reach out to all parties and assist in way I can. I hope everyone has a safe and happy couple holidays and will see everyone in February.

ILS
Nick F

PR/PHONELINE-

NERSC Public Relations Subcommittee Chairperson's Report - December 15, 2015

Good morning NERSC! Yesterday, here in Pawtucket, the NERSC Public Relations Subcommittee met. Thank you GPA for hosting. We had 11 members in attendance and opened with a MOS, serenity prayer, and introductions.

Chair Report: All the surplus literature from the various events was brought yesterday and inventoried by Rylan V. from Boston. Our literature order was halved because of this effort. We need to discuss the reality that some areas do not come to Regional PR, and some areas do not have PR sub-committees. Open positions: Vice Chair, Events Coordinator

RMD Report:

- 6,000 RMD's sold \$653.31 total deposit. New November Printing Available. To make updates, remove a meeting or add a meeting to the directory: Go to the website (NERNA.org) and register. \$680 being requested for new Printing.

Phone Line Coordinator Report:

- Urgent Calls: 7 for Boston; 5 for Central MA; 0 for SEMA; 6 for NEMA; 2 for PVA
- Non-Urgent: 22 calls
- Ongoing issues with updates and Diamond Voice - to be evaluated - and alternate provider be discussed at next meeting.
- Gary B. has researched and is pursuing PSAs for the announcements monitor at RMV offices.

Training Coordinator's Report: Modifications to PR Tradition 11 Statement:

Due to an increase of requests by the press for interviews, we would like to repeat our Eleventh Tradition, which says, "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films." The primary purpose of our public relations effort is to tell the story of Narcotics Anonymous and what our program offer so that we may better reach the still-suffering addict. We do not give our last names nor allow our image to appear in the media as a member of Narcotics Anonymous. Please direct all media to pr@newenglandna.org or 1-866-NA-HELP-U (1-866-624-3578).

Planning Basics implementation project will continue, however, we will be meeting separately - on line via webinar / goto-meeting / google hang-out between regional meetings.

Area Reports:

Boston-no report; **Cape Cod Area** - No Report; **Nantucket**-no report; **Greater Providence Area**- no report;

Free Spirit Area and Greater Providence Area's worked in unison to put on a successful Narcotics Anonymous Learning day on Sunday, November 1st 2015 - approximately 30-40 people attended. H&I, and PI Presentations, and an Outreach Presentation held by SEMA. The joint committee that put on this event has named this the first annual learning day with hopes to eventually have it become a bi-annual learning day occurring every 6 months. Ad-hoc committee is looking at Phonenumber utilization. Northern New England Regional Meeting attended.

Martha's Vineyard - Emmett (MV RMD) and the MV area are in the process of an area resource pool to figure out needs of H&I, PR and convention committee. They are reaching out to local police depts., emergency room physicians, clergy, etc to put on PR presentations.

Metro West Area --This is Tomi U's last month as area PR chair. Nominating Chris B at Metro West area at the end of month. We are starting a small literature rack program in area and asking groups to sponsor these in areas where there is no NA meetings or H&I. We edited the NERNA PR statement on the 11 tradition to remove mention of "State of Massachusetts", "Opiate epidemic," and "public health emergency." 10/17/15-Flyer Hanging Day, 10 participants including 4 people new to PR events; 12/5/15-Letter/Email writing campaign started this month. Participants have a single area of focus to discover contacts (law enforcement, religious institutions, task force liaisons, community outreach, etc).

Central Mass Area- *did not attend but sent this report:* We stay quite busy with monthly meetings. Next Meeting Will be on the First Monday in January an hour before the Area Meeting . Greendale Peoples Church ,Worcester , Mass . 5:30 . First Monday of 2016. We will be stuffing envelopes with letters , I.P.s and other NA information out into Central Mass Area . The Subcommittee is good . We could always use more members.

NEMA- *did not attend but sent this report:* Successful fundraiser November 21st from 4-1130pm at 26 Washington St in Malden, MA. This event was a huge success, raising \$1670 and costing only \$298 total. We had 9 speakers representing three home groups from our area. In addition to our 14 Public Relations/Outreach members. We are in uncharted territory with our committee raising a significant amount of funds for our goal of throwing a community forum. Any experience toward the managing of Public Relation funds would be appreciated. We are beginning to plan our community forum for late in April.

Pioneer Valley Area- PR Subcommittee has met a couple of times with the Western Mass Area PI subcommittee to better utilize personnel resources and share expenses with Presentation and Booth displays. An Ad Hoc Committee is currently in place once again looking at a possible Area Reunification. We've reached out to an individual that's part of the Metro Detroit Area in Michigan regarding Video PSA's and had him work up a sample that we can use in our Area and anywhere in the Region. The cost is \$85.00 and we ask the Region to cover this, as our Area cannot afford it at this time, and they can be used throughout the New England Region. The Emergency Contact Line received 1 Call in October and the Professional line 5 calls two of which are from a known problematic individual. A request for a presentation was completed for Jolie Hair and Beauty Academy in Ludlow ,Ma on December 1st 2015.

South Shore Area - PR Learning Day held 12/5/15 - 20+ attended : Included was *Writing the Steps of Recovery* - Zane - we are looking for Step Writers for <http://www.naminnnesota.org/index.php/help-wanted/event/703-wanted-sponsors-behind-the-walls> *Dept. of Corrections* - Representative from the DOC facilitated the presentation NAWS PR power point was shown. *Display rack project was shared* - <http://displaysandholders.com/displays-and-holders/multi-pocket-brochure-holders/4-pocket-4-tiered-brochure-holder-with-business-card-pocket> We stock the rack with NA business cards, Intro to NA meetings Meeting lists and the Parents, Young people pamphlets. Groups sponsor racks. Please see our webpage : <http://www.nerna.org/areas/south-shore> We were asked to provide our "Tracking document" in the minutes. This has been updated since it's submission to the regional minutes in August 2015.

Western Service Learning Days - notes provided by Andrew L. Thanks again for your support to WSLD. Please take a few moments to fill our our Membership survey for our fellowship.

<http://membership2015.questionpro.com>

- **Military workshop-** Statistics show that 50% of the homeless population in any major city are veterans and 90% of them are drug addicts. Veterans don't get the respect they deserve. They also seem to be afraid to use the VA for their issues. There is a program called "Standown" that we will inquire about in the upcoming month.

- **Nar-Anon workshop** - Members from the local Nar-Anon shares about their experiences and information helpful for NA members.

- **Judges, Shcool, DOC workshop-** They had a panel of local judges, principles and court officials. We need to find our local NADCP contacts. Drug courts prove out to be very positive for local communities. Let's contact some central offices of local services to see if we can offer our support and show our presence.

- **NAWS PR workshop-** This was a generic forum of information we would presenting in a learning day along with informing professionals of who we are and what we do as a fellowship. NA is a vital resource. Change happens when we apply the 12 steps. We provide long term aftercare for addict who want to stay clean.

- **NA literature is currently in 45 languages, spoken in 76 languages in 132 countries.**

- **I also attended: NA in the cloud - Google Gmail focused**

- **Sponsorship behind the wall:** - "Anonymous Pen Pal SPONSORS NEEDED" nationwide:

<http://www.naminnnesota.org/index.php/help-wanted/event/703-wanted-sponsors-behind-the-walls>

<http://ctna.org/wsr.cfm>

- **BMLT workshop** • **Websites for Dummies**

- **PBX Phonenumber-** "Freedom Voice" was presented and our region could benefit from it.

Old Business:

Planning Basics - Discussion moved to online forum.

Inventory: All returned to James P.

Feedback Events: 1. South Shore Anniversary of Area-Dec. 3 - "went well"

2. Nov 1 12:30-4:30 Learning Day West Warwick - "went well"

3. Nov 21 Flyer Hanging Day Taunton - No feedback

4. Canton Health Fair - "went well"

Inventory Update - Gary B has table top cover - James P has all other supplies

New Business: Shorten reports (last Region 4 pgs.)

A. Reaching non-participating areas - **RCM's Support is needed**

- Have the RCM make an announcement at areas to get PR chairs to attend.
- In instances where PR chair doesn't attend or exist, have RCM come to PR committee.
- Have areas in close proximity team up (Western Mass-Pioneer valley, Metrowest-Boston, etc).
- Have Regional PR provide training and learning days to areas so all subcommittee chairs at area know it is customary for the chair or vice-chair to attend the regional subcommittee meetings.

B. Website Coordinator: Andrew L suggested there should be a website contact position and their email should be clearly indicated on the NERNA.org website ALSO We need to switch providers. Website needs clarification and guidance for this task. **MOTION:** BLUEHOST &

RWCNAWS@NEWENGLANDNA.ORG

C. Phone Line Issues

1. Call Back Accessibility - Notifications
2. Usage - Promoting the Phoneline
3. Change to Answering service?

Money Motions: \$151.23 for Literature order

Elections: Vice Chair - No Nominations; Events Coordinator- No Nominations;

We closed at 3:10 with the 3rd step prayer.

In Loving Service, James P.

WEBSITE- No report

RD Report-

Greetings and thank you to the Greater Providence area for hosting. Since we last met, the delegate team has attended MRLE (Multi-Regional Learning Event) where we attended a CAR presentation from two World Board members. We have also ordered and received hard copies of the CAR report for the member areas.

Yesterday, Brenda and I facilitated a CAR workshop. We will also facilitate workshops at the next to RSC's. We will be requesting funds from the RD/RDA set-aside for travel to MARLCNA (Mid-Atlantic (Regional Learning Conference of Narcotics Anonymous) in February 2016, where there will be a World Board facilitated workshop on the CAT (Conference Approval Tract). We are also requesting funding from the set-aside to order hard copies of the CAT.

I am in the process of completing our Regional report for World and I will be asking for assistance and/or information from certain members or sub-committees. Brenda will be including various links and addressing the tally sheets for the WSC in her report. Following are my notes from MRLE.

In Loving Service,
Noel D. - RD

NAWS Update (Junior)

The Lease for the building has been signed renegotiated (there was a price increase)

Conference Cycle Focus

Service System Project

Traditions Book Project

Projects with Virtual WorkGroups

- Decision making at the WSC
 - Planning Our Future
 - Delegates SharingSession
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- CAT - Anticipated release date of January 25th
 - 3500 people attended the WCNA 36: Brazil 2015
 - Approx 67000 weekly meetings
 - 77 spoken languages - 44 translated languages
 - 2014 - 9% of budget is from contributions (the rest is from literature sales). What can be done to decrease our reliance on literature sales?
 - \$146.78/meeting - received \$18.27 for World Servies to be fully funded by contributions (in 2014). This is only US and Canada. Currency rates and trade agreements are an issue.
 - Literature: 35% - Fellowship Dev: 32% - WSC: 26% - Events: 7% (where the money is spent)

Work done by NAWS

- Fellowship Development
- Public Relations
- Literature
- E-Subscribe (NA WAY magazine, JFT, NAWS News)
- 500,000 - 700, 000 monthly visits to website (NA.Org)
- Discussion Board (<http://disc.na.org>)
- JFT email - 90,000 per day

CAR Session One - World Board Motions (Mukam and Junior)

Motion 1: To approve the book contained in Addendum A, "Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions," as Fellowship- approved recovery literature.

- This project began in 2010 as the result of a Regional motion.
- [2012-2014](#) Gathered fellowship input.
- 2014-present: workgroup put draft together (90-day review and input periods). 60-100 pages of input per chapter, at least 15 US States and 12 other countries.

Motion 2: To approve the following changes to the World Board External Guidelines contained in *A Guide to World Services in NA (GWSNA)*:

- To change the size of the Board from up to 18 members to up to 15 members.
 - To remove the obligation for staggered terms if more than eight (8) members are elected at one time.
 - To change the limitation from two consecutive terms to two terms in a lifetime.
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- [2014-2016](#): 17 Board Members
 - [2012-2014](#): 18 Board Members
 - [2010-2012](#): 15 Board Members

- Six year terms
- Staggered terms if more than 8 members are elected at once (some stay for 4 years - by drawing of the straws) - used in [1998-2012](#)
- Board members have a steep learning curve
- Policy has no distinction between newly elected and re-elected members
- Currently “eligible for two consecutive terms”. In the spirit of rotation, the belief is that two terms is enough.
- Why are three motions put into one motion? These are three separate questions.
- If these were split out into three motions, the way that we workshop them would be very different.
- Decreasing the number of board members also decreases the opportunities for members to participate in the process.
- When we reduce the size of the board do we also lose experience and perspective?

CAR Survey

(Pick two in each category - “none” should have been included as an option)

- Book-length Recovery Material
- Booklet or Pamphlet length Recovery Material
- Service Material
- Ideas for Upcoming Fellowship Issue Discussions

Future of the WSC (Junior)

Where we are *and* Where is looks like we're going

WSC 2014

- 116 seated regions
- 112 Delegates
- 82 Alternates
- 18 WB members
- Total cost: \$465,000 - NAWS: \$300, 000 of total cost
- 2008 moratorium / 2012 moratorium for split regions
- 2012 - Resolution 8: State/Nation/Province (failed)
- 2014 CAR Motion 2: limit seating to one delegate per region (failed)
- Planning Our Future Sessions
- Zonal Forums - the role of Zones
- If all Zonal members were seated: 184 delegates, 184 alternates, 18 board members
- If all Countries were represented: 217 delegates 217 alternates 18 board members
- Do you agree with Zonal seating? SNP, continental, something else?
- What can we do to ensure an effective and sustainable WSC in the future?
- Do we need a WSC or a World Board?

CAR Session Two - Regional Motions (Mukam and Junior)

Motion 3: That the NA World Board develop a project plan which includes a budget and timeline to create an informational pamphlet specifically about mental illness and recovery for consideration at the 2018 World Service Conference.

Intent: To have a fellowship approved, clear Narcotics Anonymous message about the important issue of mental illness and recovery that is available in a pamphlet format.

Maker: Eastern New York Region

Financial Impact: This motion would not have any real direct costs. Any costs would be projected and communicated in a future project plan.

Motion 4: That all future approved World Board Minutes be posted on na.org for download. (Available by email upon request)

Intent: To create accessibility to all World Board minutes.

Maker: Show Me Region

Financial Impact: Any estimate of cost here would only be a projection. The actual cost to post material to na.org is minimal.

Motion 5: That all Financial Reporting for the World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous be provided in a detailed line item format and not in a summary as is currently available. This report will be posted on na.org and be downloadable.

Intent: Financial Transparency

Maker: Show Me Region

Financial Impact: The projected expense is difficult to forecast without a clear idea of what is being requested. To put together a line-by-line report that provides meaningful information would require a great deal of staff time.

Motion 6: That all face to face World Board meetings be open to any NA member on a space available basis; unless the topic(s) being discussed are required by law to be confidential. (How many people could fit in the room?)

Intent: To return the WB to the common practice that other NA boards and committees follow.

Maker: San Diego Imperial Region

Financial Impact: If there is no change made to where and how the World Board meets, we do not expect a direct financial impact from this motion.

Motion 7: That if there continues to be a WSC Participants Discussion Board on NA.org that it be made accessible to non WSC participants; only for viewing, not posting.

Intent: To allow any interested member to see what our WSC participants are discussing regarding fellowship and world service issues.

Maker: San Diego Imperial Region

Financial Impact: This would have minimal financial impact.

Motion 8: To direct NAWS to produce a low- cost paperback English version of the Basic Text which contains only the first ten chapters called "Our Program".

Intent: To provide a cost effective means to carry our message and fulfill our primary purpose.

Maker: Oklahoma Region

Financial Impact: The only way that we know to represent the potential financial impact of this motion is to assume that all English Basic Text sales would become sales of “Our Program”—what we used to call “Book One”—and to show you what that would mean for one fiscal year. Communication with the region discussed a sales price of \$4.00 as well as possibly using “no more than 100 percent of the cost of production.” We are using the higher figure, \$4.00, for this analysis.

Using the fiscal year ending June 2015, the potential impact of this motion would be that income from our Basic Text sales could be reduced by about 65 percent. We currently receive an average of \$10.16 per copy for the English Basic Text, after an overall average discount of 12 percent. If we received \$3.52 (a sales price of \$4.00 less our average discount), that would mean a reduction of \$1,600,801 in gross income—from \$2,448,908 in 2015 for hardcover and softcover non-translated texts to \$848,107. The production cost of the hardcover English Basic Text is just under \$2.00, and a softcover “Our Program” version in English would be about \$0.80. For the approximately 240,939 texts sold in 2015, the cost of goods would have been reduced by about \$289,127, which would result in a net income reduction of \$1,311,674 per year.

Motion 9: To direct the World Board to post a PDF version of all approved English and translated Basic Texts on na.org for free Download.

Intent: To provide no cost access to our main piece of recovery literature.

Maker: Western Russia Region

Financial Impact: Were this motion to pass, it’s impossible to estimate the actual financial impact. If you take the figure cited in the rationale, a 20 percent reduction in current sales of the Basic Text would be a net reduction in NA World Services income of over \$2,000,000 per year from gross sales, less cost of goods and average discount.

Motion 10: To hold every other WSC outside of the US and to begin this rotation with WSC 2020 to be held in Moscow, Russia.

Intent: To launch rotation of the location of the WSC in order to provide local fellowships around the world new opportunities for growth and development.

Maker: Western Russia Region

Financial Impact: For WSC 2014, NA World Services funded 140 people to the World Service Conference (delegates, Board members, WSC Co-facilitators, HRP members, and translators). Eighty-three of those 140 were from the US and Canada. A conservative estimate of the increase in costs due to staff travel, visas, and increases in airfare is over \$145,000. We are unable to estimate the added expense in administration of the WSC and pre-Conference planning activity were it to move to another location.

Motion 11: To allow a delegate from any Zonal Forum who requests it to be seated at the WSC as a non-voting participant. The expense of attendance will be the responsibility of the Zonal Forum and not the WSC. (Any interested member can attend as a member of the gallery).

Intent: To involve zones at the WSC.

Maker: Western Russia Region

Financial Impact: The financial impact of expanding or moving the Conference would depend on too many factors to effectively estimate at this time.

Motion 12: That Narcotics Anonymous World Services add the following “What is NA Service” card as part of the Group Readings offered by the World Service Office.

What is NA Service?

This is a very important integrant of our recovery, this is how our gratitude speaks, yet this is a way to carry the message of recovery to those addicts who still suffer. We usually begin being of service in NA making coffee/tea or cleaning our rooms after meetings. As we get some experience serving at the group level, many of us try ourselves out at a different point of service structure, for instance, – area or region.

Being of service in NA is for any of us. True service can be expressed by simple words quoted from the Basic Text:« True service is "doing the right things for the right reasons"» .

Being of service at a group level helps to strengthen the very foundation of our recovery because it could probably be the first time when we something for others without seeking to profit, expecting nothing in return. Serving at a group is another motive that helps us to attend meetings regularly. And our experience tells us that those who keep coming back regularly stay clean.

Being of service in NA is our gratitude to the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous for a new clean life. Many of us always wanted to be "a part of something". Service in NA indeed gives us a chance to become a part of a fellowship that saves our lives and helps addicts all over the world to stay clean and follow the way of recovery.

Intent: To provide NA groups with an approved piece of literature to use as a tool to foster a culture of getting involved into service.

Maker: Western Russia Region

Financial Impact: There would be minimal production costs to add a new meeting reading card to our inventory.

Motion 13: Each World Board member votes only in Elections and may make motions in all sessions. The World Board has one collective vote (made by the Chairperson of the World Board) in new business sessions.

Intent: This motion would change World Board voting in new business from (up to) 18 individual votes to one collective vote.

Maker(s): South Florida, Michigan, and Mid-Atlantic Regions

Financial Impact: We do not see a direct financial impact from this motion. It would require a change in how the World Board schedules its time at the WSC.

Motion 14: That the World Board or members of the World Board no longer make motions or proposals for decision at the WSC. The World Board may still forward ideas or work that regional delegates may present as a motion or proposal to the WSC for a decision.

Intent: To remove the ability of the World Board and World Board Members to make motions or proposals in old business or new business at the WSC.

Maker: Mid-Atlantic Region

Financial Impact: The potential financial impact of this motion is not possible to calculate.

RDA Report-

December 13, 2015

Greetings! The RD & RDA attended the NEZF and MERL since the last RSC. As Noel reported, the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) is now available and we will be providing workshops for the Regional

Committee Members (RCMs) and other interested NA members. These will be held on Saturday and the February and April RSCs from 3-6 p.m. We will be collecting CAR tally sheets whenever they are available. Please send them to me jaeleigh13@gmail.com. Please note in your email if the tally sheet represents input from a group, individual or other group of NA members.

From *NAWS News*:

- ❖ World Convention: A preliminary report for WCNA 36 is included with this issue of *NAWS News*. Greater than budgeted expenses and a lower than predicted attendance led to an overall financial loss for the event. On the positive side, we are already seeing Fellowship growth and PR opportunities in Brazil as a result of the event. We want to again thank the members of the support workgroup and the other local volunteers for their unprecedented efforts to make WCNA 36 a reality.

Preliminary financial report for WCNA 36			
<i>COMBINED FISCAL YEARS</i>	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>VARIANCE</i>
WCNA 36 INCOME			
REGISTRATION	\$303,731	\$350,000	(\$46,269)
NEWCOMER DONATIONS	2,456	28,000	(25,544)
MERCHANDISE	130,783	440,000	(309,217)
OTHER SALES	1,250	0	1,250
REBATES	0	21,052	(21,052)
<i>Total WCNA 36 Income</i>	<i>\$438,220</i>	<i>\$839,052</i>	<i>(\$400,832)</i>
WCNA-36 EXPENSE			
REGISTRATION	\$53,425	\$96,000	(\$42,575)
PROGRAM	157,225	183,219	(25,994)
MERCHANDISE	104,465	178,000	(73,535)
FACILITIES	349,394	188,000	161,394
SUPPORT COMMITTEE	50,168	44,000	6,168
ADMINISTRATION	108,253	149,421	(41,168)
<i>Total WCNA 36 Expense</i>	<i>\$822,930</i>	<i>\$838,640</i>	<i>(\$15,710)</i>
<i>TOTAL NET</i>	<i>(\$384,710)</i>	<i>\$412</i>	<i>(\$385,122)</i>

- ❖ The 2016 *Conference Agenda Report (CAR)* is available at www.na.org/conference, or from the WSO at \$15.00, including tax and shipping. Videos that summarize the contents will again be offered for this *CAR*. You can order additional copies of the *CAR* or any other NA literature online at <https://www.na.org/?ID=OrderLiteratureOnline-NAW>
- ❖ Traditions Project: The approval form of the Traditions workbook, “Guiding Principles—The Spirit of Our Traditions,” is available as part of the *CAR* on the Conference webpage.

- ❖ Surveys in the *CAR* will be used to gather information from the Fellowship on what recovery literature and service material they want and their ideas for Issue Discussion Topics for the next cycle. Additionally, we will be offering the survey online on the Conference webpage. Provide your input for future literature, service material, and Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs) at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CAR2016>
- ❖ Planning Our Future packet: This will include the results from the Role of Zones workshops, a snapshot of data for zones today in NA, and a narrated PowerPoint on the future of the WSC. These materials will be available online at www.na.org/future or by a link on the Conference webpage.
- ❖ 2016 Conference Approval Track (CAT): The CAT material will contain the NAWS Strategic Plan, budget, project plans, and WSC seating recommendations and applications. It will be available online on the Conference webpage or from the WSO at \$11.00, including tax and shipping.
- ❖ Decision-making at the WSC: Also included in the 2016 CAT material will be proposed tools and resources to assist the WSC cofacilitators, along with proposals for better discussing ideas at the WSC and for forwarding input to the NAWS Strategic Plan. Delegates will also have the opportunity to include ideas and issues for Fellowship discussion in the CAT in addition to the opportunity they already have in the *Conference Report*. The deadline for inclusion in the CAT is 15 December 2015. We will also be experimenting with electronic voting at this WSC.
- ❖ PR Pamphlet: We anticipate that a draft of this resource focused on providing information for professionals regarding the medicalization of addiction treatment and the NA Third Tradition will be available in the next couple of months for a 90-day review by Conference participants. An e-blast will be sent when the pamphlet is ready.
- ❖ Web Meetings: If you would like to join us and discuss issues and solutions in service efforts, please send your name, trusted servant position, and region and/or area to events@na.org for conventions, Handl@na.org for H&I and Inmate Step Writing committees, PR@na.org for PR/PI trusted servants, and servicesystem@na.org for Service System.
- ❖ Financials: Fellowship contributions exceeded \$1 million in the fiscal year ending 30 June 2015 for the first time in our history. We continue to encourage members to participate in the work of NA World Services to make recovery available to addicts globally and our Vision a reality by contributing financially through our portal at www.na.org/contribute.

Noel and I will be attending the Mid-Atlantic Regional Learning Conference (MARLCNA) February 5-7, 2016 in Lancaster, PA. I have submitted a money motion for mileage and conference registration. There are several other members of the NERSC who expressed interest in going, so we plan to carpool.

Peace,
Brenda

AREA REPORTS

BOSTON- No report

CAPE COD-

The Cape Cod Area met twice since the last Region.

We opened with the 12 steps and 12 Concepts.

- H & I- Reported all commitments are covered and all Panel Leaders are to own their own literature.
- Activities- All paid, but due to the unavailability of a hall there was no New Year's event held.
- PR- All is good. There was a change in leadership- Bridget V., Chair and Brian S., Vice Chair.

The Cape Cod Area is looking into combining all subcommittee meetings in one location.

Local Court systems reached out to PR and thanked them for their efforts of supplying meeting lists.

Meeting attendance in the Cape Cod Area is lean but it is steady.

I delivered our donation to Region and our insurance balance payment.

I.L.S.

Derek J.

CENTRAL MASS-

Central Mass has met twice since our last regional meeting. The Friday Night Step on Greenwood Street will be having their annual Journey Retreat, "Fellowship of Freedom" on February 26th, 27th and 28th, 2016. I have contact information if you are interested in attending. Central Mass will be holding Narcathon's on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, and New Years Day. All meetings will be held at 48 Vernon Street, Worcester Ma from 11am to 10pm with the exception of New Years Eve which will be from 11am-12am. This event is free and welcome to all addicts who may be in the Central Mass Area during the holidays. We have decided as an area to discontinue using the CBDM format during our meetings and have gone back to Roberts Rules. At our October Area meeting addicts brought up concern about the basketball tournament put on by the "Miracles in a Can" group. The group was invited to attend the Executive Sub-Committee meeting to discuss any concerns. Addicts representing the group and tournament attended our November Area Meeting instead, and we were grateful to have them there. Many concerns were addressed, and although as an individual addict I don't feel like much was accomplished, we cannot change the past and as an Area we will work diligently to move forward in a spiritual manner. We are operating above prudent reserve. All positions are filled other than our Labor Day Cookout Chair and our alternate RCM, both positions have nominations that have gone back to the groups. Thank you Greater Providence Area for hosting.

ILS,

Michelle M.

FREE SPIRIT- No report_

GREATER PROVIDENCE-

The Greater Providence Area is pleased to be hosting the regional meetings this weekend. We are sitting in the spot where our area service body meets on the fourth Sunday of every month. As you can see, we rent this space from a community recovery center and many Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held here each week. A "non affiliation" statement is read at the opening of the meetings here in accordance with our sixth tradition.

Our convention is fast approaching! February 19-21, 2016. There will be a fundraiser "Motown Karaoke" held on Friday, January 1, 2016 from 6-11PM at 415 Friendship Street in Providence.

Attendance at our area meetings is averaging 10 groups out of 51. We are continuing to discuss ways of attracting more participation. We held Executive elections in October and still are in need of a vice chair and an assistant secretary. In November we elected subcommittee chairs to finance and activities. We have not had a finance chair in quite some time so it's very encouraging to have this vital position filled. Our next area meeting will be held on Sunday, December 27 at 3:30, right here, at 249 Main Street Pawtucket, RI

In grateful service,
Jim D. and Melissa G. GPA RCM team

MARTHAS VINEYARD- no report

METRO WEST-

Thank you Greater Providence Area for hosting us! Metro West Area met on October 25 and November 22, 2015 with over 10 GSRs present at each meeting. The PR committee and H&I committee were both represented at yesterday's subcommittee meetings. I, as RCM, am working on the new GSR Orientation and am hoping to work with the Boston Area RCM to put on a CAR workshop for both areas. Metro West Area is operating above prudent reserve. The following positions are open: Secretary, Vice Chairperson, Activities Chairperson. Metro West Area meets on the last Sunday of the month at the Church of the Good Shepherd at 9 Russell Ave in Watertown, MA. Thanks! Tiffany L.

NANTUCKET- no report

NEMA-

PIONEER VALLEY-

Greetings from the Pioneer Valley,

Pioneer Valley is alive and vibrant with addicts in recovery. Thank you to Greater Providence Area for hosting our Region this weekend. Our Area has met twice since our last Regional meeting; 8 out of 10 active groups were present at each, though there are 14 total member groups. Our next meeting is tomorrow night 7 pm at 191 Montcalm Street in Chicopee. Our Public Relations Committee is active and vibrant. We have been working together with Western Mass Area on several PR projects. We have PSAs actively playing on several area radio stations and are working on getting PSAs onto local television. H & I is being well attended and supported, all are commitments are being filled and we are actively recruiting a larger list of speakers. Our Events Committee is actively planning our first event in February and also has future plans. We have an Ad-Hoc Committee looking into the legal and other logistics of reunifying Western Mass and Pioneer Valley Areas if that is the direction that both Areas opt to take. We also have an Ad-Hoc Committee working on hosting Region in Aug. 2016. We are looking for a suitable location,

with a kitchen so we can cook for you. We are current or ahead with all our bills and are replenishing our Prudent Reserve. Our Executive Board and PR have been helping Home Groups with concerns by means of Workshops after their regular meetings. These are proving effective.

We look forward to our collective Higher Powers' continued blessing on our service.

In Loving Service,

Ada C.

SEMA-

We would like to thank GPA for hosting this weekend. Sema area has met 2 times since last region. Our average attendance was 27 groups out 46. we are current on operating above prudent reserve. Hnl has meet twice they are currently in need of panel leaders. They have a lot of facilities to cover and now has two more that has requested commitments to come in. They will be discussing more regarding the new facilities at their next meeting. PI held their flyer hanging day in Taunton on 11/21/15. They are sending out letters to Doctors offices shelters and schools to hold presentations and will hopefully have more information by next area. Outreach has met twice since last region, they have begun to meet some groups that have not attended or sporadically attended the ASC. The committee has also attended the Greater Providence area and the Free Spirit area's Learning Day where they held mock Outreach presentations. Outreach also reported that a group in our area will be permanently closing, the Living Clean group held on Thursdays at 360 Coggeshall St. New Bedford, MA. The Outreach meeting meets via conference call first Monday of every month at 8pm [\(712\)775-7035](tel:7127757035) access code #208121. Literature Development discussed the CAR report coming up and getting copies to the GSR's of the area to review. Lit. Development offered there help to the groups to review the CAR report also. Currently they are reviewing and making their policy to help future committees. Convention committee now has a new chair who reported that the first full body meeting will be Sunday, December 13 at 4pm located at Somerset Old Town Hall. Campout committee had their first full body meeting and filled all their positions except Vice Chair and F&E Chair. Their next full body meeting will be held December 19th at 5pm located at the Somerset Town Hall. SIS held their elections meeting and filled all positions except Secretary and Hotels and Hospitality. They brought their suggestions for chair and Treasurer to the ASC where the new chair was voted in. Activities had their Thanksgiving Marathon and is currently planning on there December marathon meetings. The Christmas Marathon meeting will be held at 10am at 360 Coggeshall St New Bedford, MA. ASC voted in the chair for SIS chair Convention Chair and Treasurer. Next month's elections are Area Chair, Vice Chair, Lit. Development Chair, PI, Policy and SIS Treasurer.

There were some group concerns regarding the threat of meetings shutting down due to behaviors of addicts, groups believe it may be due to addicts in the local facilities specifically and was wondering if they could address them specifically. After a robust discussion some solutions were discussed which included involving PI and Outreach. A new group Freedom From Pain joined our area in October and will be holding a upcoming event with Wareham's First group of NA December 31st 7pm to 1am located at 11 Gibbs Ave, Wareham, Ma. (Flyer attached) Stepping Up 1,2,3 will be holding their 1st Annual Group Anniversary January 16th, 2016 6-10pm at 360 Coggeshall St New Bedford, Ma (flyer attached) Man Up is planning an event and is hoping to obtain an insurance binder for that event which will be held on May 21st, 2015.

Our next area will be a LSU format and will be held December 20th at UMASS Dartmouth at 12:15pm. Thank you.

In Loving Service;

Dyan B

SOUTH SHORE-

Thank you to the Greater Providence Area for hosting this weekend. The South Shore Area continues to be lively, productive and passionate about carrying the message. ● Honors to our Activities Sub-committee for providing the SSA with an impressive 30th Anniversary Celebration. We are extremely fortunate to have such a hard working, dedicated and detail oriented committee. Wow! Feeling the love. ● Our H & I Sub-committee never rests in the trenches and continues to cover their commitments at 17 SSA facilities. ● Our PR Chair has been elected again and will, no doubt continue to keep the SSA on the cutting edge of NA PR. Our groups that sponsor literature racks within their communities have been requesting re-stock literature. We also continue to purchase racks for groups who are ready to rock some hope in their neighborhoods. ● I am continuing to generate interest in group participation for CAR workshop participation. So far, 'Twelve' in Quincy is the only group holding CAR workshops in their neighborhood (GSU style.) I will continue to educate the family on the importance of being of service by participating in our fellowship on a global level! What's not to love about that?!

In Loving Service,

Bernie

WESTERN MASS-

Thank you Greater Providence Area for hosting us. 27 groups approximately attend area every month. ACTIVITIES- the marathon meetings in Springfield were a success however only the Thanksgiving marathon meetings were a success in the Greenfield location. H&I - is in dire need of support. Every facility has at least one opening!!!! Changes are being looked for a policy change in article vi, section 10. Next policy meeting will be in January. PR- hanging flyer day was in October and one is planned for in April 16th 2016. Pioneer Valley and Western MASS are working together. Our PR attended the New England Drug Court Conference in Marlborough, MA in October 2015 as well. Our convention is being successfully planned for August 12th, 13th and the 14th. Reunification Adhoc met with four in attendance with Pioneer Valley and Western MASS - they meet the 1st Tuesday and 3rd

Friday of the month. Our treasure balance is \$8,158.01 as of November , 2015. Donations were \$476.75, ASO sales is \$1,031.20, it does not show a prudence reserve. The next regional meeting will be on the 13th and the 14th of February at the Church of Atonement, 36 Court Street , Westfield, MA 01085, sub-committee and CAR workshop will be Saturday from 12- 6, the regular NERNA service committee meeting will be 11- 5. T.L.S., Cathie L.

NEW BUSINESS 12/13/15

MONEY MOTION #1

Voting members: 10 Simple majority: 6 2/3:7

Presented by: Pioneer Valley, Ada

Motion: Purchase 4 custom video PSA's (Public Service Announcements) that can be utilized throughout the region.

Make check for \$75.00 payable to 'Dave' (Name on order form, who is a member of an area in Detroit.) The videos were found on the NAWS website and, Dave is the contact to customize (add regional name and phone number,) and mail us copies.

Intent: To make PSA videos available for all areas of the region as a whole.

IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION #2

Presented by: RD/RDA

Motion: To make a check payable in the amount of \$165.00 to order 15 copies of the CAT (Conference Agenda Track) make payable to: Noel D

Intent: To allow copies of the CAT to be made available for each Area, the Executive Sub-committee and the Fellowship Development Sub-committee.

INFAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION #3

Presented by: RD/RDA

Motion: To make a check payable in the amount of \$559.16 from the RD/RDA set-aside.

Hotel: \$199.80 (\$99.90×2) Mileage: \$159.36 (332×2×\$0.24) Tolls: \$30.00 (\$15.00×2)

Per Diem: \$150.00 (\$50.00×3) Registration: \$20.00

MRLCNA - Make check payable to Noel D

Intent: to allow the Delegate team to fulfill the duties of their position

IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTON #4

Presented by: RDA , Brenda V.

Motion: For money from the RD/RDA set aside for RDA to attend MARLCNA

Mileage: $(363 \times 2 \times \$0.24) = \174.24 Per Diem: $(\$50.00 \times 3) = \150.00 Registration: \$20.00

Total = \$344.24 Make check payable to Brenda V.

Intent: Allow RDA to fulfill responsibilities

IN FAVOR; 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION # 5

Presented by: PR/Phone line

Motion: Restock inventory- \$151.23 for literature order

Make check payable to: NAWS

Intent: to carry the message of NA PR through literature

IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

ELECTIONS

CHAIRPERSON	Bill H.
VICE-CHAIRPERSON	Rachel G.
SECRETARY	Bernie N.
Assistant SEC.	Tiffany L.
TREASURER	Dave A.
ASSISTANT TREAS.	Cathy L
ACTIVITIES CHAIR	Bring back to groups open
H&I CHAIR	Mike C.
LITERATURE CHAIR	Kevin H.
POLICY CHAIR	Nick F.
PR CHAIR	James P.
RMD	Bring back to groups open
WEBSITE CHAIR	Ray L.
INSURANCE CHAIR	John F.

FINANCE CHAIR	Michelle	M
FINANCE MEMBER AT LARGE		Cathy L.
FINANCE MEMBER AT LARGE		Bring back to groups open
FINANCE MEMBER AT LARGE		Bring back to groups open