

The RSC met on Sunday December 14, 2014 at 157 Union St. Marlborough, Ma

February's RSC will be hosted by the Free Spirit Area

At The Coventry Community Center

1277 Main St. Coventry, RI 02816

*flyer is available on website

April's RSC will be hosted by Nantucket

St. Mary's Church; lower level

3 Federal St. Nantucket, Ma

Saturday April 11, 2015 sub-committee will meet at 12 noon

Sunday April 12, 2015 RSC will meet at 11 am

Opened meeting with collective reading of 12 traditions and 12 concepts; reading of concepts 11 and 12 in their entirety.

October's RSC minutes accepted

REPORTS

CHAIR- met with treasurer to change signers on account.

VICE CHAIR- no report

SECRETARY- no report

TREASURER- Treasurer's Report – December 2014

Thank you Metrowest for Hosting.

The finance committee met in Marlborough, MA on December 13, 2014.

Dan H, and Cathie L.– Finance Committee Members @ Large • Tom M – RSC Asst. Treasurer & James P – RSC Treasurer.

The \$500 hosting check was cut after the close of business as we were at a zero balance at that point, a transfer from Travel Set Aside was made and that transfer was replenished today.

There was a \$30 discrepancy on the RMD deposit and a returned check from BASC that had to be adjusted before October reconciliation was complete.

The starting balance in Quickbooks was -\$156.25

Taxes– arrived back from the account and will be sent out today.

Odd donation from Online funeral bequest

We have opportunities to serve on the finance committee: Chair, and At-Large members needed!

Meeting was closed at 3:05pm In Loving Service, James P. 617-314-4048

Q: Report says that we have a 0 balance, but what is the balance on the last statement of the account?

A: \$5,940.82, balance does not take out set asides or outstanding checks. Set aside \$4,500.00 for insurance and \$2,000.00 for legal

Q: We are at a negative balance then?

A: tabled until later so banking can be looked over for further information

Q: banking error was not in our favor? Are we going to be photo copying checks? And is finance going to be photo copying the checks or is the bank?

A: before checks are deposited they will be photo copied on our end. We believe there was a reading discrepancy of numbers.

Q: have you contacted bank about discrepancy?

A: we just found out yesterday.

FINANCE- Finance Committee Minutes

December 13, 2014

We started the meeting at 1:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by Serenity prayer. Thank you Metro West Area for hosting. Present were:

- James P – Treasurer
- Tom M – Asst. Treasurer
- Dan H – Finance Committee Member At-Large
- Cathie L – Finance Committee Member At-Large
- Mike C – Interested member from Free Spirit Area

Before we could reconcile, the treasurer had to log the returned check from the Boston area for \$106.25 with a fee of \$20.00.

There was a \$30 discrepancy in the RMD deposit; an adjustment for that plus the bounced check was made. A lot of head scratching and number crunching, but we got it fixed.

The committee reconciled 2 months' worth of bank statements.

We want to publicly acknowledge the 6 areas that have paid their insurance bills in full: Central Mass, MetroWest, Northeast Mass, South Shore, Pioneer Valley and Greater Providence.

The finance committee would also like to acknowledge Andrew L. for retrieving the property and archives of the region, from Attorney Beth Herr's Office, transporting and storing them. This represents stolen property from the region that was reported at the last region.

The treasurer signed the tax returns and a check for hosting was cut to Free Spirit Area, Two invoices from the RMD were received - \$680 to Belmont Printing and \$6.70 for postage to Diane M. A customary expense form was received for storage of the archives, and merchandise.

We closed with the 3rd step and joyful hearts

In Loving Service,

Dan H - Finance Committee At Large

Q: where does storage fee lie? Does that need a motion for the \$160?

A: no

Q: What does the \$160 cover?

A: through December, starting January 1, 2015 it will \$120.00

Perhaps we can go back to Dedham storage facility

CONVENTION- We had our meeting yesterday. It's always exciting when addicts get together and start waving machete's and then the meeting ends with love and kindness. We have 85 rooms booked, registrations to date are 54 sold. Please pass out registration flyers, and register and book rooms. We had a fundraiser last month and made a profit of \$207.43. We have a fund raiser on 1/10/2015 in Worcester starting at 1pm please show up and support. Starting in January we will be meeting weekly until the convention. Our next meeting is January 3rd, at noon, in Brockton 142 Cresent St. Our closing balance is \$7,509.90. Working balance is \$2,163.05 set aside.

ILS, Dave A.

Q: Could we have a set aside break down

A: event purchase, banquet, entertainment: \$1,400.00

NC: \$354.00

Convention Expense: \$1,761.25

Q: Are there flyers for the event?

A: yes on website

Q: Are you going to send out registration conformation? Usually it is out by the 1st of this month?

A: yes by Wednesday

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT: "Planning Basics" workshop

2 groups of 7 peeps

Brenda V., Bill W. and Andrew L. facilitated and Thank all who showed up and also for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Group discussed the following on the assumption we were talking about an ASC.

Q) How do you want your NA community service body to look in 10 years?

Group 1-

Be more diverse

More welcoming

Plan better – structure

Have a greater level of participation

Cooperate better

Be more knowledgeable of NA Concepts and Traditions

Would like to see trusted servants have knowledge and experience practicing the traditions and concepts

Area to be a resource to groups and professionals

Group 1A

Have growth – get the word out / more participation

More understanding of service structure

Have a closer relationship / better communication with the next level of service

Have a more welcoming, encouraging atmosphere for service – to get people involved

Consistent rotation of service through proper mentoring

Stay open minded the to ever changing future of NA service and structure – don't be restrained by what we think/see as being “normal”

We then took 2 of the most important from each group

Did a large group tally of the 4 to break it down into 2

It just so happened that each group had 1 topic that made the finals

So we did the ol' switcharoo and gave the topic back to the groups and asked “How do we get there?”

Group 1 work shopped

Area to be a resource for groups and professionals

A) Create an outreach committee

Group 1A work shopped

Be better educated in the regards to concepts and Traditions

A) –workshops , planning, being of service, mentoring

B) encourage conversations

C) targeted literature

D) Group formats

E) Convention workshops

F) Individual enthusiasm to spread attraction

G) GSR's perform workshops at their homegroup business meetings

H) Be creative and enthusiastic at our workshops, conventions, ASC's, as sponsors, and in our homegroups

Thanks,

Brenda, Bill and Andrew

H&I-

Q: mentioned writing steps through mail, do you need help with that?

A: Yes, I will bring list and info next region.

INSURANCE-Greetings New England Region I have had 2 requests for insurance binders, One from Free Spirit Area and one from Nantucket Area both were for Regional meeting locations both of which are not listed on the

meeting directory and come under special events a special application will be needed and forwarded on to insurance agent ILS Bob L.

Breakdown of Area Insurance Payment

6/8/2014	# of Meetings
Boston	64
Cape Cod	38
Central Mass	67
Free Spirit	18
GPA	45
MVA	7
Metro West	39
Nantuckett	7
NEMA	112
Pioneer Valley	12
SEMA	47
South Shore	43
Western Mass	38
TOTAL	537

*Note: Total insurance bill was paid June 2014.

LITERATURE: World came out with introduction and tradition 1 for working guide for review and input.

December 21st SEMA is having review and input workshop

Input ends on January 31, 2015; still taking input on traditions 7-12 through March

POLICY- Good Morning,

RSC Policy committee met on 12/13/14. There were two addicts in attendance. All is well for South Shore policy. The Insurance Chair gave me information on what policy should state for the insurance subcommittee. I will be taking this information and creating policy for this committee and bringing it back in February in the form of a motion. Due to not having policy for various subcommittees when asked, I would also like to request all copies of current subcommittee policy to be emailed to me at Jason.a.pinhoiro@gmail.com. I would like to gather all electronic copies of policy on a flash drive to hand over when the position is rotated.

ILS,

Jay P.

Q: is there a copy of policy most current, can we get that attached to the minutes?

A: yes, it is available on the website

PR/PHONELINE- December 14, 2014

New England Regional Public Relations Committee Report

The Committee met in Marlborough, MA on Saturday, December 13, 2014. Thank you to Metrowest for hosting region. There were 12 addicts in attendance including some interested addicts. Some of the topics we discussed were the qualifications for our two open positions: Secretary and Event Coordinator. We are currently not in possession of the Regional Public Relations policy. The Policy Committee could not locate it either. We will continue to look into locating this. Rob L. from Pioneer Valley discussed his participation within a private Facebook group for Public Relations Chair's in our Zonal Forum. Rob stated that there were many resources available but some concern was expressed on whether it followed the Traditions.

The reports were given and were as follows:

Chairperson Report:

In the past two months I am glad to say that the Phonenumber has been completely updated. Monthly updates are to be made by our chair Dave. I was made aware that the bill from Diamond Voice was \$120, which was more than we had originally thought. I contacted Joel Black of Diamond Voice for an explanation. His response is that we paid \$480 to have the phonenumber completely redone and \$60 for the new recordings. From this point on we will be charged an additional \$60 per month to have our inputted changes recorded on the phone line. The region has already approved this additional charge.

I attended a PR presentation in Canton Mass in October, which went well.

Due to medical reasons I cannot attend this Regional meeting. I just had Surgery on Wed Dec 10. and I am still recovering.

In Loving Service,

Gary B.

Event & Training Coordinator Report:

On November 1, 2014 the Regional Public Relations gave a presentation to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). We have been involved with CASA for a couple of years as a part of their training as guardian et litem. Sarah O. and Ana's presented while Kim and Mike L. were the speakers. We were happy to have Ana's contribute for the first time at our Regional level. In addition, it was exciting to have a father in recovery speak to CASA for the first time. The presentation was well received and we were later told that NA was the most impactful session of their 40-hour training.

Last Region we had our first training, "How to Give A Presentation" as part of a continuing series developed under the new Training Coordinator position. There were 18 in attendance with many different areas of the region represented. The attendees completed surveys, which included a lot of positive and useful feedback.

The second training will be broken into smaller groups within or combined Areas. The actual PR presentation will be given followed by the groups practicing how to present, focusing on public speaking, length of time, Q & A, etc. Please contact me to schedule your Areas preferred dates. RCM's if you do not have a PR Committee, feel free to contact me to discuss how we can assist your Area.

As this position is new, I am always looking for topics to increase your knowledge of PR and in what ways Region can support you. We are looking to put together a PR Tradition workshop in the near future.

I have compiled a database for speakers and/or presenters for PR. This database contains the demographics, experience, and availability of potential presenters. It will remain private with the training coordinator but names can be provided to Areas upon request.

We had previously voted to use the Planning Basics during Regional subcommittee meetings. Following our meeting today we will be joining the Fellowship Development team as they conduct a workshop on the Planning Basics. This will help prepare us for February's meeting using the Planning Basics.

We have a few presentations and booths coming up. In February we will be giving a presentation at the Restorative Justice Conference in Greenfield, MA. In March, we will once again have a booth at the Harvard Health Fair in Boston. Also, we will present at 4:15pm on Saturday at the NERCNA Convention in March.

Lastly, I remind all Areas to please be in contact with me about any upcoming presentations you are doing. We have a lot of members who need to observe a presentation to complete their training and I would like to offer them many opportunities.

In Loving Service,

Sarah O.

Chris R. -Regional Meeting Directory Report

There are 5750 meeting directories currently for sale.

There will be a reprint of directories by the next regional meeting.

Pioneer Valley Public Relations Report

The PVAPR Subcommittee last met on Monday, November 10th, 2014 at 2072 Main Street Three Rivers, MA. Eight addicts were in attendance. The flier-hanging day that took place November 22nd and was a great success as we were able to remove and refresh existing fliers that were still hung in some areas from almost a year ago. Hopefully our next event will attract more volunteers so we can reach a greater area and more suffering addicts.

Members from the Pioneer Valley PR Subcommittee were in attendance at the Southwick-Tolland Regional High School on November 24th with literature available, the regional tri-fold and to answer any questions during a recovery focused presentation they put together for the students and their parents.

Members for PVA PR will attend the Western Mass PI Meeting Sunday December 21st to work with our neighboring area in PR efforts, and to coordinate a date for the Public Presentation Training.

We have reached out to approximately 30 radio stations in the Valley requesting PSA airtime. More will be revealed. The Pioneer Valley Public Relations Subcommittee meets every second Monday @ 5:45 pm at the Palmer Historical Cultural Center located at 2072 Main Street Three Rivers, Ma.

In Service,

Rob L.

Metro-west Area PR

Metro West Public Relations is now up and running. Since last region, we have had our first two meetings and elected a secretary and vice-chair. Metro West PR will be working out of the planning basics to prioritize the goals and needs of the area and has begun to take an inventory in order to best serve the area. We have a new email address Metrowest.pr@gmail.com. Our next meeting is Satur-

day, January 3rd at 1:00pm at 1 Leighton Street, Cambridge, MA. There is much work to be done and more will be revealed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tomi U.

Metro West PR Chair

South-Shore Area PR Chair

Hello,

I am the newly elected PR chair for the South Shore Area.

We met at Noon on Dec 6 @ 639 High St. in Hanson, Mass.

We discussed the possibility for purchasing 4 pocket plastic display cases for PR Flyer hanging / display case days for our community.

We are going to ask groups to sponsor said display cases and keep them stocked with literature. More will be revealed. The SSA email address is ssasc.publicrelations@gmail.com

We had some mail for the RSC PR and handed it over to Sarah O. I am on the website committee and report that the website is down. We are frantically working to re-store it back to normal. Carrie will have a detailed report for the RSC tomorrow.

I went to the Midwest Zonal Service Symposium in October. Here is a sample of what you can find on their website.

<http://mzssna.org/index.php/component/rseventspro/event/25-pr-what-is-it-what-about-h-i>

Thanks

Andrew L.

Motions:

1. 1000 business cards - \$50.00 (this is a previous motion not submitted)

Elections: There are open positions for Secretary and Event Coordinator.

We will be informing our areas with regard to these open positions.

RMD-

INVENTORY

Beginning Inventory	1,700
Plus Novemberr 2014 Printing	8,000

Total available for sales	9,700	Assets	
Sold to areas, groups & individuals	5,400	\$	540.00
Sold to Regional Committees	50	\$	5.00
Sold to outside vendors	100	\$	10.00
Total Sales this period	5,550	\$	555.00
Remaining Inventory	4,150	\$	-
Plus sales tax collected		\$	33.83
Plus Shipping & Handling		\$	6.60
Assets Total (Deposit)		\$	595.43
Seed Money for Printing		\$	-
Total Assets		\$	595.43
		Expenses	
Printing 8000 RMD (November)		\$	680.00
Sales Tax	\$	33.83	
Postage	\$	6.70	
Supplies	\$	-	
Less Total Expenses		\$	720.53
Net Profit or (Loss) this Period		\$	(125.10)

4150 RMDs remain from the November 2014 printing and are available today.

The next printing will be ordered before the February Regional Service Meeting. We are submitting a request for \$ 680.

We are submitting a customary reimbursement form for postage of \$ 6.70.

To make updates, remove a meeting or add a meeting to the directory, go to the website (NERNA.org) and register.

Check all meeting info on the website by clicking on the meeting day, then make your changes.

Changes should appear within a few days and will appear in the next printing of the RMD.

We sell meeting directories in quantities of 50; check table below for quantities costs.

RMD's	COST	TAX	TOTAL	RMD's	COST
50	\$5.00	\$0.32	\$5.32	550	\$55.00
100	\$10.00	\$0.63	\$10.63	600	\$60.00
150	\$15.00	\$0.94	\$15.94	650	\$65.00
200	\$20.00	\$1.25	\$21.25	700	\$70.00
250	\$25.00	\$1.57	\$26.57	750	\$75.00
300	\$30.00	\$1.88	\$31.88	800	\$80.00
350	\$35.00	\$2.19	\$37.19	850	\$85.00
400	\$40.00	\$2.50	\$42.50	900	\$90.00
450	\$45.00	\$2.82	\$47.82	950	\$95.00
500	\$50.00	\$3.13	\$53.13	1000	\$100.00

Committee Members

Meeting Update Coordinator	Website Chair	info@nerna.org
Printing Coordinator	David L	617-484-8198 (dalgraphics@rcn.net)
Sales Representative/Treasurer (leadhead84@aol.com)	Christopher M	617-620-2887
Outside Sales Representative to Professionals 624-3578 (Literature menu)	Dianne M	1-866-

WEBSITE- Website Committee Report October 2014

I apologize for my absence today and the timing couldn't be worse since the website has been experiencing some difficulties in the last week. I will do my best to explain the problem and the current status however I am writing this report before leaving for my trip so the status may change. Rest assured the technical savvy of the website committee is not diminished by my absence in the least. I am the liaison and report writer, the functional committee members remain hard at work J

Our website is based in Drupal code which experienced a global hack on October 15, 2014. This hack was not discovered until the first week of December as the exploit

was essentially dormant and also being backed up. That means that all the backups in that time were also corrupted. The site was taken down and a landing page stating the site was down for maintenance was put up with a link to a pdf version of the meeting list. The vendor went to a clean manual backup from Aug 18 and rebuilt the site. Before taking the site down they exported all the changes since the backup date and current. The website committee (Jay) is doing the work to recreate the changed entries. The vendor is instituting some additional security measures. This will be seamless to the end user with one exception, for new user accounts they will be required to submit an email with some required information such as name/number and the website committee will then create the user account. This will completely eliminate the abundant spam that the website experiences. It is a much simpler solution than all the currently existing software solutions which require a lot of updates and maintenance which are obviously not foolproof.

We worked on several items in between meetings via the web committees google group.

* Support ticket was submitted to website vendor to address several issues that were beyond the committees scope. All of these were met to our satisfaction in a timely manner and paid out of the credit on our contract in the amount of \$200 which leaves \$100 credit on the \$600 contract. (As a reminder we prepaid 50%). The items addressed were....

- o Meeting list update difficulties/link page
 - o Missing you tube instructional videos
 - o Captcha requirements inconsistent and applied too restrictively (moderators should not need to enter to make updates)
 - o Need an “other” code for adding events outside of NE area.
 - o Fixed google maps and code issues
 - o Questions about capacity as it relates to adding “Area Pages” – Should not be a problem to add some pages with word docs, pdfs, and a few images. If we have an area that wants to upload 10gb speaker mp3’s
- now we’re outside of what is provided in our hosting package, the capacity can be provided at an additional fee.

* Created the technical “how to” document of tasks the website committee does so that the knowledge does not reside solely within one or two individuals. This was disseminated to the committee via the google group.

* Mailboxes: Thank you to everyone who responded and took ownership of your mailbox!!! For everyone else who still needs some assistance please contact the website committee at info@newenglandna.org Please note that these mailbox addresses are published on the website and someone should check them.

o Fellowship Development

o H and I – being forwarded to Kevin F. Is this still Correct?????

o Secretary

o PR Training Coordinator

Invoice 52 was submitted to the treasurer for the Annual website hosting in the amount of \$170. This is outside of the contract which is for “maintenance” therefore it is not a customary expense. Vendor: Saintly Solutions.

November Statistics:

Sessions (May not be unique users)

7263

Users

3806

Pageviews (total # of pages viewed)

23,382

Pages / Session

3.22

Avg. Session Duration

00:02:29

Bounce Rate 35.58%

(% of users who left from entrance page with no interaction)

% New Sessions

41.73%

On behalf of the website committee – Carrie B.

Q: How many websites did the hackers attack?

A: over 100,000

RD- Greetings and thank you for allowing me to be of service. Since the October RSC meeting, I have participated in three events as RD.

On October 19th I attended the SEMA's ASC. I heard and attempted to address some of the concerns of members in that area. We also discussed some possible ways of making the RD/RDA more accessible and accountable to the areas they serve. Some of the ideas put forth included increasing our use of technology and having the RD/RDA team visit each area after each event/activity. We briefly discussed some ways in which we could proceed. I left with a greater understanding of the need to be open-minded and receptive to differing points of view. I am also more aware of how difficult it can be to make a locally focused idea or solution viable on a more larger scale. For example, it was suggested that local members get better exposure to the delegates and a greater understanding of their experience but having the delegate team visit 13 areas after every function or event is simply not feasible. My one frustration was the fact that no one seemed to have any idea as far as offering direction for the delegate team but clearly felt that the delegate team should be doing something more. I look forward to having more of these conversations as we continue to better define the changing role of the delegate team.

Also on the 19th was the first ever NEZF skype meeting. Nine members of the North East Zonal Forum met via skype - ABCD, Connecticut, Eastern New York, New

England, Northern New Jersey, Northern New York, Western New York, Secretary and Vice-chair. We discussed ideas for the upcoming “mini service conference” to be held during our next meeting in Connecticut (likely the last weekend in April in Middletown, CT). We are looking to invite World Board members who are in the local/neighborhood areas and there will be four 90 minute workshops. Our next call will be today at 4pm.

Finally, I attended the 28th annual Western Service Learning Days along with our regional PR chair. Gary and I each attended four workshops/ sessions. My workshops were:

- * SSP & 2014 CAR: A flexible Approach. I found this to be the most engaging session I attended (I have included the power point as an attachment). The focus was on motions CAR 4, 5 and 6. The discussion was lively and addressed why we as a fellowship should not be afraid of change. There was also a lot of discussion around the idea of the SSP being both flexible and optional.

- * A Vision for NA Service: I was expecting something different and more substantive but we really just read through and talked about our vision statement (included as an attachment).

- * The History of H&I was facilitated by Colin C. from the Public Relations team at World Services (power point included as attachment). Although Colin was not representing H&I, his personal interest and enthusiasm for the history of our fellowship was evident in his presentation.

- * Stories from a Service System Project Trial. Unfortunately, I was lost during much of this discussion as it was devoted to discussion about local issues and concerns. This session more than any other really highlighted the potential advantage of having a local service conference.

Updates from World Services:

- * IP #29: An Introduction to NA Meetings is now available in both a regular and H&I edition

- * A new pocket-sized Just for Today is available for \$9.30

- * Review and input for the introduction and chapter 1 is due by January 31. 2015

* A series of webinars will be held and three pamphlets will be created focusing on the core principles of the SSP, Group Support Basics, and Local Service Basics. Visit www.na.org/servicesystem

* The Issue Discussion Topics (IDT's) for the 2014-2016 cycle are "Welcoming All Members", "Planning", and "Group Support".

* We are asked to help safeguard NA Copyrights. For more information see "NA Literature and Copyrights" posted online at www.na.org/FIPT * Service Pamphlets are available online at www.na.org/?ID=serviceemat-svc-pamphlets

* Webinars: If you would like to participate in the webinars send your name, trusted servant position, and region and/or area to events@na.org for conventions, HandI@na.org for H&I and Inmate Step Writing committees, and PR@na.org for PR/PI.

* The WCNA 36 will be in Rio de Janeiro in June of 2015. * Members can contribute directly to NA World Services at www.na.org/contribute

The next scheduled delegate function is the Florida Regional Service Symposium, March 12th -15th.

ILS,

Noel D.

Q: What is SSP?

A: Service System Project

Q: Do you feel like there is a better solution such as outreach could meet with you on Saturday to get info?

A: Yes I think RCM's should be here on Saturday to meet with me and get information

RDA- First of all I want to thank the Region for giving me this opportunity to serve. I attended four workshops while in Sacramento Two which were educational and two that were a little less. The first workshop I attended was on tradition 10. 11. and 12 discussed was the importance of all addicts to realize that they are representatives of NA. Whether standing outside a meeting wearing a na teeshirt placing a bumper sticker on a vehicle and most important speaking at a commitment their behavior is always under scrutiny This also is important for addicts to realize when they post on social media anything NA related they are representing all of na not just their personal beliefs Discussions on social media amongst addicts are for all to see. I recently saw a discussion on facebook with no refrence to Na literature that states NAs position it read like this was strickly a personal opinion made by a addict. I have also witnessed addicts on commitments with many years of clean time sharing their story in a foul cursed laden manner This seems more like entertainment than experience strength and hope. I was giving the opportunity to speak to Jane N from NAWs I asked her about press radio and film Her response was to read chapter 5 of the PR handbook She also stated that when they go on television they sit behind a shield that blocks their face and as in all things no one addict should represent NA alone.

The second workshop I went to was successful teams for effective pr service. This workshop focused on making pr workshops fun asking the representatives for ways of making their presentation more fun. My suggestion was the more information we share about na origin where we were and where we are now could catch the attention of addicts willing to do PR work.

The third workshop I attended was NA and Public relations This started out mimicking the first workshop but quickly turned into one addicts story. By the time the addict finished telling his story the time for the workshop was over.

The fourth workshop was Core PR Principles Presented by Justice B and Rob C from the Southern California Region This is on chapter 2 of the PR handbook The topics were on 1 Spiritual foundation 2 Unity 3 Anonymity 4 Cooperartion not affiliation 5 Attraction 6 Responsibility and Accountability 7 Self support 8 Forever Non Proffessional 9 Communication I could not do justice to this workshop so I am suggesting that concerned addicts aquire the cd that was made of this workshop It was also suggested by the presenters that the PR handbook is for all addicts not just those interested in service work.

In Loving Service

Gary b

BOD/CONVENTION CORP- New England Convention Corporation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Report of the President

12/14/14

Greetings NERSC, and good afternoon.

The New England Regional Convention Corporation Board of Directors met this morning here in Marlborough; and in several other sessions since the last Regional meeting. A correction to my last report to this body – I stated that the \$6000 check from Attorney Beth Herr was returned due to insufficient funds – it was in fact returned due to stop payment. I received a cashier's check for \$6020 on 11/6/14 (\$6000 for half of missing funds and \$20 for the returned check fee).

We continue to work with our attorney Rene B. to pursue a complaint against Citizen's Bank, a complaint against the attorney, who issued the stop-payment check in the first place, and with the police regarding the original theft.

I attended yesterday Convention Committee meeting and answered questions about Board Activities. I am disheartened to have head the suggestion by some on the committee that the BOD does not support the convention and I officially go on record that the BOD enthusiastically supports the convention and believes in the expertise, and competence of the committee.

Regarding Director's & Officers Insurance, Mary Anne G. obtained information from Mark Sawyer – at Corcoran and Havilin who stated that our current RSC policy is a slip and fall policy and would need to add the Corporation as a named insured. He also suggested that the RSC expand it's coverage and the RSC purchase D&O coverage. His estimate was \$800-\$1600 for \$1-\$5 million shared coverage.

We tabled a motion to create an adhoc policy committee.

We voted to approve a reallocation of funds to the convention committee of \$1821.60 now leaving \$7509.90 in the convention committee account.

We approved a motion for a telephonic/skype meeting with our attorney not to exceed 1 hour.

We approved a motion for sales of old convention merchandise

We approved a motion for the use of some old convention merchandise in raffles and fundraisers.

We approved a \$1000 set aside motion from A&G.

I delivered two merchandise contract proposals to the clerk for distribution to the Board for approval and/or feedback.

In Loving Service,

James P., President

New England Regional Convention, Inc.

352 East 8th Street #1; Boston, MA 02127 617-269-1241 jgpbos@me.com

Q: Suggest to add BOD insurance can you explain more?

A: We have talked to a company and they say we can bundle with RSC at a lower cost, and receive broader coverage

Q: How can they cover both?

It will need to be researched and discussed further at areas the risks and benefits

Q: \$6020.00 did clear?

A: yes it was a back check

Q: How much is still owed?

A: \$12,320.00 was stolen, negotiated re-payment of \$12,000.00 plus property return. So \$6,000.00 is still owed.

Q: How much of property was returned?

A: all that is still missing would be archived NERC 15 cd's

Q: Regarding meal cost, what was price agreed upon with hotel and meal tax?

A: Hotel and Hospitality chairperson worked that out, the price covers highest meal cost and \$2.00 profit

\$39.95 for dinner \$17.00 for breakfast

Added sales tax of 7% and gratuity is included in meal price I believe.

Q: are prices guaranteed in writing?

A: can't say for sure but I believe so

Q: Are there three bid contacts being reviewed for expenses over \$500.00?

A: We haven't had any requests except for merchandise

Q: Was 3 bid process used?

A: yes

Q: how much of the retainer has been used?

A: None

Q: other than master cd's from prior conventions what was is picked up merchandise?

A: not sure if all cd's are there, an inventory is being done.

Q: what account did the \$6,000.00 go into?

A: convention corp.

Q: A convention corp account with substantial amount of \$ was told that D & O came from corp not subcommittee. If we get \$ in a reasonable amount of time could that \$ purchase D & O? Would you consider 2 accounts?

A: 1 bank account for entities but separate ledgers kept that divided up the \$ from corporation and convention % of stolen money from each ledger so when \$ comes back in it is replenished to each ledger. If there were another check given yes D & O insurance could be purchased but it negates possible best way to purchase insurance.

Q: Area is concerned about what is going on legally with member who stole funds. Why are we pursuing \$ the way we are from a spiritual stand point?

A: WSB bulletin on theft of NA funds details procedures to follow to get funds back. First third of bulletin is about preventing theft, most of the procedures were followed with the exception of oversight. It goes on to say go forward with returning funds as a priority and anonymity becomes secondary, and to do this as loving and caringly as possible.

NERCC/ADHOC- RSC Convention/Corporation Ad hoc report

We met in person yesterday with +/- 6 members in attendance. Thank you to the MetroWest Area for hosting. We are continuing our review of the relevant policies and procedures of the Convention Committee and Convention Corporation at the RSC meetings as well as individually in between meetings of the RSC, especially since not all interested members are able to meet on Saturday of the RSC, having various other service commitments on Saturday.

We are finding specific policy issues that we hope to address with targeted policy improvements we plan to include in the report we will offer at the conclusion of our work on this important challenge.

A consensus seems to be building in which the active input and participation from our member areas will be essential to the future of the Regional Convention. In an effort to provide some transparency into our discussions, I will include a summary of the questions under consideration at our last meeting below. I hope this will give a sense of the scope of our challenge.

The thorniest issues involve anonymity, liability and the implications of Incorporation. We feel that we are well into special worker territory and will need professional input in interpreting the ramifications of all this stuff, at which point we will be able to consider and interpret for ourselves (with the input of the Areas) how our traditions are being supported (or not) by having various kinds of insurance and/or incorporation.

Notes/Questions from Dec RSC discussion:

Ad-Hoc Committeee adhoc

Recap what we have done & questions the ad-hoc is designed to help.

-Insurance questions

Why don't the RCMs have access to the convention insurance information? RC

- Certificate insurance provided to RCM's annually

Are RCM's covered?

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Questions from Jim and the answers

1) Is the Convention Corporation a subcommittee of the NERSC?

Answer: BOD is not a subcommittee of the RSC - it is a legal entity of the commonwealth of Massachusetts and, as such, accountable to the state.

2) is the bod an oversight body of the Convention Committee?

a. yes. BOD was created, partly, to be a financial oversight body of the committee

3) Is the Convention Committee incorporated? If "yes", why is this necessary?

a. No, the RSC created the Convention Corporation in part to specifically take advantage of the benefits of incorporation, while separating the convention committee from the exposure to liability?

4) Is the NERSC incorporated? If "yes", why is this necessary? If "no", then

why are the RCMs voting members of the corporation?

a. No. The RSC is not incorporated. The one thing the RSC really wanted and needed was 501c3 tax designation, **which is available without incorporation**, although this may not have been the case when the Convention Corporation was initially formed. The RSC **is now** an

unincorporated (much like every other group, area and service committee) entity with 501c3 tax designation.

5) In the event of a legal action, where does the liability end: At the bod? At the named signers of the accounts held by the NERSC? At the corporation? At the RCMs? At the areas represented at the NERSC?

a. Request legal help.

There has always been tension between BOD and Committee because of how close they are, and because it doesn't seem that points of accountability are defined or understood and because both are setting out to do the same thing in a lot of ways.

Do we need a BOD to put on a convention? If not, what kind of structure will we need for the next convention? (re-allocate structurally every time we decide to have a convention?)

Is policy in place being followed? Example, the bids.

We need to decide if we are going to have a convention? And what do we need to have a convention? If yes, will some members need protection? Are we ok with members being at risk? What would protection for them look like and cost? What are we doing now?

Non-profit cooperation. Where are the BOD selected?

Area's need to be on board to have a corporation.

Is it spiritual to put RCM's in a position to be involved with a corporation

Which is accountable, not just to NA as such, but to the laws of the state without Thorough explanation and explicit consent?

We need special workers to figure out liability?

Reach out to other regions to see how they handle there convention?

As we move forward we are going to get a clearer vision of the questions we need to ask Areas.

DO WE NEED TO HAVE A CONVENTION?

Thanks to Jay P (SEMA) for your participation and for taking these notes –bh

AREA REPORTS

BOSTON- RCM REPORT DECEMBER 14, 2014

BOSTON AREA

On behalf of the Boston Area, we'd like to thank the Metro West Area for hosting the New England Regional Mtg. this month.

Boston Area met twice since our last regional mtg.

On October 26 the GSR Chair discussed unity. There were 16 GSR's present. The committee focused on problems of Boston Area and lack of unity. A mtg. was held to discuss further.

Convention Chair of BACNA 17 announced committee was moving ahead.

H & I Chair reported the dissolution of Long Island Facility. Hence several commitments were terminated. South Bay Re-entry moved to 540 Harrison Avenue. However, no commitments as of yet.

Boston Literature will now be sold @ 82 Green Street, J.P., from 12:30-3pm, 3rd Sun. of each month.

Mary C., was nominated and voted in as new secretary.

A motion was made to change policy so that BACNA Convention Treasurer be voted in by BASC. Steve C. will amend motion. And revisit.

November 23, 2014

Treasurer voided several checks due to changing of banks & BASC signatures.

Activities Committee will sponsor 2 upcoming events: Live, Laugh & Love on Jan. 17th, 2015, with comedy show & dance. Flyers to follow. And Heartbeat of NA, Feb. 14th. A bid was submitted to the Boys & Girls Club in Roxbury, MA.

BACNA 17 Convention Chair resigned.

GSR Committee Chair emphasized “teach better, learn better”.

H & I welcomed 2 new panel leaders. A possible Feb. H & I Learning Day was discussed. A new commitment for Hello House was accepted. Also, out of date Regional Mtg. Lists used by H & I was discussed.

Policy Chair is working with all BASC committees to update policies. Chair will email policy/motion log to any requests.

Literature asked that new groups fill out forms so that he can update mtg. lists. December literature will now be sold @ BASC mtg.

Group & Addict concerns: Are you comfortable with addicts you put in office (subcommittee chairs)?

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

RCM/Boston Area

Edna F.

CAPE COD- Cape Cod Area has met 2X since last Region and are looking forward to being host area for upcoming NERC. Presented Region with a \$1,432.43 donation. We have no current concerns at the present for Region.

ILS Derek J.

CENTRAL MASS- Central Mass NA is alive and well. We have met twice since the last region meeting. Once on November 10th and once on December 1st.

All positions are currently filled.

H&I is doing well. They have set up a learning day for January 31st from 10am-4pm. Additional information about this to follow.

PR and Website are lacking, but actively being worked on.

There has been discussion relating to clean time being waived for positions as well as policies being waived in general.

The Thanksgiving Day Narcathon was successful. Narcathons will also be held on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve and New Years Day.

A subcommittee will be formed to take over the annual "One Is Too Many" Labor Day cookout.

Lastly, the 3rd annual NA Unity Day Basketball Tournament Speaker Jam & Dance was held on October 11th and 12th. To date: the seed money for this event was returned by the activities chair before he resigned. After the tournament took place the organizing members now claim that this is not a CMNA event. No financial report has been submitted and any additional money has not been turned over to the area, despite requests from the area for both of these. It has been decided that the executive subcommittee will be looking into this and from my understanding someone will be at our January area meeting to discuss this further.

ILS,
Michelle M.

FREE SPIRIT-Hi all I am Mike addict Area Service Chair for Free Spirit Area, also acting RCM. Our area has been struggling to fill positions at area, but as of last ASC meeting we have filled 2 more positions so things are looking up. I am also happy to report that we have secured a facility to host Region in Feb. on the 14th and 15th; at the Coventry Community Center @ 1277 Main Street, Coventry RI 02816. We are happy to serve!!!
ILS, Mike C.

GREATER PROVIDENCE- Good morning family, the Greater Providence Area has met twice since the last RSC. We had administrative elections in October and subcommittee chair elections in November. All administrative positions were filled except for chair and alternate treasurer. Greater Providence's 8th NA convention will be held in February of 2016. A date has yet to be determined.

ILS NED L. and Jim D.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD- MVANA

Greeting from the Martha's Vineyard Area of NA, where we are now experiencing hunting and scallop seasons. We have met twice as an area since the last RSC. Our groups are settling into the winter, and while it seems like our membership has contracted a bit, the area remains spiritually strong. We are continuing to provide essential services and hope to do more in the near future.

ILS – Bill H

METRO WEST-Greetings New England Region, all is well in Metro West. We are ooperating under prudent reserve and all our bills are paid and we have no issues. ILS, Bob L.

NANTUCKET-

NEMA-

PIONEER VALLEY- Pioneer Valley Report to NERSC December 14, 2014

Greetings from the Pioneer Valley!

Thank you Central Mass for hosting us.

The Pioneer Valley is doing well operating slightly above prudent reserve and experienced, trusted servants have stepped up to fill the major empty spots on our board. The Trustee issue that had been overlooked is being dealt with. Several Groups that had become homeless have found permanent locations to meet and are in the process of rebuilding their groups.

The PR Committee is vibrant and active, just having completed a Flyer Hanging day where many Newcomers got a taste of service. They participated in an area High School Addiction Awareness presentation, and several ongoing projects. The H & I Committee still finds themselves with more commitments than they have available willing, available people to fill and is searching for volunteers.

In Loving Service,

Ada C.

RCM

SEMA- Good Morning,

The SEMA ASC has met twice since our last RSC. During our last GSU, our RD came down and performed a presentation on the RD/RDA position. The presentation was well received. We postponed asking the regional PR committee to come to our GSU till February to make time to review the fellowships input on Tradition One at our December GSU on December 21, 2014. Two groups that were previously in Free Spirit joined our Area in October. Our Outreach committee is still meeting via phonenumber on the first Monday of the month at 8 pm. The phone number is (559) 726-1300 Access Code 584799# and we now have Newcomer Orientations presentations in every district of SEMA. Our PR committee is finally being supported and has begun working on getting PSA's aired on local radio stations. We are looking forward to the PR training committee coming down in February! Our policy committee is review our current policy and updating the policy to reflect how we currently do business. We are currently operating above prudent reserve and have no open positions. Other than our Area convention next October, we have no upcoming events.

SOUTH SHORE-

WETERN MASS- H&I is going well. PI needs help desperately. Convention is being planned this coming year, however because there has not been a balance given from the last convention there was discrepancies from last area meeting. So in conclusion the policy was put on hold. All donations of money for the convention and region were put on hold until next month. I (Cathie L.) made a motion for a workshop for the tradition input, a few people are willing to help me put it on. I apologize on the behalf of Western Mass for the chaos at area that has caused a few problems and some things on hold which include donating any money to region. The new meeting lists are out and some new changes of locations and more meetings added.

ILS, Cathie L.

AREA CONCERNS/OPEN FORUM

Area concerned with their convention committee, it was voted by groups to have convention even with discovery of problems with vice chair. Stuff has happened there is a lack of rotation; rotation of service not being followed but no one new is stepping up...how important is it to have a convention?

Q: was a time frame voted on for the convention?

A: yes, every 2 years, nxt one will be no later than 2015

Fellowship development was created to use former RD/RDA for information, I feel like this is starting to happen in my area I am thinking about putting in a motion to create a fellowship development in my area.

This sounds like a good idea but do it with a direct purpose

Maybe a general service learning day through a fellowship development

Quorum Set: voting members -11 Simple majority-6 2/3-8

OLD BUSINESS

Finance member at large: OPEN

Finance Chair: OPEN

Activities: OPEN

RDA: member nominated Brenda, accepted nomination, qualified

Passed: unanimous

RMD: OPEN

NEW BUSINESS

Motion #1

Presented by: President of B.O.D.

To release the \$4,500.00 set aside for D&O insurance back into the general fund

Intent: to be fiscally responsible

In favor: passed unanimous

Motion # 2

Presented by: RD

To make a check in the amount of \$1,525.68 to fund the RD/RDA team to the Florida Service Symposium March 12-15th, 2015. From RD/RDA set aside

Air: \$661.00 Hotel: \$399.84 Per Diem: \$400.00 Ground: \$64.68

Does not include RDA mileage reimbursement

Intent: to allow the delegate team to fulfill the obligation of their position

In favor: passed unanimous

Motion # 3

Presented by: PR Subcommittee

The Public Relations Committee would like to make a money motion for \$50.00 to purchase 1,000.00 business cards to be used by all PR officers.

Intent: To further our mission to develop professional relationships with the public so that we will be easily accessible.

In favor: passed unanimous

