

Announcements

Next Regional Service Committee Meeting

**Subcommittees:** April 10th 12:00pm- 5:00pm

Bromley/ Heath's Bromley Hall

10 Lamartine Street

Jamaica Plain, Ma 02130

**RSC:** April 11th, 11:00AM - 5:00PM

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**Open Position:**

BOD/ Convention Committee Treasurer-

Convention Committee Chair-

**Open Position for Subcommittees:**

**Phone line:** Secretary, Update coordinator.

**Policy:** Vice Chair

**Public Information:** Secretary

**RMD-** None reported

**H&I:** None reported

**Convention Committee:** Fundraising and Entertainment, Assistant Secretary

**Website:** none reported- support is welcomed.

Regional Assembly will be held March 6<sup>th</sup> 11am to 4pm held at First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
900 Main Street Brockton MA 02301.

Free Spirit Area 10<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tournament is August 7<sup>th</sup> at Fenner Hill Golf Course. Prime Rib dinner, Golf , Cart and Prizes. Same price as last year \$110.00 Contact Don b (401) 741-2224.

Convention Committee- Any area willing to host a Convention Committee Fundraiser contact Dave A (401) 965-6536

John B, Chair opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the unity version of the serenity prayer and a collaborative reading of the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. Read 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Concept in full.

9 areas were represented: Areas in attendance: Boston, Cape Cod, Central MA, Free Spirit, Greater Providence, Metro West, Northeast MA, Southeast MA, and South Shore.

The minutes from December 14th were accepted.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Chair:** no report

**Vice Chair:** no report

**Secretary:** no report

**Opening Balance and Treasurer's report:** *Treasurer was absent- information provided by Assistant Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair.*

**Opening Balance \$ 0.00 – Prudent Reserve -**

### **Finance Committee Report:**

On Saturday, February 13, 2010 the Finance Committee met in Malden. Thank you for hosting us. Those in attendance were members-at-large, Rocco, James, Mike; Assistant Treasurer, Aaron; and the Chairperson, Sarah.

There will not be a Treasurer's Report today since our Treasurer notified us previously that he will be absent. Please direct any financial questions to any member of the Finance Committee.

*Yesterday, we discussed the status of our findings regarding insurance for the Region. I have been working with an insurance agent who has already provided me with a quote for Directors and Officers Insurance and we are in the process of finishing an application for the General Liability Insurance. We decided that we will look at other insurance agents as well. Mike and I are planning to meet in one week to follow-up on this issue.*

*In the process of looking at insurance, the agent found online what he and I thought was our organization. It was registered as a corporation but looking at it further with the Committee we realized that it was not the New England Regional Service Committee. It was actually The New England Regional Service Office of Narcotics Anonymous. It was established in 1986 and the last activity was in*

1991. James offered to contact the Secretary of State to dissolve this corporation since it is no longer in existence.

We reconciled the November and December bank statements. Lastly, we set a date in March to get together to review and compare the checkbook entries, bank statements and QuickBooks for the last year and an a half.

In Loving Service,  
Sarah O. and the Finance Committee

**Activities: not present**

**Convention Committee Report –**

we had our 6th meeting. we elected a merchandising chair. open positions are assistant secretary and fundraising and entertainment chair and treasury is also open and are elected at the regional meeting. since we have no fundraising and entertainment committee can rcms ask there areas if they would like to help us out with putting on a fundraiser. our next meeting is march 20th at noon at 2 crockett street warwick r.i. our closing balance is 6,623.50. contact numbers are dave a. 401 965 6536 and gary n. 774 406 1097 ils dave a.

**Hospitals & Institutions:**

We met February 13, 2010 with 14 addicts in attendance. 8 were voting members and 7 areas represented which were Central Mass, Northeast Mass, Cape Cod, Southeast Mass, South Shore, Metrowest and Free Spirit. We are covering 364 out of 367 commitments per month with 15 being open without panel leaders. We have heard and been in contact with more than half of the facilities getting the books. We have contacted them all and waiting for clarity about how to get the books to them. We are distributing the books to the ones we have heard from. We drafted an updated policy for the Regional Commitments we will be doing. Both Central Mass and Northeast mass will be asking for 250.00 from our budget to help with their learning days. We have been in contact with Bill Mulholm about getting an universal clearance form and feel like we are close, more will be revealed.

In loving service  
Dan H

**Policy:**

Hi family,

The policy subcommittee met on February 13<sup>th</sup> in Malden Ma. There were 7 addicts in attendance. The Free Spirit, Greater Providence, North East Mass and South Shore Areas were represented. The Regional Vice Chair was also in attendance.

We decided to research and discuss policy pertaining to abstentions and whether they affect quorum or not. We looked through our policy, the Guide To Local Service and Roberts Rules Of Order. We found that Abstentions are removed from Quorum during majority and 2/3 voting procedures. In an attempt to make things easier for future Regional Service committees we decided to write an addendum to our RSC guidelines and will present it in motion form to this body for possible approval.

Next we visited a few individual area policy concerns including some Outreach committee policy concerns and pooled our resources to give suggestions to other area policy concerns.

Next we discussed some concerns that the Regional delegate had about the Rd and RDA positions which he will bringing up at some point during today's RSC.

Finally we held elections for the open Policy vice chair position. There were no nominations or volunteers at this time so the position remains open. We closed with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Thanks to all that attended.

In loving service,  
Pat F.

**Website Committee:**

We are happy to announce that the new website is done and will be launched proceeding February's RSC. Thanks to all the hard work of the subcommittee in pulling this together. We are hoping to display the new website and give a brief presentation at this month's RSC.

Some key points to be aware of are. We currently own both [www.newenglandna.org](http://www.newenglandna.org) & [www.nerna.org](http://www.nerna.org). - newenglandna.org is going to expire Feb 15 2012 - nerna.org is going to expire Sep 14 2011. When we move we will be redirecting. So no matter which one you go to you will access the new site. Right now you can see the completed new site at [www.nerna.org](http://www.nerna.org)

As always the best way to update our regional meeting directory is to visit the site and do it here. This process has changed on the new site you will need to sign up for an authenticated users account and give detailed contact information in order to submit, changes or add events to the site. After doing so any changes will be submitted. This is a key point. Your changes will not be immediately visible on the site. You may need to be contacted for validating the changes and you will see the change within one week. And of course you will see the change in the next printing of the RMD which will be within two months.

You can also email any changes or submit any questions in general regarding our region at [info@newenglandna.org](mailto:info@newenglandna.org)

The new site is very user friendly and allows us easier management. You do not need to have any technical experience in order to manage this site or to be able to work on the website subcommittee. That being said we are always looking for support and welcome all to become a part of the process.

We are also happy to afford our convention committee their own dedicated page to be built and displayed at a later date.

Over the past two months there were 30 meeting list changes & about 15 informational emails responded to. Thank you for allowing us to serve.  
NERWSC

**RD:**

**NERD REPORT – FEBRUARY 2010 RSC**

Welcome and thank you to NEMA for hosting this RSC. Thanks to you all for allowing me to serve and for all of the service you all provide. For the first time in a few years, Andrew and I did not meet yesterday in preparation for today's meeting. We did, however, speak to each other by phone on Friday and yesterday and have been emailing each other regarding a number of items I will be reporting on today. I met in Malden, however and distributed the mail from Andrew and worked on my report for today. There is a lot of ground to cover as we head toward WSC 2010 and I hope to be concise, but also feel it is important to impart as much information as possible.

As discussed and moved at the December RSC, Andrew is attending the MidAtlantic Regional Learning Conference (MARLCNA). I know he left at 6:30 am on Friday (that's service) for the

drive down to Pennsylvania. He is not alone, however, as our own Kevin R took the trip with him. Together I am sure that our region is well represented at that event. I will be reporting on what we have done since the last RSC as well as what we will be doing prior to the April RSC.

While on the subject of MARLCNA and scheduling, I would like to bring up two related issues. While the New England Region has been sending the RD and RDA to various events in preparation for the WSC for a long time, MARLCNA has stood out as one of, if not the most significant event to attend prior to the WSC. The event has a long history, is very well established, and always provides WB and NAWS participation, and falls well before the conference (relatively) yet, always after not only the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) has been published, but also after the Conference Approval Track (CAT) material is released. This is significant because it allows us a little room to ask questions and raise any concerns or questions or report our support for any of the issues in the CAT and CAT.

The only drawback to attending MARLCNA has always been the date. It always falls on the second full weekend in February, which, as you are I'm sure aware, is also always the date of our RSC. A motion was brought a few years back to address this issue, but as I recall it was ruled out of order for being brought for consideration too early (8 or 10 months prior to MARLCNA). I would welcome any input or solutions to this issue. At the last MARLCNA, I know it was well after midnight on Saturday before I was able to ask the questions I had. It is, in my opinion, too much to ask for one person (traditionally the RDA) to effectively report on and input from our region at MARLCNA. As this is only an issue in conference years, I would recommend the next RD/RDA to bring a motion prior to WSC 2012 to consider changing the weekend of our February RSC to not conflict with MARLCNA (every other year).

This brings me to the second timing/scheduling issue, which is the time of the election of the RD/RDA. We have always held our elections in the NER in June, with all nominations and elections being held at the RSC (this with the exception of some of the Convention and Corporation positions which are scheduled around the 2 year regional convention cycle). Sadly, since 9/11 travel or more specifically the ability to travel freely with little advance planning, has become almost impossible (without significant financial penalties) for everyday citizens, including those of us in service. The reason this is even relevant is because of the NEZF, which often meets very shortly after our (NER) June RSC meeting. Because of the size of the Northeast Zonal Forum, it is often impractical to drive to say, Ohio or Pennsylvania, which happens to be the location of the next NEZF. This year it (the NEZF) falls on the weekend after our RSC (June 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>). I spoke with the RDA, the former RD, and to the policy committee at length yesterday, and I will be bringing a motion today to consider moving the date of the election of the RD and RDA from June to April. This will allow for the RD and RDA to make travel

plans sufficiently ahead of time. I believe the term of those positions should still need to begin and end in June, however.

We attended the NorthEast Zonal Forum in Queens at the LaGuardia Marriot (again). As usual the NEZF held a Friday Night orientation/agenda tweaking session at which we agreed to give our (new) regional reports on Saturday morning and then to turn over the rest of the time to Mary B and Mark H from the World Board who were in attendance to present the CAR material, along with what information about the CAT they were able to offer. The Conference Approval Track (CAT) came out the after the NEZF and I will briefly report on it after this. Mary and Mark took turns presenting their experience with the motions and other issues in the CAR, with a historical perspective and sometimes a developmental overview of what we were seeing. They used a PowerPoint Presentation that Andrew and I hope to use for the Regional Assembly in a few weeks.

While the World Board presentation of the CAR and CAT material was insightful and I could spend a long time presenting what we learned about the upcoming conference, I will save most of that information for the Regional Assembly so as not to be redundant or take up too much of your time here today. I have included the WSC 2010 Summary Sheet here:

# WSC 2010 Summary Sheet: Motions and Other Issues to Be Discussed

## World Board Motions

Motion 1: To approve "A Vision for NA Service" stated below to replace the existing "NA World Services Vision Statement."

*Maker: World Board, page 13*

Motion 2: To approve the draft contained in Addendum A, *Money Matters: Self-Support in NA*, to replace the existing IPs #24 "Hey! What's the Basket For?" and #25 *Self-Support: Principle & Practice*.

*Maker: World Board, page 24*

Motion 3: To approve the draft contained in Addendum C, *Funding NA Services*, as a Conference Approved pamphlet.

*Maker: World Board, page 24*

Motion 4: To approve the revisions to *In Times of Illness* contained in Addendum C.

*Maker: World Board, page 25*

## Regional Motions

Motion 5: Direct NAWS to produce and add to inventory a purple decades clean and granite decade clean key tag in English only.

*Maker: Show Me Region, page 36*

Motion 6: To add purple key tags for multiple decades of clean time to the NAWS inventory

*Maker: New Jersey Region, page 37*

Motion 7: To add a Spanish (Castilian) Line Numbered Large Print Basic Text, in the current edition, to NAWS inventory.

*Maker: Southern California Region, page 38*

Motion 8: The World Board is directed to develop a project plan for presentation to WSC 2012 for a Traditions Working Guide.

*Maker: California Mid-State Region, page 39*

Motion 9: To direct the World Board to develop a project plan, for presentation to WSC 2012, to revise *Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts* by replacing the thirteen quotes (and meditation passages if necessary) that were taken from the Fifth Edition Basic Text and Youth and Recovery with current fellowship approved NA literature.

*Maker: The Iowa Region, page 39*

Motion 10: The World Board will post on the NAWS Website the motions that pertain to the Conference Approval Track at the same time the Conference Approval Track is sent out to Conference Participants.

*Maker: South Florida Region, page 40*

Motion 11: The World Board will post on na.org all recovery literature workgroup meeting records in English within 30 days of any workgroup meeting. The World Board will also link these postings to any project resources: such as the projects discussion board, or similar resource. This post will include the project's timeline and a schedule of workgroup meetings. The WB will also post their

meeting schedule & have the discretion to post an overview of the literature development process or any other additional information.

*Maker: Greater New York Region, page 42*

**Motion 12:** To add language to the end of the Approval Process for Recovery Material section of GWSNA, page 36, that says, "No more than two informational pamphlets or one booklet or one book-length piece will be out for Fellowship review and input at the same time."

*Maker: FreeState Region, page 43*

**Motion 13:** To add language to the end of the Approval Process for Recovery Material section of GWSNA, page 36, that says, "Review and Input periods will be at least six months for informational pamphlets and booklets and at least one year for book-length pieces of literature."

*Maker: FreeState Region, page 45*

**Motion 14:** To require a 180-day review and input period for Fellowship Approved, Conference Approved, or World Board Approved material.

*Maker: New Jersey Region, page 46*

### Other Issues that Will Be Discussed at WSC 2010

Those of you who read and discuss the CAR every two years will remember that the past several CARs have contained discussion questions, usually about the Issue Discussion Topics. This year, we don't have any particular questions to ask about the IDTs, but we are trying something new here on this summary page in briefly mentioning some of the other issues that we know will be discussed at the conference. We encourage you to read the related essays in this CAR.

#### ***Service System (page 8)***

At WSC 2010, we will be discussing options for improved service delivery throughout all components of our service system: structure, process, people, and resources. We want to forward these discussions through the 2010–2012 cycle. We encourage everyone to read the essay on page 8 to gain all of the background information and share your ideas with your delegate so that we can have fruitful discussions at the conference and beyond.

#### ***NAWS Resources (page 17)***

We have all been affected by the economic downturn, some of us more directly than others. In this CAR we discuss NAWS resources, and the *Annual Report* provides more detailed information. We are continuing to seek ways to cut costs at world services while reducing the impact on service delivery as much as possible. One of the items we will discuss with conference participants is *The NA Way Magazine*. We understand there is some benefit from this magazine to our members and to NAWS, yet we are aware of the waste that comes from automatic distribution of paper copies to all registered NA groups. We would like to discuss possible solutions with conference participants and to try changes in distribution before making any changes to policy. Please read the essay on page 17 and help your delegate come ready to discuss our NA Way distribution practices.

#### ***Literature Development (page 28)***

Several of the regional motions in this CAR focus on some aspect of the literature development process. We hope to have a more holistic discussion at the conference about the literature development process, including how to more effectively involve interested members. How realistic is our current review and input process with our worldwide membership, and does this process positively affect our literature? Does a lengthy approval process make sense when approval is simply a "yes" or "no" for a completed work? What literature processes would serve us best today and in the future? We look forward to discussing all of these issues at the conference. Please read the essay on page 28 and share your thoughts with your delegate.

Regarding the WB presentation of the CAR material, I found a few things of particular interest. The sense I get of the Service System workgroup is that it will be a huge endeavor, with the potential for sweeping changes being proposed in regards to how our local services are structured and delivered. Looking at NA Service from a systemic, rather than a structural perspective does seem to offer a much-needed break from how we have been trying to progress for so long. Questions of representation in NA



will necessarily, I believe, figure prominently in this work – not just Regional representation, but what it means to all of us. There is, as of right now, very little opportunity to input or influence the direction of this (Service System) workgroup. From my perspective this is not a new phenomenon, but an ongoing problem for NAWS generally, and has come to light more specifically in our current Issue Discussion Topics, which in large part direct the course of the conference cycle. It ends up looking, to me, as if there is no transparency in our World Service efforts and we certainly have enough of a culture of resistance to change built-in, without this appearance.

We spent some time discussing the huge financial losses incurred at the last two WCNA (San Antonio and Barcelona). The number given for Barcelona was -\$211,000. The WB members are planning changes in convention planning. They don't look at Barcelona as that big of a loss (although low turnout and other economic factors due to the worldwide financial meltdown did impact WCNA). WCNA's, at least when they have been outside the US, typically have lost some money and Barcelona was actually expected to be a loss financially, but the WB sees WCNA as an investment in fellowship development - the money lost rather as PR money spent. The number they gave below what they actually expected to spend in Spain as \$54,000. There was a huge problem with merchandise that was unanticipated – local vendors couldn't fill the orders, and which accounted for some losses. This will, I'm sure, be much discussed at WSC 2010. We also discussed the literature projects in the CAR – specifically the revision to *In Times of Illness, Self Support, and Keeping it and Giving it away*. This brought up literature development and production issues that will also share some focus at WSC 2010. Perhaps looking at literature, as a system and not a series of projects will be addressed as well.

The Conference Approval Track (CAT) was briefly discussed and we have since received a copy in the mail and it has been posted online at NA.org. Briefly, it includes: new business motions, WSC (Regional) Seating Report, the 2010 – 2012 Strategic Plan, Project plans for the next conference cycle, and the Budget. Of interest: new business motions from the CAT will now be listed on-line. This is, at least in part, in response to a regional motion in the CAR. Also the WB is recommending seating Denmark and Lithuania, but recommend a 'not yet' to Malta. Also there is a motion to continue the moratorium on seating regions resulting from a split. The idea here is to postpone the growth of the WSC, until we have a plan for that growth. There is also a motion to change the requirement of NAWS to automatically distribute the NA Way magazine, which is costing the fellowship a lot of money and is one of several proposed and implemented cost-saving plans. Also included and of importance are the revised Basic H&I Guide and the new PR Basics. (Read cover letter and include in report, also attach if available)

The strategic plan and proposed project plans for the next conference cycle are included and weighted. I have cut and pasted the CAT motions here, but they are also available at na.org under – services for

members, WSC 2010. I will go through them quickly now, but again, these will be presented at the Regional Assembly on March 6.

### **World Board Motions for Material in the Conference Approval Track**

**Motion:**

To approve the Fellowship Issue Discussions project plan for inclusion in the 2010–2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

**Motion:**

To approve the Public Relations project plan for inclusion in the 2010–2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

**Motion:**

To reaffirm the Service System project plan for inclusion in the 2010–2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

**Motion:**

To reaffirm the "Living Clean – the Journey Continues" project plan for inclusion in the 2010–2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

**Motion:**

To approve the Leadership Orientation Material project plan for inclusion in the 2010–2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

**Motion:**

To approve the Service Material project plan for inclusion in the 2010–2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

**Motion:**

To adopt the 2010–2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget

**Motion:**

To recognize Denmark as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2010.

**Motion:**

To recognize Lithuania as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2010.

**Motion:**

To revise the conditions of the moratorium adopted at WSC 2008 as follows:

To place a moratorium on the current *Criteria for Recognition of New Conference Participants from A Guide to World Services in NA* until WSC 2012. ~~The World Board would continue to make recommendations to the conference in 2010 and 2012 concerning regions that did not result from a division of a conference-seated community. No regions will be considered for seating at WSC 2012.~~

Intent: To allow the conference time to discuss WSC seating and the attendant policies without the added consideration of new regions requesting seating for this one conference only.

**Motion:**

To remove the following language about *The NA Way Magazine*, indicated by strike-through, from page 18 of the 2008 *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

~~The World Service Office publishes *The NA Way Magazine*: our fellowship's international journal. The magazine provides both a forum for sharing about NA recovery, unity, and service, as well as information about world services. Produced in English, *The NA Way* is translated into the primary languages spoken in Narcotics Anonymous. The magazine is distributed four (4) times a year, at no cost to subscribers, to every trusted servant and NA group contact address in the WSO database, as well as any member who asks to be included in that mailing list. The magazine is edited by WSO staff and an editorial board appointed by the World Board.~~

Intent: To allow the World Board the time and flexibility to experiment with changes to the automatic distribution of *The NA Way Magazine*.

**Motion:**

To change the following language for the Local Support Committee of WCNA, indicated by underline and strike-through, from page 39 of the 2008 *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

**WCNA Workgroup Local Support Committee****Purpose**

Although the World Board has the responsibility for the world convention, the WCNA Workgroup local support committee plays an important role in its success. The purpose of the WCNA Workgroup support committee is to support the World Board World Services in specific areas of planning and implementation by providing input, volunteers, and assistance.

**Composition**

~~The support committee consists of up to 15 members based on the needs of the specific event. This includes an administrative committee that consists of two persons serving as Co-chairs and one person serving as Secretary/Treasurer. The number of additional members needed for the support committee will be provided for each event.~~

~~The clean time requirement for all support committee positions is five years. These positions are all elected by the local region on behalf of the World Board. Once elected, they are accountable to the World Board and responsible to provide reporting to the region.~~

~~The types of tasks assigned to the support committee vary from convention to convention. Generally, the administrative committee is responsible for communicating with world services, the region, and the rest of the support committee; disbursing funds when necessary; and keeping a record of the activities and meetings of the support committee. Volunteer recruitment, training, and scheduling is one of the most important and time consuming jobs in the planning and success of a world convention.~~

~~The direction and focus is set by world services. The World Board will provide each WCNA Workgroup support committee with a list of its responsibilities.~~

Intent: To make the language describing this workgroup better reflect the current practices of NAWs.

We will be facilitating a Regional Assembly on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 4pm at 900 Main Street in Brockton at the Lutheran Church, which has been the location of the RSC a few times. The Regional Assembly is held after the CAR and CAT come out, but prior to the WSC. As your RD/RDA team, we will be facilitating this event. It is essentially a CAR workshop. This event is held specifically for GSR's and members of groups in the New England region. The opportunity for every NA group to have a voice in the direction of the fellowship for the next conference cycle and beyond is represented by the CAR (Conference Agenda Report). We hope to introduce the motions and discussion topics from the CAR and the CAT, as well as any and all topics of interest or concern to the groups in our region. We are hoping to provide food at this event, and we are actively seeking help in promoting and executing it.

We have some flyers available today and the event has been posted on the regional website for two months. Thank you for helping us spread the word about this important event and to encourage the groups and members within your areas to attend. We look forward to seeing you there and better understanding the conscience of the New England Region – our conscience.

Thanks for allowing me to serve. Bill H– NERD

**RDA: Not present**

**Public Information:**

Greetings New England Region, and thanks to the North East Mass Area for hosting our February meetings.

We started off our subcommittee session with 4 addicts in attendance, including PI Chairs from NEMA & Free Spirit, an interested NA member, & myself (NER PI Chair).

By the end of our meeting we were joined by another 4 addicts including the CMA PI Chair/NER PI Vice Chair, our RMD Chair, another interested member & our Web Chair.

Business as usual as we went through readings of our 12 Traditions and Concepts 1 & 2 to kick things off.

**Events/Presentations:**

There were no events to speak of since we met in December, and there are a few noteworthy PI endeavors forthcoming:

March 5th & 6th is the event at the Boston Park Plaza

April 11th is a high school presentation in Middleborough

July is the 2010 AMHCA Conference

...there will be some related money motions submitted today.

**Area Reports:**

NEMA is recruiting, and is struggling to find support.

Free Spirit is having a co-area (with Gr. Providence) H&I/PI Learning Day event on 5/15/10 from 12-4 in Warwick, RI.

Central Mass is also having an H&I/PI Learning Day event on 3/20/10 in Leominster, MA.

SEMA reported via proxy that all is well and their placards are riding the roads of Fall River & New Bedford on public busses.

**RMDs:**

Regarding our efforts to revise the current Regional Meeting Directory format in order to include more space, information, & larger font we have gathered quotes from 2 printers on 6 concepts:

The following are all from Belmont Printers (our current contractor) and based on 8,000 units per order: for 4"x6" booklets: 16 page - \$1300-1600.00 20 pages - \$1600.00 or approximately \$.22 each

For an added panel: \$695.00 (current design is \$674.00) or approximately \$.10 each

and from Fenway Printers, the following are all 4"x6" booklets with a sturdy page stock and a glossy cover stock, graphics included, based on 1,000 units per order:

1 color (black on white) \$797.13 or approximately \$.80 each

1 color (basic text blue on white) \$848.79 or approximately \$.85 each

3 color (w/blends) \$1,870.37 or approximately \$1.80 each

\*the Fenway quotes already represent a 20% discount on price and they are very open to negotiating greater discounts for larger orders & even more so for contracts

(such as agreeing to X amount of years of service at locked in rates).

As is clear, Belmont offers far better rates than their would be competitors, and they are also the contractor we have used for a number of years now.

I had also reached out to the Central Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous Massachusetts to garnish information on who prints their directories, but as of today have received no response to my inquiry. Should this body choose to direct us to move forward with this endeavor in light of the fiscal impact, our next step would be to choose a style (extra panel vs. booklet) & format the data to fit.

Such data, based on the wishes expressed by this body, will include a larger font, more room for members numbers, subcategorizing days into Areas, the inclusion of relevant websites & helpline numbers, and potentially some brief NA Literatures such as Just For Today or We Do Recover (short-form) readings, or perhaps our 12 Steps/Traditions.

Following that, we would aim to have a revised New England Regional Meeting Directory available for distribution at the June RSC Meeting.

NER PI still has an open Secretary position, and will next convene on April 10th in the Boston Area, specific location TBD, at noon.

In loving service, Jaime V.

**Phone Line:** No report sent.

**RMD Treasurer Report-**

**Regional Meeting Directories Committee  
Of the**

**New England Regional Public Information Subcommittee**

**February 13, 2010**

	<b>Inventory</b>	<b>Sales</b>	
Beginning Inventory	400		
Plus December Printing	8,000		
<b>Total RMDs Available for Sale</b>	<b>8,400</b>		
Total Sales to Areas & Groups	(5,100)		\$ 510.00
Sales to Regional Committees	(50)		\$ 5.00
Sales to Outside Vendors	(200)		\$ 20.00
<b>Total Sales This Period</b>	<b>(5,350)</b>		<b>\$ 535.00</b>
Sales Taxes Collected			\$ 29.42
Shipping And Handling			\$ 11.00
<b>Deposit Total</b>			<b>\$ 575.42</b>
Less Printing Expense			\$ 0.00
Less Sales Tax Collected			\$ -29.42
Less Postage Expense			\$ -7.50
Less Supplies Expense			\$ 0
<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>\$ -36.92</b>
<b>Total Net Profit (Loss) this period</b>			<b>\$ 538.50</b>
<b>Remaining Inventory</b>	<b>3,050</b>		

- December's remaining inventory is available today.
- Updates for the next printing should be submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- To make updates to a meeting, add a meeting, or remove a meeting from the Regional Meeting Directory go to the regional web site and click on "Meeting" under the word "Updates" on the left side of the Home Page.
- To verify the latest info available, check your meeting info on the web site as that is the first place updates and new meetings appear. All updated info on the web site will appear in the next printing.
- I am submitting a request for Customary Expense of \$675 for the next (March) printing of 8,000 RMDs
- I am also submitting a Customary Reimbursement Form for postage for a total of \$7.50.

We sell meeting directories in quantities of 50. The costs for different quantities are listed in the table below.

RMD's	COST	TAX	TOTAL	RMD's	COST	TAX	TOTAL
50	\$5.00	\$0.32	\$ 5.32	550	\$55.00	\$3.44	\$ 58.44
100	\$10.00	\$0.63	\$10.63	600	\$60.00	\$3.75	\$ 63.75
150	\$15.00	\$0.94	\$15.94	650	\$65.00	\$4.07	\$ 69.07
200	\$20.00	\$1.25	\$21.25	700	\$70.00	\$4.38	\$ 74.38
250	\$25.00	\$1.57	\$26.57	750	\$75.00	\$4.69	\$ 79.69
300	\$30.00	\$1.88	\$31.88	800	\$80.00	\$5.00	\$ 85.00
350	\$35.00	\$2.19	\$37.19	850	\$85.00	\$5.32	\$ 90.32
400	\$40.00	\$2.50	\$42.50	900	\$90.00	\$5.63	\$ 95.63
450	\$45.00	\$2.82	\$47.82	950	\$95.00	\$5.94	\$ 100.94
500	\$50.00	\$3.13	\$53.13	1000	\$100.00	\$6.25	\$ 106.25

**Committee Members:**

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Printing Coordinator.....	David	617-484-8198
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**BOD / Convention Corporation:** Report was not handed in.

**NERSC Service Slam T-shirt Sales Update-** No report

**Regional inventory ad hoc:**

Hi family,  
 I have not received any additional inventory sheets in the last 2 months. I am waiting for the inventory sheet from the storage unit. A separate ad-hoc was created to take care of this task.

In loving service

Pat F.

**Environmental Responsibility Ad hoc:** no report at this time

**NERSC physical inventory:-** No report

## **Area Reports**

### **Boston:**

Greetings New England Region,

The Boston Area Service Committee met twice since my last report to this body. Filling open trusted servant positions has progressed very nicely with only a regional phone line rep (RPR) and an alternate RPR position vacant. We welcome new Chair Will D., new Secretary Jeane I., new Asst. Treasurer Debra M-C., new Policy Chair Janice J, new Activities Chair Ron H., and new BACNA 15 chair Greg D.

Boston Area Convention of Narcotics Anonymous BACNA 14 was held January 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Framingham Sheraton Hotel. Preliminary reports indicate it was a success, financially, and a final accounting will be announced at the end of February ASC meeting. The area finances are still a challenge but the situation is steadily improving, and while the area is operating far below prudent reserve -- it is slowly growing.

Total attendance at our Area Service Committee Meeting continues to be up over the last two meetings. A new meeting has opened in Charlestown as well as a shuttered meeting come back bringing the total number of groups to 48. 18 GSR's attended (38%) the last area meeting. Group and Addict concerns varied from "How to train group trusted servants?" to "Should Sub-Committees meet the same day as the ASC to encourage attendance?"

Hospitals and Institutions Sub-Committee is struggling to get panel leaders to attend the sub-committee meeting which meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 82 Green Street in Jamaica Plain. Public Information Sub-Committee is still getting organized, but is looking to soon announce a poster hanging day in the spring.

Boston Area is submitting a bid to host the Regional Service Committee meeting in April, 2010 a flyer is available should this body vote to accept our bid.

In Loving Service,

James P.

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### **Greater Providence Area:**

Greetings from the Greater Providence Area,

Our Area has met twice since our last Regional Weekend. Of the 41 Groups currently listed in our Area, 16 were represented at each of our Area Service Meetings.

The Greater Providence Area is facing an on-going challenge to find qualified Group members willing to fill a variety of our Area positions. Current positions that need to be filled are: Literature Chair; H&I Chair; Alternate RCM; Policy subcommittee members; Phone Line subcommittee members; Public Information subcommittee members; Web Coordinator; BOD member. The Convention Committee needs a Secretary; Treasurer; and people to fill positions in the areas of: Arts & Graphics; Merchandising; and Information. If anyone has any inventive ideas on how to recruit trusted servants to fill these positions, please share your ideas with us in the Greater Providence Area.

On a brighter note, our Finance Chair and Treasurer have worked diligently together to balance our books. I'm happy to report that for the first time in recent memory the GPA's checkbook, edger, and Treasurer's Report all agree.

Our Area's Groups have been informed of the process of what is needed for them to participate in this cycle of the Conference Agenda Report. Many have expressed a desire to do so and are planning to attend the upcoming Regional Assembly in Brockton on March 6<sup>th</sup>. More will be revealed.

ILS,  
Brian C.

**Martha's Vineyard:** Not present sent report

Meetings are well attended.

All meeting chair positions are currently filled.

Our Monday night meeting 90/90 along with our Friday night THGF have had rent increases...we are in talks of coming to a reasonable compromise with both Locations, if we can't come to a happy agreement then our next step is to look for another location. We are hoping for the best, we like where we currently are.

We had a great turn out for our New Years Eve party and it was the first event put on by our actives committee.

Our area took in \$300 in donations for the month of Dec. and after the new years Party budget, rents paid, and transportation for the MCAC (RCM) we put out \$315

The H&I committee worked with the Cape Cod area on Sun. Jan. 4th, 2010, and when to an extension of Gosnold treatment center (Plymouth,MA) 4 addicts from the MV area shared, and we are looking forward to doing our part To help carry the message in any way we can.

The H&I committee is also in talks with Maratha's vineyard community corrections to do a commitment on Wednesday(s) night, this would be a male only commitment

The P&I committee has been contacted to by the hospital to due a pretension.

Starting the process of Planning the 2010 MVNA Convention...trying to secure our meeting location (oak bluffs school), we have secured our lodging accommodations at The Wesley, they like us and welcome the business. NO OFFICIAL DATE SET, but aiming for 5/7-5/9...more will be revealed...

Thank you, and my apologizes for not reading my report in person...Feeling very under the weather.

Love to all of you in Service and Love to Narcotics Anonymous...

Jamie C.

**Nantucket:** Not present

**Cape Cod Area:**

There are currently 26 meetings on Cape Cod Area. January's ASC had 14 GSR's present, this is a major increase from our general average of around 9. All GSR's report that the meetings are going well,



there are some meetings reporting decreased attendance and a need for support. An adhoc committee was appointed in January with the objectives of “providing a reoccurring series of workshops to foster an atmosphere of enhanced synergy and cohesiveness among members and groups”. February ASC was postponed until 2/17/10 because the CCCC campus where we meet was closed due to incimate weather.

Activities committee is currently meeting once a month. The New Years Event was fairly well attended and made a profit of \$410.41. Cape Cod Area Activities Subcommittee hosted a Valentines Day Bowlorama event on Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> in Falmouth, attendance was good.

H&I meets once a month and currently holds 24 commitments, all are filled. We have voted to begin stamping the I.P.'s we give out at commitments with “Narcotics Anonymous Helpline (866) NA HELP U (866) 624-3578 Cape Cod Area H&I”.

Martha’s Vineyard has expressed interest in coming on some cape cod commitments and some effort has been made to coordinate this. We have also been discussing holding a learning day within the next few months in the midcape area.

PI committee has been meeting bimonthly. They plan to hold another flyer hanging day and are exploring the possibility of creating a website.

In Loving Service,

Brittany C.

### **Metro-West:**

Greeting New England I would like to thank NEMA for hosting this meeting. All is well in Metro West, we have two event coming up on February 27th at Mt, Saint Johns Church in Watertown we will be having a speaker jam from 1 to 4 pot luck meals will served donations are welcome. There will also be the second annual freedom walk through freedom trial in downtown Boston followed by a meeting in the Boston Common. H&I is having some difficulty filling some commitments this has been an on going struggle in which the committee is working on resolving. The Area did fill one of its open positions vice chair Angelo S. step up leaving only assistant secretary position open hopefully this position can be filled at our next Area meeting. In loving Service BOB L.

### **Central Mass: No report handed in.**

### **South Shore:**

The SSA has met twice since the last RSC Jan 10th and Feb 7th 2010 with about half the groups in the area in attendance. We have donations in the amounts of 373.78 for Jan and 882.77 for Feb. Also we have donations from Sept for 241.15 and Oct for 67.65. Reason being for the late donations is at the time of the Oct RSC the SSA was not represented due to an illness in the family of the RCM and we did not have an Alt RCM at the time and the donations were forgotten to be handed over in Dec. Also I have handed over receipts for hosting the Dec Region to the treasure. The receipts are for the lunches on Saturday and Sunday. The church was paid by the RSC following the mtg on Sunday. All executive positions are filled in the SSA along with all Sub-Comm chair positions. The CAR Report has been

distributed to all groups in the area that wished to have one per order of SSA policy and some groups in the area have started to look at it and have started to work on it.

The H&I Sub-Comm in the SSA is still struggling with getting members i the area to step up to be cleared for correctional facilities.

The SSA 25th Anniversary Ad-Hoc Comm will be putting on a fundraiser on Feb 27th called Building Memories. This event will have have a round robin mtg from 7-8pm followed by a dance at 8:30pm. Suggested donation of \$5. There will be refreshments and snacks on sale at the event also with a silent auction. They also will be taking pictures with the original SSA logo in the background. More info can be viewed on the regional website.

ILS, Brian RCM and John Alt RCM

**Free Spirit:**

**Southeastern Mass:** No report handed in.

**Northeast Mass:** No report handed in.

**Area Concerns:**

*Discussed subcommittee policy's and who reviews the policy's and why.*

**Open Forum:**

**SET QUORUM- 8- sm 5- 2/3 6**

**OLD Business:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion: Bill- to operate under prudent reserve.  
Passed- 8-0-0**

**Elections:**

**Assistant Secretary – Brittany (Cape Cod Area). Congratulations.**

## MOTIONS:

### Money Motions:

Motion 1 Submitted by Dan H (H&I) seconded Chip

Central Mass Area H&I requesting funds form H&I budget to help fund an H&I Learning Day. \$150.00 for hall and \$100.00 food, soda = Total \$250.00

Intent: To fulfill our primary purpose.

In Favor-3 Opposed 4 Abstained 1

***This motion did not pass***

Motion 2 Submitted by Reggie G seconded by Chip

NEMA H&I subcommittee request \$250.00 to help fund an H&I learning day.

\$150.00 Hall Rental, \$50.00 Flyers, \$50.00 Incidental expenses

Intent: To fulfill our primary purpose and adhere to our guidelines

***This motion is out of order maker not a member of body***

Motion 3 Submitted by Public Information

\$523000 to replenish literature stock for several upcoming PI events in March, April and July.

Intent: To have NA literature on hand at upcoming PI events

In Favor 8 opposed 0 abstained 0

***This motion passed***

Motion 4 Submitted by Public Information

\$50.00 to purchase 500RMDs for the Park Plaza event in March

\$200.00 to purchase 200 RMDs for the Middleborough HS event in April

Total \$70.00 for 700 RMD's

Intent: To have Regional Meeting Directories on hand at these 2 events

In Favor 8 opposed 0 abstained 0

***This motion passed***

Motion 5 Submitted by RD- Bill

For \$495.00 to hold a Regional Assembly. Funds include money for food, rent for the facility and materials for one event.

Intent: To present information about the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) and Conference Approval Track (CAT) to the groups and members of the NER.

In Favor 8 Opposed 0 abstained 0

***This motion passed***

Motion 6 Submitted by James P, RCM Seconded Brittany C RCM

To pay \$171.31 loan (rd/rds) off ( to go below prudent reserve)

Intent; To be fully self supporting

In Favor 7 Opposed 1 Abstained 0

***This motion passed***

Motion 7 Submitted by Public Information

To hold (set aside) \$390.00 (195.00 x2) for an upcoming PI event in July 2010 with in the Boston Area  
More will be revealed

Intent: To be prepared in April to register for the AMHCA Conference

***This motion is tabled to April***

## **General Motions:**

### Motion 1 Submitted by Policy

To add to article X section 3 a subsection of C stating: in the event that there are abstentions during a vote 1. The chairperson or acting chairperson will direct the NERSC to reopen discussion for more clarification. 2. A revote will be taken and abstentions will be removed from the quorum. 3. This change of Quorum only affects motion in question not overall business for the day.

Intent: To clarify voting procedures so that business can be conducted in an informative and timely manner.

In Favor 7 Opposed 0 Abstained 1

***Motion passed***

### Motion 2 Submitted by Bill Seconded by Jamie V

To amend the current Regional Service Committee Meeting schedule to have us convene on the 3<sup>rd</sup> full weekend of February during even-numbered World Service Conference years only.

Intent: To avoid scheduling conflicts with MARLCNA and thereby allow full RD/RDA participation at said event, as well as enable other interested members from our Region to go.

In Favor 6 Opposed 1 Abstained 1

***Motion passed***

### Motion 3 Submitted by RD- Bill

To change the date of the election but not the term of service for the Regional Delegate and Regional Delegate Alternate from June to April.

Intent: To better allow the RD/ RDA to make travel arrangements especially to the NEZF.

In Favor 3 Opposed 4 Abstained 1

***Motion failed***

### Motion 4 Submitted by Policy

To change Article XI, Section 3, Subsection B which reads “ The secretary will correct spelling and grammatical structure without changing conceptual content to the best of their ability”

To “The secretary will correct spelling and grammatical structure as well as removing any members personal info (ie, last names, phone numbers ect) without changing the conceptual content to the best of their ability.

Intent: So minutes posted on website would not violate traditions

***Motion Referred back to Policy***

### Motion 5 Submitted by James P seconded by Brittany C

To insure the NERSC A/V equipment : projector , laptops \* insurance to include damage/theft

Intent: To be responsible for our assets.

***Motion referred to Finance***

### Motion 6 Submitted by Website

To move the website pending finalizations, prior to next monthly billing cycle.

Intent: To not have to manage two sites.

In Favor 8 Opposed 0 Abstained 0

***Motion passes***

### Motion 7 submitted by James P RCM seconded by Chip K RCM

To host the April 2010 RSC in the Boston Area

Intent: To participate as a member area in our responsibility as a region.

Motion passes by NERCS chair no other proposals.

In Loving Service,  
Delia F