

ALL SUB COMMITTEE'S NEED BUDGET FOR APRIL RSC

The RSC met on Sunday March 1, 2015 in Coventry RI at the
Coventry Community Center 1277 Main St. Coventry RI 02816

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 1 and 2 in their entirety.

December's RSC minutes accepted

REPORTS

CHAIR-

VICE CHAIR-

SECRETARY

TREASURER-

Opening balance \$0
\$2,000.00 legal set aside
\$2,416.00 Insurance
\$500.00 travel
\$125.00 web maintenance
\$1906.30 RD/RDA

FINANCE REPORT-

CONVENTION COMMITTEE- Hello everybody our Convention committee has responded very well to this challenge. Its 5 days till game time. We have 395 rooms sold; we needed to sell 368 to fulfill our hotel contract. We set up the squares for the phones to accept credit card sales. We have 146 registrations sold, 85 banquet sold; we only purchased 150 banquet meals which leaves only 65 left. We paid our registration bill yesterday which was \$2,886.72. Our closing balance is \$10,326.16. Please announce that the NERC 17 convention chair is up for election at April Region. Our entertainment for Friday is karaoke and a dance. Saturday is a comedy show and a dance. We had \$754.00 in new comer donations. Sunday brunch tickets sold are 59 which leaves only 41 left. We have t-shirts, hoodies, sweatpants, mugs, and yoga pants for sale.

ILS, Dave A.

FELLOWSHIP DEVL.

H&I-

INSURANCE- Vice Chair

I will be filling in as interim chair of insurance. Our past chair, Bob L., stepped down in January effective immediately. He has been a tremendous help guiding me as what needs to be done. Paperwork for the upcoming insurance renewal has been sent in. The position for insurance chair is open, so please show up to the next regional meeting if you are interested in serving our areas. If any groups need insurance binders, I can be reached through the regional insurance email address.

ILS,

Joe V.

***Insurance company will only give binders for meetings that are currently listed on the Regional meeting list!!!**

LITERATURE-

POLICY-

PR/PHONELINE-

RMD-

WEBSITE- Website Committee Report February 2015

The website has been fully restored and is completely operational. The bulk of the restoration was completed within a week. Other items were restored from the database in the ensuing weeks after the hack was discovered (first week of December). The new method for creating user accounts seems to be working (email requests). There are some glitches here and there which we seem to be working out along the way with passwords or user permissions.

The Vendor installed a new security application firewall which is in front of the Apache web server. They report that this has been working well and is mitigating in the neighborhood of 300 attacks a day (script generated). Backups are also being done on a nightly basis and pushed to Amazon cloud storage where it is retained for 30 days.

The committee is looking for a vendor to replace Saintly Solutions (SS) to provide services. SS is no longer interested in providing this service. Currently we are discussing what our needs may or may not be beyond web hosting. Our Maintenance contract expires in June. The Web hosting expires in December.

There are difficulties with the meeting list export from the database to NAWS. This has been looked at and is a work in progress. Jay and Mike are working on fixing the export file.

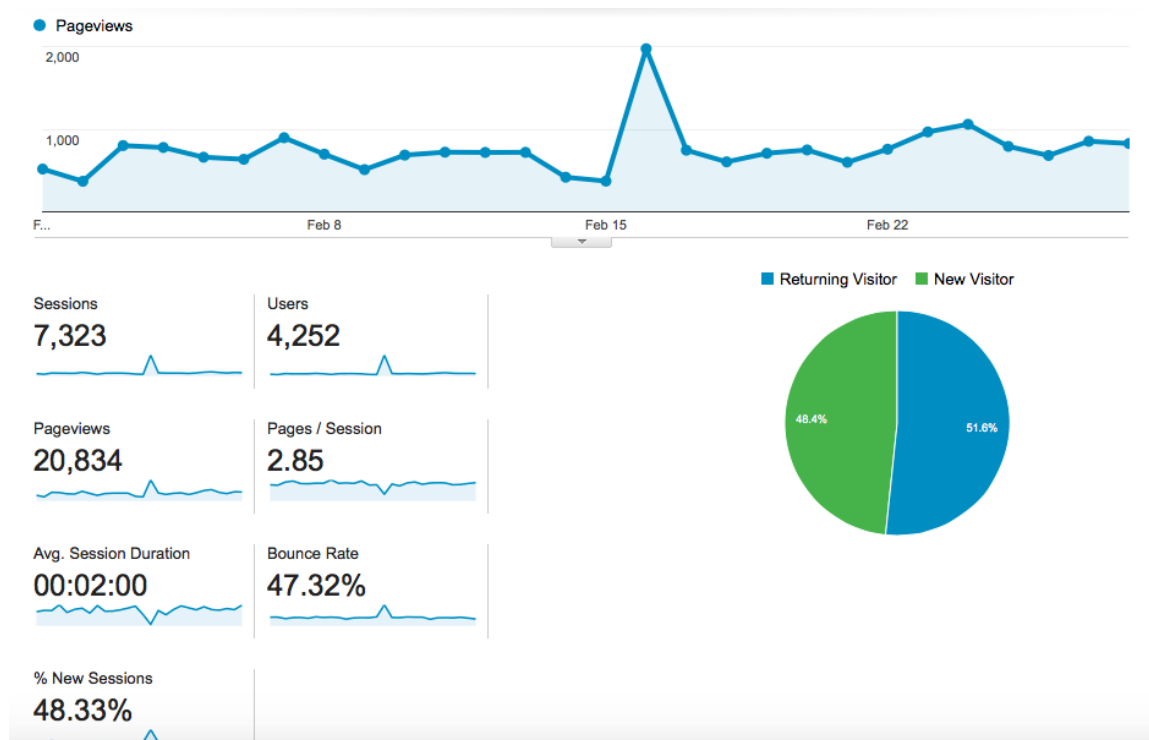
Two invoices were received from SS they cover December and January. Decembers bill was \$275 for the restoration of the site, configuration, updates, patches, requests from subcommittee for pdf files and csv files, plugin updates and January was \$12.50 for update and

test of a feature module. Of our contract (\$600) \$100 of the 50% prepaid remained. That leaves us owing \$187.50 to come from customary expenses and a balance of \$212.5 remains on the contract (not prepaid).

Notable website updates include....

- PI was changed to PR on their page and email per their request. Please make note of the change in their email address.
- Upcoming events are on the home page.

February Statistics



Sessions (May not be unique users)

entrance page with no interaction)

Pageviews (total # of pages viewed)

Bounce Rate (% of users who left from

On behalf of the website committee – Carrie B.

RD/RDA-

BOD/CONVENTION CORP- President of the BOD - Report to the New England Region 3/1/15

- I. Contract to the hotel – Room night minimum has been exceeded almost to the amount needed to earn the free room nights need for performers/speakers/and raffle prize
- II. Contracts for Recording, live performers, merchandizers, DJ, were evaluated (3+ bids/ area) and were selected and letters to losers were sent out.
- III. Legal Update –
 - a. Theft of Funds - an additional \$500 check dated 3/4/15 has been received from Rocco A. by our attorney and a payment arrangement of \$500/month has been verbally negotiated as well. Rene B. has been in communication with Somerville PD, and we have not ruled further action if the payment arrangement terms are not adhered to. Our primary responsibility is the return of funds.
 - b. BBO complaint – a response is being prepared by our attorney Rene B. to address Attorney Herr’s answer to our complaint. It will be filed this week.
 - c. A bill for legal services through mid-December in the amount of \$900 was received.
 - d. Our attorney has instructed us to implement tight money handling procedures to completely eliminate the possibility of theft at NERC XVI – especially including enforcing the committee policy that no one handle money (cash/check/charge sales) with less than 1 year clean. Additionally we have been advised to develop cash register training and collection schedules to fulfill the spirit of this instruction.
 - e. I will be requesting the release of the full amount of the Legal Defense Fund Set-Aside in a motion later today.
- IV. D/O Insurance is in effect.
 - a. \$1582.00 is the cost of D/O insurance
 - b. Coverage began January 26, 2015
 - c. We will be paying in increments - the first of which is \$530.34 due by 3/11/15
- V. We now have two vacant positions on the BOD that we can fill – specifically as at-large members

All current Directors will be at the Convention.

NERCC/NERSC ADHOC-

AREA REPORTS

BOSTON-

CAPE COD- Area meeting opened with reading 13:12

A vote for GSR's to establish quorum, 17 GSR's attending. CCANA is looking forward to upcoming NERC convention. At present all is in fine condition. The area has a concern regarding insurance for CCANA. Request portion of phone bill CCANA. Out of current 23 groups in our area 17 attend. Area meeting list is current. Steve D (860-550-1645) STDEAN52@comcast.net treasurer for CCANA would like to be contacted in regards to future bills. i.e. insurance/telephone

Last area meeting was held on 2/11/15 All positions filled except alt. sec. CCANA discussed holding a workshop on the upcoming tradition workbook to familiarize groups with process

Discussed whether or not to continue listing amount of donations by other groups of CCSANA

CCANA is running well

CENTRAL MASS- Central Mass NA has only met once since the last regional service meeting due to inclement weather. Our February area meeting was cancelled after snow tampered our attempts at rescheduling. Our February business will be discussed during our March area meeting on Monday, March 2nd, 2015. Elections will be held in May, with nominations taking place during our March and April meetings. We passed 2 motions at the January area meeting which are as follows - "For policy to read that any subcommittee **chair** position that involves money has a two year clean time requirement." and "To change policy to create a new standing subcommittee to take over the event formerly known as 'The One is Too Many Labor Day Cookout'". Overall CMANA is alive and well and we are looking forward to getting back to business in March.

ILS,
Michelle M.

FREE SPIRIT-

We're an area of about 21 groups. I'm new to the area, but it appears we're averaging about 10

GSRs per area meeting. With a lack of human resources, many of our GSRs are doubling as administrative committee members (treasurer, phoneline, literature chair, activities chair, and – right now – our interim RCM are all GSRs). We currently have several vacancies as well: Outreach chair, H&I chair, PI chair, RCM, Alt-RCM, Area Vice Chair, and alternate Treasurer. I am currently a GSR, so have opted to simply serve as interim for the month, leaving the position open in case someone steps forward with the willingness to serve.

In the meantime, we're facing an opportunity for change with the H&I subcommittee. Currently, the H&I subcommittees of FSA and GPA meet at the same time, in the same room, but are accountable to two separate sets of policy. This has been causing some confusion during the meetings since one set of policy requires panel leaders to be present during the subcommittee meeting while the other set of policy does *not* require attendance from the panel leader *if* a homegroup has taken the responsibility. We have yet to fully resolve the issue, but it appears we may be headed toward establishing a metro subcommittee with one set of policy to guide the subcommittee (or considering re-separating).

We had a discussion about whether or not to include the amount of money contributed by each group in our area's minutes. Some had suggested it was a good way to help the groups keep the GSRs accountable in case a receipt didn't make it back to the group. Others suggested that it was potentially problematic – a way for some groups to measure their worth by contrasting their group contributions against others'. The GSRs were encouraged to discuss this with their groups before next month.

This past month, we dipped into our prudent reserve since we had some unexpected expenses. It caused us to have a healthy discussion about the purpose of a prudent reserve. We had the chance to opt *out* of re-upping our literature order as well as putting off the payment of one or two bills in order to stay above prudent reserve, but we decided to act on faith, pay all our bills, re-up on our literature, and believe that we'll be able to make all our payments next month.

We will be having a golf tournament on July 11th at Blissful Meadow. Contact Don B. for more information – (401) 741-2224.

As for the expenses for this regional meeting:

\$148 – hall fees

\$20 – key fees (refundable)

\$68.93 – supplies (plates, utensils, napkins, drinks)

\$145.71 – lunch Saturday (grinders, salad, desserts)

\$102.04 – lunch Sunday (pasta, salad, drink, coffee, dessert)

\$484.68 – total spent

\$500 – regional check

If we don't get the key fee back, then we'll return \$15.32 back to the region. If we do, then we'll return \$35.32 to the region. Since we hosted on two separate weekends, we may not get the key fee back due to the fact that we held onto the key in the interim.

GREATER PROVIDENCE-

MARTHAS VINEYARD-

METRO WEST-

Nantucket-

NEMA-

PIONEER VALLEY- Pioneer Valley Report to NERSC March 1, 2015

Greetings from the Pioneer Valley!

Thank you Free Spirit Area for hosting us.

The Area Service Committee met in the month of January with 8 groups out of 12 present. These four groups, which were not present were removed from the quorum due to missing three or more consecutive meetings and being unwilling to provide a GSR who could be transported to the Area Meeting when visited by two members of the Executive Committee. Our February meeting was snowed out. The building was closed, the parking lot was closed and there was no on street parking allowed. We hope to meet Monday March 9th.

The Pioneer Valley is doing well, operating at about prudent reserve. The Trustee issue has been resolved and the positions are filled. We move forward with a fully staffed Executive Board.

Our yearly Area Inventory has been completed and returned by the majority of groups and is being considered by the Executive Committee together with the Trustees. The PR Committee is vibrant and active. The H & I Committee still finds themselves with more commitments than they have available willing, available people to fill and is searching for volunteers though the number of such commitments is shrinking. And we move forward in service to the addict who still suffers.

In Loving Service,

Ada C.

Pioneer Valley RCM

SEMA-

SOUTH SHORE AREA-

WESTERN MASS- Hello from Western Mass. Thank you Free Spirit for hosting. Western Mass area has not been able to meet this last month due to the weather. The tradition input has started and meeting every Sunday at 5pm in North Hampton till as many weeks as it can be done. The Western Mass Convention is still being planned out for July 31 through August 2nd. Fundraisers have been going on and the next one is on March 14th. H&I are going ok and have some openings to be filled. PI has been in dire need for help with only one active member. A few more meetings have been added on. Franklin County has once again been one of the meetings that have been added on. Franklin county did not have many until this last year.

Thank you ILS, Cathie L.

AREA CONCERNS

Free Spirit had some concerns about insurance, suggested that you use a venue that already has an event, if you use a new facility it can take upwards of 6 weeks to get binder.

We shouldn't be in this position and something needs to change

Any report on archives and what is in them?

Nothing has been officially reported/ don't really know exactly what is in there.

Cash counting machine from last convention was confirmed missing

CD's from Newport convention confirmed missing

Dave is going to get in touch with Andrew and try to get something in the works.

***Can all RCM's update contact form for area's blank form is on NERNA page (nerna.org) under regional information under trusted servant's.**

OPEN FORUM

Boston having issue with very loud screaming battle @ last area not sure how it got so out of hand

2 subcommittee chairs have not attended region for the last few meetings this body needs to start holding accountability

Suggested that policy guide us and that the chair or v. chair contact that person first.

Call for a vote to remove fellowship development chair from position
Quorum 8- passed unanimously to remove current FD chair.

OLD BUSINESS

OPEN POSITIONS-

Finance Committee at large

Finance Chair

Activities

RMD

2 BOD @ large

Insurance

Fellowship Development

MOTIONS

MM #1:

Presented by: Chairperson

Seconded by: V. chair

Motion: for \$612.70 for RD/RDA travel to NEZF April 24-26 in Cromwell CT

Hotel: \$227.70

Per Diem: \$300.00 (\$50x6)

Mileage: \$35.00 (145.86x0.24)

Unfunded trusted servants: \$50.00 (donation to zone)

*RDA will submit separate millage.

INTENT: fulfill duties of RD/RDA position

In favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstained:2

MM#2

Presented by: James P. / BOD President

Motoin: To release the \$2,000.00 set aside for legal defense fund to NERC, INC.

INTENT: to be fiscally responsible and pay current and past due bill

In favor: 8 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

MM#3

Presented by: Chairperson

Seconded by: V. chair

Motion: To reimburse chair \$302.74 for payment made to NAWS for PR subcommittee literature order. Payment was made with personal check because RSC schedule change precluded voting and cutting regional check in timely manner.

Intent: to be fiscally responsible/ carry the NA message

In favor: 8 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

MM#4

Presented by: RMD Christopher M

\$15.00 to NERSC for reimbursement to pay for 150 RMD's to the PR subcommittee.

Intent: to pay for purchase of 150 RMD's

In favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1

MM#5

Presented by: Chairperson

Seconded by: V chair

Motion: RDA travel to NEZF in Cromwell CT April 24-26

Millage 229 x 0.24=\$55.00

Intent: fulfill duties of RDA

In favor: 8 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Closing meeting under prudent reserve

Insurance set aside	\$3,010.00
RD/RDA	\$812.70
Travel	\$500.00
Website	\$125.00
Prudent reserve	\$1,895.54 (should be \$2,732.00)