

Regional Minutes February 2021

April Regional weekend will be hosted virtually by CCA!

Subcommittees meet Saturday at 11:00 am

RSC meets Sunday at 11:00 am

June Regional weekend will be hosted by SEMA.

RCMs: Please let groups know that they need a Rider Binder for special events coverage!!!

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AREA REPORTS

BOSTON- No report submitted.

CAPE COD- No report submitted.

CENTRAL MASS- No report submitted.

GREATER PROVIDENCE- No report submitted.

GREATER WORCESTER- No report submitted.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD- No report submitted

METRO WEST-

Good afternoon New England Region. The Metro West area has met twice since our last RSC with an average of 14 gsr's present. h&i is still doing virtual commitments every friday that multiple facilities can log onto. Although noone logged on any of the five fridays in january. The subcommittee is trying to work with the facilities in order to get them commitments right now. We are willing and able to provide them but cant do anything without the facilities cooperation. A motion was made to absolve a set aside account for the activity ad-hoc since in the state of the world today it doesnt seem likely to have the event any time soon. Our next ASC will be held on march 2nd at 7:30. In loving service,

Rick C

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NEMA (Northeast Mass Area)-

Hello family, my name is Chris and I am an addict.

Our area has had 2 meetings since our last virtual meeting. Over the past two months our area has developed a nema website. The website is www.nemana.org. Our area has decided to buy its own Zoom account to host our ACS as well as sub committee meetings.

Our area has 37 virtual meetings, 7 in person meetings, and 1 hybrid meeting.

All of our administrative positions are filled.

H&I- We currently have 20 virtual commitments, and 11 in person commitments.

Our next ASC will be meeting 2/28/21 at 3pm. Zoom ID:835-4005-0878.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Chris G.

SEMA (Southeast Mass Area)-

Hello New England Region,

My name is Lauren and I am an addict. I am the newly elected RCM for the Southeastern Ma area and I am looking forward to continuing to serve with the New England Region. Southeastern Mass Area has met 2 times since the last RSC. We currently have 29 groups meeting and have had an average GSR attendance of 16 – so we are averaging about half our groups. We also have almost all of our admin positions filled with the exception of Vice chair, Alt RCM, Lit Distribution and Lit development.

In December, we held our bimonthly GSF and focused that on the roles of zones what they do and how they do it. We had a presentation from Canadian Assembly, Midwest ZF, Autonomy ZF, Northeast ZF and Southeast ZF. In January, we conducted business as usual. We have no major concerns or anything really challenging. In new news however, we have recently just created a website (semana.us) and are looking forward to our GSF next weekend. We are having a “how to pass a basket virtually” workshop and have a guest from New Jersey coming to present.

If anyone is interested in joining us at our next ASC we meet the third Sunday of the month at 12:15 pm Meeting ID: 885-373-0525 We would love to see you!

Thanks ILS,

Lauren G

SOUTH SHORE-

Hi Everyone,

I am an addict, and my name is Katie. It is great to see you all! Thank you all so much for your continued service. Since our last Regional meeting, the South Shore Area has met twice virtually, once in January and last weekend. We plan to continue to meet virtually until further notice.

- In January, we had 7 GSRs in attendance.
- In February, we had 9 GSRs in attendance.
- Groups are currently meeting virtually and/or a hybrid with permission from their respective facilities and doing well. However, one member reported that they attended a number of groups that we're meeting in person and were unwilling to provide information for the groups with live meetings. The ongoing conversation has been happening as a service body around this. One member was planning on reaching out to these groups on behalf of the Area. There has not been much reported or progress with this since reported. Hopefully, I will be able to provide more information next Region.
- H&I - At the last H&I subcommittee meeting, there were 5 members in attendance. There are currently, no H&I virtual or in-person meetings are occurring at this time. The subcommittee is in contact with 2 facilities that have not previously had commitments but have expressed interest in having some. Lots of ongoing discussions about potentially going into facilities have been occurring. The subcommittee is unsure what is allowed and not in accordance with State Guidelines. The subcommittee is going to be reaching out to DPH to ensure they are in compliance.
- PR - Chair position is still open however, the subcommittee still meets to do work. There was no report given for this subcommittee.
- There is on-going work with making alterations to the SSA policy, the Policy Chair is hosting ad hoc meetings to accomplish this.
- I hosted a GSR orientation in February with one member in attendance and I thought that it went fairly well! We hope to get more participation soon.
- Tri-Area Convention is on hold until it can meet in person pending the end of the restrictions.
- The following Trusted Servant Positions are open at the Area: Vice-Chairperson, Asst. Treasurer, Webpage Contact Person, PR Chairperson, Activities Chairperson, and Literature Chairperson.
- We want to thank the FD/PR subcommittees, specifically Kris R. and John N. for their efforts in providing a PR workshop for the SSA area for "hosting" in December.
- SSA is making a Regional contribution this month of \$394.37
- The next South Shore Area Service Committee meeting will take place on Sunday, March 7th @ 2:30p via Zoom. Zoom ID: 9553349410 and Password: SSA4520

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.
In Loving Service,
Katie S– SSA RCM (508) 846-7795

WESTERN MASS- No report submitted.


OANENA – No report submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIR-

Hello NERSC,

All is well with the chair position.

The only thing I really have to report is the conclusion of the Narcathon that I chaired on behalf of the New England region. I am so grateful for all of your support. I never could've done it alone. On a personal level I am grateful for the support of the New England region through a very difficult time for me. Thanks again 

Great job Kyle, you are doing a fabulous job as I rotate out I'm sure you will be a fabulous chair!!

Thanks ils

D'Lanor 

VICE CHAIR- No report submitted.

SECRETARY-

Good morning Everyone,

As always, if you aren't receiving the minutes and would like to put your email in the chat or email me at secretary@newenglandna.org. Also, please send your reports to that email, I've noticed recently that areas read a report and never send it to me.

ILS,
Lauren G

TREASURER/FINANCE-

The finance sub-committee met yesterday with 4 addicts in attendance.

- We reconciled the December and January statements and made the scheduled transfers into set-aside accounts (Insurance, NESSNA, and PR).
- We received the tax documents from the accountant and are completing the necessary forms.
- The spending plan form was sent to the secretary to be included with the minutes – these are due at the April RSC.
- The finance sub-committee is recommending our region close the Quincy PO Box and open one in the more centrally located city of Worcester. The box would be \$20 more annually and the lobby is open 24/7. Please be advised that PO Box prices have been increased by about 25%.
- We received notice from our insurance company that there is no objection to the renewal of our policy. The treasurer will be reaching out to confirm the necessary steps as nothing was included with the letter (and nothing is currently posted on the website).
- We passed on the letter from our Insurance company that clarifies that we do not have coverage for “actual or alleged transmission of a communicable disease which includes but is not limited to COVID-19”.
- We have a starting balance of \$1854.97
- There were no money motions.
- Reserved a new PO Box in Worcester, MA for \$246.00
- A contribution will be sent to NAWS in the amount of \$1608.97
- Ending balance \$00.00

ILS,

Noel D. and the finance sub-committee

Please see Appendix A for the remainder of the treasurer's report.

CONVENTION-

The convention committee is no longer meeting. The adhoc is still working on an update to the guidelines/policy. The process has taken a bit longer than expected and once completed the document will be presented to the committee for approval before the next April regional meeting. It should be noted that the convention chair position is up for election in April and should be listed as an open position in the minutes. Financials are now being handled by the bod. Our closing balance was \$6,106.75. Newcomer donation set aside is \$299.00 with a bod balance of \$1,274.38.

With gratitude,

Jim D.

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT (FD)-

Good Afternoon New England Region,

I am an addict named Sammy and I am your newly elected Fellowship Development Chair. I am very excited for this opportunity to serve our body and greatly look forward to all the work yet to come.

The Fellowship Development Subcommittee has met twice virtually since our last Regional meeting. Once in January and then yesterday at Subcommittee Saturday.

At the January meeting, our outgoing Chair, Jaime helped to prepare us moving forward and we held internal elections where Jay P was elected and nominated as Vice Chair. Thank you Jaime and Jay P for your service.

At our meeting yesterday, there were 9 committee members in attendance, including 3 RCMs. We had a large agenda and spent 2 hours in discussion and we made action items of where we see FD going in the upcoming 6 months.

But first, following up from a request from the Region in December, members of FD attended the Western Mass ASC due to concern about feeling unheard from the region. FD members introduced themselves and let the body know that if any help is needed the Region was available. This was greatly welcomed and it was an all-out positive experience.

Yesterday, at the subcommittee meeting, there was a discussion on having the Delegates visit all our member Areas. The purpose would be for the Delegates to introduce themselves and to let member Groups know who they are and that they are available to help. This will also help the Delegates learn more about who they serve. With the help with our Regional Chair, we compiled a list of all the Areas and their meeting times. At the end of my report, I would like to share it with the Region to ensure we have all the accurate information. RCMs please let us know if we do not have accurate information.

On a similar note, the FD subcommittee would like to include all the ASCs on NERNA.org so they are all on a centralized location. Once we determine that we have the accurate information, we can send it to the website chair so they can be added.

The next topic of our meeting was where we would like to go with the FD subcommittee – we thought it would be best to ask those we serve- the Members, Groups & Areas! We have created a FD Workgroup led by Kris R. to create a Regional Scan Tool. We plan to have this prepared by our next Regional meeting in April. The first workgroup meeting will take place on an Off-Cycle Fellowship Development meeting taking place on Saturday March 13th @ 11:00am Zoom ID: (TBD). If you are interested in helping us create a Regional Scanning Tool, we encourage your participation. Again, our target is to have this prepared for April. We would hope to have the results in and presented for our Region in June. FD efforts would then move in the direction from this scan.

As a subcommittee, we plan to identify the needs of the Region while simultaneously helping prepare the Delegate team to carry the conscience of our Region. We no longer plan on having a workshop each

Regional weekend for the “hosting” area as we are now virtual. We plan on finding out the needs of the Region from the scanning tool and prioritize efforts from there. "We share a common purpose: to better carry the message of recovery. Planning for NA services asks us to think ahead, take time to prepare, and develop action plans to reach identified goals. Opportunities for planning begin with the identification of issues that affect our ability to provide consistently effective services." Planning Basics, Why Plan?

Since COVID put this Region and the World into lockdown, everything has changed. We no longer know where we stand as a subcommittee of this body. We can't pretend to imagine to know what services are needed for our Areas or how to better support them in their efforts to carry the message. Yesterday the Fellowship Development committee decided to reevaluate our role and our relationship with the member Areas. To accomplish this, we will perform an environmental scan of the region to assess the needs of our Areas and how best to respond to them; and support their efforts. The scan will be complete and ready for distribution by our next RSC.

In late summer, the FD subcommittee plans to hold a workshop/learning opportunity/education on the CAR & Regional Conscience. James P. has been nominated to lead this workshop. More to come with this. I want to mention our on-going collaboration with the NEZF FD subcommittee. Jim D. will highlight more in his report but I wanted to specifically mention the RCM Training project that is currently being created through planned experience gathering workshops. Many members of our FD subcommittee and Region is participating in this workgroup.

We encourage all the RCMs (past, present and future) to attend the first experience gathering workshop which will be on Saturday March 27th @ (3pm-5pm) Meeting ID: 876-4872-0898. A training will be created from these workgroups and FD plans to adapt this tool for our Region. We would love NERNA RCM participation and support.

My last item in my report is asking the Region for its support in creating a Fellowship Development website. This site would be for information sharing regarding FD happenings along with other NA updates, developments and resources from our subcommittees. Please let me know if there is opposition to this. I want to thank all members of the FD subcommittee for helping me in my first month as Chair and for all members of the Region for your support.

Of Loving Service,
Sammy S., Fellowship Development Chair
(339)-225-5931

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Upcoming FD Events

Off-Cycle Fellowship Development Subcommittee Meeting
Saturday, March 13th, 2021 @ 11-12pm
Agenda: Service Planning Tool
Meeting ID: TBD Password: TBD

RCM Workgroup
Saturday March 27th time 3pm-5pm

Meeting ID: 876-4872-0898

FD scanning tool link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfBQPrwelOWtDpur299aSeZYpXdOswLOGzIOS3uVs93ZODkw/viewform>

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS (H&I) –

H&I met via Zoom yesterday, Saturday February 13th, 2020. 4 areas were in attendance (Boston, Central MA, Western MA, and MetroWest). I am hoping to get more reports emailed to me over the next few days for the areas that were absent. DOC Coordinator had nothing to report. WSR reported that 1 addict is still writing, and 1 addict is interested in writing but is awaiting sentencing at this time. The WSR reported that she continues to check the P.O. Box and is forwarding the letters. Boston area had a successful learning day on January 30th with 152 addicts in virtual attendance. Central MA is having facilities reaching out to request in-person commitments. Central MA is having a Virtual NA Speaker presentation via zoom Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 7pm-8pm. MetroWest reported issues with treatment centers not showing up to their virtual commitments. Western MA changed the time of their commitments to 6:30pm-7:30pm. In open forum, we had a second discussion on centralizing H&I commitments regionally. In new business, we discussed the inmate who wants to write step work but is in a tough position because he isn't sentenced yet. The WSR is going to work on this. Our Secretary position remains open. All other positions are filled.

In Loving Service,
Riley D.

INSURANCE- Position was filled!

LITERATURE- OPEN.

POLICY- OPEN

PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)/PHONLINE – No report submitted.

REGIONAL DELEGATE (RD)-

Greetings New England Region!

Conference Participants (CP) Web Meeting

We attended the first CP web meeting of the 2020-2022 Conference cycle held yesterday 13 February. Jim D. our AD will be reporting on the meeting which covered:

1. What strategies can we employ to help members understand the need to support services through contributions?
&
2. How can we work together as a Conference to achieve World Services goal, that 70% of our expense for services be funded by contributions (contributions from members, groups, and service bodies, not literature sales)?

Northeast Zonal Forum (NEZF)

We attended the NEZF meeting December 27th which was held virtually. Here's the summary of decisions:

Proposal 1: *Modify the description of the NEZF on nezf.org* PASSED

Proposal 2: *Use the April 2021 NEZF meeting to create a Strategic Plan* PASSED

Proposal 3: *NEZF approves the initial "Phase I" recommendations of the*
Postpone

- US Website with basic common PR information
 - Central shared email for each zone
 - Developing/Presenting an IDT on Fellowship Development (input gathering)
 - FD Inventory Tool to evaluate current strengths and needs
- Postpone, slow down, give regions a chance to catch up, strong concerns

NEZF April 2021 will be hosted by the NEZF and held the same way as the NEZF October 2020

- *Proposal form / decision making disconnect*
 - Current proposal form more in line with RRO than our CBDM process
 - Steering committee asked FD to create a proposal form that is aligned with our decision-making process
 - Decision to accept the new proposal template and to ask delegates to use it for future
- PASSED

NEZF October Workshop Videos

Approve uploading to NA Virtual Outreach Youtube channel
([youtube.com/c/navirtualoutreach](https://www.youtube.com/c/navirtualoutreach)) Approved

- Accept non-NEZF members into HRP? Approved
- Accept non-NEZF service reqs after NEZF service requests are fulfilled? Paused
- May the NEZF FD create an RCM training Approved

NEZF RCM Training Workgroup: "*RCMs At Your Best – Tell Us How*"

As you may know, the North-East Zonal Forum and the Autonomy Zonal Forum have been formally collaborating on some projects for months now. One of our newer workgroups met last night; this is the RCM Training Workgroup. This group is tasked with creating an RCM Training for the NEZF/AZF member regions:

RCMs at Your Best Tell us How – March 27, 2021 at 3PM Meeting ID 876-4872-0898

We'd like to ask for all the RCM's assistance. We would like to invite all RCM's from every region to work with us in creating this training. The next workgroup meeting will be held **on February 27th, at 8:00 pm**. All workgroup meeting times, Fellowship Development meetings, and links, as well as our google drive with all of our minutes, can be found at <https://fd.nezf.org/>.

Fund Flow to the NEZF:

At the last RSC I suggested we consider that: *if meeting in person we increase our biannual regular donation to NEZF unfunded trusted servants to \$200; I also suggest if we're meeting in person that we consider funding a representative from FD and PR to the NEZF meetings in April and October.*

I would like to ask members to consider to allocate a percentage of our fund flow to NEZF (such as 10-15% of funds allocated for donation) as is the case in other regions in our zone: Northern New England, Mid Atlantic, and Western New York.

NEZF FD

The North-East Zonal Forum Fellowship Development committee has created a *NEZF Service Request Form*. This form will be used for any member, Group, Area, or Region (including all subcommittees at

both Area and Region) to request assistance in ongoing projects – as well as projected projects. The NEZF FD committee has also begun accepting information and responses for their Human Resource Pool (HRP). The *NEZF FD* can be found : <http://fd.nezf.org>

NESSNA New England States Service Symposium of NA

Given COVID19 uncertainty we are in the process of securing new dates for NESSNA and aiming for early summer of 2022. More will be revealed.

Conference Cycle 2020-2022

Local Service Toolbox : The next focus of the project is virtual meetings best practices, and carrying the NA message effectively and virtually. <https://www.na.org/?ID=toolbox&ID=toolbox>

This is the second cycle for the Spiritual Principle a Day Project, and we are on track to include the approval draft for the book in the 2022 Conference Agenda Report. The fifth batch of entries for review and input will be posted at: <https://www.na.org/?ID=medibook> at the end of February.

The audio recordings of WCNA 36 are available at <https://go.e-attend.com/NA18>

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

James P. RD
jgpbos@me.com
617-314-4048

ALTERNATE DELEGATE (AD)-

Thanks to the Northeastern Mass Area for virtually hosting yesterday by acting as the greeter in the “lobby” as members entered to attend various subcommittees. Thanks also to the New England Region for the trust you showed in electing me Alternate Delegate, it’s a tremendous responsibility and will do my best by working with our Delegate- James, the Fellowship Development Committee and this entire regional body.

North-East Zonal Forum Fellowship Development

The North-East Zonal Forum (NEZF) is composed of eleven regions and meets twice per year in person and virtually every two months. Historically this has served as a discussion group for our various regions with no actual services being provided. That changed a couple of years ago when, with regional support, the NEZF formed both a Public Relations and Fellowship Development subcommittee. This report primarily focuses on the Fellowship Development (NEZF-FD) committee. Their website can be found at fd.nezf.org. On that website are a service request form and an HRP (Human Resources Pool) Input Form. The hope of the committee is to match up talent/experience as determined by the HRP with fellowship needs found in the service requests. At this point there are two big workgroups underway, one is focused on Delegate training and the other on RCM training. There have already been three virtual workshops in a series titled “When Delegates Are at Their Best”. From this gathering of best practices, a Delegate Training will be developed. A similar process is currently underway for the RCM training with the first workshop in the series called “RCMs at Your Best TELL US HOW” scheduled for March 27th from 3-5 EDT. All current and former RCMs are strongly encouraged to attend. The workgroup has asked for contact information on current RCMs so that they can reach out to you with an invitation to be a part of this process. (Stop here to get permission) Thank you for your participation! The next workgroup meeting on RCM training will be held on Saturday, February 27th at 8-9. Please feel free to join our workgroup as we continue to plan the workshops to develop the training. “Alone we can’t, together we can”!!

Conference Participants Webinar on February 13, 2021

The main focus of yesterday's webinar was to come up with ideas of how we as a fellowship can be more fully self-supporting through our own contributions. 'Invest in Our Future' was the theme. The stated goal was that 70% of funds come from contributions. The goal was reaching folks who normally don't attend area or regional meetings. It was reported that the World Convention (WCNA 38) will be held in Melbourne, Australia in November 2022 but no contracts have been finalized as of yet. Ongoing projects include the Spiritual Principal a Day book where input can be made at www.na/spad. Proposed revisions to the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) are posted for fellowship review and input at na.org/fipt until May 31, 2021. There will be an open webinar on March 13th on virtual meetings and another on March 20th with an update from Narcotics Anonymous World Service (NAWS) Both will begin at 1100 Pacific time and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. The World Board (WB) is also looking ahead to the feasibility of having an in-person World Service Conference (WSC) in 2022 given the current restrictions in the state of California. As an example, if it were held today, separate rooms would be required for all participants due to health guidance in the state. Updates will be forthcoming. No financial report was available at this meeting and there was no time allotted for questions. The next Conference Participants (CP) Webinar will be on April 17th.

With gratitude,

Jim D. – AD

Hello New England Region,

As your former Alternate Delegate, I wanted to make sure I had the opportunity to tie up any loose ends from my term. The only two things I wanted to address were the canceled flight from the World Service Conference (WSC) and a potential Conference Agenda Report (CAR) motion from this Region. As the WSC was forced to meet, virtually all airline tickets were canceled, I could not receive a refund for the \$467.44 flight at that time. I was only offered a non-transferable and non-refundable flight voucher for the \$467.44. After speaking with Jim D., our new Alternate Delegate, it appears that airlines may be willing to issue full refunds as per the Conference Participants call yesterday. I will look into this more during the next couple of weeks.

The only thing I wanted to address was the request that started from a member in the Cape Cod Area. That member went to their homegroup to request that Sponsorship Day (December 1st) be moved as it falls on World AIDS Day. Their homegroup supported this idea, it went to the Cape Cod Area also backed this proposal. When it arrived here in the Region, we also chose to support this. After reaching out to the World Service Office a couple of times and receiving virtually no response back (the only answer given was that it will be brought to the World Board for discussion) - I am asking if this body would be willing to direct our Delegate team to submit a CAR Motion on behalf of this issue. If we support this proposal, let's take a few minutes and brainstorm which day or days we would like to include in this motion too.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

That random guy Kris R.

REGIONAL MEETING DIRECTORIES (RMD)- No report submitted.

WEBSITE-

Request for Attendance Confirmation

On December 15, I received an email from Crystal Moran, a staff member at the Commonwealth Care organization. She was writing on behalf of a client, who had been recently released from incarceration. He reports to a Probation Officer, who requires him to go the meetings and bring back a signed form to prove he was there. This man is thinking only of going to virtual or telephone meetings. I do not know of any official form template that we use for attendance forms, so I forwarded the email to John the PR chair and Riley the H&I chair. In the meantime, I emailed back and forth with Crystal. I wanted to know if the PO requires a specific form, either printed or electronic, or if he allows Groups to make one up and if so what criteria does he require. Crystal said she would look into it and get back to me. She has never done so.

Communication to Web Chair

If you have something to communicate to the web chair, for fastest response please use the feedback form on the website (it is in the top menu).

Two-factor Authentication Problem

When I was elected as web chair, in October 2017, the cultural consciousness in New England Region was that the website was filled with problems and you could never see anyone from the website committee or report problems to them. During this time, Patrick J from Martha's Vineyard was working on a new website. I had to pursue scattered clues to learn who are vendors were, how their services were being paid for, what the passwords were, how regional email worked, and similar things. Mike P, Patrick, and I brought the new website online in the spring of 2018. They were exciting times, to be part of pioneering something newer and better. I discovered that we had two vendors: Siteground our web hosting company and Godaddy for our domain names. We also added Gravity Forms, add-on software that we use for forms on our website. I put my credit card on file with these vendors, figuring I could easily get reimbursed. As time went by, several other people joined the website committee. At first, we had issues to discuss but as we made decisions and put things in place, things settled to down to routine and most of what I did was rote, editing meeting information and putting events in the event calendar. The more technical work was done by Patrick; he knows more about web technology than I do. My strength lies in managing and bringing people to consensus and doing the everyday work in a timely fashion. Patrick habitually made unilateral decisions that affected the whole website. I spoke to him about this, pointing out that I would like to at least discuss things before changes were made. It is not that I necessarily objected to what he did, I objected to the way he did it. My protests had no apparent effect on him. In December and January, I had a hard time getting reimbursed for the \$59 annual license fee we pay to Gravity Forms. I came to feel I did not want the liability of having my credit card registered with our vendors. I learned that the only way to have no credit card registered with these vendors is to end the subscriptions. That would mean no website, no domain names, no forms. In early January I asked Patrick if he would register his credit card instead. He agreed to do so. In a few days, he did. I did not learn the whole story until I attempted to log into Siteground and Godaddy. Up until recently, I would just enter the user name and password in the usual manner. But suddenly I got prompted to enter a code number as well. I contacted Patrick about this and it took several days to get a response. This has become usual with him. Whether I attempt to contact him by text, phone, or email, 75% of the time I get no response. Eventually he informed me that he had turned on two-factor authentication. He did not talk to me about that before he did it. In fact, he did not even inform me after it was done. He is using a website called 1password. After several days struggle, I got him to create an account in it for me. I installed the app on my phone but I still could not enter the code number because it was not obvious how to use the app. After more days of struggle, he sent me a video of how to use it. At last I was able to log into the vendors. In our admin email, I saw the invoice from 1password, and learned it only allows two accounts and they charge \$103 a year. I emailed Patrick asking if he had considered other, cheaper alternatives. I also pointed out that I would have to account for the expenditure to Region. He responded that he had donated the exact cost to Region via PayPal and sent me a screen shot. So instead of just paying it with his credit card, I guess I would ask Region to reimburse him and Region would write him a check, which would really be a wash because he had donated the exact amount to Region. I have not received an account of the purpose for this convoluted arrangement. I emailed him, asking if he intends to cover the expense of this two-factor authentication endlessly, year after year? I have still not received a response. There were several days when the only person who could log into our vendors was Patrick. This was a huge vulnerability for us.

Now only two people can log into them, Patrick and me, but this is still a vulnerability. He is the only person who can log into the 1password website and manage it or create a new account. I put together a document how to how get the code numbers once you have an account. I sent it to Patrick for his comments. I have received nothing. I also asked him for an explanation of how to use the 1password website and how to log into our account there. I am concerned that only one person now knows how to do this. A week has gone by with no response from Patrick.

At this point, my best judgement is to undo the two-factor authentication. There is a risk in not having it, but there is a greater risk in losing access to our vendors if only two people have the access, especially if one of them is now not responding to requests. We would need someone who is comfortable having their credit care information stored with the vendors. It is really up to Region now. I have done everything I can to get Patrick to cooperate to no avail.

I have enough problems in my life that are inescapable. I am done being web chair for New England. This is my last day. You people can figure out this problem.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy F, NE Regional Web Chair

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)- No report submitted.

AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM

1. *Changing policy to add percentage of excess funds for zonal forum? "Needs further discussion." Should we use the funds for world instead of zone due to world's financial hardship? What does the NEZF need the money for? - Answer; Unfunded trusted servants. "We aren't traveling or needing to travel at this time due to COVID-19."*
2. *Can region pick up a time slot for caring and sharing 30 speaker jam? Motion made for new business.*
3. *Question as to not having WSC in person in 2022 because financial crisis? "Bigger conversations need to be had about this outside of region, bigger topic than this meeting." Suggestion to properly create a motion for RD/AD to bring to world to be included in the CAR. Course of action: Having RD/AD to get a "temperature from world" on this topic via email and bring to FD subcommittee.*
4. *Insurance notice, stating that our policy excludes coverage for communicable disease including but not limited to COVID-19. Comparison was made that if we were to commit a crime in a meeting, our insurance would not defend us in court.*
5. *AIDS day – RD will outreach to world in regards to Sponsorship Day being on the same day as AIDs day. Potential motion to be included in the CAR.*
6. *To have a joint presentation by finance committee and convention committee on 501c3 status.*

OLD BUSINESS

- I. December 2020 MINUTES- Accepted with edit: to include that Online Area of New England or OANENA has been established and is a part of NERNA. Welcome OANENA!

ELECTIONS

RMD: **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

LITERATURE: **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

ASSISTANT TREASURER: POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!

INSURANCE: Bill H!

Caring and Sharing Adhoc : Lauren G!

NEW BUSINESS

Set Quorum- Voting RCMS: 8 Simple Majority: 5 2/3: 6

No money motions for the month of February.

NON-MONEY MOTION #1

Presented by: Finance Committee

Motion: To change the regional mailing address and PO Box from Quincy to 4 E. Central St. Worcester, MA 01613.

Intent: To make the regional PO Box more centrally located and accessible to members of the region.

Vote: In favor: 8 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Unopposed: 0

NON-MONEY MOTION #2

Presented: Katie S 2nd: SEMA

Motion: To host a time slot for the month of caring and sharing event in April.

Intent: To spread awareness on the current issues that are affecting our fund flow.

Vote: In favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1 Unopposed: 0

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Transaction List by Date
December 14, 2020 through February 15, 2021

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- Feb 15, 21							
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Deposit	01/27/2021			Deposit	√	-SPLIT-	1,120.42
Deposit	02/08/2021			Deposit		-SPLIT-	120.07
Deposit	02/08/2021			Deposit		Group & Area Contributions	2,599.59
Transfer	02/13/2021			Funds Transfer		Insurance SA	-860.50
Transfer	02/13/2021			Funds Transfer		PR SA	-212.50
Transfer	02/13/2021			Funds Transfer		NESSNA SA	-596.00
Check	02/13/2021	1442	Jones and Matthews	Includes \$6.50 late fee		Taxes	-331.50
Check	02/13/2021	EFT	Commonwealth MA	Form PC		Taxes	-35.00
Check	02/15/2021	1443	Noel D.	PO Box in Worcester		Customary Expenses	-246.00
Check	02/15/2021	1444	NAWS	Regional Contribution		NAWS Contribution	-1,608.97

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Accrual Basis

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Balance Sheet
As of February 15, 2021

	Feb 15, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne	
Insurance SA	4,650.50
Mobile App SA	125.00
NESSNA SA	2,980.00
PR SA	425.00
Prudent Reserve	2,122.00
RD / AD SA	2,611.01
Travel SA	500.00
Total Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne	<u>13,413.51</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>13,413.51</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>13,413.51</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>13,413.51</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	13,413.51

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Deposit Detail
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			Nernah Noonah	Group & Area Contri...	-38.82
			Room to Grow	Group & Area Contri...	-6.55
			True Colors	Group & Area Contri...	-15.35
			12 Group	Group & Area Contri...	-20.24
			Living Clean - Boston	Group & Area Contri...	-11.79
			Nernah Noonah	Group & Area Contri...	-133.69
			Nernah Noonah	Group & Area Contri...	-65.23
			common Welfare - B...	Group & Area Contri...	-3.61
			Anonymous	Group & Area Contri...	-4.59
			Anonymous	Group & Area Contri...	-9.48
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			12 Group	Group & Area Contri...	-11.44
			End of the Line	Group & Area Contri...	-21.22
			Nernah Noonah	Group & Area Contri...	-53.49
			South Shore Area	Group & Area Contri...	-638.47
			MetroWest	Group & Area Contri...	-1,085.76
TOTAL					-2,129.21
Deposit		01/27/2021		Checking at Citizen...	1,120.42
			NEMA	Group & Area Contri...	-303.86
			Steps to Freedom	Group & Area Contri...	-158.14
			Anonymous	Group & Area Contri...	-24.15
			SEMA	Group & Area Contri...	-222.47
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See above for RD report.

See above for AD report.

Regional Meeting Directory Report

No report submitted.

