

## Regional Minutes June 2015

August's Regional weekend will be hosted by Central Mass Area

More information to follow!

October's Regional weekend will be hosted by Cape Cod Area

RCM'S PLEASE LET GROUPS KNOW THAT THEY NEED A RIDER BINDER FOR SPECIAL EVENTS COVERGE!!!

RCM'S if you could also please let ADHOC know info about your areas conventions

### REPORTS

CHAIR- No report

VICE CHAIR- No report. Will not be seeking re-election

SECRETARY- No report

TREASURER-Treasurer's Report – June 2015

Thank you SEMA for Hosting.

The finance committee met in Fall River, MA on June 13, 2015.

Cathie L.– Finance Committee Member @ Large • Tom M – RSC Asst. Treasurer • James P – RSC Treasurer. • and Moke – interested member, attended. The finance committee report contains the relevant data for that meeting.

After six years of involvement in Finance, I will not be seeking another term as treasurer, while I will be finding a new home in a different subcommittee, I will be

available to advise and consult should whomever fills the position need some guidance.

NEW Prudent Reserve will be increased \$240 from the past fiscal year to \$2,972.00 to account for storage fees.

I have volunteered to help resolve the situation with the phone line bill from the Boston Area and will continue to follow that through.

As a parting suggestion, to the RCM's, the Policy Subcommittee, and the next set of folks in finance: I would like to suggest a revision to policy regarding the constitution of the finance committee. I suggest that in addition to the standing elected at-large members and elected chair position, that the RSC vote to open the finance committee to Area Treasurers or their alternates and that like H&I or PR/Phone Line we provide a clearinghouse for best practices, guidance, and assistance.

In Loving Service, James P. 617-314-4048

#### FINANCE-Finance Committee Minutes

June 13, 2015

We started the meeting at 12:40 pm with a moment of silence followed by Serenity prayer. Thank you SEMA for hosting. Present were:

- \* James P – Treasurer
- \* Tom M. – Asst. Treasurer
- \* Cathie L – Finance Committee Member At-Large
- \* Moke A - Interested Member

It was noticed that the final treasury numbers were not part of the minutes. Here they are: the donation to WSO was \$17,811.95; the prudent reserve is full and at \$2,732.00; RD/RDA set aside = \$1,572.50; Insurance set aside= \$3,624.00; Travel set aside=\$500; Website Maintenance set side = \$125; Closing balance was \$0.00

Today's Opening Balance was (-\$154.00) The bill for the PO Box came in and due by 5/31/15. A check to pay for one year's PO box expense (customary expense) was cut on 5/23/15 and sent to the Chair for 2nd signature. The PO Box bill was paid but a receipt received today indicates an unknown individual paid \$2 additional cash for an additional fee.

A notice from Massachusetts DOR was received for unpaid Q3, 2014 sales and use tax. The login that we used was not correct and a new password was requested. As soon as the login information was received the treasurer filed the unpaid Mass S/U tax for Q3 2014 = \$48.72. The opening balance became (-\$202.72) (\$38.84 in penalties may need to be paid in Q3 if not automatically removed by DOR in the coming month)

The Q4, 2014 return was filed = \$70.54. The opening balance became (-\$273.26).

The Q1, 2015 return was filed = \$27.11. The opening balance became (-\$300.37) – note the exempt sales on this return were incorrectly reported (reported=\$20 and actual was \$69.80 leaving a difference of \$49.80 unreported) and must be carried forward and reported in the next Q2 return (i.e. add \$49.80 to exempt sales to the Q2 2015 return).

The Q2, 2015 return will be filed at the next region.

RI division of taxation notices were received, and Q1 2015 return for \$0.00 was filed/addressed by the treasurer.

A letter requesting \$35 annual charitable organization filing fee payment to Commonwealth of Massachusetts Attorney General's office was received and will be treated as a customary expense.

The \$70.00 check from Boston Area Service Committee that was deposited on March 1, 2015 into Donations that was supposed to be for the phone line was discussed. A check to NERSC Phone Line will be cut as a customary expense.

The committee reconciled the two months of statements. We closed with the 3rd step and joyful hearts

In Loving Service, James P. 617-314-4048

CONVENTION-Good morning RSC,

We had a small meeting yesterday with 3 in attendance including myself. 2 subcommittee chairpersons were elected.

GaryN was elected to programming chair and Moke A was elected as F&E chair.

Please announce in your areas we need help and we will meeting on the Saturday of the August RSC.

Our opening and closing balance is \$6000.00.

A question was raised regarding the election of treasurer that at the annual convention corporation meeting held during the April RSC in that the vote was recorded as 6-3-4. We will address this question with the BOD president and ask clarification of the corporation's voting procedures.

In living service,  
Debbie

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT-

H & I-

INSURANCE- Here are each area's insurance bill for the year. It costs us \$7.67 a meeting for general liability.

Boston 64 Meetings \$490.88  
Cape Cod 41 Meetings \$314.47  
Central Mass. 77 Meetings \$590.50  
Free Spirit 18 Meetings \$138.06  
Greater Providence 46 Meetings \$352.82  
Martha's Vineyard 7 Meetings \$53.69  
Metro West 37 Meetings \$283.79  
Nantucket 7 Meetings \$53.69  
NEMA 98 Meetings \$751.66  
Pioneer Valley 14 Meetings \$107.38  
SEMA 53 Meetings \$406.51  
South Shore 43 Meetings \$329.81  
Western Mass. 37 Meetings \$283.79

Joe V.

LITERATURE-

POLICY-Good Morning,

I apologize that I missed April's Region. I missed the boat to Nantucket by two minutes. Yesterday, I met with Fellowship Development and the BOD/Convention Relationship ad hoc committee as there were no Policy chair's in attendance. I'm sure the reports from those committees will outline that meeting. I want to thank this committee to allow me to serve as I will be stepping back in Regional Service while I focus on supporting my home group, sponsorship, and developing a relationship with my Higher Power. I have learned a tremendous amount over the last year and appreciate all your support.

Thanks,

Jay P.

PR/PHONELINE-New England Regional Public Relations Subcommittee

The New England Regional Public Relations Subcommittee met on Saturday, 06/13/2015 in Fall River, MA. In attendance, Gary Chairperson, Sarah Training Coordinator, Teri Central Mass Chair, Andrew South Shore Chair, Tomi Metro West Chair, Christopher RMD's, and Robert Metro West member.

Chair's Report:

Suggestions for incoming Chair:

Remember you are also the chair of the phone line. There is a lot of work that needs to be done in terms of communication with the other areas.

We need a list of planned PR events for the upcoming year (the events that we do yearly and know when they fall on the calendar).

In addition, I have attended several PR booth events around the Region.

In Loving Service,

Gary B.

Training Coordinator's Report:

Bob R. participated in the monthly NAWS PR Webinar and mentioned that our Region had come up with a new training program. Since the minutes came out and were distributed around the world I have heard from four different Regions requesting information on the training. I have been in contact with the Carolina Region, Pennsylvania as well as Finland and Switzerland.

I also spoke at great length with Doug from NAWS Public Relations. I explained specifically what we were doing with the training program and he said NAWS is very excited to learn more about it and see if they can incorporate with their PR team or share with others. They called it groundbreaking, as it is the first PR training program they are aware of in the world. We will continue to be in communication.

I spoke with Alex Casale, the Director of the New England Drug Court Conference about some of our concerns from the last conference. He addressed them as follows, he would like us to attend both days. His group will give a discount at half the cost totaling \$750 (the same as last year). He agreed to my request that our booth be moved to the area near the door of the main conference and where people go outside to smoke. He also wanted to know whether we would be interested in holding a meeting for those attendees in recovery interested in attending one.

Bob, Anas, and Ruthie met with the Deputy Chief of Staff with the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and her assistant. This was due to the contact we made with the Governors Working Group regarding the opiate epidemic. They had a successful meeting and have already been connected to the Head of the Bureau of Substance Abuse within the Massachusetts Department of Public Health who will be in charge of the recommendations from the Governors Working Group.

On April 19th we had a potluck with 15 addicts featuring guest speaker Jeff R. from the Northern California PR Region. It was a fun informal, and informative get-together.

We had our bi-annual CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) presentation on Saturday, May 9th. Teri T and Michael did an excellent job as our speakers while I presented. We had two addicts observing who plan to speak at future events.

The CASA presentation connected us with one of the participants who is a Director at the National Institute for Children's Health Quality. Since then I had a conference call with two doctors looking for us to do webinar trainings. Our audience would be members of the Department of Public Health, doctors, and other health providers. Their organization is federally funded to all 50 states so I contacted NAWs to ask for guidance in making connections to other Regions. I will be speaking with her soon to make further arrangements for our Webinar.

We have had a lot of success and energy surrounding the trainings. On May 2nd, I presented the Training II on public speaking to the Metro West PR Committee. On May 23rd, NEMA along with a member from Cape Cod received the second training. Finally, on June 1st, I traveled to Worcester to present the Training I to Central Mass as well as a member from Pioneer Valley and Metro West. Our database continues to grow of speakers and presenters. Almost all of Metro West and NEMA have been fully trained and are ready to begin presenting. I have received a lot of positive feedback. Personally, it has been a lot of fun although a lot of work. I am always looking for any NA members who may want to help me as I continue to develop this program. In the next following weeks I will be in contact with the other Area's to schedule additional trainings.

In Loving Service,

Sarah O.

Training Coordinator

Phone Line:

There's a misunderstanding concerning the back unpaid Boston phone bill. One payment was accidentally deposited as a donation (the treasurer is addressing that deposit in his report) and other payments were applied but without clearing up a longstanding back balance from last year and before. James P. Is working with the BASC treasurer to clear up

the misunderstanding and balance and we will report back in August how the situation resolves.

May expense \$445.38

June expenses \$620.55

Total: \$1065.93

Total checks sent out: \$1,077.72

Christopher M.

Non-urgent calls: 27 of which 7 were for the Pioneer Valley. Ranged from addicts looking for meetings to addicts looking for detox. Gary requested that we list the meeting codes on the NERNA website before you click the link. Andrew from Website said he would take care of it.

Gary

Regional Meeting Directory:

Haven't printed for 4 months; there were 2900 in February. Still have 650 meeting lists that weren't distributed but had to do a new printing because there have been so many changes. There are 8000 new lists.

Christopher

Area Chair Reports:

South Shore

We meet the first Sunday of every month before our ASC meeting. We have a holiday rule. The next ASC meeting will be July 12th due to the 4th falling on the weekend.

Here is a link to our webpage on the regional website:

<http://www.nerna.org/pages/South-Shore-Area>

Our "Display rack" project is going well with over 10 groups sponsoring 14 racks. Group members seek out locations for placement of the racks. We have libraries, recovery centers along with local in-outpatient centers currently allowing us to place the racks. The PR committee offers refills of pamphlets if the groups cannot support

them financially. We have group representatives coming to the PR meeting monthly looking for more literature.

We stock 3 IP's, IP#1, #27 & #29 along with the local Area Meeting directory and the NAWS "Drug Problem?" business cards with the NERSC Phone # and web address stamped to it. The display cases are bought for around \$7.00. Total cost is about \$15.00 per for a fully loaded rack. We created stickers with all the SSA contact info in case the rack is completely emptied for so the facility can call / contact us for re-stocking supplies. When we go into a facility we carry the rack in a PR bag that we bought from NAWS.

Display case link - <http://displaysandholders.com/displays-and-holders/multi-pocket-brochure-holders/4-pocket-4-tiered-brochure-holder-with-business-card-pocket>

PR Bag link - javascript:selectItem('ZPRTOTEBAG',")  
[https://cart.na.org/IW\\_Products.m4p.pvx?;MULTI\\_ITEM\\_SUBMIT](https://cart.na.org/IW_Products.m4p.pvx?;MULTI_ITEM_SUBMIT)

We have created a "Commitment sheet" that records location, group, group contact, facility contact information and submit the sheet directly into our report to keep track of all the racks.

We elected a new "Webpage contact to Region, Zone and NAWS". David D. has taken over the position and is learning the ropes. He monitors the area email address [southshorearea@newenglandna.org](mailto:southshorearea@newenglandna.org).

Thank you,

In loving service,

Andrew L.

Metro West:

Good afternoon, thank you everybody.

Metro West area has had a good two months and we would first like to thank Jeff R. who visited from Sonoma, CA and has a lot of PR experience at all levels of service. He had some great ideas for people new to PR, especially about getting other people involved in service work, how to talk about PR to the public and NA members. He gave us some great new resources, websites and got a lot of our members excited about public relations. PR areas represented were Metro West, Free Spirit, Boston, South Shore and Cape Cod.

Metro West also completed the second part of the public speaking presentation and we would like to thank Sarah O. and Anas E. for conducting the training. We were all very nervous about public speaking before the event and walked away with a lot of excitement and enthusiasm to begin putting on presentations ourselves. This event got us excited about this new skill and new confidence in how we carry ourselves. Metro West is now working on getting out to the public and growing our relationships so we can start putting on presentations ourselves.

We are working on a flyer-hanging day that will be on June 20th. We have formed six groups of two members, one with PR experience and someone new to NA or new to service work who will go out to areas of Metro West that have little or no meetings to hang flyers with pull-tabs, leave meeting lists and introduce ourselves to members of the public who come into heavy contact with active addicts.

Our meetings are the first Saturday of the month at 1 Leighton St., Cambridge MA except for July (will be second Saturday due to Independence Day).

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Tomi U.

Metrowest.pr@gmail.com

(413) 519-4213

Central Mass

PR met for a subcommittee meeting on June 11th, they planned ideas for the future went over upcoming health fairs, as well as events at Health Alliance and Fitchburg State.

On June 10th and 11th we went out between the hours of 2-5 to hang up flyers and gave meeting lists in the towns of Leominster, Fitchburg and Gardner (North Central Mass).

We are looking forward to the second training for PR Presentations. Our first training had ten people in attendance on June 1st.

The next subcommittee meeting will be Monday, July 6th at 5:30pm. The second training date and location to be determined.

In Loving Service,

Teri T.

Pioneer Valley

The PVAPR Subcommittee last met on Monday June 8th, 2015 at Faith Methodist Church, 191 Montcalm Street Chicopee, MA 6 addicts were in attendance.

A few local radio stations have begun playing PSA's with more stations steadily being added to the list.

A Flyer Hanging Day took place on Saturday June 6th from 10am until about 2pm. Three teams of two blanketed East Longmeadow and Springfield, approximately 100 flyers were hung!

It's been a common practice in the past to send out a yearly "Mass Mailing" at a rather hefty expense. In taking a suggestion from a best practice session at the Mini Service Symposium we will compile an email list for professionals in the medical, legal, and recovery fields, as well as any others that may be interested in receiving information about Narcotics Anonymous. PR will send out an introduction Email as well as a printable PDF version of the New England Regional Meeting Directory. We will send out

emails on a quarterly basis reminding these professionals we are available for presentations, etc. and supply an updated Regional Directory.

There were no requests for call backs on the phonenumber for The Western Mass or Pioneer Valley Areas over the last two months. We are currently inviting and exploring ideas to expand exposure of the toll free helpline number 866-NA-HELPU.

The PVANA PR Subcommittee meets every second Monday at our new location,

Faith Methodist Church, 191 Montcalm Street Chicopee, Ma @ 5:45 pm

In Service,

Rob

Cape Cod

We meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Heritage Christian Life Center on Boxberry Hill Road. We have 12 active members. Positions: Chair- Tommy M. Vice Chair- Cara L. Secretary- Bridget V. Schools & Professionals Coordinator- Brian S. Flyer Hanging Coordinator- Derek L. PSA Coordinator- Cole A. Presentation

Coordinator- Cara L. In the past year we have: -Had seasonal flyer hanging days (4) Spanning from the Upper Cape to Provincetown. -Created an email address for PR that all members can communicate on and makes a line of communication with the public easier. (CapeCodAreaPR@gmail.com) -Created more positions to get more members involved. -Held an NA Presentation for faculty at Cape Cod Community College. -Held an NA Presentation at Falmouth Highschool for seniors and faculty. - On behalf of Region, done a Radio Presentation in Rhode Island on station 93.3. -Ran the NA Booth at the National Addiction Symposium. -Held an NA Presentation at an Addiction Forum. -Opened and maintained lines of communication with schools and professionals on Cape Cod. Current Projects and Goals: -Build and strengthen our relationship with other PR committee in the New England Region. -Draft a CCANA PR Policy.

-Hold a PR Learning day during a local speaker jam in August aimed at helping our local NA community see how every individual member represents NA in some way shape or form. -Continue opening lines of communication with professionals in our community. In Loving Service,

Tommy M. and Cara L.

Old Business:

Sarah is going to register PR for the New England Drug Court Conference. The registration fee is \$750 and will allow NA to have a booth for two days in Marlboro in October.

Vote: 5-0 in favor

Gary will make a money motion for \$750 at region to cover the registration cost.

Literature order: \$343.84 needed to replenish literature.

We need a ship to address for the literature.

Vote: 5-0 in favor

Gary will make a money motion for \$343.84 for new literature.

New Business:

Christopher mentioned having a PR learning event at the Watertown Men's meeting anniversary. Christopher suggested leaving it in the charge of the Metro West PR

area. Sarah suggested how to make it a fun event and attract as many newcomers to service as possible. This will be on April 23, 2016.

Gary asked if someone could approach the registrar of the RMV to ask if we can put a 15-30 second PSA on the TV screens that are running at RMVs. Nobody was willing to take on the role. Sarah reminded us that the new PR chair start conducting regional PR through the Planning Basics. The tabled RMV PSA would go as one of the items to be handled through the Planning Basics.

We are distributing a statement, which is available to all NA groups as a reminder of the traditions regarding the press. Due to the opiate epidemic, the State of Massachusetts has declared a public health emergency. We have already handled multiple requests from Area's and individuals who have had contact from the media. The statement is as follows:

Due to the growing epidemic of opiate addiction and overdose deaths, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts declared a public health emergency. We have since noticed an increase of requests by the press for interviews. Our Eleventh

Tradition says, "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films." The primary purpose of our public relations effort is to tell the story of Narcotics Anonymous and what our program offers so that we may better reach the still-suffering addict. We do not give our last names nor allow our image to appear in the media as a member of Narcotics Anonymous. If members of the press approach you, please direct them to the New England Regional Public Relations Subcommittee, which can be found at [www.nerna.org](http://www.nerna.org).

We will be passing along this statement at Region; available for the RCM's to share with the GSR's of their Area. In addition, Sarah will email the statement to all Regional and Area PR members. We are also recommending that the Area PR chairs print the statements and present them to their Area service meetings. Andrew will be adding the statement to the NERNA PR webpage in the "What every NA member should know" section.

We voted to send one of our trusted servants or Area Chairs as a representative (to be determined later) to the Western Service Learning Days on October 2nd. We will be submitting a money motion at the August Region.

Elections:

We had elections and we are happy to report the following: Tomi-Secretary, Gary-Phone Line Coordinator, Christopher-Regional Meeting Director, and Sarah-Training Coordinator. In addition, we voted all in favor for James P. as Chairperson. We are making a recommendation to the Regional Body that James P. be elected as Chairperson. We are still in need of a Vice-Chair, Event Coordinator and Professional Contact.

In Loving Service,

Gary B.

<u>RMD-</u>	INVENTORY		
Beginning Inventory	2,900		
Plus December 2013 Printing	8,000		
Total available for sales	10,900	Assets	
Sold to areas, groups & individuals		-1,750	\$ 175.00
Sold to Regional Committees	-200	\$	20.00
Sold to outside vendors	-300	\$	30.00
Total Sales this period	-2,250	\$	225.00
Remaining Inventory	8,650		
February Inventory remaining	-650		
June Inventory for Sale Today	8,000		
Plus sales tax collected		\$	10.97
Plus Shipping & Handling		\$	20.10
Assets Total (Deposit)		\$	256.07
Seed Money for Printing		\$	-
Total Assets - Deposit		\$	256.07
		Expenses	
Printing 8000 RMDs (June)		\$	680.00

Sales Tax	\$ 10.97	
Postage	\$ 16.90	
Supplies	\$ -	
Less Total Expenses	\$ 707.87	\$ (707.87)
Net Profit or (Loss) this Period		\$ (451.80)

650 RMDs were unsold from the February printing. The committee can decide whether to discard them or donate to whomever.

We have the June printing available for sales today.

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

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

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

I will be asking for the customary expense of \$680 for the next printing of 8000 directories.

I am submitting a Customary Reimbursement form for \$ 16.90 for postage paid.

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

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

## Committee Members

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

## WEBSITE-Website Committee Report June 2015

The website Committee met Saturday June 12 2015 as well as doing work electronically during the last 2 months. We had 5 persons in attendance.

Saintly Solutions has agreed to continue providing maintenance until December provided we pay on a monthly basis. Our current web hosting expires in December so that should allow the committee time to get bids and evaluate a few vendors and then purchase services all at the same time possibly from a single vendor. We defined what services we require and defined 6 vendors to approach plus one vendor we already have a quote from. As previously discussed with the treasurer we we'd like to pay SS up front \$150 (amount not previously discussed, just the idea) which should cover web maintenance through December thus alleviating the need to negotiate getting payment in the months we do not meet.

We discussed the RMD and NAWS export functions and determined that the URL's should be updated for clarity otherwise the current methodology is functioning properly. This process had been unclear but now the committee members (at least those present) were all "on the same page" and understood the techniques involved.

The committee is in the process of adding fields so that "Area Pages" can be accessed in a more functionalized manner. Currently NEMA meetings are a good demonstration of how this will work. You can get to all the area page information direction from the meeting search result. RCMs..... these are your pages..... for your area..... Please take the information back to your area that the page exists. You can have your own log in and upload documents there like policy, minutes, etc. Put

phone in information for phone access meetings, put whatever you want. Make it yours.

We have two invoices for current payment from SS being submitted for the past two months ( 17.5 and 12.5) from the remaining 171 of the not prepaid contract 141 would remain.

We have no recommendation for Chair.

I would like to remind people that as a function of changing positions they should let people know the passwords for the email boxes if their position has one. The website does not know this information if you changed it from the default. Also if you forward emails you will want to change that as well. Additionally..... several boxes do not and never have gotten checked. As outgoing website chair I will suggest to the new chair if that trend continues in the next year that those contact emails be removed from the website.

May Statistics

Sessions (May not be unique users)

Pageviews (total # of pages viewed)

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

On behalf of the website committee – Carrie B.

RD-

RDA-RDA report

June 14, 2015

The 2015 Membership Survey: A reminder to all addicts, we have been invited to fill the survey out online, please go to <http://membership2015.questionpro.com>. . If you

want to download the survey and fill it out offline, please go to <http://www.na.org/survey>.

Here are some highlights from the April copy of NAWS News:

Traditions Project: All members are encouraged to participate in this process: The main link is [www.na.org/traditions](http://www.na.org/traditions). Currently Traditions Seven through Ten are available for review and input from June 1-August 31, 2015. The document text and input links follow: \* May 2015 R&I Cover Memo \* Intro - for information purposes \* Tradition Seven | Provide Input on Draft \* Tradition Eight | Provide Input on Draft \* Tradition Nine | Provide Input on Draft \* Tradition Ten | Provide Input on Draft \* Complete Third R&I Packet

Service System Project (SSP): The goals related to the SSP this cycle include: Draft Service System Basics, Local Service Basics, and Group Support Basics; hold web meetings; establish a webpage for locally developed tools; and begin to revise some of the draft tools posted on [www.na.org/servicesystem](http://www.na.org/servicesystem).

Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs): The current topics are: Welcoming All Members, Planning, Group Support, and The Role of Zones. These are available at: [www.na.org/idt](http://www.na.org/idt). Feedback from members and service bodies is encouraged.

Service Pamphlets: Are available online: [www.na.org/?ID=servicemat-svc-pamphlets](http://www.na.org/?ID=servicemat-svc-pamphlets).

Webinars: If you would like to join and discuss issues and solutions please send your name, trusted servant position, and region and/or area to [events@na.org](mailto:events@na.org) or conventions, [HandI@na.org](mailto:HandI@na.org) for H&I and Inmate Step Writing committees, and [PR@na.org](mailto:PR@na.org) for PR/PI trusted servants.

Financials: Members are encouraged to participate in the work of NA World Services by contributing financially through [www.na.org/contribute](http://www.na.org/contribute).

Again, I would like to share my gratitude to this Region for allowing me to serve Narcotics Anonymous.

Brenda V. [jaeleigh13@gmail.com](mailto:jaeleigh13@gmail.com) (My old email address [brendavigue@verizon.net](mailto:brendavigue@verizon.net) is no longer valid).

The BOD has met once since the April RSC. We are continuing to receive payments of \$500/month to recoup the misappropriated funds- to date we have been repaid \$7,500.00.

An outside accountant will be retained to review our books and determine where and how the discrepancy (revealed at the April 2015 Annual Corporation meeting) occurred.

The board has submitted a check for \$400.00 to the RSC which represents our final payment on the \$2,000.00 “legal defense fund” loan.

There will be a full Corporation meeting at the August RSC for the purpose of filling four open BOD positions as well as any other business that may arise.

The next scheduled board of directors meeting will be at 1100 on Saturday of the August regional weekend.

In grateful service,

Jim D. - BOD

NERCC/NERSC inventory adhawk-

## AREA REPORTS

BOSTON-

CAPE COD-

CENTRAL MASS-

FREE SPIRIT-

GREATER PROVIDENCE-

MARTHAS VINEYARD-

METRO WEST-Howdy from the Metro West Area and thank you SEMA for hosting! Metro West Area is alive and well and has more addict support than it has in a long time. We met on April 26 and May 31 and had about 15 of our 37 meetings represented at both meetings. Elections will be held at our June area meeting on the 28th so all positions are open. Our H&I and PR committees continue to thrive; Tomi has killed it with PR and it seems he has developed a committee from thin air. There has been a lot of discussion about drug replacement therapy, and whether those individuals on drug replacement therapy are able to serve at the area level. It was decided to follow the content of Bulletin 29 for the purposes of the upcoming elections. Again, our area is growing stronger and it's a great place to be- come for a visit!

In loving service,  
Tiffany L

NANTUCKET-

NEMA- Good morning/afternoon all: Thank you SEMA for hosting. NEMA has met twice since our last RSC. We have voted to move our ASC meet location to 33 Spring St. starting in July; we will still meet on the last Sunday of each month. NEMACNA is having their annual "Rock the boat" fundraiser. It will be on July 25<sup>th</sup>, leaving from Cape Ann Whale Watch in Gloucester. Boarding is at 6:30 pm leaving promptly at 7pm!

We have started an AD-HOC regarding the current "policy" of allowing one GSR to represent up to five groups at the ASC. It was initially started when there was an attempt to try a new service system structure and was never dissolved or actually voted into policy. Currently any motion sent back to groups that the GSR represents multiple groups, provided that he/she has gone back and gotten that group's conscience can vote for up to five groups. Any motion for matters involving business that day, the GSR can only represent one group. Needless to say we have some work to do. We have been on contact with the RDA and will be requesting a

presentation from the RD/RDA team. We also voted in favor of spending money for special workers for the ADHOC NERCC/NERSC inventory should they be needed.

Finally, after having a difficult winter with funds, we are able to send a donation to the Region continuing the fund flow. Next meeting is 6/28/2015 8:00pm 556 Cabot St. Beverly Ma ILS, DAMON W. 857-540-1092

PIONEER VALLEY-Pioneer Valley Area of Narcotics Anonymous

Greetings from the Pioneer Valley,

Thank you to the South Eastern MA Area of NA for hosting us this weekend.

Pioneer Valley just had our elections on Monday and we now have a new Board with all positions and alternate positions filled. There are several new NA members who have stepped forward to be of service. We are operating just below prudent reserve. All H & I commitments are filled and the addict who still suffers is being reached out to. Our PR Committee is vibrant and active, having just completed a Flyer Hanging Day and working on radio PSAs. A new group has joined the Pioneer Valley area and been welcomed with a group starter kit.

I look forward to another year of service.

In Loving Service,

SEMA-Good Morning,

Thank you all for letting SEMA host region this month. The SEMA ASC has met twice since last region and four times since the last time SEMA was represented at Region. We are currently operating above prudent reserve and all positions have been filled. The ASC is well attended by RCMs as the subcommittees of the SEMA ASC perform the tasks assigned to them. Outreach continues to meet via conference call every first Monday of the month and will be hosting a service slam in the next two months. HNI has no issues to report. PI now has four members and had first flyer hanging day on March 29th at 360 Coggeshall Street. That facility has also reported some deep concerns on the treatment of that hall as eight meetings meet there. All GSR's were informed of the concerns and asked to report them back to their group.

Our literature committee is now being called literature development to avoid confusion between literature distributions as they continue to work on the traditions working project and will be reviewing and inputting on traditions 7-10 every other Tuesday at 360 Coggeshall Street in New Bedford. Our Convention will be taken place from October 2, 3, and 4. The convention committee is reports all is running smoothly. There are various upcoming events in our area. Please keep an eye on the website as well as literature tables for these. This is my last month as RCM, though I plan to attend the next region or two to mentor the incoming RCM. This has been one of the most fulfilling positions since I have been clean and I want to thank you all for being part of my recovery process as my journey continues.

ILS,

Jay P.

#### SOUTH SHORE-

WESTERN MASS- Thank you SEMA area for hosting us. Our last area we had 22 GSRS in attendance. All executives as were there as well. Our rent has been raised at our area location since we last met. We had a discussion on looking into changing our location of where our area will meet due to the fact our rent was raised. We developed a ad-hoc committee for this. A new policy was created that if \$300.00 is needed for a group or sub-committee that it would be brought back to groups to vote on. Nominations and elections were done, the following positions were full-filled ..... secretary, PI- Chair, H& I chair, outreach & GSR Coordinator. We are still looking for convention committee members. Activities sub- committee will be meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at 8:15 at 61 Upper Church Street, W. Springfield, MA. H&I 7 attended, a new chair person was elected, secretary and literature coordinator will be elected tomorrow ( June 15th) , interest in these positions have been mentioned so likely they will get elected and filled. Some facility changes have been made which in turn caused some members to either step down or change with another. Solutions are being proposed to keep positions filled however we do still ahems some positions available. For example still looking for another member for Chicopee jail. The Berkshires are taking interest to help fulfill positions as well. PI/PR now has three people and they meet every 3rd Sunday at 6:00 at the Holyoke Hospital , 20 Hospital Drive, Holyoke , MA. Outreach- will meet at 6:00 right before every area

for GSR orientation. The convention planning is coming right along and the hotel is paid. The current balance is \$6,328.62. The ASO order sales is \$475.45, H&I/PI/PR is \$138.25, sales tax is \$29.48, re-order is \$580.21. The following announcements are that the Wednesday meeting for Recovery For Every Walk OF Life is moving to St. John'S Church, 833 Main Street, Agawam 7:30 to 9:00, Terminally Hip and Fatally Cool Group is celebrating their 1 year anniversary on June 25th at the Energy Park at 12:00 in Greenfield, MA. The Vision Without limits Group is having a grill and chill every 2nd Tuesday of the month until September , Church of Christ, 61 Upper Church Street, West Springfield , MA.

Western MA area is paying our hotel in increments and still owe the hotel \$1,625.00.

The next fundraiser for the Western Mass Convention is June 27th for a softball tournament at Hubbard Park, Springfield MA. Flyers are available.

Thank you again, ILS , CATHIE L

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### PAST DUE INSURANCE BILLS:

CCA-\$256.16

FSA-\$121.34

MVA-\$47.19

NANTCKT-\$47.19

SEMA-\$316.83

WMA-\$256.16

BOSTON-\$359.60

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

NON MONEY MOTION #1-

Presented by: Fellowship Development

Motion: change policy to add "chairperson of fellowship development subcommittee" to responsibilities of the RDA (regional delegate alternate).

Intent: to make better use of the information obtained by the RD/RDA team and to avoid redundancy in service.

IN FAVOR: 10          OPPOSED: 0          ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION #1

Presented by: Gary B. (PR chair)

Seconded by: Derek J

Motion: To reimburse the PR training coordinator for travel for training sessions in Central Ma.

Tolls-\$10.50

Intent: to further carry the message of NA

INFAVOR: 9          OPPOSED: 0          ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION #2

Presented by: Gary B. (PR chair)

Seconded by: Derek J.

Motion: The Public Relations Subcommittee is making a motion to replenish their literature for upcoming events. Amount \$343.84

Intent: to further carry the message of NA

IN FAVOR: 9                      OPPOSED: 0                      ABSTAINED: 0

#### MONEY MOTON # 3

Presented by: Website

Motion: To make payment to saintly solutions of \$150.00in advance for maintenance of NERNA website from Current date through December 2015. As suggested by finance committee, this is keeping with our current contract for prompt payment.

Intent: to maintain regional website

IN FAVOR; 9                      OPPOSED: 0                      ABSTAINED: 0

#### MONEY MOTION # 4

Presented by: Gary B. (PR chair)

Seconded by: Derek J

Motion: To register for the New England drug court conference in October. Cost of \$750.00

Intent: to further carry the message of NA

IN FAVOR: 9

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION # 5

Presented by: Gary B. (PR chair)

Seconded by: Derek J.

Motion: Money motion for \$30.00

Intent: to stock meeting directories for PR presentations

IN FAVOR: 9

OPPESED: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

### ELECTIONS

CHAIRPERSON	Dave A.	Passes
VICE-CHAIRPERSON	Rachel G.	Passes
SECRETARY	Bernadette	Passes
Assistant SEC.	Tiffany L.	Passes
TREASURER	Bring back to groups open	
ASSISTANT TREAS.	Bring back to groups open	
ACTIVITIES CHAIR	Bring back to groups open	
H&I CHAIR	Mike C.	Passes
LITERATURE CHAIR	Kevin H.	passes
POLICY CHAIR	Bring back to groups open	

PR CHAIR			Bring back to groups open
RMD			Bring back to groups open
WEBSITE CHAIR			Bring back to groups open'
INSURANCE CHAIR	John F.	Passes	
FINANCE CHAIR	Michelle	Passes	
FINANCE MEMBER AT LARGE	Cathy L.	Passes	
FINANCE MEMBER AT LARGE			Bring back to groups open
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