

Regional Minutes JUNE 2021

AUGUST Regional weekend will be hosted virtually by Metrowest Area!

Subcommittees meet Saturday August 7th at 11:00 am
RSC meets Sunday June 8th at 11:00 am

October Regional weekend will be hosted by Martha's Vineyard!

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-

Greetings from the Martha's Vineyard Area

The MV area has met twice since the last RSC. We have returned to our regular ASC schedule, although we only meet virtually, on Zoom (Last Monday of the month at 8:15).

Most of our meetings are now face-to-face with a virtual component. One meeting has returned to in person attendance but the facility lacks wifi access – for now. Two meetings remain virtual, and one of those we expect to become hybrid in the near future. Our groups seem to be consolidating funds collected via Venmo and other methods and combining them

with prepandemic donations. We will likely have donations for NERNA and NAWS this summer.

Thanks to James from the delegate team for visiting our ASC!

ILS – Bill H

METRO WEST-

Metro West Area Service committee met on May 4 with 14 of 26 GSR's present, June 1 with 10 GSRs.

Elections were held in June and most positions were filled

H&I in the Metro west area has gone inactive due to lack of participation of facilities.

Public Relations has been active and has revised the Literature Rack program and has discussed adding QR codes to the Literature racks with contact info for literature, phone lines, website, etc.

Outreach is inactive.

Treasurer: Checks sent to NERSC still not being deposited. Met with Regional Treasurer and discussed closing our current account and asking regional treasurer not to deposit any checks which may show up until we can decide on an alternate payment method.

Policy and Guidelines: Ad hoc committee working on update

Looking forward to hosting the August NERSC meeting.

Christopher M

RCM Metro west Area

NEMA (Northeast Mass Area)-

Hello NERNA family, my name is Chris and I am an addict. Thank you for allowing me to be of service over these past 2 years. It has been a pleasure to serve with you all. My term is over and I will be nominating Val our alternate RCM for the position.

Our area has had 2 meetings since our last virtual meeting. We had 9 GSRs in attendance in May, 12 GSRs in April.

H & I- As of May we have 10 open commitments, 5 open/covered commitments, and 31 covered commitments.

Convention- At our last RSC I had mentioned that our convention committee was struggling to fill its positions. After we had met convention committee voted in a chair and members have started actively participating.

Activities- Our activities committee held their first in-person event since pre-covid, From the Hood to the Woods!

FD/ Website- Fellowship Development and Website have merged and are actively reaching out to groups to try and narrow down our meeting list and encourage participation at the ASC.

All of our administrative positions are filled.

Our next ASC will be meeting 6/27/21 at 3pm. Zoom ID:835-4005-0878.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Chris

SEMA (Southeast Mass Area)-

Hello New England Region,

Good morning New England Region! My name is Lauren and I am an addict. Southeastern Mass Area has met 2 times since the last RSC. We currently have 28 groups meeting and have had an average GSR attendance of 18. Our open positions are of Vice chair, Alt RCM, Lit Distribution, Lit development Website servant and Alt Website servant. I do not have much to report this month. As mentioned in the past, SEMA is a part of a Tri-Area Convention along with SSA and CCA, the subcommittee has resumed meeting, the next meeting is June 26th @ 4:30PM via Zoom (Meeting ID: 277-108-607). I look forward to bringing more information regarding the convention in the near future. Also, at our May ASC we discussed SEMA's Area Anniversary which is in its planning stage, and that is, again, something I will be able to provide more details moving forward. Other than that, all is well!

If anyone is interested in joining us at our next ASC we are meeting on the FOURTH Sunday which is Sunday June 27th, at 12:15 pm Meeting ID: 885-373-0525 We would love to see you!

SOUTH SHORE-

Hi New England Region-

Great to see you all! Thank you all for your service.

The SSA has met twice since our last Regional weekend and all seems to be going well. Here are the highlights:

- The SSA made a motion which has passed to return to holding the ASC meeting in person with a hybrid option.
- The next SSA meeting is scheduled to take place the second weekend of July, instead of the first due to the holiday. It will take place on July 11 @ 2:30p; Zoom ID: 9553349410 and Password: SSA4520.
- We have had approximately 6-8 GSRs at attendance. Most of the Groups in the Area reported that they are adjusting well to the reopening of in-person meetings. Most meetings are meeting in a hybrid or live-in-person fashion at this time.
- Four of our Groups participated in the FD NERNA Regional survey- I submitted the results on behalf of the Area.

- There was concern regarding meeting info being updated on NERNA. The NERNA chair was present at the last ASC and was able to assist the Chair with approved login information to allow the Chair to make immediate edits. This information is going to be passed along to the web contact at the next ASC. Thanks, D'Lanor!
- Huge thank you to Jim D., Our Delegate Alt who attended the SSA ASC. I love to see us making connections between the Regional and Area levels and I think everyone at the ASC loved to have you there also.
- Elections were held last month and I am continuing to serve as the RCM for the Area. I have let them know due to my school schedule may change come January where I may no longer be able to fulfill this commitment and they were accepting of this. I am going to be looking for an Alt RCM to assist in the mentoring efforts.
- The SSA has an activities chair for the first time and a long time and this was well received by the Area.
- A decision was made to reinstate the Tri-Area Convention Chair. There have been two meetings of this Adhoc already and planning is underway to deliver this awesome event sometime next year.
- The H&I subcommittee was looking for panel leaders as there were several openings; facilities were responding they were going to give the opening to other organizations if we weren't to fill. To my knowledge- we were able to fill all the spots.
- The SSA is making a contribution of \$1682.34 to the Region this month.

ILS,

Katie S. SSA RCM

(508) 846-7795

WESTERN MASS- No report submitted.

OANENA – No report submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIR-

Regional Chair Report
Hello NERNA!

Im super excited to be here with all you fine folks! AS far as a report I really have nothing major. Only a reminder that all positions are up for election in August so Subcommittees please be advised.

Also, with that said, Kyle is doing a fabulous job and I have complete confidence in his ability to step into the position in August. I will of course still be here to support him in any way I can.

Thanks !
-D'Lanor

VICE CHAIR- No report submitted.

SECRETARY-

Hi NERNA!

If you'd like to receive the minutes email me @ secretary@newenglandna.org. Thank you!

ILS,

Lauren G

TREASURER/FINANCE-

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

- We reconciled the April and May statements and made the scheduled transfers into set-aside accounts (H&I, Insurance, PR, RD/AD, and Website).
- We made the third of four insurance payments.
- Prudent reserve was reset to \$2205.50 (an increase of \$83.50).
- We have a starting balance of \$8290.25, this includes the \$6867.63 being held for the convention – which leaves \$1422.63 in available funds.
- When making an electronic donation, please remember to note if it is individual, group, or area.
- Ending balance \$1422.63
- A regional donation will be submitted to NAWS in the amount of \$1422.63

ILS,

Noel D. and the finance sub-committee

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

CONVENTION- No report submitted.

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT (FD)-

Good Afternoon New England Region,

I am an addict named Sam your Fellowship Development Chair. As always, it is an honor to be of service to the New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous.

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

- Yesterday we had 7 members in attendance. The NERNA FD subcommittee is looking to get more involved with Area level efforts. At the end of my report, I am going to ask each of the RCMs 1) if the Areas have an FD subcommittee 2) for contact info of the FD chair so we can find out where and when the FD subcommittees meetings are happening and attend.
- Since we last met, a small group met to formulate NERNA FD guidelines. The guidelines were presented at the meeting yesterday and were accepted by the larger subcommittee. This is the first time ever NERNA FD has adopted guidelines- great work to those who worked and put a lot of effort into this!
- We currently have plans for the FD website including a service request form, links to existing service material/presentations, our subcommittee meeting info and contact information. A small group is working on getting this set up in the upcoming months so stay tuned!
- The Delegates were unable to attend the FD meeting yesterday. It has come to our attention that the conference participants webinar meets at 2-4p on every subcommittee Saturday.
- If the body likes subcommittee Saturday being staggered, FD would appreciate changing the FD subcommittee meeting time to 12:30-2:00p so that the Delegates can attend.
- We are looking to see if anyone has specific contact information (name and telephone number) for a trusted servant at the Greater Worcester Area. We have heard of many individuals knowing members of this Area, however, we are looking to learn specific details if the Area is still conducting business. Greater Worcester is on the lineup to host Regional weekend in December. We would like to get in touch with someone by August; otherwise, we are hoping to modify the rotational calendar to allow the Online Area to host at that time.
- The biggest news we have coming out of yesterday's meeting is the results from the Regional scanning tool. In March 2021, the NERNA FD Subcommittee sent out a survey. The survey was aimed to help the committee get a better understanding of how we can better support the Areas within the Region. The survey acted as a "scan" of the Region and helped provide information for Fellowship Development to plan out purpose-driven services for the member Areas and the Region as a whole. In total, 6 Areas, a little less than half, were represented in response to this survey. In response to the survey, the committee has deemed the best course of action is to host an all-out Service Slam with over 9 different presentations on Area level service. We would like to have this event span across the entire weekend of January 8-9th. At the conclusion of the final presentation, we will be hosting the first of many CAR workshops presented by the NERNA Delegate team. We would like to ask for the support of the Region for this event.
- The FD Vice Chair has resigned and we thank him for his time and efforts to our Region. We will be hosting an election for the position at our next off-cycle meeting.
- The next off-Cycle FD meeting will be held on Saturday July 24th from 12:30-2:00p. Zoom ID: 508 415 4471. We really hope to see everyone there.

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

Upcoming FD Events

Off-Cycle Fellowship Development Subcommittee Meeting
Saturday July 24th from 12:30-2:00p
Meeting ID: 508 415 4471

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS (H&I) –

H&I met via Zoom yesterday, Saturday June 12th, 2021. 6 areas were in attendance (Boston, CCA, CMA, NEMA, SEMA, and Greater Providence Area). DOC Coordinator had nothing to reports and he is continuing to reach out to the DOC to see when they will allow H&I to come back. WSR chair reported that she continues to check the P.O. Box and is forwarding the letters. She explained what Writing Steps in Recovery was to newer members at yesterday's meeting and has 1 addict currently writing from the Gardner facility.

Areas who attended yesterday are bringing H&I meetings on Zoom into facilities and in person now. Hilary C. was nominated for Boston Area Chair and is awaiting ratification from the Boston Area. Cape Cod Area discussed issues surrounding Panel Leaders missing commitments, they are holding elections at their next H&I meeting. Jackie was voted in as H&I chair for the Central Mass area and reports there is a lack of facility participation in their area. Greater Providence Area reports they are having difficulty with missed commitments and H&I participation. SEMA also reports a lack of participation at their H&I subcommittee meetings and missed commitments. NEMA reports they voted to go to a hybrid format if their area decides to go back in person and discussed remaining hybrid moving forward. In open discussion we discussed facilities in the Boston Area that are requesting members who come in be vaccinated and wear masks, there are concerns about this excluding a number of individuals who have the willingness to go into these facilities who are not vaccinated, along with finding new Panel Leaders and speakers.

We received 1 email request for in person commitments at Baldpate CSS. Requests for commitments were given to the appropriate area chairpersons. Jill from SEMA was voted in as Regional H&I Secretary; alternate secretary remains open. H&I will have elections in August for all positions.

In Loving Service,

Riley D.

INSURANCE-

Greetings from the Insurance Committee

I was able, at last, to add the NERNA insurance email account to my mail accounts and access new and old emails to that account. There was some older communication I was able to address including 2 old Certificate of Insurance (COI) requests. Our insurance provider introduced me to our agent from the agency, as well as providing direction and a dedicated email address to use for certificate requests. I have since sent a few new COI's that were requested through the email account. So it appears that we are still up and now running somewhat smoothly. If a facility requests a certificate, please contact me at insurance@newenglandna.org and include the physical address of the facility and a contact name and email. Thank you!

ILS – Bill H

LITERATURE- OPEN.

POLICY- OPEN

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

REGIONAL DELEGATE (RD)-

Greetings New England Region!

[Conference Participants \(CP\) Web Meeting : Yesterday 6/12 @2-4pm](#)

The status of the World Service Conference (virtual/in-person) is yet to be decided and the World Board is split in to two work groups investigating different possibilities. Currently almost every country (except Mexico) has travel restrictions that would affect an in-person WSC.

Yesterday's CP Web meeting straw polled 6 questions:

1. Are you in favor of an additional Conference participant web meeting 24 July, 11am-1pm, Pacific Daylight Time? This meeting would be for discussion about planning the WSC. **Yes by consensus**
2. Do you believe an in-person Conference is prudent or advisable in 2022? *Again, we are just trying to take an initial pulse to get a sense of where we all stand.*

Yes (51) 54% **No (33) 35%** undecided (10) 11%

3. Given the factors mentioned today, do you believe an in-person Conference is possible in 2022? .

Yes (51) 54% **No (33) 35%** undecided (10) 11%

4. If funding to attend the WSC was not available through World Services, would your region or zone still be able to send a delegate?

Yes (75) 82% **No (5) 5%** undecided (12) 13%

5. Knowing what you know today, do you think you would attend an in-person WSC? .

Yes (75) 80% **No (7) 7%** undecided (12) 13%

6. If a significant number of participants were unable to attend, do you believe it would be possible to have an in-person WSC that was in keeping with our spiritual principles and the reason we gather? . **Yes (35) 38%**

No (40) 43% undecided (18) 19%

The Virtual Meetings Work Group reported that 4230 members responded to the survey (in at least 5 languages). Question: Do you believe that virtual meetings meet the criteria to be NA groups, as listed in *The Group Booklet*?"

YES (3466) 82% **No (407) 10%** **not sure (357) 8%**

Jim D. will detail in his report the financial report from NAWS and the situation of the Emergency Budget.

April Meeting of North East Zonal Forum (NEZF)

NEZF April 22-25, 2021 strategic planning meeting was hosted virtually by the NEZF with Jim B. & Laura B. facilitating. We then had a follow up meeting to refine project plans. Here are the Four Project Plans for your consideration and hopeful approval at August Regional Meeting (before the next NEZF meeting)

2021 NEZF Strategic Plan

Guidelines Project Plan

Issue : Lack of strong foundation at the zone upon which to build

Objective : To have clear and complete guidelines that include :

- Policies that are consistent with current practices
- Zonal planning as a policy
- A formal process to identify and recommend its members to World Services.
- Increased opportunities for participation at the zonal forum, including surveys
- Increased collaboration with neighboring service bodies

Approach : Create a guidelines workgroup

Zonal Participation Project Plan

Issue : Fellowship understanding of the zone and the resources available

Objective : Increase understanding of what the NEZF is, does, and how it connects directly to our fellowship's primary purpose

Approach : Develop plan to get more members involved with zonal committees to help shape what the zone is and does

Online Presence Project Plan

Issue : Too much information with too few effective avenues connecting our members to that information

Objective : Increase accessibility to zonal information and resources

Approach : Create a workgroup to improve and organize our online presence through but not limited to the following :

- Explore social media
- Create a website workgroup / renovate website

Communications Project Plan

Issue : Too much information with too few effective avenues connecting our members to that information

Objective : Increase effective distribution of zonal information and resources

Approach : Create a workgroup to present resources and accessible pathways to them through but not limited to the following:

- Explore utilizing various media forms to communicate zonal info to our members, including videos
- Push out info to regional emails and websites.
- Form and utilize a distribution list for the newsletter.
- Improved relationships in zonal communications through follow up

NEZF RCM Training Workgroup: “RCMs At Your Best – Tell Us How”

The North East Zonal Forum and the Autonomy Zonal Forum have been formally collaborating on some projects for months now and has created a RCM (Regional Committee Member) Training for the NEZF/AZF member regions:

“RCMs at Your Best Tell Us How” Event– RCM Training Day – save the date August 29, 2021

The next workgroup meeting will be held on **Saturday August 14th @ 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm**. For more information please see: <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 meeting October.*

I would like to ask members to consider to allocate a percentage of our fund flow to NEZF (such as 5-10% of funds allocated for donation) as is the case in other regions in our zone: Northern New England, Mid Atlantic, and Western New York.

NESSNA North East States Service Symposium of NA

Dates for NESSNA are July 28 – July 31, 2022. Location: Boston Marriott Peabody.

Multi Zonal Service Symposium (MZSS)

This event was in our spending plan, and there will be a motion today for \$1,025 to cover airfare, hotel, transfer, registration and per diem. The intent of the motion is “to better prepare the RD for the upcoming 2022 World Service Conference & provide first hand knowledge of how to orchestrate a hybrid service symposium (possibly for NESSNA)” The event is being held in San Antonio, TX from August 27th-29th

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

James P., Regional Delegate
New England Regional Service Committee
jgpbos@me.com
617-314-4048

Please see Appendix B for remainder of RD report.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE (AD)-

June 13, 2021

North-East Zonal Forum Fellowship Development

The Fellowship development subcommittee at the NEZF will be holding Delegate Training Workshops on Saturday June 26th and Sunday June 27th. The flier with times and virtual meeting ID will be attached to this report. There is also planned an RCM Training Day for Sunday August 29 from noon till midnight. The FD committee has put together a new set of guidelines for the subcommittee which is out for review and input from all the member regions. The full guidelines are attached to this report. As the chair of the subcommittee, our own Kris R. stated: ‘To make serving with the North-East Zonal Forum’s Fellowship Development team more accessible; we have broken down each task into smaller, more manageable tasks. The new guidelines, we feel, provide more clarity to our process and structure within the committee. We also have details for each new position within the committee, along with any clean-time requirements needed. Rather than have a chair and vice-chair be 100% responsible for everything, the responsibilities will be evenly shared among all trusted servants – keeping us more in line with our 7th Tradition; “We cannot afford to let our members contribute more than their fair share.”’

Delegate team visits to area service committee meetings:

In an effort to be more visible and accessible to our member areas the delegate team has committed to attend each area and explain who we are and what we do.

James has visited Boston and Martha’s Vineyard and will be attending Metro West on July 6th and NEMA on July 25th. Still waiting to hear back from online area. Nantucket is no longer meeting as an area and is in need of support, only one meeting currently on the island. Jim has visited Western Mass, Greater Providence, Cape Cod and South Shore and will attend SEMA on June 20th and attempting to contact a trusted servant from Central Mass. It is our hope that these visits will encourage more group participation in the Conference Agenda report when it is released this fall.

RBZ Nominations/ CAR motions

Region/Board/Zone nominations are now being accepted until September 30,2021. The positions that are elected at the WSC are: World Board Member, Human Resource Panel (HRP) member and a cofacilitator (Cofax). Please let us know if you’d like our region to make any nominations. The deadline for submitting CAR motions is August 1st, 2021, so this will be our last opportunity to review and submit them as a region.

Multi Zonal Service Symposium (MZSS)

This event was in our spending plan, and there will be a motion today for \$570 to cover airfare, registration and per diem. The intent of the motion is “to better prepare the AD for the upcoming 2022 World Service Conference” The event is being held in San Antonio, TX from August 27th-29th.

NAWS Financial Report

Here is an excerpt was NAWS regarding their current financial state.

“What we thought would be more helpful is a snapshot of where we have been and what it says about our immediate future. We put together some figures to help participants see how current income and expense levels vary from those in the adopted budget. The attached financial report shows the budget adopted at WSC 2020 for both fiscal years of the cycle. The last three columns show the last six months of income and expense – October 2020 through March 2021 – annualized (the six months added together and multiplied by 2) to show what this fiscal year will look like if income and expense remains the same and how much those annualized figures vary from the budget that was adopted for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. As a reminder, our fiscal year begins 1 July, with the 2021-2022 fiscal year running from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

This calculation shows that we are just meeting current expenses and projects a net income of \$26,294 for the year. Getting to this point is tremendous progress and reflects both prudent decisions to curtail expense and generous support through contributions from NA members.

We did not use the first three months of the current fiscal year (July-September 2020) as a basis for these calculations for two main reasons. Income early in this fiscal year was lower than it is currently trending, and our expenses were lower during the first three months of the fiscal year because we received two months of “free” rent for the Chatsworth location due to a lease renewal.

Will everything remain the same? We certainly hope not. We believe our financial picture may improve but not quickly or consistently. Several additional factors will effect expenses as we move forward. Out of operational necessity we are bringing a few staff members back to work; we also know that we will have increased cost of goods coming very soon; and we are still involved in two lawsuits. There is nothing new to report in the legal matters in the Philippines and California and both are ongoing.

Contributions from members, groups, and service bodies remain the bright spot in the financial report. We continue to be heartened by members’ responses to the financial crisis. While we still have a long way to go to become self-supporting through member contributions, we want to send out a gigantic thank you, especially to all of you who have helped to encourage this progress.”

The takeaway from that fairly detailed report is that we would not be where we are financially if not for the generosity of our members. Continued direct contributions to NAWS are strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated! Often members make a monthly recurring contribution equal to the number of years clean. Go to na.org/contribute.

NAWS is still hopeful for a World Convention in Melbourne in November 2022. A completely revokable contract (no penalty for cancellation) was recently signed with the venue, a firm decision will be made by this October.

The Ransomware attack, which was briefly referenced in the September NAWS News, did not cause the fellowship to have any data, financial or personal, stolen. The perpetrators basically encrypted all of our data and held it ‘hostage’ unless we paid ransom for the key to unlock it. Fortunately, most of our data was backed up and although it cost many hours of labor to restore, no ransom was paid. It did however alert us to weaknesses in our system which have since been tightened.

There have been many questions about the “US Zones” project and as such we have invited Dennis M., the chair of the North East Zonal Forum (NEZF), to give us a brief presentation today and answer any questions you may have.

With gratitude,

Jim D. – AD

[NEZF Fellowship Development Subcommittee Proposed Guidelines:](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eIKiZHbr8jN51iRfpxrfevDjioDD9LWD/edit)
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eIKiZHbr8jN51iRfpxrfevDjioDD9LWD/edit>




NORTH EAST ZONAL FORUM

SO YOU WANT TO BE A DELEGATE?

DELEGATE TRAINING WORKSHOPS
WORKSHOPS, SPEAKERS, AND NA TABOO

JUNE 26TH, 2021
 12:00PM - OPENING
 12:30PM - KNOW YOUR REGION
 2:00PM - NAWS/WSC - MORE THAN JUST THE CAR/CAT
 3:30PM - LOCAL RESPONSIBILITIES - ASC, RSC, ZONE
 5:00PM - COMMUNICATIONS
 8:00PM - SPEAKERS
 9:30PM - NA TABOO

JUNE 27TH, 2021
 12:00PM - KNOW YOUR TOOLS
 1:30PM - HOW TO PUT ON A WORKSHOP

JUNE 26TH, 2021	JUNE 27TH, 2021
12PM TO 11PM ET	12PM TO 2:45PM ET
MEETING ID: 823 7569 9282	MEETING ID: 823 7569 9282
PASSWORD: NEZF	PASSWORD: NEZF

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REGIONAL MEETING DIRECTORIES (RMD)- No report submitted.

WEBSITE-

New England Regional Website Liaison Report

Changed New England Regional Mailing Address

The New England Regional mailing address has changed. It appears in six places on the website (as far as I can find):

- In the printable meeting list
- In the Fellowship Development page
- Under Regional Information -> Contact Us (twice)
- On the RMD Order Form (twice)

I have been able to update it (or have RMD edit their form and send me the new version) except for the Fellowship Development page, which is not really a web page but a rather complex PDF document. I found a way to download the PDF and edit it, but I am not able to insert it into the FD page. I know Patrick knows how to do this, so I emailed him and asked him to do so. He did and that is, as far as I know, the last instance of our mailing address that needed to be updated.

Budget for June 2021 to May 2022

I have looked at the spreadsheet sent out by the Finance Committee on May 21. It projects setting aside \$269.26 each time Region meets in this time period. That totals \$1615.56. The total project cost in the budget I submitted in the Spring totals 1620.76. (I double checked that the total was correct, and it is). Thus there is a \$5.20 discrepancy. To make the total come out right we would need to set aside \$270.13 each time Region meets. This is not a big deal but I just thought I would bring it to everyone's attention.

Printable Regional Meeting Directory

Last time, I reported that Zoom information is not printing in the RMD file. I know how to get it to do so, so in early June I worked on it. I added a special plugin (add-on software) that enables it and edited the configuration of Bread – that is the plugin that prints a file using BMLT database. In a BMLT meeting listing, there are three fields that may contain virtual meeting information:

- The phone number field
- The virtual link field
- The additional virtual information field

The additional virtual information field is intended for the Zoom ID and unencrypted password, if there is a password. This is the field that Bread prints in the file. Once I got the field to print, I discovered that for many of these, the field was empty. So I launched a printout of the file, and methodically went through it, editing the additional virtual information field to add the Zoom ID and password, if there is a password. In a few cases, I could not add the unencrypted password, known as the plaintext password, because all I had was the virtual link with the encrypted password appended to the end. During this process, I made a mistake in searching for meetings, and crashed the server. I called Patrick but he was not available. So I contacted Siteground (our hosting company) and they went in and fixed the problem. Altogether, it took about an hour. Patrick called me back. I explained what had happened and he said he would look at the logs. Also, of the eight meetings that had only encrypted passwords available, five of them were on the Vineyard. Patrick said he would get the plaintext passwords and edit the meeting listings. He has done so. I emailed group contacts for unencrypted passwords, and two responded. So now we have only one virtual or hybrid meeting in the RMD printout that does not have their Zoom information in it. Since so many other online meetings are available throughout the day, all day, I do not regard this a real problem.

While we were talking, Patrick brought up the idea of using a QR code. It would take the person to the meetings on the website, where they could look up the meeting information themselves. I'm thinking maybe if we use QR Codes, we could print them on business cards, which would be cheaper and have the advantage that they won't change.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy F, New England Regional Website Committee

See pages 26-31 for remainder of Website report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)-

Good Morning,

We will be having a corporation meeting today and the only thing on the agenda is election of 2 Director positions 1 if elected today will serve until April 2022 and the second will to serve until April 2023.

The BOD met yesterday. We discussed the ADHOC to establish a spending Plan for the new convention Cycle. Dan M and Susan G will be working on getting this completed by the August RSC. The interested BOD members will be meeting on Tuesday July 20th.

We also will begin the Adhoc to revise the Policy and BY Laws of the to convention Corp 9/14 7-830 PM. If anyone in the region is interested in helping us with this let us know.

I was able to speak to the Seacrest Hotel Sale Manager and she is excited as we are about or event that will Take place on March 17-19, 2023. She also informed me that they are no longer being managed by Delaware North and the contract we signed with that organization will have to be resigned with the Seacrest directly. They sent it to me for a signature assuring me that nothing that was negotiated would change. We reviewed that contract and compared it to the one we signed yesterday and will be going back to her with a few questions and proposed changes to the wording. I will also be setting up a site visit for either Oct 2 or Nov 6. If anyone it interested joining us for this visit please let us know.

We did send the check to region returning the available funds left in the Convention and BOD accounts. This check was for \$6867.63. We would like the region to hold these funds aside until we establish our spending plan and present it in August. We will need this money to begin planning our convention and do not want it to get allocated elsewhere.

We have also had the discussion of what we should call the next Convention # ideas came up

1. NERCXIX the second time around
2. Have 2 banners one to represent NERC XIX that never happened with something that says pandemic Covid 19 or something like that
3. Have the Banner say NERC XIX and it have it crossed out with a line through it and NERC XX

The convention committed table this until the August meeting and wanted to ask the members of the region what they thought before deciding

Our Board meeting will be held Saturday August 14 at 9:30 AM on Zoom and if you are interested let me know and I will send you the sign in in information

ILS,

Debbie L

MCAS (Month of Caring and Sharing) Adhoc:

Month of Caring And Sharing; The Journey continues Report
Hello NERNA

Nothing much to report here as no new information is available. We will begin up in October to draft and send out a letter to all the Delegate teams world wide. We are hoping to send this out by the December RSC. We will beginning weekly meetings on Sunday mornings at 9:30 EDT. I AM LOOKING FOR SUPPORT!!!! If you are available please contact me through Email, phone, slack, chat, whatsApp, text etc

Thanks for believing in me <3
D'Lanoe

AREA CONCERNS/ OPEN FORUM

- 1. Moving from Zoom/Slack to using a Microsoft option, less expensive, continuity; all in one place, more resources (excel, word, teams). There was minimal discussion regarding cost-effectiveness, practicality, accessibility. Straw poll was taken to see if an adhoc could be formed to research and to move forward. Adhoc was created and will formulate a presentation to show the body options. Purpose of Adhoc; identify Microsoft as a potential replacement for Zoom/Slack, Timeline; next region.*
- 2. Vision and Purpose statement for US zone collaboration, voting on if we agree with the collaborations and if they move forward. Discussion regarding purpose of why zones were created, do people need more information on what zones are? Discussion was had regarding the utility of zones and what they do. Initially there did not appear to have much interest...after more discussion There was a straw poll taken for vision statement 13 in favor/0 opposed/2 abstain and purpose statement 11 favor/0 opposed/ 3 opposed.*

OLD BUSINESS

- I. April 2021 MINUTES- Accepted
- II. Keeping Online hybrid RSC (previously referred to policy in April) Discussion: Many voiced that a hybrid option is something that is important and that they wanted to go in person eventually. There was no more discussion.
- III. Were we able to get original FD account information back from former FD chair? Yes, Noel stated that he transferred account to treasurer's email but did not give the new login to anyone. Current FD did not get information. Suggestion to login with treasurer's email and reset password. Treasurer will reset password and give it to FD subcommittee.
- IV. Subcommittee Saturday staggered times? FD would like to change time.

ELECTIONS

RMD: **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**
LITERATURE: **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**
ASSISTANT TREASURER: **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**
ASSISTANT SECRETARY: **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**
WEBSITE: **POSITION VACANT, BRING BACK TO GROUPS!**

NEW BUSINESS

Set Quorum- Voting RCMs: 12 Simple Majority: 7 2/3: 8

MONEY MOTION #1

Presented by: James P 2nd: Jim D Total: \$1,025

Motion: To Fund the Regional Delegate to Attend the Multi Zonal Service Symposium in San Antonio, TX on August 27-29th:

Flight: \$400

Hotel: \$350

Registration: \$20

Airport Transfers: \$105

Per Diem: \$150

Total: \$1,025

Intent: To better prepare the RD for the upcoming 2022 World Service Conference & provide first hand knowledge of how to orchestrate a hybrid service symposium (possibly for NESSNA)

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

MONEY MOTION #2

Presented: Jim D 2nd: James P Total: \$570

Motion: To fund the Alternate Delegate to attend the Multi Zonal Service Symposium in San Antonio, TX August 27th-29th:

Flight: \$400

Registration: \$20

Per Diem: \$150

Total: \$570

Intent: To better prepare the AD for the upcoming 2022 World Service Conference.

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

NON-MONEY MOTION #1

Presented: SEMA 2nd: SSA

Motion: To allow subcommittees to meet at their discretion.

Intent: To better carry the message.

Vote: In favor: 5 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 1 Unopposed: 0

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Accrual Basis

NERNA!
Balance Sheet
As of June 13, 2021

	Jun 13, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne	
FD SA	163.30
Insurance SA	3,614.50
NESSNA SA	3,576.00
PR SA	944.60
Prudent Reserve	2,122.00
RD / AD SA	1,951.68
Travel SA	500.00
Website SA	394.29
Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne - Other	8,290.25
Total Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne	21,556.62
Total Checking/Savings	21,556.62
Total Current Assets	21,556.62
TOTAL ASSETS	21,556.62
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	21,556.62

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Transaction List by Date
April 12 through June 13, 2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo
Check	04/12/2021	EFT	Philadelphia Insurance	1st of 4 payments
Check	05/15/2021	EFT	Philadelphia Insurance	2nd payment of 4
Deposit	05/15/2021			Deposit
Deposit	05/15/2021			Deposit
Deposit	05/15/2021			Deposit
Check	06/12/2021	EFT	Philadelphia Insurance	July Payment
Transfer	06/12/2021			Funds Transfer
Transfer	06/12/2021			Funds Transfer
Transfer	06/12/2021			Funds Transfer
Transfer	06/12/2021			Funds Transfer
Transfer	06/12/2021			Funds Transfer
Check	06/13/2021	1446	Mary Anne G. - WSR	VOID: Reimbursement for postage - WSR
General Journal	06/13/2021	1	Mary Anne G. - WSR	For CHK 1446 voided on 06/13/2021
General Journal	06/13/2021	1R	Mary Anne G. - WSR	Reverse - For CHK 1446 voided on 06/13/2021
Check	06/13/2021	1447	Noel D.	WSR postage (Mary Anne paid via Venmo)
Check	06/13/2021	1448	James P. - RD	RD funding to Multi Zonal Service symposium
Check	06/13/2021	1449	James D. - AD	AD funding to Multi-Zonal symposium

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Deposit Detail
April 12 through June 13, 2021

Type	Date	Name	Account	Amount
Deposit	5/15/2021		Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne	919.01
		AD	RD/AD Income	-456.86
		Wisdom to know	Group & Area Contributions	-48.60
		Brothers in Recovery	Group & Area Contributions	-122.16
		Clean, Cool and Free	Group & Area Contributions	-51.53
		Anonymous	Anonymous Contributions	-24.15
		Men and Women Together	Group & Area Contributions	-24.15
		End of the Line	Group & Area Contributions	-16.33
		Wisdom to know	Group & Area Contributions	-20.24
		F/The Foundations	Group & Area Contributions	-68.16
		Living Clean - Boston	Group & Area Contributions	-12.80
		JFT	Group & Area Contributions	-74.03
TOTAL				-919.01
Deposit	5/15/2021		Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne	9,228.49
		NERCC	Convention Income	-6,867.63
		Cape Cod	Group & Area Contributions	-500.00
		Cape Cod	Group & Area Contributions	-150.00
		Greater Providence Area	Group & Area Contributions	-1,710.86
TOTAL				-9,228.49

Deposit	5/15/2021		Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne	1,117.84
		NEMA	Group & Area Contributions	-665.23
		Living Clean - Boston	Group & Area Contributions	-10.15
		Anonymous	Anonymous Contributions	-48.60
		Never Alone	Group & Area Contributions	-56.42
		Anonymous	Anonymous Contributions	-159.22
		Brothers in Recovery	Anonymous Contributions	-101.07
		Clean, Cool and Free	Group & Area Contributions	-29.04
		Men and Women Together	Group & Area Contributions	-48.11
TOTAL				-1,117.84
General Journal	6/13/2021	Mary Anne G - WSR	Checking at Citizens Bank - Ne	13.00
			Customary Expenses	-13.00
TOTAL				-13.00

**North East Zonal Forum
Of Narcotics Anonymous**

**Project Plan Template
April 2021 – October 2022**

PROJECT PLANS always have : 1) What 2) Who 3) When 4) How much 5) Who monitors

Guidelines Project Plan

Issue : Lack of strong foundation at the zone upon which to build

Objective : To have clear and complete guidelines that include :

- o Policies that are consistent with current practices
- o Zonal planning as a policy
- o A formal process to identify and recommend its members to World Services.
- o Increased opportunities for participation at the zonal forum, including surveys
- o Increased collaboration with neighboring service bodies

Approach : Create a guidelines workgroup

Project Statement / Plan : _____

Project Point Person : To be determined

Project Monitor : To be determined

Project Members : Open to all interested members

Project timeline :

- October 2021 NEZF _____
- _____ NEZF _____
- _____ NEZF _____
- _____ NEZF Final guidelines submitted to go back to regions for approval

Financial cost : None

Zonal Participation Project Plan

Issue : Fellowship understanding of the zone and the resources available

Objective : Increase understanding of what the NEZF is, does, and how it connects directly to our fellowship's primary purpose

Approach : Develop plan to get more members involved with zonal committees to help shape what the zone is and does

Project Statement / Plan : _____

Project Point Person : To be determined

Project Monitor : To be determined

Project Members : Open to all interested members

Project timeline :

- October 2021 NEZF _____
- _____ NEZF _____
- _____ NEZF _____
- _____ NEZF _____

Financial cost : None

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Online Presence Project Plan

Issue : Too much information with too few effective avenues connecting our members to that information

Objective : Increase accessibility to zonal information and resources

Approach : Create a workgroup to improve and organize our online presence through but not limited to the following :

- o Explore social media
- o Create a website workgroup / renovate website

Project Statement / Plan : _____

Project Point Person : To be determined

Project Monitor : To be determined

Project Members : Open to all interested members

Project timeline :

- October 2021 NEZF _____
- _____ NEZF _____
- _____ NEZF _____
- _____ NEZF _____

Financial cost : To be determined / Zonal approval prior to any expenditures

Communications Project Plan

Issue : Too much information with too few effective avenues connecting our members to that information

Objective : Increase effective distribution of zonal information and resources

Approach : Create a workgroup to present resources and accessible pathways to them through but not limited to the following:

- o Explore utilizing various media forms to communicate zonal info to our members, including videos
- o Push out info to regional emails and websites.
- o Form and utilize a distribution list for the newsletter.
- o Improved relationships in zonal communications through follow up

Project Statement / Plan : _____

Project Point Person : To be determined

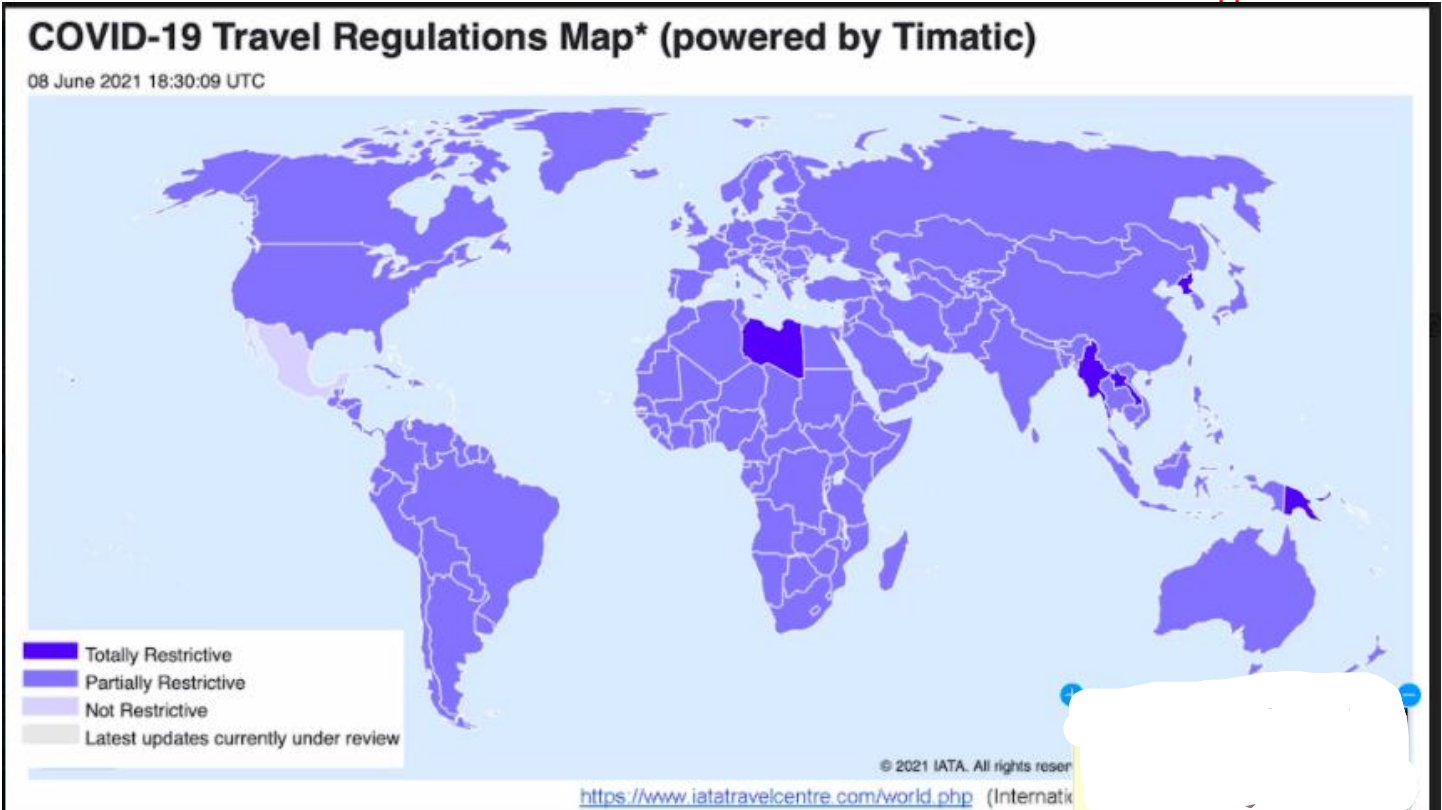
Project Monitor : To be determined

Project Members : Open to all interested members

Project timeline :

- October 2021 NEZF _____
- _____ NEZF _____
- _____ NEZF _____
- _____ NEZF _____

Financial cost : To be determined / Zonal approval prior to any expenditures



See above for AD report.

Regional Meeting Directory Report

No report submitted.

NERNA Fellowship Development Guidelines

Updated 6.12.21

WHO WE ARE The New England Regional Fellowship Development Subcommittee of Narcotics Anonymous fosters unity and welcomes all members. We wish to be a resource that Narcotics Anonymous communities can use to grow, thrive, and evolve. We provide a safe place for our Areas to come and receive support for Narcotics Anonymous services within the New England Region. This concept is demonstrated best when responding to the local Fellowship's needs through a planning process. How we respond directly depends on what the needs are.

WHAT WE DO

The New England Regional Fellowship Development Subcommittee of Narcotics Anonymous responds to Regional and Area needs in various ways:

- **WE SCAN** and take inventory to gather this information.
- **WE RESPOND** directly to the Areas and the Region depending on the needs.
- **WE WORK** directly with our local Areas to provide options, knowledge, and information on available resources.
- **WE COMMIT** to taking an inventory (every 2 years) and implement a plan to better deliver services
- **WE OFFER** to facilitate workshops for the hosting Area, upon request. In order to promote participation, a six-month timeline should be established in advance.
- **WE COLLABORATE** with the Regional Chair & Hosting Area FD to organize and assist in the facilitation of Regional Weekend. (ie. Subcommittee Saturday and RSC).
- **WE FACILITATE** the process of nominations for the RBZ.
- **WE ASSIST** the Delegate Team in gathering the Regional conscience of the Literature surveys, CAR/CAT, etc. in many ways including but not limited to workshops and workgroups.
- **WE DEVELOP** strong links between Groups, Areas, Regions, Zones, and World Services.

HOW WE DO IT We hold regularly scheduled bi-monthly subcommittee meetings at a designated time and place. In addition, off-cycle meetings may be implemented to facilitate the ongoing projects of our service efforts. These meetings are pre-announced and accessible to the Regional Fellowship.

WHO DOES WHAT The Chairperson of the committee will be elected by the New England Regional Service Committee and will preside over regularly scheduled subcommittee meetings. The Chairperson is responsible for reporting to and from the Regional Service Body on all matters pertaining to the subcommittee. 2 years length of service.

Within the subcommittee, a Secretary and Vice-Chair will be elected at the Subcommittee meeting in October of odd years. 2 years length of service.

QUALIFICATIONS OF SECRETARY

- Able to take notes on a fully functioning computer.
- Able to navigate the Zoom platform.
- 6-months of abstinence from all mind or mood-altering substances.
- Is actively working with a Narcotics Anonymous sponsor.
- Previous subcommittee and/or secretary experience preferred.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SECRETARY

- Attend all regularly scheduled subcommittee meetings and take meeting minutes.

- Send out meeting minutes to the subcommittee contact list via email and Slack within 72h of meeting completion.
- Updates and maintains subcommittee contact list.
- Assists Chairperson in developing and distributing subcommittee meeting Agenda via contact list and Slack.
- Maintains Google Drive with an archive of meeting minutes.

QUALIFICATIONS OF VICE-CHAIR

- Two years of abstinence from all mind or mood-altering substances.
- Minimum of 6-months of active participation within the subcommittee.
- Is actively working with a Narcotics Anonymous sponsor.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF VICE-CHAIR

- Attends all regularly scheduled subcommittee meetings.
- Presides over Chairperson responsibilities in the absence of the Chair.
- Presides over Secretary responsibilities in the absence or vacancy of the Secretary.
- Assists Chairperson and secretary in developing and distributing subcommittee meeting Agenda.

REMOVAL PROCEDURE

Any elected trusted servant will be removed from office in the event of resignation, death, break-in clean time, excessive absence, misappropriation of NERNA FD funds or a 2/3 majority vote of the NERNA FD subcommittee. Two consecutive absences or three absences during the fiscal year without prior notification to the chairperson of the NERNA FD constitutes an excessive absence.