

The RSC met on Sunday October 12, 2014 at St. Paul's
26 Washington St. Malden, MA

***Decembers RSC will be hosted by Metro West at the Marlborough Hospital**

157 Union St. Marlborough, MA

Saturday sub-committee @ 12noon

Sunday RSC @ 11am

ANOUNCMENTS

None

Dave P. opened meeting with collective reading of 12 traditions and concepts, and concepts 9 and 10 were read in their entirety.

Acceptance of August minutes.

REPORTS

CHAIR- none

VICE CAHIR-absent

SECRETARY- none

TREASURER-

Treasurer's Report – October 2014

Thank you NEMA for Hosting.

The finance committee met in Malden, MA on October 11, 2014.

Dan H – Finance Committee Member @ Large • Tom M – RSC Asst. Treasurer & James P – RSC Treasurer

Taxes– I have left messages for the new Accountant and will sending our accountant copy of QuickBooks to them to do the taxes ASAP. Dave P, and I are making arrangements to chegne the signers on the bank account this week.

Money Matters - After the close of business I realized a \$500 check had not been cut for hosting this region so I cut the check and reduced the NAWS donation by \$500 to

POLICY – during open discussion we would like the body to consider combining the insurance committee into the finance committee, and maintaining the chair of insurance position for accountability sake.

We have opportunities to serve on the finance committee: Chair, and At-Large members needed!

Meeting was closed at 3:25pm In Loving Service, James P. 617-314-4048

FINANCE-

Finance Committee Minutes

October 11, 2014

We started the meeting at 12:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by 3rd step prayer. Thank you North East Mass Area for hosting. Present were:

- James P – Treasurer
- Tom K – Asst. Treasurer
- Dan H – Finance Committee Member At-Large

The committee reconciled 2 months' worth of bank statements.

We made a transfer of the RD/RDA set aside in the amount \$1427.50, however due to the balance after the RD/RDA transfer equaling \$.26 the insurance set aside transfer was not made on Saturday.

We want to publicly acknowledge the 3 areas that have paid their insurance bills in full: Central Mass, Pioneer Valley and Greater Providence.

In Loving Service,

Dan H - Finance Committee At Large

Q: Do we still have the \$2000.00 set aside from last region?

A: yes

Q: When are taxes due? And what do we pay?

A: they need to be filed by Dec. 15, we don't pay because we are non-profit

CONVENTION-

Hello everybody; we changed the policy to take the assistant treasurer off as a signer on the bank account; he will hold the checkbook from now on. Also the treasurer will not be getting the bank statements. We are holding aside registration purchases such as meal, NCD, and entertainment purchases. Just registration money is available to spend. We are trying to meet in November at the hotel, we will know that this week. It will be posted on the website. We had a fundraiser yesterday, thank you to all that supported it. We received some anonymous donations. Our closing balance is \$1,456.00.

ILS, Dave A.

Q: How much were the anonymous donations? Were they NA members?

A: The treasurer has the amount information and yes they were NA members.

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT-

Met yesterday, on agenda IDT familiarization for Dec. a workshop will be provided on next regional Saturday

H&I-

Good morning everyone, I'd like to start by apologize for my absence at last region do to a medical issue.

The h/I subcommittee met October 11th. There were 8 addicts in attendance with 7 voting members. Areas in attendance were SSA, CMA, NEMA, BOSTON, CAPE COD, SEMA.

We had election, Mike c NEMA is V. Chair, Matt m. SSA is DOCC, Zane f CAPE COD is WSR, and Secretary position is still open. We are having some issues with filling some commitments at Norfolk

at an area level so we decided to bring it back to region and have Matt m. Work on filling them.

ILS

Bob S

INSURANCE-

Proper paperwork needs to be filled out prior to events, this is different than just requesting a binder for a meeting, so please make sure prior to your event that you take these steps

LITERATURE-

2 members in attendance. 8 workshops have been held for tradition working guide

Tradition 1- input collection is over

Tradition 2-7 accepting input through the end of November

Tradition 7-12 accepting input through the end of May

We are available for workshops- come to your group/area/event

Literature sub-committee will be at SSA event on Nov. 29th

Q: Did you have any workshops yesterday?

A: no

POLICY- no report all is well

PR/PHONE LINE-

October 11, 2014

New England Regional Public Relations Committee Report

The Committee began with the serenity prayer, followed by introductions of its members. There were 19 addicts in attendance.

Reports were given and were as follows:

Gary B. Chairperson Report:

The Chair attended the Cape Cod Symposium and the New England Association of Drug Court Professionals PR events.

The Chair has been in contact with Diamond voice and has been informed that the cost of updating the phone line would be \$480.00. If they have to manually re-record all the meetings an additional \$246.00 would be incurred. If they have to manually take the meetings from the website, a 60.00 charge would be incurred to plug in updates unless plug-ins have to manually be done in which case the cost would be \$90.00. This would bring the cost to a total of \$816.00

to make the phone line current. It was last updated about a year ago. There will be a money motion for phone line updates to be made by Diamond Voice.

Sarah O. Training Coordinator Report:

The Training Coordinator expressed a concern that the N.A information table at the New England Association of Drug Courts lacked accessibility and made a recommendation that in the future we advocate to have N.A.s table more accessible.

The Training Coordinator asked and was given a vote of confidence to have an email account for P.R. contacts.

The Training Coordinator suggested and it was accepted that our members would have business cards with information including who we are and a space to write your name and position.

After the regular Regional P.R. Committee meeting the Training Coordinator conducted the beginning of what will be ongoing P.R. Presentation Training. It was titled How To Give a PR Presentation. There were 18 Addicts in attendance at the training. The training was informative and well executed.

Bob R. Regional Phone line Coordinator Report:

There has been a decrease in phone line use. In Sept. there were 286 calls. From Aug. to Sept. there were 3 professional calls. From Aug. thru Sept. there were 11 meeting lists given. The RPR tested all phone lines.

Chris R. Regional Meeting Directory Report

There are 3500 meeting directories currently for sale.

There will be a reprint of directories by the next regional meeting.

Rob L.- Pioneer Valley Public Relations Chair

The Pioneer Valley Area Public Relations Subcommittee is excited about our near future projects and the Regional "Public Presentation" training. Our recent implemented literature coordinator position is expanding and seeking literature volunteers to service literature racks in various public locations. We have selected a few audio and video PSA's to make public and are moving forward to make it happen. The PVA PR subcommittee is still actively recruiting phone line and 12 step volunteers and training them through an orientation process. We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions to help us get our phone number in front of addicts in need.

The Pioneer Valley Public Relations Subcommittee meets every second Monday @ 5:45 pm at the Palmer Historical Cultural Center located at 2072 Main Street Three Rivers, Ma.

In Service,

Rob L

Northeast Mass Area has 6 presentations coming up.

Western mass is doing a P.R. Presentation at a school.

In the town of Canton, Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at Canton High School there will be a static display.

Motions:

\$480.00 for diamond voice to update

\$110.00 literature replacement N.A.W.S.

Motion to acquire 1000 business cards will be forthcoming.

\$9.20 to Steve C. for transportation reimbursement.

\$49.98 to Sarah O. Training Coordinator for copy's of our Planning Basics booklet and PR presentation copies to facilitate ongoing P.R. functions.

Elections:

We are in need of a secretary. There were no nominations or volunteers.

RMD-

		INVENTORY			
Beginning Inventory		8,200			
Plus October 2014 Printing		0			
Total available for sales		8,200		Assets	
Sold to areas, groups & individuals		5,100		\$	
Sold to Regional Committees		1,300		510.00	
Sold to outside vendors		100		\$	
Total Sales this period		6,500		130.00	
Remaining Inventory		1,700		\$	
Plus sales tax collected				10.00	
Plus Shipping & Handling				\$	
Assets Total (Deposit)				650.00	
Seed Money for Printing				\$	-
Total Assets				\$	
				31.35	
				\$	
				20.02	
				\$	
				701.37	
				\$	-
				\$	
				701.37	
				Expenses	
Printing 8000 RMD (October)				\$	
Sales Tax				680.00	
Postage				\$	
Supplies				31.35	
Less Total Expenses				\$	
Net Profit or (Loss) this Period				16.30	
				\$	
				-	
				\$	
				727.65	
				\$	(727.65)
				\$	
					(26.28)

1700 RMDs remain from the August 2014 printing and are available today.
 The next printing will be ordered before the October Regional Service Meeting. We are submitting a request for \$ 680.
 We are submitting a customary reimbursement form for postage of \$ 16.30.
 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.

We sell meeting directories in quantities of 50; check table below for quantities costs.								
RMD's	COST	TAX	TOTAL		RMD's	COST	TAX	TOTAL
50	\$5.00	\$0.32	\$5.32		550	\$55.00	\$3.44	\$58.44
100	\$10.00	\$0.63	\$10.63		600	\$60.00	\$3.75	\$63.75
150	\$15.00	\$0.94	\$15.94		650	\$65.00	\$4.07	\$69.07

200	\$20.00	\$1.25	\$21.25
250	\$25.00	\$1.57	\$26.57
300	\$30.00	\$1.88	\$31.88
350	\$35.00	\$2.19	\$37.19
400	\$40.00	\$2.50	\$42.50
450	\$45.00	\$2.82	\$47.82
500	\$50.00	\$3.13	\$53.13

700	\$70.00	\$4.38	\$74.38
750	\$75.00	\$4.69	\$79.69
800	\$80.00	\$5.00	\$85.00
850	\$85.00	\$5.32	\$90.32
900	\$90.00	\$5.63	\$95.63
950	\$95.00	\$5.94	\$100.94
1000	\$100.00	\$6.25	\$106.25

Committee Members

Meeting Update Coordinator

Printing Coordinator

Sales Representative/Treasurer

Outside Sales Representative to

Professionals

Website Chair

David L

Christopher M

Dianne M

info@nerna.org

617-484-8198 (dalgraphics@rcn.net)

617-620-2887 (leadhead84@aol.com)

1-866-624-3578 (Literature menu)

WEBSITE-no report

RD- no report

RDA-no report position open

BOD/CONVENTION CORPORATION-

New England Convention Corporation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Report of the President

10/12/14

Greetings NERSC, and good morning.

The New England Regional Convention Corporation Board of Directors met this morning here in Malden; and in several other sessions since the last Regional meeting. You should have received an email regarding the postponement terms of the Hotel and Conference Center at Hyannis and our recommendation to proceed with the convention as scheduled.

When we last met I was to get that information to you quickly and while I endeavored to get it to you in time for your area meeting, our own process of approval of minutes delayed me and for that delay I apologize.

We have had additional contact regarding repayment and there have been new developments in this matter. On Tuesday September 23, Rocco A.'s attorney Beth H. 2-day mailed a \$6,000 check from California with the stipulation that I not deposit it until her return to Boston the following Monday. As it would come to pass she did not return until Tuesday evening and gave authorization to deposit after bank hours. On Wednesday October 1, 2014 we deposited the check drawn on Attorney Herr's account. This check was returned on Tuesday October 7, 2014. Upon advice of our pro bono attorney Rene B. we began an aggressive strategy to file a formal complaint with the Board of Bar Overseers for violation of the professional Code of Conduct with regards to her bounced check and also to pursue criminal action with the District Attorney and the Police with regards to both the initial theft, and this new crime.

This morning we voted on two motions :

- a. Motion to Hire Rene Brown – Passed Unanimously
- b. Motion the NERSC to set-aside \$2000 for a legal defense fund to be repaid if/when NERCC is made whole -- Passed Unanimously.

We also discussed, the imperative need for Directors and Officers Insurance and have submitted the paperwork for that today. We also ask the RSC for the creation of a set aside for \$4500 today for D/O insurance.

Our next BOD meeting is scheduled for 10/19/14 where we plan on discussing developments and also safeguards to prevent this in the future.

Lastly we spoke of the need to quell nattering, stop the spreading of misinformation and to the best of our ability eliminate gossip. It is vital to remember that not only should the funds be returned, but that there are lives at stake here. The recovery of the individuals involved, myself included, is on the line. The trust our groups and members have in our organization is a matter of life or death. How we proceed in these matters will set a precedent for years to come for us and NA as a whole.

In Loving Service,

James P., President

New England Regional Convention, Inc.

352 East 8th Street #1; Boston, MA 02127

617-269-1241 jgpbos@me.com

Q: Do we have any chance of getting \$ back from theft?

A: yes

Q: Are you going to purchase D and O insurance? Have all documents been filed with the state? Has all things been filed in law?

A: no

“that’s a problem are we going to get those things done?”

Q: Has there been any discussion about banks liability because it’s a 2 signature account?

A: no because of the actual method for how \$ was taken @ counter for withdrawal doesn’t need 2 signatures and ATM card

Q: Given the legal expenses and that we may or may not get the money back has there been more talk about postponing the convention and letting the dust settle because of the \$ needs.

A: yes there has been more talk about letting the dust settle

Q: Is there a reason for only \$6000.00 for the check and not the total amount?

A: Attorneys spoke on terms of the repayment, deal was agreed upon. Settled on \$12,000.00 to be paid immediately and a second date was set for this past Friday for second check and return of physical assets. That date has passed with no repayments.

Attorney is claiming that first check was lost in the mails and filed a stop payment on lost check

AREA REPORTS

BOSTON-

October 12, 2014

RCM REPORT BOSTON AREA

Boston Area met twice since the last regional mtg., Aug. 24th & Sept. 28th.

BASC met Aug. 24th @ 82 Green St., J.P.

Three position remain open: Secretary, Asst. Secretary & PR Chairperson.

Three new GSR's were welcomed. A concern was voiced that GSR's are voting @ BASC mtg. without their respective group consciousness. Also, GSR's would like NA approved sub-committee handbooks so that they will be better informed re: policy/procedure.

Activities committee asked that groups submit upcoming event dates to Events Calendar.

Policy subcommittee continues to review BASC Policy and produce a coherent policy document.

H & I now meets @ 82 Green St., J.P., on the 1st Sun. of every month. Nashua Street Jail no longer has an H & I commitment. H & I will continue to address this vacancy.

BASC Convention Committee will now start planning BACNA 17. Election will be on Sept. 20th.

Literature sold on the 3rd Sun. of month @ 82 Green St., J.P.

BASC met Sept. 28th @ 82 Green St., J.P.

BASC Chair, Ron H., addressed full body. He expressed his concern re:

Fixing damage to Boston Area; BCNA 17 taking precedence; policy not being implemented; not

Following guidelines; problems with treasury; need checks & balances; address H & I.

Activities Committee's Event Rep Your Home Group had 10 groups present. Event lost money.

Next Activities Event, Laugh, Live & Love will be held 12/6/14. Flyers to follow.

Janice J, BACNA 17 Convention Chair expressed concern re: her committee. Vice Chair was openly confronted @ BASC mtg. & asked re: misappropriating funds as Asst. Treasurer from BACNA 16. He stated his case, apologized & stepped down. Chair also called for removal of Treasurer as she had knowledge of this info last convention & did not divulge such info. Chair does not want to proceed until details are uncovered & policy/guidelines are followed. So, this cover-up included BACNA 16 Chair, Sam E., Treasurer, Angel & Asst. Treasurer, Greg P.

Three new GSR's were welcomed. GSR Chair discussed accountability of GSR's to their respective groups.

Cont. Boston RCM REPORT

H & I reported that South Bay Jail will only allow (1) panel leader and speakers.

Literature to be sold 3rd Sun. of month @ 82 Green St., J.P.

BACNA Policy to be reviewed.

Boston Area Insurance payment was not paid. Amount due was unclear.

Treasury Ad-Hoc Committee awaiting final Treasury report from previous Treasurer to proceed.

In Loving Service,

Edna F.

RCM Boston

CAPE COD- no report

CENTRAL MASS- no report

FREE SPIRIT- no report

GREATER PROVIDANCE- no report

MARTHA'S VINEYARD-no report

METRO WEST- no report

NANTUCKET- Hello,

The Nantucket area remains alive and holding seven meetings a week. We are experiencing less addicts at meetings, a few have moved on but those committed members are doing the necessary service. We will assess the situation by the first of the year as to whether we can support seven meetings. In the past we had to cut back to five for a few years, but will only do that if absolutely necessary. We want newcomers to have the choice to do a ninety and ninety. Our PR efforts have lessened but we have had two flyer hanging days over the summer. We have no donation today as we pay a rather high rent and want to make sure we get thru the next few months.

ILS

Beth P

NEMA- We do not have too much to report. We have met twice since the last RSC. Our area's convention committee is holding a fundraiser on November 22. It is a Speaker Jam Breakfast. Tickets are \$15.00 each and we would welcome your support. It will be held at

First Lutheran Church
280 Broadway
Lynn, MA 01904

There will also be an NA Memorabilia Auction. Contacts for this event are as follows:

Kat B 978 648 0843

Mickael O 781 953 1440
Christie S 781 215 4748

PIONEER VALLEY- Pioneer Valley Report to NERSC October 2014

Greetings from the Pioneer Valley!

Thank you Northeastern MA for hosting us.

The Pioneer Valley is doing well operating slightly above prudent reserve and is working its way according to policy through the resignations of the Chair and Vice-Chair just before our September meeting. Trusted servants with experience serving have stepped up to fill the void.

The PR Committee is vibrant and active. The H & I Committee finds themselves with more commitments than they have available willing people to fill and is searching volunteers.

In Loving Service,

Ada C.

RCM

SEMA-no report

SOUTH SHORE- We would like to thank NEMA for hosting this RSC. The SSA has meet twice since the last RSC at 639 High St in Hanson, MA. This is a new meeting location for the ASC and everything has been going well so far. We have had an average of 18 GSR's in attendance over these past two months. With the exception of Public Relations and Alt RCM all area positions are currently filled and we are currently working at prudent reserve. SSA Activities held a Dino Day IV on Sept 20 which turned out to be a profitable fundraiser for the SSA 29th anniversary celebration. Activities chair is planning the celebration sometime in December. More to be revealed on that. Activities is planning an event on November 29 at 900 Main St Brockton, MA called the "Sumo Service Slam".

SSA H&I is planning a learning day on December 20 at 320 High St in West Bridgewater, MA from 12-3 pm.

Other than that all is well in the SSA

ILS

SSA RCM

WESTERN MASS-no report

AREA CONCERNS

Concerned with convention and corporation? We have the attention of the District Attorney yet we haven't filed correct paper work, we have no D and R insurance; when will this be done? We need to file taxes?

A: working on getting annual report filed this week.

Q: was annual report filed in 2012?

A: yes

Q: are we subject to a filing fee?

A: we are exempt

Q: Is there a penalty for not filing?

A: no

Q Did we move on filing charges against attorney?

A: Yes we proceeded to make a complaint due to her breach of contract.

Q: Most of the paper work is done something's what things still need to be worked on?

A: File annual report to commonwealth, we already updated corporation address and officers with current terms.

OPEN FORUM

Mention of finance committee and insurance teaming up.

Insurance or concept of it is a financial dealing and there are so many accounts and in trying to consolidate and keep transparency and function, and that there is currently a committee of one; looking for thoughts on this idea?

Insurance chair doesn't think this is necessary

Wouldn't this help keep a better handle on financial standings?

Areas have been given bills about their % portion to pay

Member thinks this would be a great idea and will help in the future. It will allow Insurance to focus on mainly getting the binders and leave moneys to finance.

Maybe not incorporation it would put a burden on the Insurance person to be a member of the finance committee

Concern about RSC meeting places not being handicap accessible.

SSA just went through looking for a handicap accessible place for area it took about 2 years to find such place.

We have to account for handicap accessibility, and not be limiting people's ability to serve.

*Add to criteria for hosting about handicap accessibility! Add to policy! No motion being made just do it!

Concern about the financial wellbeing of this body with everything we are dealing with. Member is shocked at the amount of different check books out there, even though we go to a "0" balance there is still money in the account. Maybe we need an ad hawk to deal with this.

This was discussed by the recently formed adhawk and what is happening presently

Mentioned about treasurer and finance chair being same person does this individual feel that it is a conflict?

A: throughout this journey has taken guidance from the traditions and concepts and the bulletin on theft on funds. We have a very complicated system that makes me uncomfortable. We miss manage and over complicate, we try to have safe guards in place but we become lax about them, we weren't following them we created the position of a bleeding deacon. I'm not a signatory on either account, my decisions are in spiritual principals. I don't sign the checks, I don't open any mail unless in front of other members. We have too many bank accounts, its unnecessary screws need to be tightened on the \$. We need to be more cautious about \$ coming in and going out. If there is a checkbook the holder shouldn't be the signer.

We need to simplify

Look at the # of accounts and simplify

Take responsibility for our actions and the ripple effect to NA

Since the theft people have been focusing on that, but we should have had stuff in place to make sure this didn't happen. RCM's need to ask the hard questions accountability needs to come from RCM's they have the ability to vote and question things.

Motion to extend open forum 15 min made

We need to take a look at the procedures and that we are putting ourselves at risk when the treasurer and finance chair can sign checks and even though the current doesn't do so that's not what policy says.

We need to be careful not to start dictating policy over bad behavior

We are all responsible for what happens here and for teaching each other. It happens repeatedly we elect people that aren't ready for a position and then we ignore them. Finance has said for a while now that policy needs to be written about auditing books.

QUARUM SET-

13

7 majority

9 2/3

OLD BUSINESS

OPEN POSITIONS-

Assistant secretary-Mark nominated, accepted nomination, passed

Finance chair-open

Finance Committee @ large member- 3 open positions

Cathy self-nominated, seconded, passed

Activities- open

RDA- open

RMD- open

Convention set aside from last RSC

Voting to release \$2000.00 to convention committee

Quorum reset at 12

In favor-9 oppose 0 obtaining 3

Non money motion #1

Presented by: Bob L

Seconded by: Kevin

Metro West area request that New England Region have special audit of funds for previous 5 years for Regional bank accounts as well as regional convention accounts, to be done by a special worker.

Intent: to clarify activities during this period when person whom misappropriated funds was serving.

Defer committed to Finance Committee

Money Motion #1 (set aside)

Presented by: Board of Directors NERC, Inc.

To set aside \$2000.00 for legal defense fund for NERC Inc. Said moneys to be returned to NERSC when/if NERCC made whole for misappropriated funds.

Intent: To be fiscally responsible

In Favor: 9 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 3

Money Motion # 2 (set aside)

Presented by: Board of Directors of NERC, Inc.

To set aside \$4,500.00 today for Directors and Officers Insurance. Amount to be returned when/if misappropriated funds are recouped.

Intent: To be fiscally responsible

In Favor: 11 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1

Money Motion # 3

Presented By: Gary B. / PR

Seconded by: Ned L (GPA RCM)

\$480.00 to pay diamond voice to update the phone line

Intent: Phone line has not been updated for 10 months

In Favor: 12 unanimous

Money Motion # 4

Presented By: Gary B

Seconded By: Ned L (GPA RCM)

Approve travel expense up to \$150.00 to be set aside for Western Service Learning Days to potentially change flight time.

Intent: Reimbursement in case of departure change

Motion was withdrawn

Money Motion # 5

Presented By: Fellowship Development Committee

To allocate \$100.00 to purchase workshop materials for future sessions, including but not limited to markers, post-its and booklets etc. from NAWS.

Intent: to have the appropriate materials on hand for workshops

In favor: 12 unanimous

Money Motion # 6

Presented By: Gary B/PR

Seconded by: Mark F. (Boston Alt RCM)

\$110.00 for literature

Intent: to replace IP's to give out at PR presentations

In Favor: 12 unanimous