

Announcements

Next Regional Service Committee Meeting

**Subcommittees:** June 12th 12:00pm- 5:00pm  
SEMA /Bristol Community College

**RSC:** June 13th, 11:00AM - 5:00PM  
SEMA /Bristol Community College

Open Position:

Open Position for Subcommittees:

Phone line: Secretary, Update coordinator.

Policy: Vice Chair

Public Information: Secretary

RMD- None reported

H&I: None reported

Convention Committee: Fundraising and Entertainment, Assistant Secretary

Website: none reported- support is welcomed.

Free Spirit Area 10<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tournament is August 7<sup>th</sup> at Fenner Hill Golf Course. Prime Rib dinner, Golf, Cart and Prizes. Same price as last year \$110.00 Contact Don b (401) 741-2224.

Convention Committee- Any area willing to host a Convention Committee Fundraiser contact Dave A (401) 965-6536

John B, Chair opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the unity version of the serenity prayer and a collaborative reading of the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. Read 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Concept in full.

9 areas were represented: Areas in attendance: Boston, Cape Cod, , Free Spirit, Greater Providence, Martha's Vineyard, Metro West, Nantucket, Northeast MA, and South Shore.

The minutes from February 14th were accepted.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Chair:** no report

**Vice Chair:** No present

**Secretary:** no report

**Opening Balance and Treasurer's report:** *Treasurer was absent- information provided by Assistant Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair.*

***Opening Balance \$ 0.00 – Prudent Reserve -***

### **Finance Committee Report:**

On Saturday, April 10, 2010 the Finance Committee met in Jamaica Plain. Thank you to the Boston Area for hosting us. Those in attendance were members-at-large, Rocco, and James, the Assistant Treasurer, Aaron; and the Chairperson, Sarah.

Yesterday, James and I discussed the role of secretary and how it can benefit the function of the Finance Committee and duties moving forward.

James reported back regarding the information he gathered to dissolve the corporation, The New England Regional Service Office of Narcotics Anonymous. James spoke to the Attorney General's office and the Secretary of State's office. To dissolve a non-profit corporation that is not on the state's charitable organizations list, a lawyer must make this motion before the Supreme Judicial Court. This action was handed over to Rocco who will complete the process with an attorney.

On March 20, Rocco, James, Aaron and I met to audit New England Regional Service Committees' books from July 31, 2008 through January 31, 2010. We found that there was a check for Belmont Printing which was not cashed for 6 months and was written in the previous fiscal year. We acknowledged that it is imperative to make sure all checks are cashed before the next Regional meeting. We asked Chris M. to make sure checks are not held onto so we do not run into any issues in the future. We began with an overage in the checkbook of \$30 which did not match QuickBooks. We were able to locate the \$30 pertaining to check #993 which was paid to Richie S. and was voided on December 14, 2008. After the December 2009 reconciliation of the bank statement the checkbook, bank statements and QuickBooks balance all matched with the amount of \$3109.78. There were 2 uncleared checks (#1251 Stanley C. \$500 and #1253 Christopher M. \$28.31) which equals \$528.31. The ending balance in QuickBooks equals \$2581.47 which is the ending balance in the checkbook before set-aside's and prudent reserve with only a \$0.86 discrepancy which we adjusted.

Over the past two months, there was a lot of correspondence between Aaron, Tom (the Treasurer), and myself in reference to the storage space. We were due to pay our monthly bill as well as renew our annual contract. Aaron researched different prices and sizes of units and finally decided to stay with our current size. Aaron negotiated with Sean, the owner, to pay \$972 for a year with the 13<sup>th</sup> month free which is actually less than what we paid last year.

We reconciled January, February, and March 2010 bank statements. We discussed plans for today since Tom is not able to be here. I will be acting Treasurer until Aaron takes over and we will have Rocco as our second member to assist.

Regarding the continued research of insurance for Region, Mike and I were unable to meet or connect on the phone. I spoke with Tom on his possible assistance since he is familiar with insurance from his area, the South Shore, as well as Tom has proven to be such an asset in regards to research and follow-up. Tom and I spoke about the future of this endeavor and that it is apparent that I am not able to continue to spearhead this effort solo without any assistance. The Finance Committee's group conscience was determined that the role of the Finance Committee was inappropriate for this task, to report our findings thus far to Region, and to suggest to Region to form an ad hoc committee. I will be happy to give all information related to my findings as well as guidance and experience to whomever may facilitate this new role.

As a reminder, we will need all budgets for subcommittees at the next Region in June. Please contact any Committee member in the interim if there is any question on how to determine a budget or other questions that may arise. In June, we determine the Prudent Reserve for the next fiscal year so it is important that all budgets are timely.

We have also discussed how the Committee has evolved and over the past couple of years became consistent and stable. We have been able to get back to accurately recording our finances and setting up checks and balances. We have been able to look at the role of the Finance Committee within Region and recognize that it is *vital* to the regional activity to have a Committee with active participants and supported by the Region. We have also realized that the role of the Treasurer will only work if there is a strong presence from our Committee. I, myself, have to say that I have completely enjoyed working with everyone the past few years and feel very proud with everyone involved on this team effort. Thank you to Tom, Rocco, James, Aaron, and Mike for such incredible enthusiasm and support and making everything we do fun. I also want to thank the last few Executive Body's and participants at Region for your patience with all of our "mistakes," during this learning experience as well as making sure that this group became a stable presence once again. In saying all of this, I hope as we pass the baton, as members of this Region we remember that we need to continue to support the Committee and possibly fill one of the new service roles which will be empty. Open positions in June will be Finance Committee Chairperson, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and three members-at-large.

Thank you again.

In Loving Service,  
Sarah O. and the Finance Committee

**Activities: not present- Chair will contact Activities Chair**

**Convention Committee Report –**

We had our 8th meeting. we are trying to have a boat cruise this summer for a fundraiser .we have a hotel the Sturbridge host hotel April 15,16 and 17th 2011. Open positions are fundraising and entertainment, vice chair and assistant treasurer. We are going to be doing online registrations for this convention. Our closing balance is 6,877.06. Our next meeting is at the hotel may 8th at noon ILS Dave a. contact numbers Dave a. 401 965 6536 Gary N. 774 406 1097

**Hospitals & Institutions:**

We met yesterday April 10, 2010 in Boston. We had 13 addicts in attendance, 8 areas represented who were Central Mass, Boston, Free Spirit, Martha's Vineyard, Northeast, Metrowest and Southeast MA. We are covering

322 commitments per month with 36 being open. We updated our policy to include our two new positions, Regional Panel Coordinator and Regional Panel Leader. We are doing 2 regional commitments at Pondville Correctional twice a month. Also we are starting to do one a month at Cedar Junction later this month for the first time. We have been in contact with the facilities getting books and we hope to have most if not all delivered to them before we met in June. We hope to have Bill Milhomme, who runs Mass DOC, at one of our later meetings this year, in hopes that we can work on getting an universal clearance form for all Mass DOC facilities. Free Spirit is having a learning day in Warwick on the 15th of May. Northeast Mass is also having a Regional Learning Day on June 5th. Other than that, H&I is doing well.

In loving service  
Dan H Chairperson of Regional H&

**Policy:**

. Hi family,

The policy subcommittee met on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> in Jamaica plains, Mass. There were 9 recovering addicts in attendance. The following areas were represented: Boston, Central Mass and Free Spirit. We started with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. We discussed the motion that was presented at the last RSC meeting pertaining to the secretaries ability to remove personal information from the minutes. It was decided by this committee that it would be best not to adopt the previous motion #4 for the following reason. The secretary has no way of knowing which information was intentionally placed in a particular report for contact information and which information was accidentally left in a report. Instead a new motion will be presented to this body later this afternoon. For personal reasons I must leave before this motion gets to the floor. All questions on the motion can be answered by the policy subcommittee secretary Don B.

After breaking for lunch we reopened discussion and open the floor to any area policy concerns. One concern was presented, discussed and some reasonable suggestions were presented.

ILS,  
Pat F.

**Website Committee:**

The Newengland regional website subcommittee is happy to announce the launch of the new and improved website to be accessed at [www.nerna.org](http://www.nerna.org)

Over the past month we spent much time ironing out some details with the site and are documenting about 35 meetinglist changes and 20 informational emails answered. Thank you for allowing us to serve.

NERWSC

**RD:**

NERD REPORT – APRIL 2010 RSC

Welcome and thank you to the Boston Area for hosting this RSC. Andrew and I met here yesterday and divided the work for today's RSC. I will be reporting on the Regional Assembly and our preparations for WSC 2010, and Andrew will report on his trip to MARLCNA. We will be submitting a motion today to fund Andrew (RDA) to attend the WSC, as well as for the NEZF, which is in State

College, PA in June (the weekend after the June RSC). We have made our travel plans with NAWS, and our flights and hotel are booked and we are busy making final preparations for WSC 2010! I just received a document called the Conference Report, which includes the agenda for the WSC as well as reports from every NA region.

We held the 4<sup>th</sup> Consecutive New England Regional Assembly on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Lutheran Church in Brockton. There was a great turnout, possibly the best ever. We counted over 50 people from 10 areas. There was a wide range of addicts represented. We saw RCM's, GSR's, group members, subcommittee members – just about every form of interested addict imaginable turned out. We used the PowerPoint presentations created by NAWS and we borrowed the NER projector and laptop from the PI subcommittee (Thanks!) in order to present the material in the 2010 CAT and CAR. We made it through the agendas for both documents and answered all questions within the amount of time we had available to use the room and put on the workshop.

I received one group voting form from a group that day, and they have been coming in ever since. We had received about 25 as of yesterday's subcommittee meeting, with more promised to follow. We received a lot of input at the Regional Assembly that has surely helped us better understand the feelings and ideas of members of the New England Region around the material presented in the CAR (and the CAT).

We also traveled to the South East MA Area for their CAR session on March 21<sup>st</sup> where we again presented the CAR material using the PowerPoint presentation created by NAWS. Once more, we were able to get a much better understanding of how addicts in our region feel about the issues presented in the CAR, which are always fueled by local experience with the topics. We are finding that the New England Region has a lot of experience to offer on the subjects that we will encounter at WSC 2010. While we are looking forward to receiving more Group Voting forms, some extremely valuable information has come from trusted servants and members of our region already.

We are leaving for CA and WSC 2010 on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be accepting input from groups and members right up to that point. We will take input in any form – email, in person, over the phone, text message, etc. We are happy to take partial input – that is to say, if your group has only addressed some of the motions or issues in the CAR or CAT, we would rather have some information than no information. Many of the motions will be amended at the conference so knowing the thinking behind a group's conscience is invaluable. Also, the majority of our time at WSC 2010 will not be spent in discussions of motions, but rather in round table, small group discussions where your input, ideas and experience can best be expressed. We are looking for the best practices our region has to offer, as well as those areas where our experience has been difficult or painful. We encourage you to step up and take

part in the evolution of Narcotics Anonymous. Thanks for allowing us to serve you and for all the service that you do and support you provide. Together we can.

In case anyone is looking for them, I have cut and pasted the CAR and CAT motions for your reference here:

## **WSC 2010 Summary Sheet: Motions and Other Issues to Be Discussed**

### **World Board Motions**

Motion 1: To approve "A Vision for NA Service" stated below to replace the existing "NA World Services Vision Statement."

*Maker: World Board, page 13*

Motion 2: To approve the draft contained in Addendum A, *Money Matters: Self-Support in NA*, to replace the existing IPs #24 "Hey! What's the Basket For?" and #25 *Self-Support: Principle & Practice*.

*Maker: World Board, page 24*

Motion 3: To approve the draft contained in Addendum C, *Funding NA Services*, as a Conference Approved pamphlet.

*Maker: World Board, page 24*

Motion 4: To approve the revisions to *In Times of Illness* contained in Addendum C.

*Maker: World Board, page 25*

### **Regional Motions**

Motion 5: Direct NAWS to produce and add to inventory a purple decades clean and granite decade clean key tag in English only.

*Maker: Show Me Region, page 36*

Motion 6: To add purple key tags for multiple decades of clean time to the NAWS inventory

*Maker: New Jersey Region, page 37*

Motion 7: To add a Spanish (Castilian) Line Numbered Large Print Basic Text, in the current edition, to NAWS inventory.

*Maker: Southern California Region, page 38*

Motion 8: The World Board is directed to develop a project plan for presentation to WSC 2012 for a Traditions Working Guide.

*Maker: California Mid-State Region, page 39*

Motion 9: To direct the World Board to develop a project plan, for presentation to WSC 2012, to revise *Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts* by replacing the thirteen quotes (and meditation passages if necessary) that were taken from the Fifth Edition Basic Text and Youth and Recovery with current fellowship approved NA literature.

*Maker: The Iowa Region, page 39*

Motion 10: The World Board will post on the NAWS Website the motions that pertain to the Conference Approval Track at the same time the Conference Approval Track is sent out to Conference Participants.

*Maker: South Florida Region, page 40*

Motion 11: The World Board will post on na.org all recovery literature workgroup meeting records in English within 30 days of any workgroup meeting. The World Board will also link these postings to any project resources: such as the projects discussion board, or similar resource. This post will include the project's timeline and a schedule of workgroup meetings. The WB will also post their



meeting schedule & have the discretion to post an overview of the literature development process or any other additional information.

*Maker: Greater New York Region, page 42*

**Motion 12:** To add language to the end of the Approval Process for Recovery Material section of GWSNA, page 36, that says, "No more than two informational pamphlets or one booklet or one book-length piece will be out for Fellowship review and input at the same time."

*Maker: FreeState Region, page 43*

**Motion 13:** To add language to the end of the Approval Process for Recovery Material section of GWSNA, page 36, that says, "Review and Input periods will be at least six months for informational pamphlets and booklets and at least one year for book-length pieces of literature."

*Maker: FreeState Region, page 45*

**Motion 14:** To require a 180-day review and input period for Fellowship Approved, Conference Approved, or World Board Approved material.

*Maker: New Jersey Region, page 46*

## Other Issues that Will Be Discussed at WSC 2010

Those of you who read and discuss the CAR every two years will remember that the past several CARs have contained discussion questions, usually about the Issue Discussion Topics. This year, we don't have any particular questions to ask about the IDTs, but we are trying something new here on this summary page in briefly mentioning some of the other issues that we know will be discussed at the conference. We encourage you to read the related essays in this CAR.

### **Service System (page 8)**

At WSC 2010, we will be discussing options for improved service delivery throughout all components of our service system: structure, process, people, and resources. We want to forward these discussions through the 2010-2012 cycle. We encourage everyone to read the essay on page 8 to gain all of the background information and share your ideas with your delegate so that we can have fruitful discussions at the conference and beyond.

### **NAWS Resources (page 17)**

We have all been affected by the economic downturn, some of us more directly than others. In this CAR we discuss NAWS resources, and the *Annual Report* provides more detailed information. We are continuing to seek ways to cut costs at world services while reducing the impact on service delivery as much as possible. One of the items we will discuss with conference participants is *The NA Way Magazine*. We understand there is some benefit from this magazine to our members and to NAWS, yet we are aware of the waste that comes from automatic distribution of paper copies to all registered NA groups. We would like to discuss possible solutions with conference participants and to try changes in distribution before making any changes to policy. Please read the essay on page 17 and help your delegate come ready to discuss our NA Way distribution practices.

### **Literature Development (page 28)**

Several of the regional motions in this CAR focus on some aspect of the literature development process. We hope to have a more holistic discussion at the conference about the literature development process, including how to more effectively involve interested members. How realistic is our current review and input process with our worldwide membership, and does this process positively affect our literature? Does a lengthy approval process make sense when approval is simply a "yes" or "no" for a completed work? What literature processes would serve us best today and in the future? We look forward to discussing all of these issues at the conference. Please read the essay on page 28 and share your thoughts with your delegate.

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## World Board Motions for Material in the Conference Approval Track

### **Motion:**

To approve the Fellowship Issue Discussions project plan for inclusion in the 2010–2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

### **Motion:**

To approve the Public Relations project plan for inclusion in the 2010–2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

### **Motion:**

To reaffirm the Service System project plan for inclusion in the 2010–2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

### **Motion:**

To reaffirm the "Living Clean – the Journey Continues" project plan for inclusion in the 2010–2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

### **Motion:**

To approve the Leadership Orientation Material project plan for inclusion in the 2010–2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

### **Motion:**

To approve the Service Material project plan for inclusion in the 2010–2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

### **Motion:**

To adopt the 2010–2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget

### **Motion:**

To recognize Denmark as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2010.

### **Motion:**

To recognize Lithuania as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2010.

### **Motion:**

To revise the conditions of the moratorium adopted at WSC 2008 as follows:

To place a moratorium on the current *Criteria for Recognition of New Conference Participants* from *A Guide to World Services in NA* until WSC 2012. ~~The World Board would continue to make recommendations to the conference in 2010 and 2012 concerning regions that did not result from a division of a conference-seated community. No regions will be considered for seating at WSC 2012.~~

Intent: To allow the conference time to discuss WSC seating and the attendant policies without the added consideration of new regions requesting seating for this one conference only.



**Motion:**

To remove the following language about *The NA Way Magazine*, indicated by strike-through, from page 18 of the 2008 *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

~~The World Service Office publishes *The NA Way Magazine*: our fellowship's international journal. The magazine provides both a forum for sharing about NA recovery, unity, and service, as well as information about world services. Produced in English, *The NA Way* is translated into the primary languages spoken in Narcotics Anonymous. The magazine is distributed four (4) times a year, at no cost to subscribers, to every trusted servant and NA group contact address in the WSO database, as well as any member who asks to be included in that mailing list. The magazine is edited by WSO staff and an editorial board appointed by the World Board.~~

Intent: To allow the World Board the time and flexibility to experiment with changes to the automatic distribution of *The NA Way Magazine*.

**Motion:**

To change the following language for the Local Support Committee of WCNA, indicated by underline and strike-through, from page 39 of the 2008 *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

**WCNA Workgroup Local Support Committee****Purpose**

Although the World Board has the responsibility for the world convention, the WCNA Workgroup local support committee plays an important role in its success. The purpose of the WCNA Workgroup support committee is to support the World Board World Services in specific areas of planning and implementation by providing input, volunteers, and assistance.

**Composition**

~~The support committee consists of up to 15 members based on the needs of the specific event. This includes an administrative committee that consists of two persons serving as Co-chairs and one person serving as Secretary/Treasurer. The number of additional members needed for the support committee will be provided for each event.~~

~~The clean time requirement for all support committee positions is five years. These positions are all elected by the local region on behalf of the World Board. Once elected, they are accountable to the World Board and responsible to provide reporting to the region.~~

~~The types of tasks assigned to the support committee vary from convention to convention. Generally, the administrative committee is responsible for communicating with world services, the region, and the rest of the support committee; disbursing funds when necessary; and keeping a record of the activities and meetings of the support committee. Volunteer recruitment, training, and scheduling is one of the most important and time consuming jobs in the planning and success of a world convention.~~

~~The direction and focus is set by world services. The World Board will provide each WCNA Workgroup support committee with a list of its responsibilities.~~

Intent: To make the language describing this workgroup better reflect the current practices of NAWs.

Thanks for allowing me to serve. Bill H- NERD

**RDA report 04.11.2010**

Hello fellow members. It's been four long months since I last seen you all. Happy New Year. Many of you know I was at MARLCNA in February. I have a 12 page report given to me by the NEZF secretary that was present at the event. She has recorded most all the conversations during the workshop capturing the essence each individual's points throughout her report. I can forward you the file in anyone would like. If people wouldn't mind I'd like to attach the file to the regional minutes for anyone to review.

In short – the representatives from World that presented the workshops for the weekend were Ron B. (WB), Chris (WSO), Nick (WSO), Muk (WB), and Craig (WSO).

They used the power point presentation you can find on

<http://na.org/?ID=conference-index>

Kevin R. and I took notes throughout the workshop. The event was well attended. I would say around 150 members participated in the workshop overall. We discussed the CAR and CAT like at MRLE and NEZF. We had a little more discussion on the "Service System" project with models coming out in the near future. A couple of examples were. "Imagine that there was no Area service committee". Having our service boundaries sync up with area codes or county lines. -----The following is a report from NAWS.

- A report about the work of the service system project including thoughts on seating. This report represents the board's ideas about possible structural models for the service system. We present them as ideas, nothing close to formal proposals, so that we can talk together at the conference and in the cycle ahead about how to best affect change in our service system. At some point after we hear delegate input at the conference we will have material online related to the project.  
-End report from NAWS-----

I sat in on PI for a few minutes and updated them on my communications with Jane Nickels regarding the upcoming NADCP Convention in June. She and Bob S. may meet Bill, Kevin R. and I for lunch at the WSC to go over more details on how we can be involved as a region. I have forwarded e-mail records to the PI committee and will keep in close contact with them as the event nears. I also forwarded them the draft form of the new PI Basics service pamphlet that is scheduled to come out after the WSC.

I also was talking with Scott M. of H&I during lunch Saturday and passed the new H&I Basics draft pamphlet over to him to share with other members of H&I. Like the PI/PR Basics service pamphlet this will be released after the WSC as World Board approved material.

Here's the link to that information:

[http://na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR\\_H\\_I\\_Packet.pdf](http://na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR_H_I_Packet.pdf)

I picked up the mail on Friday April 9, 2010 and forwarded it to the awaiting Finance Committee Saturday.

The next NEZF meeting will be hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Region of NA.

June 25-27, 2010 Hilton Garden Inn, 1221 East College Avenue  
State College, PA 16801. Please visit [www.nezf.org](http://www.nezf.org).

I have been checking the RDA e-mail account regularly and have forwarded many group voting forms for the CAR to Bill's RD account. I've been asked by members of PI to return the projector for upcoming event they have. I will attend a meeting this week where I will meet Bob R. and turn over the projector.

I still have around 10 Service Slam hats that I plan on selling at local events. I thought that it would be a good idea to donate part of the proceeds to the group or area hosting the event for allowing us to set up a table and make sales.

**Other helpful links:**

- The draft meeting record from WSC 2008. The draft record can be found online here:  
[http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/WSC\\_2008\\_Complete\\_Summary\\_Record.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/WSC_2008_Complete_Summary_Record.pdf)

NAWS Annual Report: <http://na.org/?ID=reports-ar-2009-TOC>



*We hope that the contents of this quarterly newsletter will assist you in your recovery or H&I effort. There are two sections to Reaching Out. The first section, titled "From the Inside" is filled with letters from incarcerated addicts, sharing their experience, strength, and hope as they find and maintain recovery from addiction through NA.*  
[http://na.org/?ID=reaching\\_out-index](http://na.org/?ID=reaching_out-index)

Has your local area trusted servants information been updated lately? If not please print and fill out this form and bring to the next RSC meeting. NAWS is looking for updated information.

[http://na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/rtf/2005%20ASC%20Reg%20Form\\_12Apr05.rtf](http://na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/rtf/2005%20ASC%20Reg%20Form_12Apr05.rtf)

[www.gsana.org](http://www.gsana.org)

<http://namaine.org/events.html>

[www.ctna.org](http://www.ctna.org)

[www.abcdrna.org](http://www.abcdrna.org)

I look forward to assisting Bill and serving the Region at the WSC the end of the month.

ILS your NERSCRDA,

Andrew L.

### **Public Information:**

## **Public Information Region meeting**

April 10, 2010

### **Our meeting opened with:**

A moment of silence

The serenity prayer

The reading of the 12 traditions and the 12 concepts

Introduction of attendee's and area representation

### **Area Reports:**

**NEMA: last meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 3 addicts in attendance. Met on flyer information for area recruitment placed in the area minutes. Planning upcoming event with HI on June 5.**

**SSA: Brockton health fair March 29<sup>th</sup> table presentation with IP. Upcoming event in Middleborough April 15th**

**Free Spirit: Having a learning day on May 15, 12pm-4pm pilgrim Lutheran church Warwick R.I, petition region pi chairs to attend. Trying to get world PSA on public radio in the local free spirit area. Discussion to work out having the region projector and lap top for the May 15<sup>th</sup> for learning day**

**Central Mass: Active committee doing a great job in contacting school and institutions and getting in to do presentations: Athol school presentation, one group of school counselors has requested to have a presentation for school counselors. Assigned sub committees, H & I has requested to do some research on institutions in the area. Request a table top display, and cover. It will be the property of Central Mass. Area. The financial implication would be approx. \$300 bi annually. To be discussed and possible presented in June.**

### **RMD report:**

**New Regional meeting list discrepancy in new meeting list format, not regional group conscience as to the format. New list available at the region tomorrow. Working with local drug courts from on world org. Andrew made personal contact with world, they are working with GSO. World will passing volunteer badges out to world and local volunteers. Will schedule 2 meetings at the Sheraton hotel adjoining the conference center, one on the June 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30pm. The 4<sup>th</sup> world servants would like to meet with other addicts and go to dinner and a local meeting. Invitation by trusted servants only with a PI mentality.**

**New region meeting list format breakdown: previous inventory + 3,050**

**March printing on new format list +8,000**

**Minus old list throw away -150**

**Sold to areas, groups, and individuals -8,450 +\$845.00**

**Sold to regional committee -700 +\$70**

## **Past Presentations:**

Harvard health symposium; 2 lunch time meetings, just for today meeting format. J.R. copied 300 regional meeting lists, in trade for equal amounts of literature IP's of the same value.

SSA participation at the Regional Middleborough event.

## **Upcoming Presentation:**

June 2-5 Drug court professionals NADCP 16<sup>th</sup> annual training conference

Hynes convention center Boston, M

HiPi day for Nema June 5<sup>th</sup> our lady of grace church, Everett, MA 3pm start, 3:15 NEMA presentation. 6pm Regional PI presentation.

American Mental Health Counselors Association conference July 16-17: cost: \$195 for table for literature, attendee's: 300-400

Idea would be a gift bag for each attendee, world to contribute 75 literature packages

Region PI to put together IP package to also contribute and meeting lists

## **Open Forum:**

Charlestown "hope near the hill" celebration. Looking for PI involvement, IP's and information. Possibly a member to attend on behalf of PI.

Take back to your home group, meetings, and network the possibility of getting involved in the service roles at the regional level of PI

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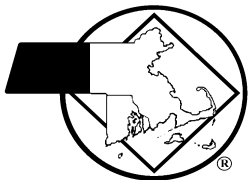
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**PHONELINE BILL**

To the Areas of the New England Region:

April 6, 2010

*This bill reflects your Area's share of the Phonenumber expenses, which is determined by the number of meetings within each Area (as listed in the Regional Meeting Directory) compared with the total in the Region. Refer to the chart below. If you believe the number of meetings in your Area is significantly different from that on this bill, please bring this concern to the attention of the Regional Meeting Directory Chairperson at the next meeting of the Regional Service Committee.*

*During this billing cycle we received 532 calls, a decrease of 97 calls from 629 calls in the last billing cycle.*

*For a complete statement of the history of Area Billing and Area Payments Received for the current Fiscal Year, see the Statement Log. Amounts in parentheses (\$...) means your area has overpaid that amount and you have credit due.*

**The New England Regional Phonenumber Subcommittee has voted to meet every other month on Regional Saturday as part of the Public Relations Committee meeting. Please attend; we could use your support.**

**Thank you,**

**In Service, the New England Regional Phonenumber Subcommittee**

**Expenses February 16, 20089 to March 15, 2010**

EXPENSE	DATE	Check Number	AMOUNT
Diamond Voice	4/5/10	1998	\$243.56
Qwest	4/5/10	1999	\$157.67

Verizon	4/5/10	2000	\$155.03
<b>April 2010 Bill to Areas</b>			<b>\$556.26</b>

AREA	# of Meetings	% of TOTAL	April 2010 Bill	Last Payment	Check #	Total Due
Boston Area	58	13.18%	\$ 73.32			\$ 442.71
Cape Cod Area	34	7.73%	\$ 43.00	\$ 41.15	1540	\$ 132.09
Central Mass Area	64	14.55%	\$ 80.94			\$ 175.47
Free Spirit Area	19	4.32%	\$ 24.03	\$ 50.08	1522	\$ 52.09
Greater Providence Area	43	9.77%	\$ 54.35			\$ 117.84
Martha's Vineyard Area	6	1.36%	\$ 7.57	\$ 17.92	1243	\$ 7.57
Metro West Area	38	8.64%	\$ 48.06			\$ 104.16
Nantucket Area	5	1.14%	\$ 6.34			\$ 13.72
Northeast Mass Area	89	20.23%	\$ 112.53	\$ 131.42	1379	\$ 112.53
Southeast Mass Area	45	10.23%	\$ 56.91	\$ 66.45	1246	\$ 56.91
South Shore Area	39	8.86%	\$ 49.28			\$ 106.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 556.26</b>	<b>\$ 307.02</b>		<b>\$ 1,321.96</b>

Number of meetings and percentages as of 2/10/2010.

(Over to Statement Log for complete Area payments history)

**RMD Treasurer Report-**

		INVENTORY	
Beginning Inventory		3,050	
Plus March Printing		8,000	
Minus throw aways of remaining lists		-150	
Total available for sales		10,900	
Sold to areas, groups & individuals		-10,200	
Sold to Regional Committees		-700	
Sold to outside vendors		0	
Total Sales this period		-10,900	
Plus sales tax collected			
Plus Shipping & Handling			
Assets Total (Deposit)			
			<b>Assets</b>
			\$
			1,020.00
			\$
			70.00
			\$
			-
			\$
			1,090.00
			\$
			57.59
			\$
			-
			\$
			1,147.59
			<b>Expenses</b>
			\$
Printing 8000 RMDs			675.00
			\$
Sales Tax Collected			57.59



Postage	\$	
	-	
Supplies	\$	
	-	
Less Total Expenses	\$	\$
	732.59	(732.59)
		\$
Net Profit or (Loss) this Period		415.00
Remaining Inventory	0	

The newly formatted meeting directories were delivered on March 24 and sold out yesterday. We will be going to print this week so get all updates in as soon as possible. To make updates, remove or add a meeting: 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 am submitting a customary Expense Form for \$675 for the next Printing.

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	700	\$70.00	\$4.38	\$74.38
250	\$25.00	\$1.57	\$26.57	750	\$75.00	\$4.69	\$79.69
300	\$30.00	\$1.88	\$31.88	800	\$80.00	\$5.00	\$85.00
350	\$35.00	\$2.19	\$37.19	850	\$85.00	\$5.32	\$90.32
400	\$40.00	\$2.50	\$42.50	900	\$90.00	\$5.63	\$95.63
450	\$45.00	\$2.82	\$47.82	950	\$95.00	\$5.94	\$100.94
500	\$50.00	\$3.13	\$53.13	1000	\$100.00	\$6.25	\$106.25

**Committee Members**

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- Printing Coordinator**
- Sales/Treasurer**
- Outside sales to professionals**

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**BOD / Convention Corporation:** Report was not handed in.

**NERSC Service Slam T-shirt Sales Update- No report**

## **Regional inventory ad hoc: No report**

Hi Family,

I still have not received any additional inventory sheets from individuals nor have I received anything from the storage facility adhoc. I do have more sheets available if needed.

ILS,

Pat

## **Environmental Responsibility Ad hoc:**

### Green Ad Hoc Committee Report

A few months ago I noticed how much trash we produce within our two days at Region and that most of this is recyclable. I asked the body if the Region could look into researching some environmentally responsible practices which our Service body could implement.

I researched a lot of Narcotics Anonymous areas mainly by looking at their websites or area minutes. I was able to find minutes which reported and thanked their area or regional body for reducing their paper, plastic waste, etc. It was difficult to find much more information in connection with Narcotics Anonymous. Saying that, I believe, does not exclude us from acting and making responsible decisions which impact the world and our society we live in. As trusted servants we have taken on a role which we committed our time, talents, and resources to serve our areas, groups, members and the addict who still suffers. In this role, we can be an example of our awareness of our surroundings and not acting in a self-centered manner. We want to remember that as a member of NA we grow in our personal recovery by taking responsibility in our lives and in turn groups/committees become stronger when we take collective responsibility for maintaining our groups. Also, we want to remember how Narcotics Anonymous is viewed in society by conducting ourselves respectfully and responsibly. (Paraphrased from Tradition 4)

I would like to share my correspondence with NA World Services. This is from an email in reply to questions I had:

“We have not had any communications from service committees on the topic of them going green. We would expect this to be something that committees, groups, or individual members make their individual choices about. It might be worth considering that the general topic of recycling could be considered as an outside issue for NA. We often deal with topics like these, such as liability insurance, if they impact the functioning of our groups and service committees, but we would not otherwise express an opinion on an issue.

Having said that we are aware that some groups and committees attempt to minimize their environmental impact, whether it is by using reusable cups instead of disposable ones or by recycling cans and bottles at events. Your committee would appear to be free to discuss and implement any measures they saw fit, assuming they are in harmony with the guidance offered in the Twelve Traditions.”

My research has led me to these findings and recommendations.

1. We create a mission statement or policy for our service body. An example could be “We commit to minimize the environmental impact of our meeting by increasing the use of recycled materials wherever possible, reducing the amount of solid waste and disposing of waste and responsibly.”
2. We look at the actual two days of when we meet and ways we can go green.
  - Create guidelines or suggestions for the hosting area with the understanding that each area is sometimes limited in their volunteers, resources, and facilities.
  - Use bulk dispensers for sugar, salt, pepper, condiments instead of packets.
  - Instead of plastic water bottles use pitchers. Either from the facility or purchased.
  - Use facilities dishware or reuse plastic ware or buy recyclable paper and plastic products.
  - Have the hosting region find out the facilities recycling practices or have an individual take recycling materials. Also, have labeled signs for locations of recycling goods.
  - Soda cans may be recycled at grocery stores and deposit money can be given back to Region.

- Be responsible about heating, air conditioning, and lights.
- Consider where food is purchased from—what are their practices and is it locally grown?
- Extra food given to members or brought to a local shelter.

Other ways we as a Region and subcommittees can be green:

- Each subcommittee should look at their practices annually to determine ways that they can reduce their waste.
- Flyers should be kept to minimal amounts and RCM's or other members should photocopy as needed.
- Papers should be printed double-sided, on recycled paper when possible and agendas and other papers should be shared or emailed to those who have laptops.
- The website should include ways which can help reduce waste such as: online registration as opposed to mailings; direct members to use the website as a resource for events and meeting directories as frequently as possible.
- Encourage conventions to implement practices as well. Choose green hotels; purchase recyclable products; encourage recycling such as with name tags; purchase registration bags with items that will actually be used and not tossed. Include verbiage of "going green" on materials or table tents. When filling out registration cards include space for email address and give option to opt out of mailing and receive electronically instead. There are many websites which offer lists of green hotels and ideas to green conventions. Not only is there a positive environmental impact but there can be thousands of dollars saved.
- Carpooling should be encouraged if possible.

These ideas are only some of the ways that we can implement environmentally responsible practices within our service body. This topic should be continuously evolving and kept in the forefront. Here is one website I found to be most useful which can give ideas on planning green meetings.

<http://greenmeetings.usfi.com/planninggreenmeetings.aspx> To reduce waste, I did not print this document for everyone but I would be happy to email it. I understand that some of these ideas may not be able to be implemented right away, and for some individuals this is a new area for them to get accustomed to. It is also important for us to remember that there are still those who do not have access or the ability to use a computer and/or Internet and some of these suggestions require this. As we do with everything, we want to make sure anything we alter is still accessible for any member of Narcotics Anonymous.

In closing, I used a carbon footprint calculator to estimate how much carbon we give off on a given Saturday or Sunday. An individual's or group's carbon footprint is the direct effect one's actions and lifestyle have on the environment in terms of carbon dioxide emissions. This is usually estimated by using a Carbon Calculator. From our home electricity use, to travel, to our diet, to the clothes we wear, all of our actions involve emission of carbon dioxide and have direct or indirect impact in accelerating climate change. I estimated that we emit 3 tons of carbon which would be equal to driving a typical car (27.5 MPG) 3 times across the United States. I hope this information provides us with some informed discussion and decision making.

In Loving Service,  
Sarah O.  
Green Ad Hoc Committee

**NERSC physical inventory:-** No report

### **Area Reports**

#### **Boston:**

Greetings New England Region,

Welcome to Boston! It is an honor and a privilege to be the hosting area for the Regional Meeting for the first time in quite some time. We hope that you have been made to feel at home here, and it was great seeing those of you who came out last night to support the Hope Near The Hill Group 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary in Charlestown. The Boston Area Service Committee has met twice since my last report to this body.

Total attendance at our Area Service Committee Meeting continues rise over the last two meetings. The total number of groups is 45; 25 GSR's attended (56% participation) the last area meeting. Group and Addict concerns varied from "Where should our Literature Committee buy Literature?" to "Is the NA logo painted on the wall of a clubhouse against the 6<sup>th</sup> tradition?"; as well as "How do we encourage group participation and best communicate the positive changes which have occurred at the ASC?". There was a motion to have the BASC research and secure Liability Insurance for the groups in Boston Area.

Boston Area Convention of Narcotics Anonymous BACNA 14 was held January 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Final financial reports were made; all bills were paid - ending with a zero balance. The elections for the next convention's trusted servants in 2012 are being held at 4/24/10 from 1-5pm at 116 Roxbury Street and are open to any addict with the requisite amount of clean time – which is a change from the need for prior convention involvement. The area's finances are still a challenge but the situation is steadily improving, and while the area is operating far below prudent reserve -- it is steadily growing.

In Loving Service,

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### **Greater Providence Area:**

Greetings from the Greater Providence Area,

Our Area has met twice since our last Regional Weekend. Of the 42 Groups currently listed in our Area, 20 were represented at our February Area Service Meeting and 14 were in attendance in March.

Groups from The Greater Providence Area recently approved 6 motions that will collectively allow our area's Convention Committee to finally proceed toward its goal of hosting another GPA Convention. Congratulations are in order for all members of the GPA Convention Committee who participated in the long hours of hard work that were necessary to formulate clear written policy. I am confident that their efforts will be rewarded with a successful and smoothly run convention in the not too distant future. More will be revealed.

The GPA Treasurer and Finance Chair have been working diligently together to construct a budget that will put our area's finances in order. Hopefully this budget will insure that our finances will stay in order for some time to come. All of the trusted servants who are contributing their time and effort to this project are to be congratulated. Any helpful input from other areas in this region that relates to how they were able to accomplish a task like this will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me with any advice that you may be able to offer.

The Greater Providence Area and Free Spirit Area will jointly host a PI, Phone Line, and H&I Learning Day on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1817 Warwick Ave., Warwick, RI. This event will begin

with a Phone Line presentation at 12 noon, followed by PI at 1:15pm, and H&I at 2:30pm. Members from all of this region's areas who are interested in learning more about these aspects of service are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

A 30 year anniversary will be celebrated by the "Living Free" group on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. The location of this memorial event is 91 Cottage St. Pawtucket, RI. This is the oldest NA group in Rhode Island and all are invited to attend. Flyers will be available for all RCM's that are in attendance.

In loving service,  
Brian C.

### **Martha's Vineyard:**

### **Nantucket:**

### **Cape Cod Area:**

### **Metro-West:**

Greeting New England Region, like to thank Boston Area for hosting this meeting all is well in Metro West Area all H&I commitments are filled and going well. Upcoming event we having a freedom trail walk on May 15 Flyer is on Regional Website also we are planning a picnic in July more to be revealed. I have the conscious of my area for voting on the CAR report and I am ready to vote on it today in loving service BOB L.

### **Central Mass: Not present**

### **South Shore:**

Good afternoon every one, The SSA has met twice since the last RSC. We met on 3-10-10 and 4-4-10, with about half the groups in the area present at both. We have donations in the amounts of \$673.68 for March and \$274.11 for April. The ASC chair of area has decided to step down due to conflicting work scheduling. Our Vice chair presided over our most recent ASC. Our open positions are Chair person and Activities. The SSA 25th area anniversary ad-hoc committee held a fundraiser in March. Due to the success of this event they will be hosting another event on April 17th, "Building Memories" in The South Shore Area, a Speaker Jam and Fundraiser . For more information on this event you can visit the NERNA website events calendar @ [www.nerna.org](http://www.nerna.org). The SSA has a newly formed outreach committee. They have met three times and are working on policy and guidelines. All executive positions were filled. The SSA P.R. committee attended an event put on by the Brockton Mayors office on March 29, 2010 from 6:30-8:00 pm. They will also be attending an event at the Middleboro High School on April 15th from 8:00 am - 12:00pm. H&I in the SSA is doing well. All but two commitments are filled and those two unfilled are covered. There are a few other facilities in the area looking for commitments as well. We will begin discussions on these at the next H&I. The next ASC meeting is at Quincy Medical Center, 114 Whitwell St, Quincy on 5/2/10 @ 2:30pm. The H&I Subcommittee will meet at the same location at 12pm on that date.

I.L.S.

John L.  
Alternate RCM

**Free Spirit:**

The free spirit area has met twice since the last region with a record 15 groups in attendance in February, and a good showing of 12 in March. Regretfully expenses are still slightly exceeding income and our treasury is still in flux, therefore no regional donation will be able to be made. Hopefully we get ourselves on track before elections in June.

As of the February meeting all positions were full and all sub committees were running smoothly. Since then the outreach committee chair has resigned and we are seeking someone to fill that position. Our H&I, PI, Phone line, Activities, and Ad Hoc Golf committee are very busy in various stages of putting on some very exciting events.

The unity day learning event for h&i, pi, and phone line event in cooperation with the greater providence area is May 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 4:00 at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church at 1817 Warwick Ave.

The activities committee has four events planned in the coming month's information for all are on nerna.org. They include a bowl a thon on April 17<sup>th</sup>, a free throw, three point shoot out, and three on three basketball tournament on May22, a home run derby on June 19<sup>th</sup>, and our annual good old fashioned cook out on August 14<sup>th</sup>, again flyers with more info are on the regional events calendar.

The golf committee would like to remind everyone that even though the event is August 7<sup>th</sup>, the deadline for registration is May14th. There is going to be a chance for two individuals to win a free round of golf with a cart. This opportunity goes to anyone who makes one payment in full by the registration deadline. Spots are limited by the golf course, so register early. There are a few flyers available here today, but are also on the regional web site.

So far four of our groups have given us car voting tallies, and I know of at least one more I was not able to obtain before I left yesterday. They have been given to the RD/RDA team and we will be forwarding the rest as soon as they are available.

In closing we would like to wish Bill and Andrew a fabulous experience at the world service conference, we have the utmost confidence in their ability to carry the conscience of our groups, and share our experience, strength and hope with the world wide fellowship.

Yours is loving service, Don-B. and Ray-K.

**Southeastern Mass:** Not present

**Northeast Mass:**

Things have been going well in the Northeast Mass Area.

We have averaged 25 gsr's in attendance with all positions filled.

H&I has revised policy since the first time in nearly 15 years

Created a new H&I position called co-panel leader with a six-month clean time requirement that breeds mentorship in service at the H&I level.

Our area had questions regarding the purchase of liability insurance

what committee is it referred to? Who is responsible for providing an answer?

H&I filling 104 of 108 commitments

ILS  
Chip K.



**Area Concerns:**

**Open Forum:**

**SET QUORUM-**

**OLD Business:**

Motion 7 Submitted by Public Information

To hold (set aside) \$390.00 (195.00 x2) for an upcoming PI event in July 2010 with in the Boston Area  
More will be revealed

Intent: To be prepared in April to register for the AMHCA Conference

***This motion is tabled to April***

Motion 4 Submitted by Policy

To change Article XI, Section 3, Subsection B which reads “ The secretary will correct spelling and grammatical structure without changing conceptual content to the best of their ability”

To “The secretary will correct spelling and grammatical structure as well as removing any members personal info (ie, last names, phone numbers ect) without changing the conceptual content to the best of their ability.

Intent: So minutes posted on website would not violate traditions

***Motion Referred back to Policy***

Motion 5 Submitted by James P seconded by Brittany C

To insure the NERSC A/V equipment : projector , laptops \* insurance to include damage/theft

Intent: To be responsible for our assets.

***Motion referred to Finance***

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Elections:** Convention Chair- Dave A, BOD/ Convention Treasurer – Doug

**MOTIONS:**

**Money Motions:**

1. To match NEMA’s contribution of \$250.00 toward funding a Regional H&I/PI Learning Day on June 5,2010. This event will be hosted by the NEMA H&I and PI subcommittees. This contribution would come from the Regional H&I budget that has been approved for such events. - passed

2. To make a check in the amount of \$1709.90 for costs associated with the attendance of the world service conference. - passed

3. For \$195.00 to pay rental for table space, as well as registration cost to exhibit at the upcoming American Mental Health Counselors Association in Boston on July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010. - passed

4. To make a donation of \$100.00 to financially support the non-funded trusted servants of the NEZF Northeast Zonal Forum.- passed

**General Motions:**

1. To extend the term of the current RD/RDA team to end just after the June NEZF meeting for the June 20101 NEZF. - passed

2. To direct our RD to make a motion at the World Service Conference to request a third party forensic audit of the World Convention. - failed

In Loving Service,  
Delia F