

Regional Minutes April 2016

June regional weekend will be hosted by NEMA
26 Washington St in Malden
Subcommittees meet Saturday June 11 at 12pm
RSC meets Sunday June 12 at 11 am

August Regional weekend will be hosted by Pioneer Valley Area

**RCMs: PLEASE LET GROUPS KNOW THAT THEY NEED A RIDER BINDER FOR SPECIAL
EVENTS COVERAGE!!!**

REPORTS

CHAIR- No report.

VICE CHAIR- No report.

SECRETARY- No report.

TREASURER- No report submitted.

FINANCE- No report submitted.

CONVENTION-

Good afternoon,

We met at noon yesterday with only 13 people in attendance, 7 of which were voting members.

Our starting balance was \$5750.

Executive committed and Subcommittee Reports were given.

We elected a merchandise and registration chair person. Arts and Graphics and Assistant Secretary positions are still open.

The Sturbridge Host Hotel was chosen and the contract was signed to hold NERC XVII on March 3, 4 and 5, 2017.

F&E has 3 Fundraisers scheduled

April 30 – NEMA , Malden MA Speaker Jam and Dance

June 25 – GPA, Cranston, RI Speaker Jam and Dance
August 27 – SSA , Brockton, Family Fun Day, Speaker Jam and Dance

We have a working balance/closing of \$5780.00.

Our next meeting will be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on May 14 th at noon. Then we will meet at noon on June 11 in Malden MA (Regional Weekend).

In Loving Service,
Debbie L

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT- No report submitted.

H & I- No report submitted.

INSURANCE-

There is information on renewing our policy which expires on 4/14/16 @ 12:01am. The new policy is a total of \$4567.00 which we will be billed in installments. If region wants the new policy which would run until 4/14/2017 @12:01am I need confirmation on this so I can fill out the paper work that needs to be filled out, by email sandeigozoobirdyellow@yahoo.com or on my cell phone [\(413\)204-3256](tel:4132043256). We had Four request for binders since my last report. The first one was for the Western MA Area to host the Regional meeting on February 13th & 14th @ The Church of Atonement 36 Court St. Westfield, MA 01085. The second one was for the Greater Providence Area Conventions which was held on February 19th, 20th, and the 21st, @ the The Crowne Plaza Hotel 801 Greenwich Ave Warwick, RI 02886. The Third was for a new meeting Grateful Not Dead which is going to meet on Thursdays from 7:30pm to 8:30pm @ the Mashpee Senior Center 26 Frank E Hicks Dr. Mashpee, MA 02649. The Forth one was for an event, The Man Up 7 1000c East Rodney French Blvd. New Bedford, MA 02744 on 5/21/2016 from 11am to 8pm.

In loving service, John F

LITERATURE- No report submitted.

POLICY- No report submitted.

PR/PHONELINE-

Greetings New England Region! PR Subcommittee met yesterday with 19 addicts present.

We still have 1 open position: Vice Chair, congratulations Bridget T. Events Coordinator

Professional Contact (Rob L.): He has not received any notices on the Diamond voice boxes. This has been an ongoing issue.

RMDs (Christopher M): ordered a new printing for April but the printing facility had an issue and the RMDs weren't ready for today's region. They will be available next week. Chris is willing to sell the current meeting lists for half price or will give them for free to meetings and committees that do not have the funds.

Phone Line Coordinator Report (Gary B.): Urgent call backs: NEMA 6 calls; Boston 4 calls; Central Mass 3 calls; Nantucket 0 calls; SEMA 2 calls; No response from the other urgent call backs. Non urgent call back: 72 calls -- 53 from a locked in mental patient at the State Psychiatric Hospital in JP; 9 from out of state addicts looking for meetings; 10 from addicts seeking help. The phone line has received 53 calls from one individual in a locked ward. David said in the Phoenix area, he saved the voicemail and had the police block the phone line. Gary responded that we cannot block this phone number because it's in a locked ward and we can't block the whole facility. Further discussion was tabled to our open forum.

Training Coordinator's Report: (Sarah O): We will be part of the training at CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, on May 21. This is a biannual event. I am always looking for parents for speakers, who have worked in the past with DCF. It is not relevant whether you were awarded or lost your children, only that you no longer have an open case. If you are interested in observing a presentation or know of someone who might be interested, please let me know.

I will have a conference call on April 22 with the National Institute for Children's Health Quality. The NICHQ would like NERNA PR to conduct a webinar for all of their health providers in Massachusetts.

Adam H. from the Connecticut Region is looking for support for trainings. He will attend one at my request. We are also looking at the possibility for his Region to join us (at the suggestion of World) at our New England PR events.

I will begin to schedule dates for the public speaking training. Please contact me if your PR Subcommittee is interested.

Website Coordinator – Submitting Separate Report

Area Reports:

Boston (Mary C): There is no PR committee currently but Mary is looking to start up PR in the Boston area.

Cape Cod (Bridget V): We had a successful flyer-hanging day in March. Other miscellaneous highlights/issues:

- In contact with administrators at Cape Cod Community College and have extended our services to any staff interested.
 - In contact with various high schools across Cape Cod and are having active conversations about providing literature and a presentation to at least 2 schools thus far.
 - We are making plans to have PR commitment at an IOP in Orleans, MA where we would come in regularly and give a PR presentation once a month.
 - Communicating with Cape Cod Times about ad-space both in print and online.
- * Flyer Hanging day, May at 1PM at the Starbucks located in Falmouth, MA.

Free Spirit (Stephen C): FSA is lacking a true PR/Phone Line policy, with the formation of the Regional Ad Hoc working on a new Policy, when finished, I hope to incorporate the applicable components to the FSA. ---For the FSA we are looking to have a flyer hanging day either in May

or June. Asks for Help/input from other areas- -The weekend of October 29th, we are looking to host the RI Area's Learning day, as well as a Speaker Jam or Halloween dance,

Greater Providence (vacant); Greater Worcester (vacant); Martha's Vineyard (absent); Central MA (absent);

SEMA (Rafael): (email???) ... After the report, Rafael mentioned the SEMA area has members that are willing to make calls for other areas to get in touch with local organizations to get PSAs placed outside of SEMA. Tomi gave Rafael an electronic copy of the PSA DVD and Rafael has the capability to burn the PSAs to a DVD copy for any interested subcommittees.

Metro West Area Metro West (Chris B):

03/08/16 – Opioid Crisis Forum attended by Tomi U, John C, Catherine, & Rylan. Public attendance was light.

03/22/16 - NERNA Planning Basics meeting attended by Chris B. & 13 other addicts. The area is gathering feedback on Outreach and Effective Communication.

Other miscellaneous highlights/issues: • We have recently had 2 requests to speak on discussion panels in the Metro-West area. We are unclear what capacity we are able to do this while upholding the 12 Traditions. • We have finalized our NA PowerPoint Presentation, and would be willing to share and get feedback from other areas/region.

Upcoming Events: Waltham Overcoming Addiction (Booth)
French Club, 193 Elm Street, Waltham MA 02453
Wednesday, April 20th 6:30-8:30 pm

Milton Coalition Public Forum (Panel)
Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Milton
199 Reedsdale Rd, Milton MA 02186
Monday, April 25th 7:30pm

“If Only...” Screening
Dedham Coalition for Alcohol and Drug Awareness (Booth) @
Dedham Middle School Auditorium; 70 Whiting Avenue, Dedham MA 02026
Wednesday, April 27th 5:30-9:00 pm

UMass Psychology Class (Presentation)
UMASS Campus Center, Columbia Point, Boston, MA 02125
Wednesday, May 4th 10:00-11:30 am

Flyer Hanging Day (Tentatively scheduled, please contact Chris B. for more information)
Panera Bread, Porter Square, Cambridge
Saturday, May 14th 10:00 AM

NEMA- (Tony C.) (by email) For the past two months we were able to provide literature to facilities in our area that were in desperate need of it. Our goal is to provide literature to at least 3 facilities a month.

May 19th In Peabody MA our committee will give a presentation to the Rotarians. We were asked to come give our own experience with the growing opiate epidemic.

June 1st Endicott College is hosting an event call Youth at Risk. We plan on attending and having NA be represented.

June 4th at 26 Washington St Malden Ma St. Paul's Church NEMA PR&O will host our second fundraiser. This even will be an Ice Cream Social, Speaker Jam, and Dance. More will be revealed as we further plan the event.

Pioneer Valley Area and Western Mass Area – (Rob L.) Pioneer Valley Area and Western Mass Area PR Subcommittees now meet together once a month to share resources and focus efforts. We currently have a member reaching out to local television/cable broadcasters requesting air time for the Video PSA's.

Other miscellaneous highlights/issues: Pioneer Valley and Western Mass PR Subcommittees now jointly own a professional table cover with The New England Region Information printed on it as well as books, literature rack, and IP's for presentation requests. The PR Subcommittees have taken on presentation/speaking commitments at local high schools per their requests and have developed a "Public Relations Commitment Holder Orientation Package". I attended the World PR Webinar on 4/6/16 and got great info.

Upcoming Events (name of event, date/time, and location): Flyer Hanging Day Saturday April 16th.

A Pioneer Valley and Western Mass Area joint effort. We will launch from two locations one in Greenfield and one in Springfield. We will gather for lunch/coffee after event.

Springfield: 9:45am @ The Immaculate Conception 25 Parker St. Indian Orchard

Greenfield: 9:45am - Behind Green Fields Market- Parking Lot off Chapman St.

We will gather for lunch/coffee after event. Newcomers are encouraged to attend!

PVA and WMA PR Subcommittees meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 5:45pm @ 191 Montcalm Street Chicopee, Ma.

South Shore Area – South Shore (Andrew): We have 2 events this month.

A group, EBhopes, in East Bridgewater, has an awareness day the first and third Thursday of each month. We are hoping a local group can take over for us.

Wildlife center in Weymouth is having an awareness day April 21st. On the third Thursday of the month, PR members will be going along with members of an NA group that meet on Wednesday nights at the center.

We would like help with Training #1 workshop on our H&I / PR learning day June 18th. Details to follow.

Display rack project was shared: Link: <http://displaysandholders.com/displays-and-holders/multi-pocket-brochure-holders/4-pocket-4-tiered-brochure-holder-with-business-card-pocket>

We stock the rack with NA business cards, Intro to NA meetings Meeting lists, PR Info about NA For the Parents, Young people pamphlets. Each rack can be tailored to facility. Groups sponsor racks. We have over 25 racks out in our 4 neighborhoods/mini areas.

We had members attend a Little League coaches meeting and the Middleboro High school event. We have a working budget of \$150.00 per month. We look forward to the How to give a presentation learning event here today. Thank you Sarah for facilitating the workshop. We put our PR flyer in the "Easton Saves" circular. It goes out to over 7,500 address' in Easton. They have about a half of dozen different cities/towns they cover. It's about \$80 for a ¼ page spot. T2C advertizing is the provider.

Useful Websites:

1. To update your groups information on the regional website please visit this link:
<http://www.nerna.org/user/login>
 2. To Update NA World Services website please visit this link:
<http://www.na.org/?ID=updateforms-gud-form>
- ❖ PR Basics- (12 Pages) http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/PR/PR_Basics.pdf
 - ❖ Public Relations Handbook-(125 pages)
http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/handbooks/PRHB_Final_24Oct06.pdf
 - ❖ Naws News: <http://www.na.org/?ID=reports-nawsnews-nawsmain>
 - ❖ NA WAY - <http://www.na.org/?ID=subscribe>
 - ❖ Also check out <http://na-pr.org/> for more PR related information.

Old Business:

a. Planning Basics (Sarah O): Review: We went over the list of priorities for the Regional Public Relations Committee submitted by the Areas. We decided that policy was the top concern amongst Areas. We brainstormed many different ideas, including establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to formulate a policy to bring back to the Planning Basics group. We sent out a summary of the meeting, put together by Chris.

Homework: 1) Further develop goals for Policy to submit to Ad-Hoc.

2) Chairs-get input from their areas concerning how Regional PR can improve on *Effective Communication* and *Outreach*

Develop Skype guidelines (all mics muted except person who has the floor, request floor-hands raised?), agenda prepared for attendees including last summary

Sarah: emails, Doodle dates; James: facilitate & plan with Rob; Chris: minutes

Comments and questions: Rob noted it was hard to hear the speaker when Skype switches between various computers. Bob questioned whether its worthwhile to invest in GoToMeeting. Becky asked if there was a different way to facilitate the Skype call so it ran more smoothly, possibly having participants type in their questions and keep their microphone muted. Bridget suggested that we start taking less questions during the process and save them until the end.

b. Policy Ad Hoc (Sarah O):

Interested Members: Sarah, Bill, Rafael, Steven, Bridgette, Mary, Mike, James, Rob... Mary volunteered for Policy Ad Hoc secretary. Bridget has a member of her committee that might be willing to Chair the ad hoc and will talk to her.... Setting the date is on hold until a facilitator is elected.

c. Events Recap Harvard Medical School symposium on addiction at the park plaza (Bob R): Support from various area PR members. The event was well attended and it had the best foot traffic due to a rearrangement of the event set up. The Just For Today meetings were also well attended representing a variety of states. They will be moving to the Copley Plaza next year

New Business:

a. Upcoming Events

4/25 Milton Coalition Public Forum (Panel Discussion) 7:30 pm @ BID-Milton Hospital
6/18 SSA Learning Day: looking to do a training 1 during their PR section

b. Website Info

Sarah has had an issue with email deleting her archives. Sarah also asked that somebody review the information on the public relations link of the NERNA website. Bridget volunteered to edit the text and Rafael agreed to review her changes.

c. Elections Vice Chair, events coordinator: No volunteer for Vice Chair --- Bridget volunteered for events coordinator and was elected.

d. Money matters: motions and literature order, and budget for next year.

Budgets: Bob R suggested we look at last year's order and repeat an order with modifications based on needs. Bob noted that we will need to update the graphics on the Large and Small display, which Bob estimated at appx. \$600... \$3,342.80 Budget submitted to finance committee – largely literature purchases and including \$600 update to our displays; and \$342.80 training budget

Money motions: 1) Copying Training materials for “How to Give a Presentation” Training I. were appx \$23.00. 2) Literature order \$98.23. 3) \$30 motion for 300 meeting lists

e. Training Dates (Sarah O): Western Mass/Pioneer Valley-3 definite, 6 likely people for training; Cape Cod-6 possible for training; Boston-waiting; Martha's Vineyard-tentatively in June

OPEN FORUM: a. Reaching non-participating areas & Supporting Strong Areas who neighbor foundering areas: James P asked that we make sure well-established areas help out newer or struggling PR subcommittees.

b. Phone line: Gary B asked if we should cancel the meeting directory from the phone line until changes can start to be made, directing people to the website in the meantime.

Call back accessibility notifications?

Misuse of phone line?: James said he was willing to call the facility and request that the staff modify their behavior. He preferred that NERNA PR subcommittee draft a letter and send it to facility. **The subcommittee made a motion that the PR chair would draft and send the letter to the facility. Gary will provide James with all necessary details and statistics.**

Changes-updates James noted that we need to find an immediate fix to the fact that the phone line has changes that need to be made as the phone line meeting directory is likely 85% accurate information and the rest will not send the addict to an active meeting. The other ongoing issue is that there is no software or system in place to make sure the phone line meeting directory gets updated as the RMD is updated.

Jaime suggested coordinating with the website committee using the BMLT software.

Rob L believes that Diamond voice is not the preferred service and we should begin looking into finding a new service at a comparable price.

The subcommittee voted unanimously to have Gary put a disclaimer on the outgoing message that notes the addict should check the phone line meeting directory against the NERNA.org website.

Jaime suggested that we should put the phone line under the website committee because these days, phone line issues are mostly IT issues, for which the website committee would be better able to handle.

David D. suggested that we should scrap the entire structure of the phone line and begin working on this from scratch. David D. will head Ad Hoc to deal with any and all phone line issues.

c. Communication: It was requested that the secretary (Tomi) begin sending out a contact list with each area chair contact info.

We closed with the 3rd step prayer.

In Loving Service, James P.

RMD- No report submitted.

WEBSITE- No report submitted.

RD/RDA-

Less than 2 weeks until the WSC! Noel and I have been collecting CAR tally sheets. I have received 4 and have forwarded them to Noel. We will continue collecting CAR tally sheets whenever they are available until April 22, 2016. Please send them to me rda@newenglandna.org or to Noel.

A note about ordering from NAWS during April:

Due to staff limitations, orders received after mid-April may take slightly longer than usual for processing and handling. With that in mind, if you anticipate that you will have high need for timely order fulfillment in April, we would urge you to submit orders prior to 15th of the month.

From NAWS News (November 2015):

❖ The 2016 Conference Agenda Report (CAR) is available at www.na.org/conference, or from the WSO at \$15.00, including tax and shipping. Videos that summarize the contents are also available. You can order additional copies of the CAR or any other NA literature online at <https://www.na.org/?ID=OrderLiteratureOnline-NAW>

❖ Traditions Project: The approval form of the Traditions workbook, “Guiding Principles—The Spirit of Our Traditions,” is available as part of the CAR on the Conference webpage.

❖ Surveys in the CAR will be used to gather information from the Fellowship on what recovery literature and service material they want and their ideas for Issue Discussion Topics for the next cycle. Additionally, we will be offering the survey online on the Conference webpage. Provide your input for future literature, service material, and Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs) at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CAR2016>

❖ Planning Our Future packet: This includes the results from the Role of Zones workshops, a snapshot of data for zones today in NA, and a narrated PowerPoint on the future of the WSC. These materials will be available online at www.na.org/future or by a link on the Conference webpage.

❖ 2016 Conference Approval Track (CAT): The CAT is now available. It contains the NAWS Strategic Plan, budget, project plans, and WSC seating recommendations and applications. It will be available online on the Conference webpage or from the WSO at \$11.00, including tax and shipping. It also includes proposed tools and resources to assist the WSC co-facilitators, along with proposals for better discussing ideas at the WSC and for forwarding input to the NAWS Strategic Plan.

❖ PR Pamphlet: We anticipate that a draft of this resource focused on providing information for professionals regarding the medicalization of addiction treatment and the NA Third Tradition will be available in the next couple of months for a 90-day review by Conference participants. An e-blast will be sent when the pamphlet is ready. (I did not receive an e-blast, but did find this through a Google search at http://www.calmidstatena.org/index_htm_files/PR%20Pamphlet_CP%20Review%20-%2001-23-16.pdf)

❖ Web Meetings: If you would like to join us and discuss issues and solutions in service efforts, please send your name, trusted servant position, and region and/or area to events@na.org for conventions, HandI@na.org for H&I and Inmate Step Writing committees, PR@na.org for PR/PI trusted servants, and servicesystem@na.org for Service System.

❖ Financials: Fellowship contributions exceeded \$1 million in the fiscal year ending 30 June 2015 for the first time in our history. We continue to encourage members to participate in the work of NA World Services to make recovery available to addicts globally and our Vision a reality by contributing financially through our portal at www.na.org/contribute. \$164.56/group.

I am flying out of Logan today, so I have asked the chair to suspend the normal order of business so that all RD/RDA business can be completed before I leave.

Thank you for the privilege of serving the New England Region.
Peace,
Brenda

AREA REPORTS

BOSTON- No report submitted.

CAPE COD- No report submitted.

CENTRAL MASS- No report submitted.

FREE SPIRIT- No report submitted.

GREATER PROVIDENCE-

A special thanks to the South Shore area for hosting this weekend. The Greater Providence Area has met twice since our last regional meeting with 14 GSRs present as both ASCs. We are still without an area vice chair, policy chair, PI chair, alt secretary and alt H& I chair. We have a new chair of our activities committee and they had their first function last night, a free spaghetti dinner.

The Providence convention was well attended and these are the figures given by our convention chair: income \$35,369.42 expense \$25,606.10 balance in account \$17,263.32 set aside \$7,500.00 amount left \$9,763.32 Per policy they have 90 days to release those funds back to the area.

We held a CAR workshop on March 19th, 3 addicts attended.

Our prudent reserve is full and the balance reported in our account in March was \$3,565.51.

Our joint H&I subcommittee with the Free Spirit Area continues to go well although it was reported in February that only 17% of the commitments are being filled by groups at the subcommittee meeting. More active group participation is needed at the subcommittee itself.

Our next area meeting will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 3:30
249 Main Street Pawtucket, RI.

In grateful service,

Jim D. and Melissa G. GPA RCM team

GREATER WORCESTER- No report submitted.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD- No report submitted.

METRO WEST-

Hello from Metro West and thank you South Shore for hosting! The Boston RCM and I put on a CAR workshop which went very well and several groups attended. Metro West Area has met twice since the last RSC and the Secretary and Assistant Secretary positions are open. We will be having elections for all positions in June.

Our next ASC meeting will be on April 30 at 3 pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Watertown, MA.

In loving service, Tiffany L!

NANTUCKET-

We have decided to take turns attending the RSC throughout this year in the hope that we will be more connected. No one member has time to attend regularly.

The Nantucket area is holding 5 meetings a week in a space new to us for one year now. Before the move, we had been shuffled around a bit. This has been the longest period of time with no real increase in members to our area, since we can remember. We have questioned the new location for this or whether it's just the nature of addicts coming into 12 Step at this time. We have discussed having a better sign made for this location. We did get our meeting list printed in the local newspaper, at no charge to us, after several years since they stopped printing any self help listings. Our rent at this new location is manageable for us so we really don't want to move again.

In our community there has been several forums involving different committees looking to help with the addiction problem on island. We have made sure a member has attended and that our literature rack is displayed. We are hope to show the community we are there to help the suffering addict. In that spirit we are planning a small presentation to the MD and RN who manage the Suboxone clinic so they are assured that any patients of theirs, interested in recovery from addiction, are welcome at our meetings.

We have voted to hold our area business meetings every other month now. We continue with flyer hanging around town. We have a donation to the RSC today for : \$100.00

In Service,
Beth P.

NEMA- No report submitted.

PIONEER VALLEY-

Greetings from the Pioneer Valley,

Thank you South Shore Area for hosting us this weekend. The Pioneer Valley Area Service Committee has met once since we last met. 11 groups out an an active 13 were present. Our next meeting is this tomorrow April 11 7 pm at 191 Montcalm St. Chicopee.

The Trustees have met and are working on the Area Inventories to find ways to strengthen our weaknesses.

Our PR Committee is vibrant and active. We are having a Spring Flyer Hanging Day Sat. April 16 working with Western Mass PI with addicts going out at 9:45 am from 25 Parker St. Indian Orchard and the parking lot behind the Greenfields Market in Greenfield. We will be meeting for lunch in Hadley and hope to fill many towns and cities with flyers. We have been in the process of purchasing materials for our presentations, we have the new Activities Committee to thank for money to be able to do this.

H & I had 4 open commitments at their February meeting. The committee has decided to post sign in sheets for commitment holders at each commitment to see how many meetings are actually being brought in.

The Activities Committee had a successful first fundraising activity and made \$472. They decided to keep \$172 to use for seed money for their Summer event and donated \$300 to area. This money was immediately used to purchase supplies for the H & I and PR Committees.

The Reunification Ad-Hoc Committee read a lengthy report of personal admonitions and the Chair resigned at the end.

The Ad-Hoc Committee for Hosting Region in August met and is continuing to work at finding a suitable place for hosting.

We are current on all our bills and are slowly and steadily replenishing our Prudent Reserve.

The Straw Poll on continuing efforts for reunification with Western Mass Area came back, and nothing more will be done currently.

In Loving Service,

Ada C.

Pioneer Valley RCM

SEMA-

Good Morning my name is Dyan and I am an addict. The SEMA area has meet twice since last region and we have had average of 29 groups present. We held a CAR workshop in February- all went well. Convention committee had a discussion regarding posting flyers on social media which opened a bigger discussion throughout the ASC. They are currently working on their logo. Sunday April 10th at Somerset Town Hall is their next convention committee. PI has multiple Flyer hanging days coming up, one being Wareham 10AM at 11 Gibbs Ave. They are currently holding Skype meetings with Regional PR for help regarding donut holes. They are also making calls to schools, Drs etc. Received donations from an outside entity, they did not except and Traditions were explained. That will form a new letter with better language for the public to better understand. HnI will be going into NorCap and Foxborough. They are currently trying to help South Shore Area the best they can. They to approximately 8 to 10 new committee members and still expanding. Outreach all is well and are currently working on ideas of starting a website for our area. They are still holding conference calls first Monday of every month, contact info is [712-775-7035](tel:712-775-7035) access number 20812. Policy now has all positions filled, discussed there need for lab top and currently working on areas policy. Next meeting April 17th at 845am at UMASS Dartmouth. SIS event is coming up September 23rd - 25th please register ASAP because their is limited space. Literature Development has been holding electronic meetings with Regional Chair and voiced they feel at a stand still with what to do next and taking all suggestions. Campout reports all is well. Activities is currently working on Areas Anniversary called Kicking it Old School in June. Will have a flyer next month. Literature Distribution all is well. Treasurer reports all is well working above prudent reserve. We did have a motion from our groups that subcommittees not post flyers on social media. (Flyers were being posted before approval from the groups). Our area has a new group in Taunton at 12 on Saturdays at 76 Church Green. Our next area will be April 17th at 12pm UMASS Dartmouth. Thank you ILS Dyan B.

SOUTH SHORE- No report submitted.

WESTERN MASS- No report submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES- approved.

MONEY MOTION # 4 from February 2016 RSC

Presented by: Ada C., Pioneer Valley
Seconded by: Cape Cod Area

Motion: Cut a check for Regional “Hot Spot” web access.
Intent: To allow RD/RDA team to be in contact with Region and allow web access to all Regional meetings. Allow use by Committee (PR) on an “as-needed” basis.

TABLED

NEW BUSINESS

Voting members: 11 Simple majority: 5 2/3: 8

NON-MONEY MOTION #1

Presented by: Pioneer Valley
Seconded by: Michelle M.

Motion: Increase the amount of hosting monies from \$500 to \$600
Intent: Make finding an appropriate space for meeting easier.

IN FAVOR: 11 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION # 1

Presented by: Billy V.
Seconded by: Tiffany L.

Motion: To reimburse WSR Chair for \$128 (two \$64 payments on 5/5 and 11/15) for PO Box.
Intent: Treasurer at least has H&I budget for May 2015’s payment if not Nov 15.

IN FAVOR: 11 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION # 2

Presented by: RDA
Seconded by: Pioneer Valley

Motion: Money motion for attendance @ WSC.

Air fare	320.20	\$320.20
Bag fees	2 x \$35.00	\$70.00
Ground transportation	2 x \$26.00	\$52.00
½ hotel room cost	11 x \$78.04	\$858.44
Per diem	11 x \$50.00	\$550.00

Total: \$1850.64

Intent: Fund RDA travel from RD/RDA set aside.

IN FAVOR: 11 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTON # 3

Presented by: RD/RDA Team

Motion: Make check in the amount of \$153.84 from the RD/RDA set aside for RD transport to and from airport and bag check for travel to World Service Conference.

Mileage	96.4 x \$0.24	\$23.14
Tolls	\$10.70	\$10.70
Luggage	2 x \$60.00	\$120.00
	Total:	\$153.84

Intent: To allow RD to travel to WSC in fulfillment of duties.

IN FAVOR: 11 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION # 4

Presented by: James P. (PR Chair)

Motion: Purchase 300 meeting lists for upcoming events- \$30.00.

Intent: To restore inventory.

IN FAVOR: 11 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION # 5

Presented by: James P. (PR Chair)

Motion: Reimburse photocopies for yesterday's trainings- \$19.87.

Intent: To reimburse cash paid for training materials.

IN FAVOR: 11 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION # 6

Presented by: James P. (PR Chair)

Motion: Reimburse photocopies for yesterday's trainings- \$3.51.

Intent: To reimburse cash paid for training materials.

IN FAVOR: 11 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION # 7

Presented by: James P. (PR Chair)

Motion: To replenish literature inventory for upcoming events- \$89.30.

Intent: To carry the message through literature.

IN FAVOR: 11 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION # 8

Presented by: Ray L. (Website Chair)

Motion: \$200.00 for website to cover possible expenses that may be incurred with website service provider changeover.

Intent: To pay Saintly Solutions until the end of using this web hosting and establishment of the website site ground. Also any possible expenses incurred if an outside contractor is needed to finalize the website operations.

IN FAVOR: 11 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION # 9

Presented by: Bernie P (SSA RCM)

Motion: \$31.84 to reimburse SSA RCM for additional expenses of hosting Regional weekend; the addition of a pasta platter- \$29.95.

Intent: Reimburse RCM for additional cost of lunch on Sunday, paid out.

IN FAVOR: 11 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

MONEY MOTION # 10

Presented by: Bernie P (Secretary)

Motion: \$15.52 to reimburse the Secretary for expenses incurred printing 6 contact sheets and 35 agendas.

Intent: Pay for secretarial expenses of \$15.52.

IN FAVOR: 11 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

ELECTIONS

- ACTIVITIES CHAIR **Bring back to groups, open**
- POLICY CHAIR **Bring back to groups, open**
- FINANCE MEMBER AT LARGE **Bring back to groups open**
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